

Creating a Civil Appeal and documents in eCourts Appellate



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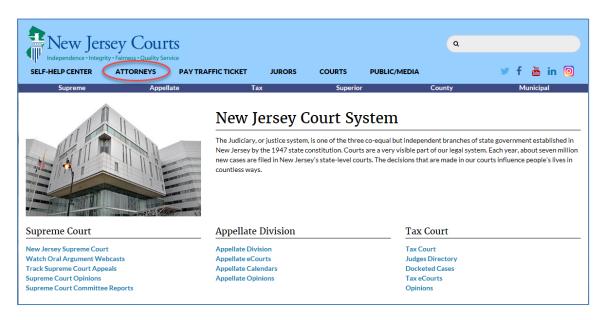
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This symbol means that the appeal was originally filed by a self-represented litigant. Self-represented litigants are required to submit their documents by paper (or email). For cases filed after February 1st, 2021, an electronic version will be created and accessible from my case list, for NJ licensed attorneys. After the electronic version is created a system generated email notification will be sent to all counsel entered at case initiation. Self-represented litigants are still required to serve all parties, including the Appellate Division, in paper. NJ licensed attorneys in good standing will be required to submit filings in P2E case types electronically and also provide paper copies to the self-represented litigant unless all parties have agreed upon electronic service; acknowledgement of the same would be done by filing a letter or via communication with the case manager. The self-represented party would also be required to provide a valid email address. *Paper cases received prior to February 1st will not be available in eCourts Appellate and filings for those case types should continue to be submitted in paper.

Steps for Creating a Civil Appeal

Registered eCourts Appellate User Log In

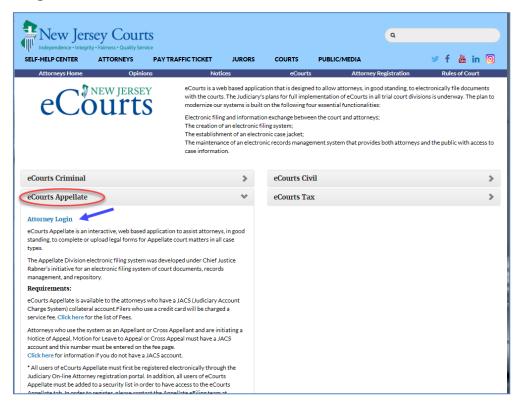
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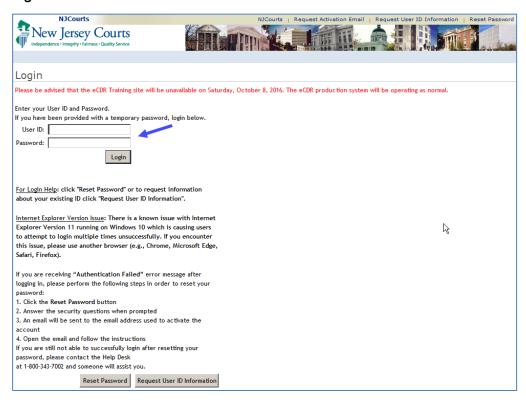


Click on eCourts Appellate. This is the webpage for Appellate Division eFiling System where you can find information regarding eCourts Appellate. Click on the **Attorney Login**.



Enter filer's NJ Attorney Bar ID and Password.

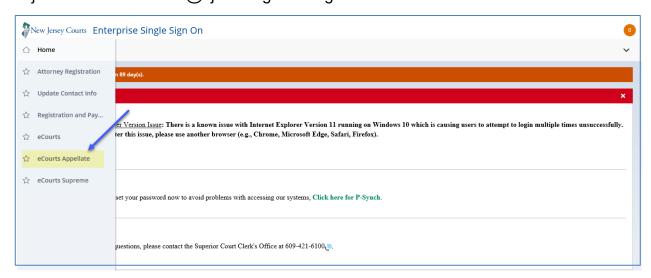
**This is the same User ID and Password used to log in and pay your annual attorney registration.



Application Access

Click on **eCourts Appellate** from the menu on the left.

- *If your zoom level is higher than 100%, the menu on the left will be collapsed. Moving your cursor over the area will display the applications available to you.
- ** If you do <u>not</u> see the eCourts Appellate tab after logging in to the Judiciary Single Sign-On, contact the Appellate eFiling Unit at 609.815.2950 ext. 52590 njedatanotices.mailbox@njcourts.gov to register for access.



Update/Verify Email and Firm Address

Currently, the eCourts Appellate system has an established interface with the eCourts and eCourts Supreme filing systems to pull out the attorney's emails. In addition, it has an established interface with CAMS (Central Attorney Management System) to pull out the attorney's associated firm address.

To ensure delivery of court notifications and eCourt Appellate communications, you should verify and update, if necessary, your email address. Click on **Update Email** under **My Profile**.



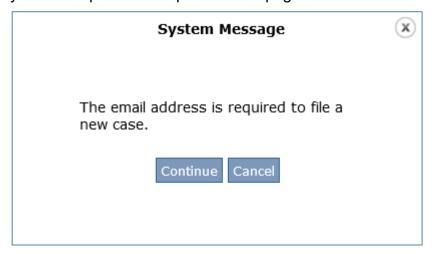
If you currently use eCourts, the email addresses entered in that application are used in eCourts Appellate. To add or modify an email, click on the **Edit** icon under **Operation**.



You can add up to 3 email addresses to receive eCourts Appellate notifications; at least one email address must be provided. Click **Save** and then the **Continue and Go Back to Case List** button.



If you attempt to file a new case or add documents to a current case and do not have an email address entered, the system will return the following popup. Click **Continue** and you will be put on the Update Email page as seen above.

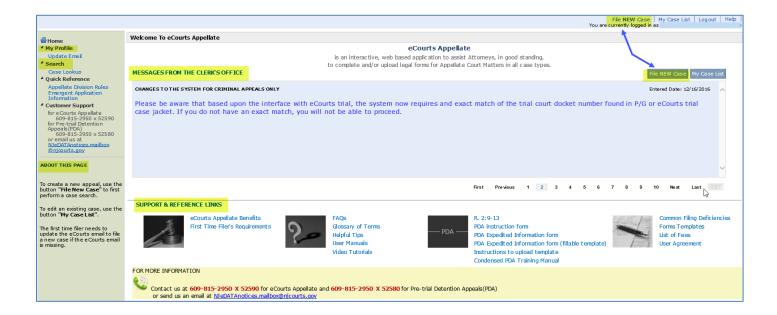


Creating an Appeal

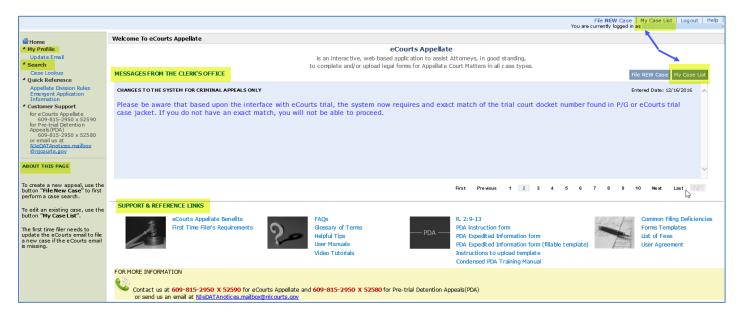
Home/Welcome Page

The **Welcome Page** contains a bulletin board with information and notices posted by the Clerk's office, Support and Reference links, access to My Profile, the Case Lookup search feature, and About This Page information.

To file an appeal, select File New Case.

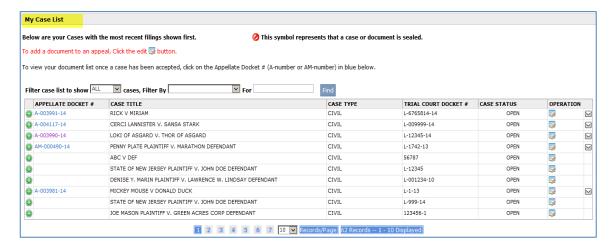


To review previously filed cases, click on My Case List.



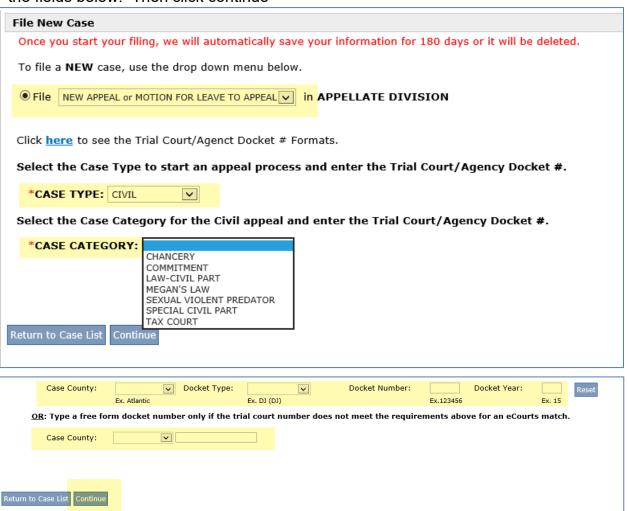
New appeals in Draft (awaiting completion) can be accessed through the edit button.

Appeals with a docket number can be viewed by clicking on the docket number or edited by using the edit button.



Initiate a New Case

Choose "File NEW Case". Select the type of filing you are creating from the drop down menu. Then choose "Civil", then select the category. Next enter the docket number in the fields below. Then click continue



Finality Question

Is the order you are appealing from FINAL?

If you have a final order/judgement, select #1.YES. Then Select where the order/judgment originated in Part 2. Click Continue and a system generated Notice of Appeal will be created.

If the order/judgment is not final, select #2. NO. Click Continue and a system generated Motion for Leave to Appeal will be created.

Finality Rule



A case in the trial court is considered final, and can be appealed, when a decision or decisions (order, judgment, dismissal, etc) are filed concluding the actions against all involved parties (you must be able to produce a copy of these decisions for the Appellate Division). If there is anything scheduled before the trial court judge or waiting to be scheduled, or you do not have a decision affecting each party, then your case is not ready to be appealed and you must file a MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL.

Finality Question

PART 1

Read Carefully: Choose Yes or No from one of the option 5 below. The answer determines whether you are creating a Notice of Appeal (R. 2:2-3) or a Motion for Leave to Appeal from an interlocutory order (R. 2:2-4; R 2:5-6).

IS THE ORDER/JUDGMENT YOU ARE APPEALING FINAL?

- 1. © Yes, the ORDER/JUDGMENT is final (closed below or appealable as of right) and falls under one of the following categories below. (R. 2:2-3). This will create a system generated Notice of Appeal.
- 2. O No, the ORDER/JUDGMENT is not final (not closed below or appealing an interlocutory order). This will create a system generated Motion For Leave to Appeal.

OR, IS THE ORDER/JUDGMENT YOU ARE APPEALING PRE-TRIAL DETENTION?

- 3. O Yes, the ORDER/JUDGMENT being appealed is from an order **GRANTING** Pre-Trial Detention. This will create a system generated Notice of Appeal.
- 4. Ono, the ORDER/JUDGMENT being appealed is from an order <u>DENYING</u> Pre-Trial Detention. This will create a system generated Motion For Leave to Appeal.

PART 2

Choose One button from the following to indicate why the appeal is final.

FROM THE FINAL ORDER/JUDGMENT OF:

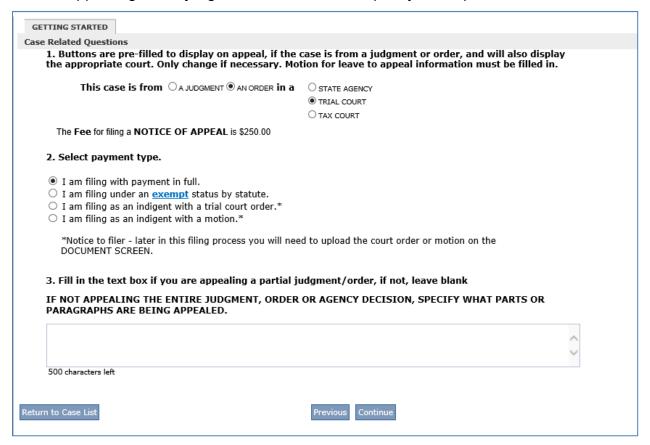
- The Superior Court trial divisions,
- In summary contempt proceedings in all trial courts except municipal courts;

OR FROM THE EXCEPTIONS THAT SHALL INCLUDE BELOW:

- R.3:28(f) (order enrolling defendant into the pretrial intervention program over the objection of the prosecutor),
- O R.3:26-3 (material witness order),
- R.4:42-2 (certification of interlocutory order),
- O R.4:53-1 (order appointing statutory or liquidating receiver),
- O R.5:8-6 (final custody determination in bifurcated family action), and
- O R.5:10-6 (order on preliminary hearing in adoption action).
- An order granting or denying a motion to extend the time to file a notice of tort claim pursuant to N.J.S.A. 59:8-9, whether entered in the cause or by a separate action, and
- An order compelling or denying arbitration, whether the action is dismissed or stayed, shall also be deemed a final judgment of the court for appeal purposes.

Case Related Questions

- 1. Choose Judgment or Order. TRIAL COURT is preselected from the previous radio button selection on the finality question.
- 2. Select Payment Type
- 3. If not appealing entire judgment, use the box to specify those portions in detail.

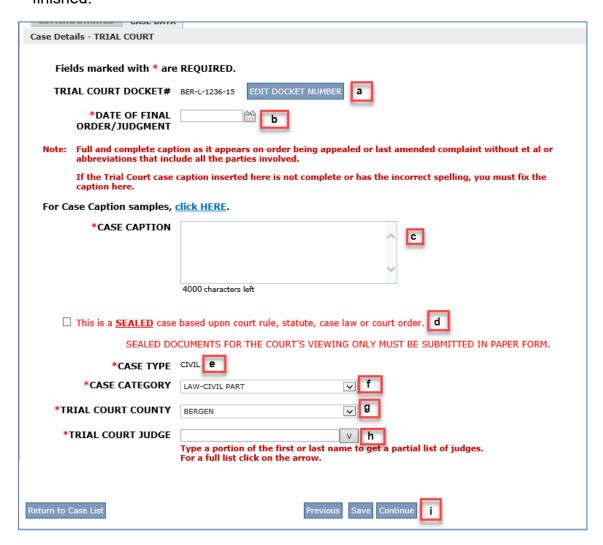


Case Details Page

This covers the creation of the front page of the Notice of Appeal.

- a.TRIAL COURT DOCKET# -This is prefilled from what you entered. If you need to change this, click on the "EDIT DOCKET NUMBER" button.
- b.DATE OF FINAL ORDER Use the calendar feature or type in the date you are appealing, which is found on the trial court order.
- c. CASE CAPTION Fill in the full and complete caption as it appears on the order in the format shown below, do not type as one line of text.
- d.SEALED Click the check box for SEALED, if the matter is sealed to the public.
- e.CASE TYPE is prefilled for Civil, Family or State Agency based upon the trial court docket number. If it is not correct, you can change it by clicking on the "EDIT DOCKET NUMBER" button (a)
- f. CASE CATEGORY will prefill based upon docket type entered. To change, use the drop down.
- g.TRIAL COURT COUNTY Use the drop down menu to choose the county.
- h.TRIAL COURT JUDGE Type in 2 or 3 letters of the trial court judge's first or last name to get a shortlist, double click on the judge you need.

 Save or Continue - Save if you need to find other information. Continue if you are finished.

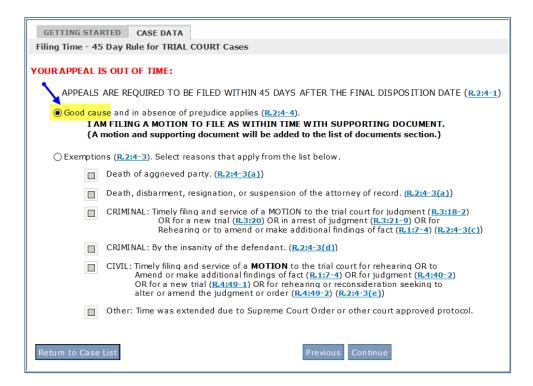


Filing Time

If the appeal is filed after 45 days, a required Notice of Motion form will be system generated and will automatically be inserted on the List of Documents section on a later screen.

Unless the case falls under one of the exceptions below, you will check the radio button indicating that good cause applies and that a motion to file As Within Time is being filed.

* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FILING TIME OF 45 DAYS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED. THE COUNTING OF 45 DAYS INCLUDES WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.



Additional Case Details

Additional Trial Court Information

If you have additional trial court information, such as an additional trial court order, click "here" and fill out the information in the popup

Related Appellate Case Information

You must search for possible related appeals. Click on the link to determine if there are any related appeals. If none exist, you can click continue on the pop-up. After you run the search you can click continue



Transcript Request Verification Form

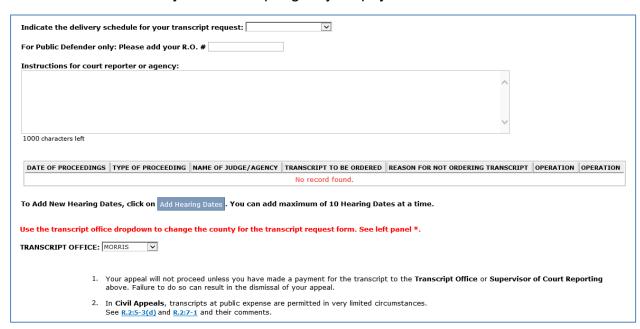
Select the option that applies. All transcript dates must be entered either showing they are ordered or in your possession, click the radio button to enter dates.

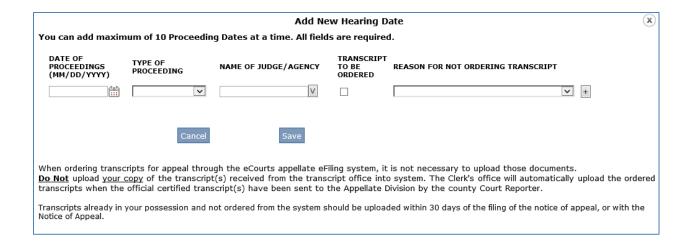
If ordering transcripts OR they are in your possession: Select the **Delivery Schedule** from the drop down menu.



Click **Add Hearing Dates**. On the next screen enter the **Proceeding date** and **Type**. Check the box for **Transcript to be Ordered** or select reason for not ordering from the drop-down menu. Click the plus (+) sign to add additional dates. Click save after 10 dates and then click Add Hearing Dates again for more entries.

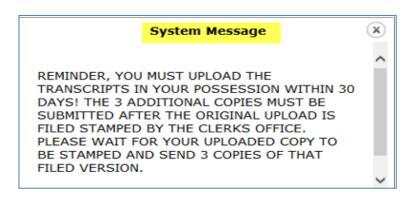
The verification form is automatically sent to the Appellate Division's Transcript Unit. You will be contacted by the transcript agency for payment.



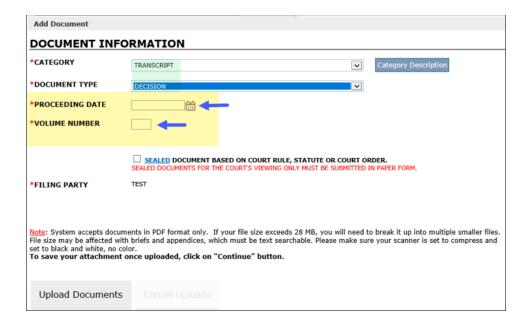


Transcripts in Attorney Possession

When you indicate that transcripts are in attorney possession, the system displays a popup <u>after</u> the List of Documents page to remind you that transcripts must be uploaded within 30 days and the 3 additional copies submitted must be the filed stamped version of the original upload. Therefore, you will need to wait for your uploaded copy to be filed stamped by the Clerk's office and forward 3 copies of the same.



<u>Note:</u> When adding/uploading attorney possession transcripts in eCourts Appellate, you must fill out <u>2</u> required fields on the "Add Document-Document Information" page: "Proceeding Date" and "Volume Number" as shown below.

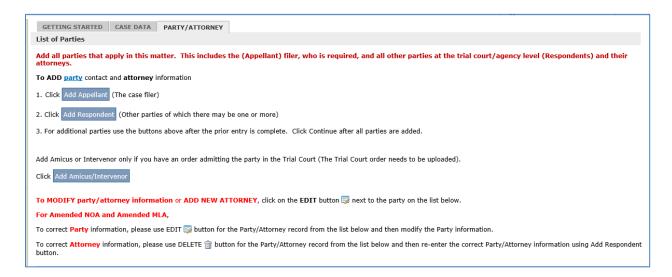


List of Parties

Use the buttons to add the parties to the appeal.

1st Click **ADD APPELLANT** button and fill in the information required, your client name, etc.

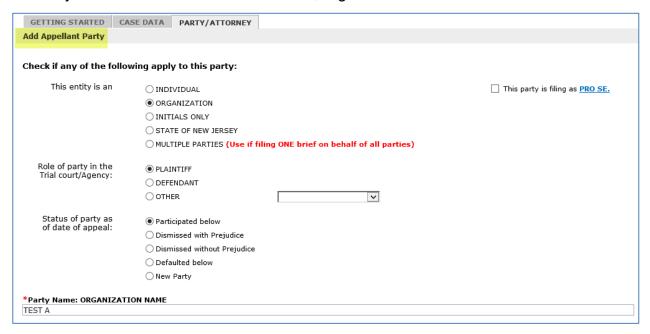
2nd Return to List of Parties and click **ADD RESPONDENT** button - the AG is prefilled on some State Agency appeals if the appropriate State Agency was selected.



Appellant - Party Information

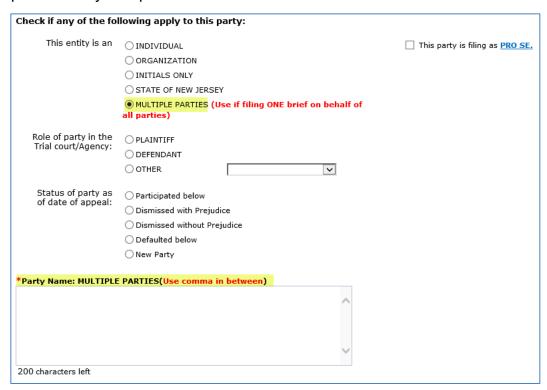
- a. Entity Click on INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION, INITIALS or MULTIPLE PARTIES.
- b. Role of Party Click DEFENDANT OR PLAINTIFF OR OTHER.
- c. Status of Party Click Participated below if they did or any of the other options.

d. Party Name - Add in first and last name, organization or initials.



Multiple Parties

The Multiple Parties option has been added for those attorneys that are representing multiple parties within the case <u>and</u> will be filing **ONE** brief for all parties. The field has a 200-character limit and commas must be used to separate party names. If you have more parties than 200 characters then use et al. Your brief should reflect the additional parties that you represent.

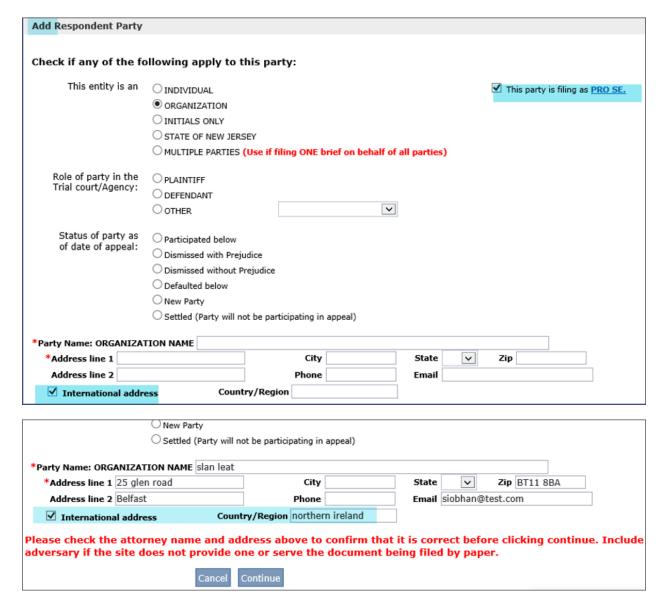


Note:

eCourts Appellate system has incorporated the ability to add an International address.

On the "Add/Update Party" pages, if the "PRO SE" party check box is selected, then an "International Address" check box will appear below in the "Party Address" section.

If this "International Address" check box is selected then the city, state and zip code fields will no longer be required fields and the zip code field will accept the alphanumeric characters and an additional field of "Country/Region" will appear.

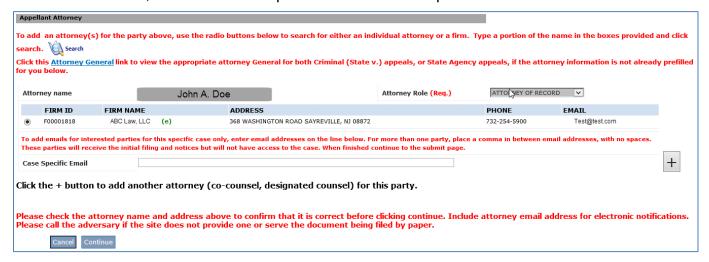


Appellant - Attorney Information

- a. Attorney Name is prefilled based on your Bar ID.
- b.eCourts Appellate interfaces with the Central Attorney Management System (CAMS) for the attorney's associated firm address.

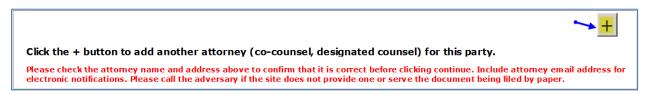
- c. If the attorney is associated with multiple firms in CAMS, a list of the firms will display in this section and the filer is required to select the correct firm address in order to proceed with the filing.
- d. Case Specific Email → To add emails for interested parties for this specific case only, enter email addresses in this field. These parties will receive the initial filing and notices but will not have access to the case.

When finished, click Continue to proceed to add the respondent.

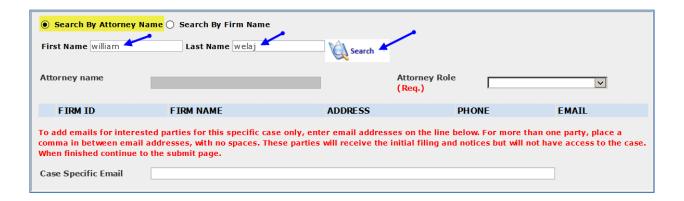


CO-COUNSEL

To add another attorney as co-counsel, click the plus sign at the bottom right hand corner of the page. Continue with the procedure of selecting the appropriate attorney through the search option.



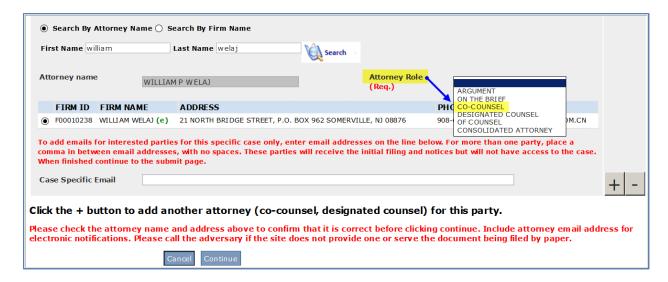
Type in Co-Counsel's name and click Search.



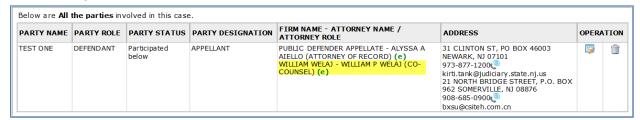
Double Click on the attorney to enter data into the fields.



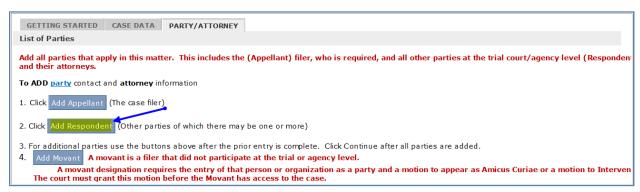
Select the attorney role from the drop down menu and click continue. If the attorney does not have a confirmed email entered in eCourts, eCourts Appellate or eCourts Supreme, you are required to enter their email address in the case specific email field.



The list of parties now shows the co-counsel.

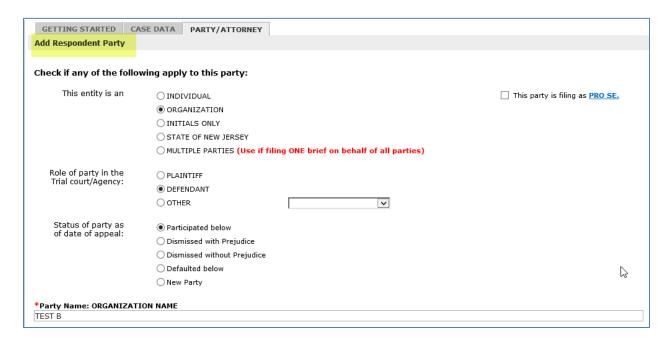


Click on the Add Respondent button to proceed.



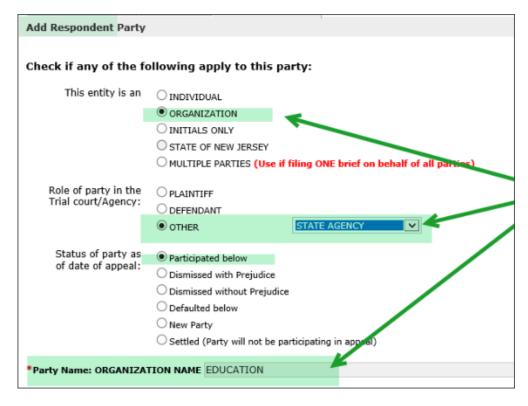
Respondent - Party Information

- a. Entity Click on INDIVIDUAL, ORGANIZATION, INITIALS or MULTIPLE PARTIES.
- b. Role of Party Click DEFENDANT OR PLAINTIFF OR OTHER.
- c. Status of Party Click Participated below if they did or any of the other options.
- d. Party Name Add in first and last name or organization name or initials combined.



For the State Agency that are represented by the Attorney General's Office >

- 1. The system will preselect the "Organization" under the "Entity" section.
- 2. The system will auto fill the "Party Role" as "Other" and "State Agency"
- 3. The system will prefill the agency name under the "Organization Name".
- 4. The Respondent Attorney section will pre-fill with the appropriate Deputy Attorney General.



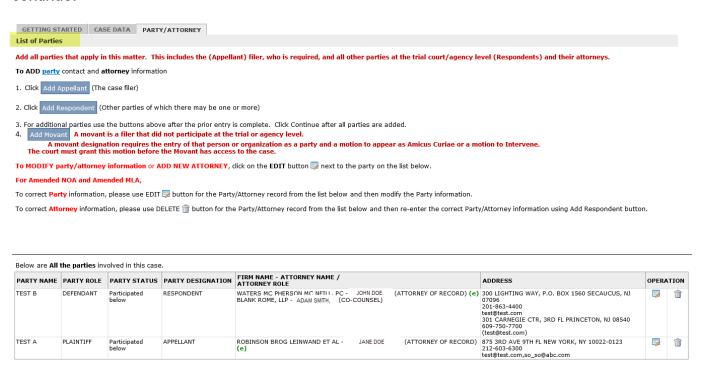
Respondent - Attorney Information

Search for the attorney using either the Search by Attorney Name or Search by Firm Name. If the attorney is not registered with eCourts Appellate or has not updated their email in their profile, you are required to enter their email address in the case specific email field.



List of Parties

The list displays the parties already added. To add additional parties, click the Add Appellant or Add Respondent buttons. To edit, click the edit button. If complete, click continue.



List of Documents

Documents listed on this page are required to file your appeal.

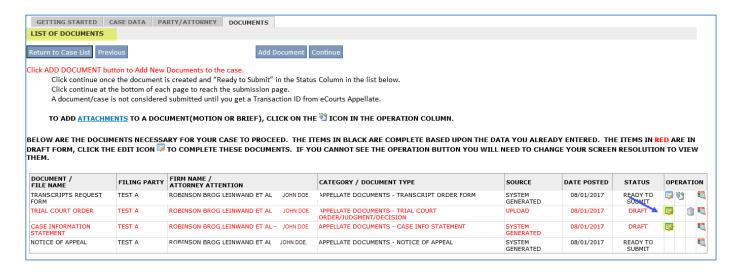
Documents in **black** have been system generated/created by the data previously entered.

Documents in **red** are in Draft form and need additional information.

Click on the edit button to complete a document that is in Draft form.

Click on Add New Documents button if you want to add additional documents to the filing.

When documents are complete the status will reflect ready to submit.



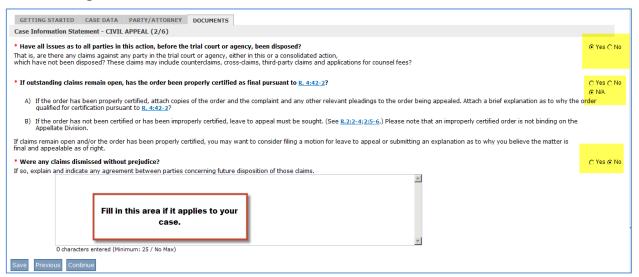
Case Information Statement

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See notations in orange boxes below. Highlighted areas are normally the same responses for each appeal.



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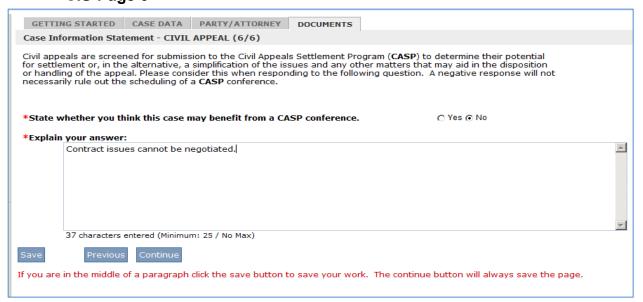
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GETTING STARTED CASE DATA PARTY/ATTORNEY DOCUMENTS		
Case Information Statement - CIVIL APPEAL (4/6)		
IF YOU ARE APPEALING FROM A JUDGMENT ENTERED BY A TRIAL JUDGE SITTING WITHOUT A JURY OR FROM AN ORDER OF THE TRIAL COURT, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:		
* 1. Did the trial judge issue oral findings or an opinion? If so, on what date?	C Yes No	
* 2. Did the trial judge issue written findings or an opinion? If so, on what date?	C Yes € No	
* 3. Will the trial judge be filing a statement or an opinion pursuant to R.2:5-1(b)?	C Yes C No ⊙ UNKNOWN	
Caution: Before you indicate that there was neither findings nor an opinion, you should inquire of the trial judge to determine whether findings or an opinion was placed on the record out of counsel's presence or whether the judge is filing a statement or opinion pursuant to R.2:5-1(b). DATE OF YOUR INQUIRY (MM/DD/YYYY)		
* Is the validity of a statute, regulation, executive order, franchise or constitutional provision of this State being questioned? (R.2:5-1(h))	C Yes No	
Save Previous Continue		
If you are in the middle of a paragraph click the save button to save your work. The continue button will always save the page.		

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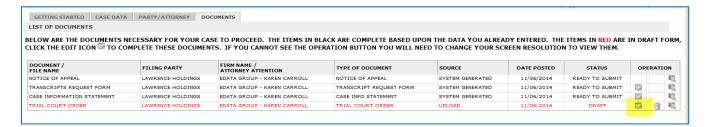


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Uploading Trial Court Order

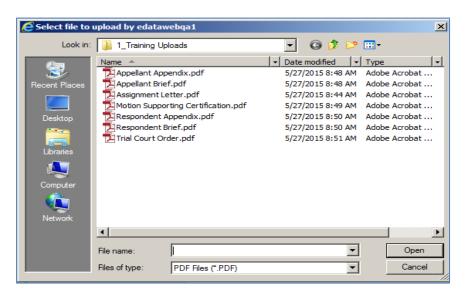
Click on the edit button to upload the trial court order that was scanned into your machine's documents.



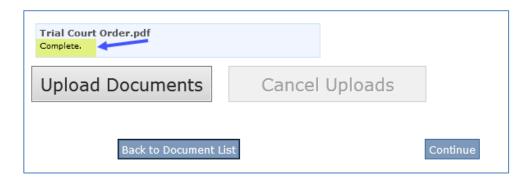
Click upload. If the document is sealed, click the sealed check box.



Double click on the order.



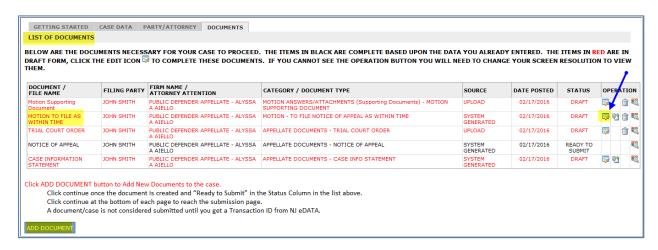
Click continue when the upload is complete.



Motion Creation

List of Documents

If a motion is necessary, the system will add it to the list of documents (i.e., case is out of time). Click on the edit button to continue with the system generated motion, otherwise you can also add a motion by clicking on the Add Document button.



To add a motion, click on the Add Document button.



Use the drop downs to select the appropriate motion type.

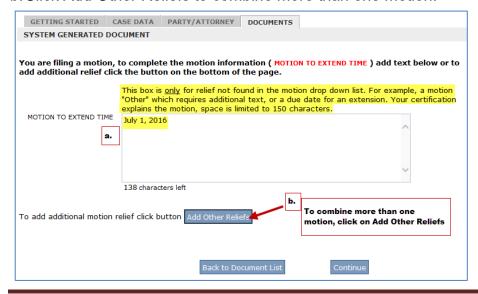
- Category Description Explains which Document Type belongs to which Category
- Category Select Motion from the drop down.
- **Document Type** Select the type of motion.

Click the Continue button and a system generated Notice of Motion will be created.



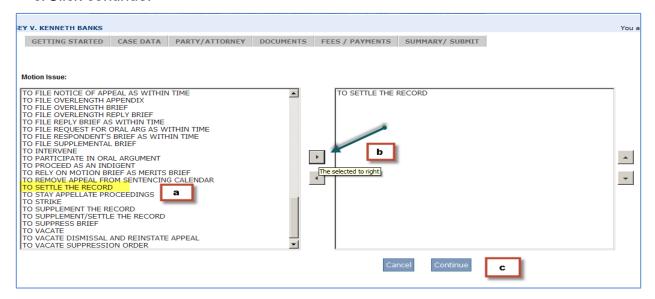
Motion Text

- a.Add additional wording <u>only</u> if relief is not found in the motion drop down list. For example, a motion "other" or a due date for an extension. Be Brief.
- b. Click Add Other Reliefs to combine more than one motion.



Adding Additional Relief

- a. Click to highlight a motion type from the list.
- b. Click the arrow to move it to the motion issue box.
- c. Click continue.



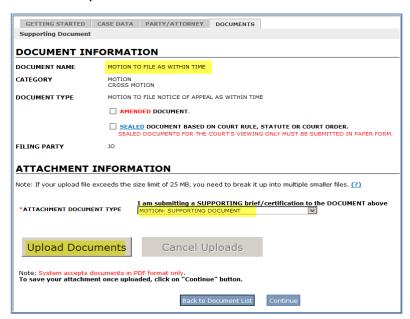
Motion supporting document

Upload Supporting Document

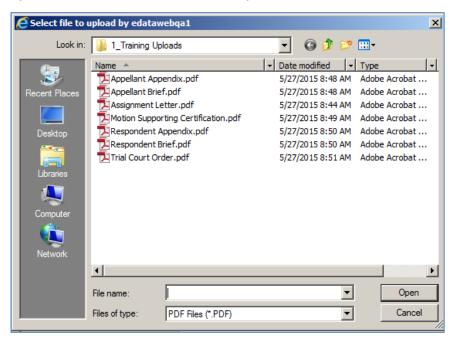
The system will insert an entry for the required motion supporting documentation. Click the Edit button 😺 to upload.



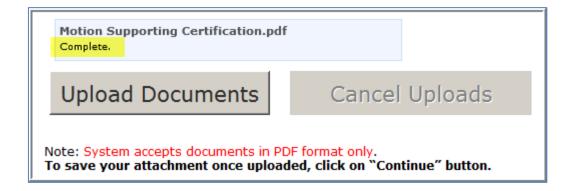
Click on Upload Documents.



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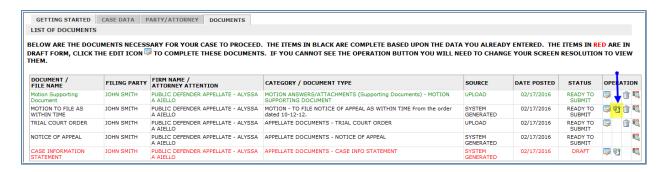


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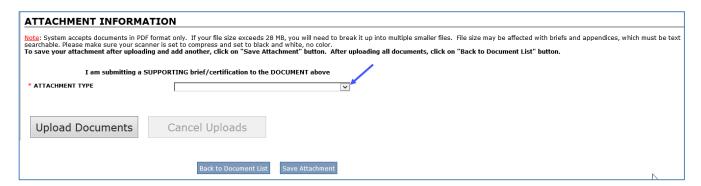


Adding Additional Attachments to Motion

Select the attachment button on the far right under operations.



Use the drop down and then upload your additional document.



List of Documents

All required documents for the appeal are now complete either by system generation or by upload. To review a document, click on the View button.

Make sure they are correct at this time. To add an additional document, use the ADD DOCUMENT button.



Proof of Service

The system will electronically serve the trial court judge, the division manager/state agency. If transcripts have been ordered, the transcript request form will be sent electronically; the Transcriber will contact the requester directly with the applicable amount due.

If the adversary has entered an eCourts email address for court notices, the system will display an (e) next to their firm name on the Proof of Service page. They will be served electronically.

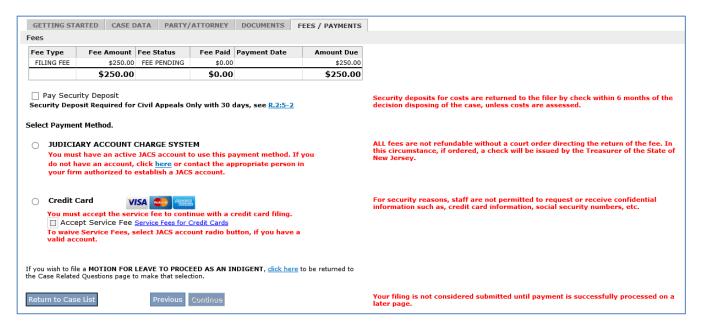
If the adversary has <u>NOT</u> entered an eCourts email address for court notices and you had to enter a case specific email in the attorney section of the party information page, the Date of Mailing field is required. The party **must** be served in paper. The system generated Proof of Service will reflect both the email address for electronic notification and the date of mailing if applicable.

Click **Continue** to proceed to the Fees / Payments page.



Fees / Payments

The **Fees/Payments** page lists the fee incurred for your filing. To add the security deposit, check the Pay Security Deposit box. If the filer has exempt status, this page will not display. Select either **Judiciary Account Charge System** or **Credit Card**. If you select to pay via credit card, you are required to accept the service fee by checking the applicable box. Click on the <u>Service Fees for Credit Cards</u> link for a list of fees. Click **Continue**.



Case Summary Page

Use the <u>CLICK HERE</u> link to view and/or print all the documents. To view individual documents, use the view icon on the far right.

MAKE SURE THE DOCUMENTS ARE CORRECT BEFORE SUBMISSION. ALL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ARE A PART OF THE RECORD. DEFICIENT DOCUMENTS CANNOT BE REMOVED UNLESS THEY WOULD CAUSE IRREPARABLE HARM. ANY CORRECTIONS WOULD REQUIRE THE FILING OF AN AMENDED DOCUMENT. TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY CORRECTIONS, REFER TO THE NEXT SECTION FOR RETURNING TO A PRIOR PAGE.

Returning to a Prior Page

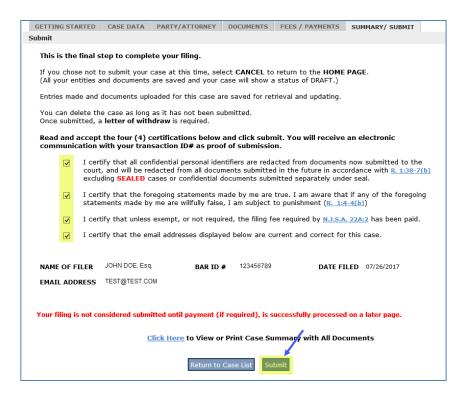
If corrections are required and you have <u>not</u> submitted your filing, you can return to prior sections by clicking on the tabs at the top or on the links in the green left navigation bar to edit. Once your changes have been made, click **Continue** through the remaining screens.

If you have already submitted your filing and received a filing transaction ID number, you will <u>not</u> be able to go back edit information.



Submit

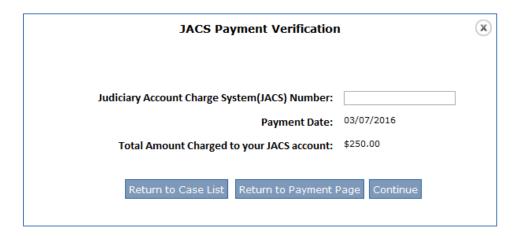
Check the four-(4) certification boxes and click Submit. A Transaction ID will be generated and you will receive an email confirmation of your filing after you have entered your payment information. If you are exempt from filing fees, a Transaction ID will be generated after clicking Submit and you will receive and email confirmation of your filing.



JACS Payment Screens

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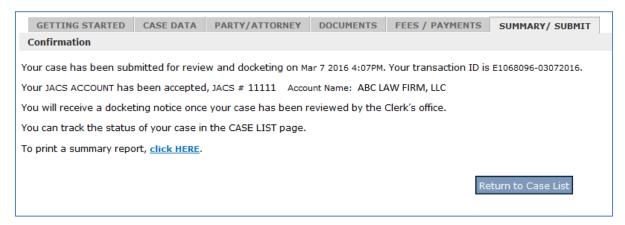
Enter your account number on the JACS Payment Verification popup. Click Continue.



Confirm the JACS account number and Account Name are correct. Click Yes.



The **Confirmation** page will provide your transaction ID and the JACS account number charged. You will also receive email confirmation of your filing. Click the **Return to Case List** button.

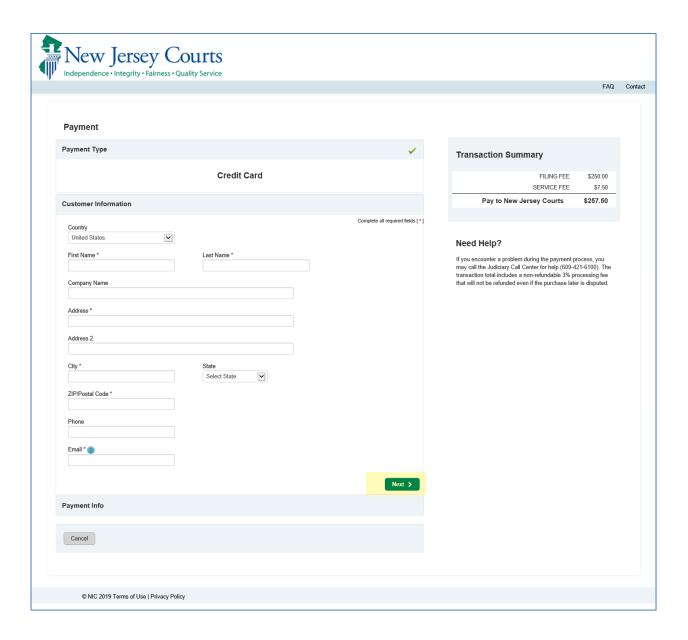


Credit Card Payment Screens

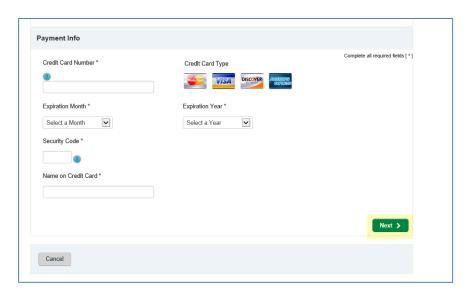
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Enter the required information on the Payment Details page. Click Next

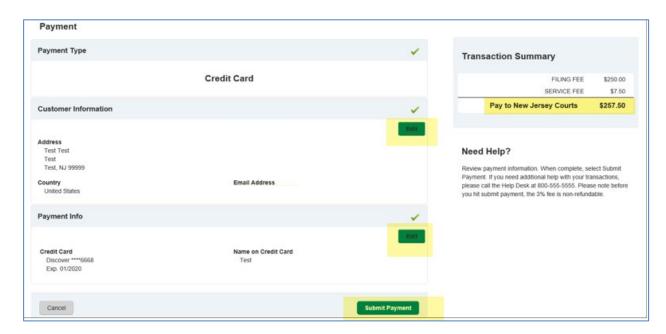
<u>Note</u>: The credit card payment service is unavailable from 11:30 pm until midnight daily. All filings must be submitted prior to 11:30 pm in order to receive the same date of filing.



Then enter the required credit card information and click Next.



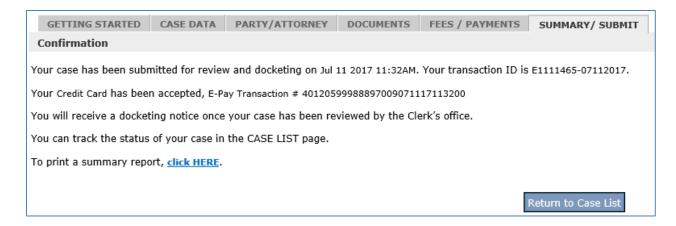
Review all the information, if anything needs to be fixed, you can click on the **edit** button next to each section. If everything looks right click **Submit Payment.**



The system will return a message indicating if your payment was successful. Click **Continue**. If payment is not successful, please provide the Filing ID number listed when contacting the Appellate eFiling unit.



The **Confirmation** page will provide your transaction ID and the credit card E-Pay transaction number. You will also receive email confirmation of your filing. Click the **Return to Case List** button.



Email Notification of Case Activity

Following any case activity, an email notification with a brief description is sent to all valid email addresses in the case. To view specifics, you will need to log in to eCourts Appellate.

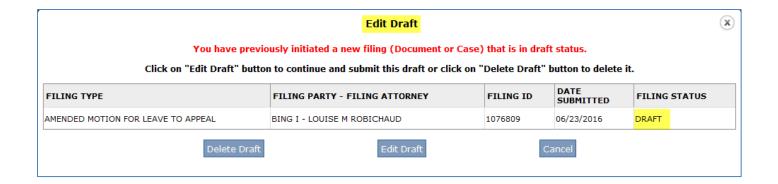
Examples:

- 1.eCourts Appellate-Submission: A case or document submitted by the filer.
- 2.eCourts Appellate-Communication: Communication from either a filer or the court.
- 3. eCourts Appellate-Notification: A document from the court.

Updating a Draft Filing

A draft filing is any case or document that has not been submitted to the court. To complete a case or document in draft status, click the **Edit** button with under Operation and then the Edit Draft button in the Edit Draft popup.





Viewing documents in a Case

From "My Case List" page, click on sign or click on the docket number link to view filings in a case that has been accepted.



Click on the docket number to see full docket information. Click on the document link to view actual documents.

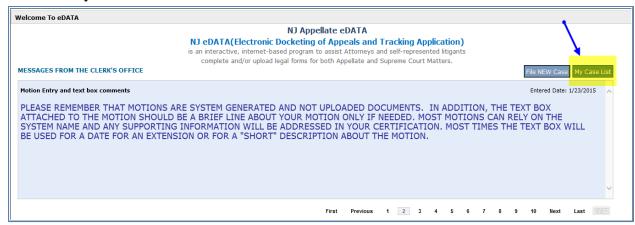


Amending an Appeal

If you receive notification that your appeal is deficient due to an error in the case data or details, you will need to amend the Notice of Appeal.

Log in to eCourts Appellate

Click on My Case List button.

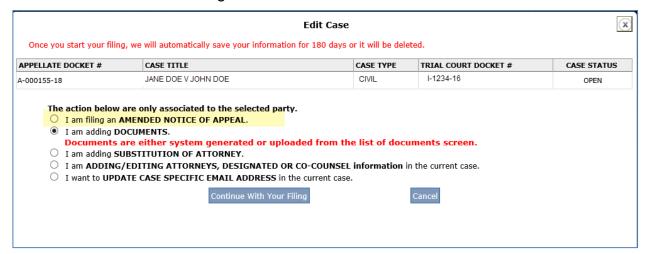


Click edit button py by the case for which you want to add the Amended NOA.

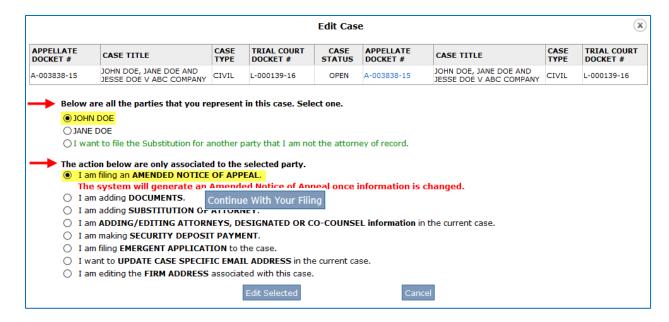


Select the Filing Type

Click on the radio button for I am filing an AMENDED NOTICE OF APPEAL. Click Continue with Your Filing



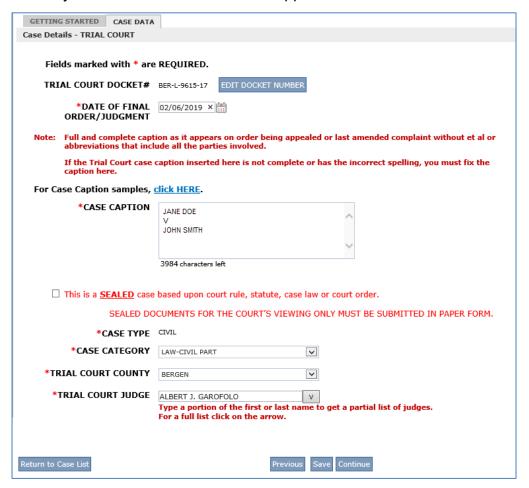
If you represent multiple parties, the system will allow you to select only one party name. If the document you are filing applies to both parties, select the radio button for the lead party (the first party entered) in the case. Select **I am filing an Amended Notice of Appeal** and click Continue with Your Filing



Explain Reason for Amended Appeal



Edit any information on this screen if applicable.



Edit the party information

If the case caption has been edited on the Case Details page, it may be necessary to edit your party name. Use the edit button by your party to make any necessary changes. Click Continue.



Amended Case Information Statement

Any changes made to the case details and/or party names require an amended CIS. To file an amended CIS, on the Documents page, click the Add Document button.



- a. Category select Appellate Documents.
- b. Document Type select Case Information Statement.
- c. Check the Amended Box.
- d. Explain the reason and click Continue.



Editing Details within the Case Information Statement

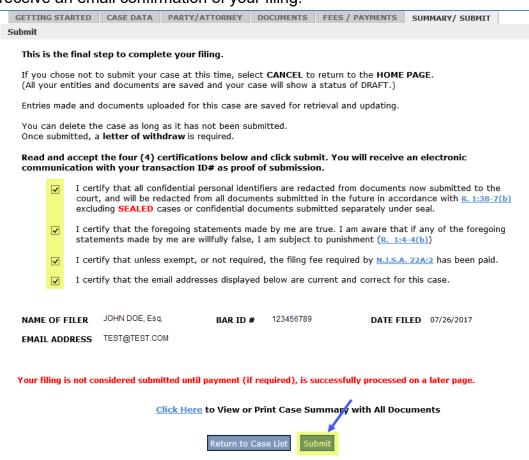
For any change in case data, details in the CIS document may change. Change the details if necessary here.



Edit each page of the CIS if necessary. For changes in the Party name you may not need to edit the text of the CIS but you will need to amend it so that the party information is correct. You will need to continue through every page of the CIS regardless if changes are made.

Submit Documents

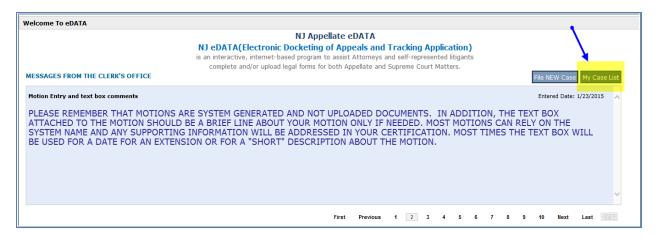
You will click through several more pages to get to the submit page. Check the four-(4) certification boxes and click Submit. A Transaction ID will be generated and you will receive an email confirmation of your filing.



Filing a Motion on Pending Case

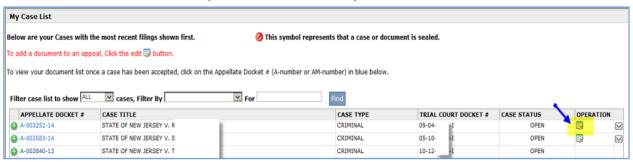
Log in to eCourts Appellate

Click on My Case List button.



Select Case to Edit

Click on the Edit button py by the case for which you want to add the motion.

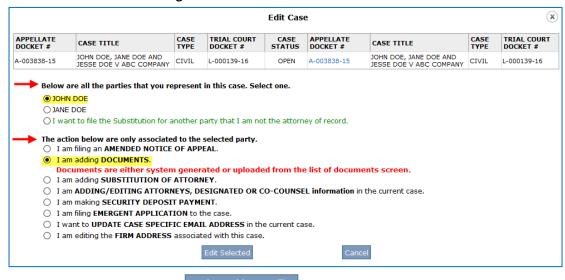


Select the Filing Type

Click the radio button for I am adding DOCUMENTS. Click Continue with Your Filing

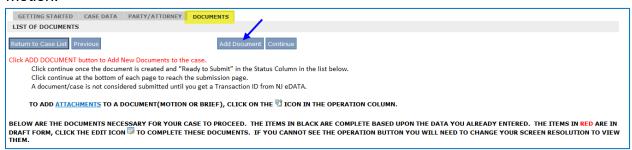


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Add Document

On the list of documents page, click on the ADD DOCUMENT button to add your motion.

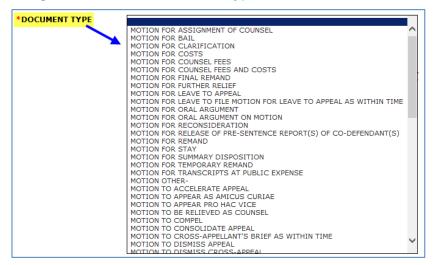


Document Information

- a.CATEGORY select Motion.
- b.DOCUMENT TYPE select the applicable motion type from the dropdown list (see figure 2).
- c. Click Continue.

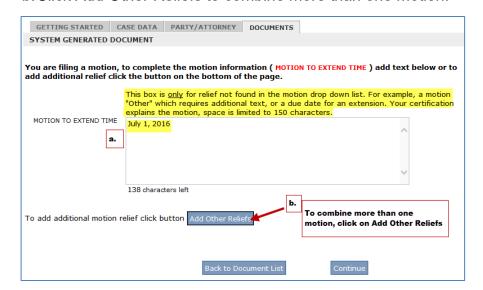


Figure 2: Motion Document Type



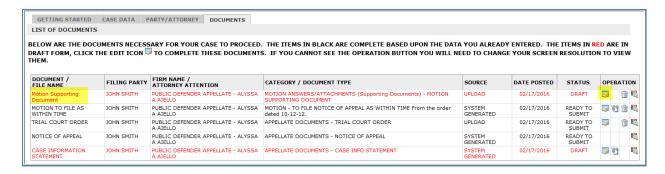
Motion Text

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 b.Click Add Other Reliefs to combine more than one motion.

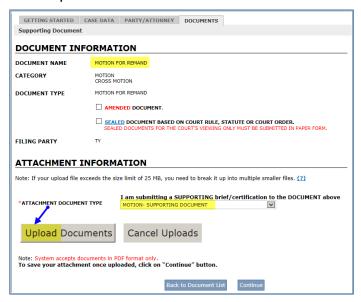


Upload Supporting Document

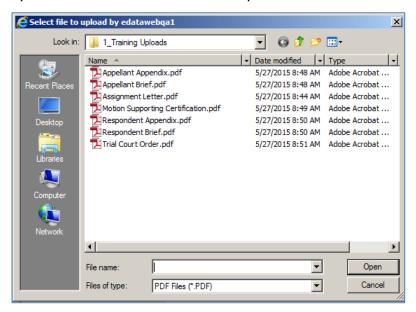
The motion requires supporting documentation, click the Edit button 🤛 to upload.



Click Upload Documents.



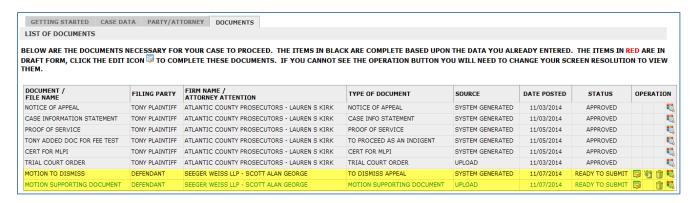
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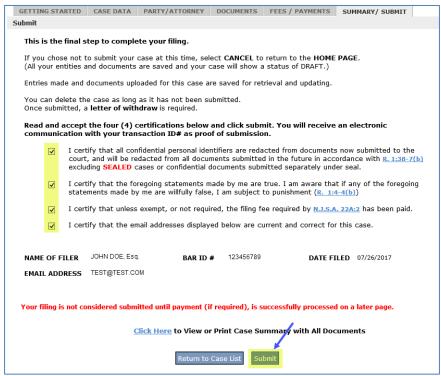
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Return to List of Documents to add additional documents or click Continue if done. Items that are complete and ready for submission indicate the same in the status column.



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Transcripts

Filing Transcripts

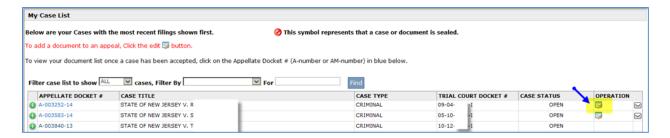
Transcripts that are ordered with the notice of appeal through a transcript request form are submitted to the court by the court reporter, or transcription agency through a CD. Transcripts are then uploaded to the Appellate case management system by the Clerk's office and synched to eCourts Appellate. Your case manager will reach out and ask you to print out the filed stamped copy of the transcript from eCourts Appellate and send us three copies. Your adversary will have access to the transcripts through eCourts Appellate.

If transcripts are in your possession upload them through the add document function in eCourts Appellate. Your case manager will let you know when to send us the additional three copies. When it's time you will print out the filed stamped copy from eCourts Appellate and send us three copies.

Ordering Transcripts After Appeal is Submitted

Select Case to Edit

Click on Edit button by the case for which you want to order transcripts.

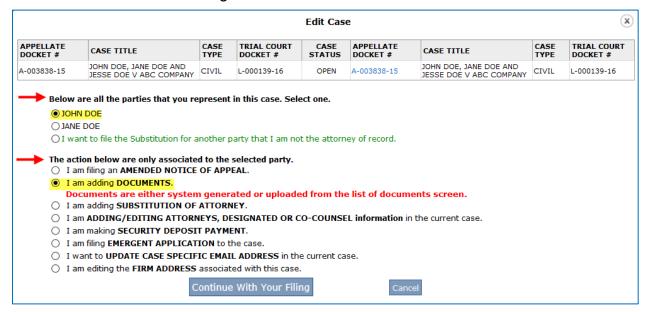


Select the Filing Type

Click the radio button for I am adding DOCUMENTS. Click Continue with Your Filing.



If you represent multiple parties, the system will allow you to select only one party name. If the document you are filing applies to both parties, select the radio button for the lead party (the first party entered) in the case. Select **I am adding documents** and click Continue with Your Filing.



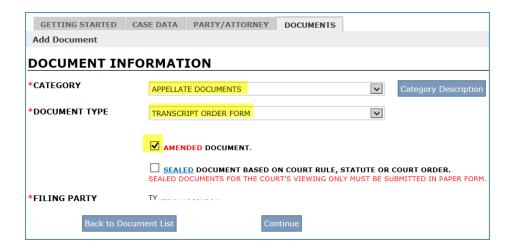
Add Document

On the list of documents page, click on the ADD DOCUMENT button to add your transcript order form.



Document Information

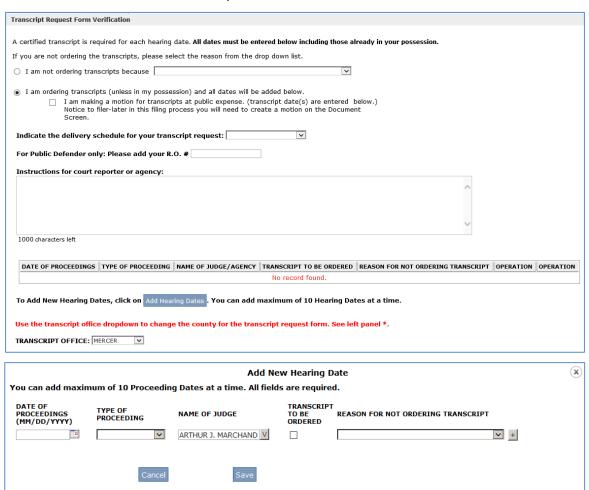
- a. CATEGORY select Appellate Documents.
- b.DOCUMENT TYPE select Transcript Order Form.
- c. <u>IF</u> filing an Amended Transcript Order Form, check the Amended box and complete reason for amending.
- d. Click Continue.



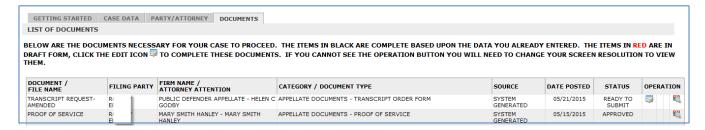
Transcript Request Form Verification

Fill in the appropriate information on the Transcript Request Form Verification page. If you need to amend the county, do so using the county drop down.

Click on Add Hearing Dates button and fill out Date of Proceeding, Type of Proceeding and check the box for Transcript to be ordered. Click Save.



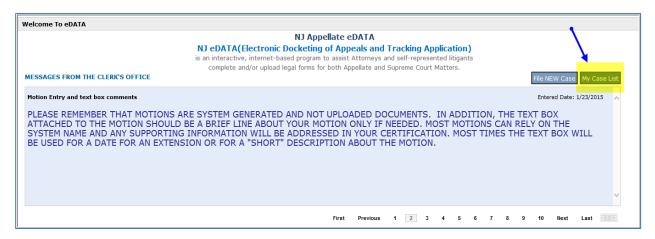
The transcript request form now shows ready to submit on the List of Documents page, click Continue through to the submission page.



Filing Briefs

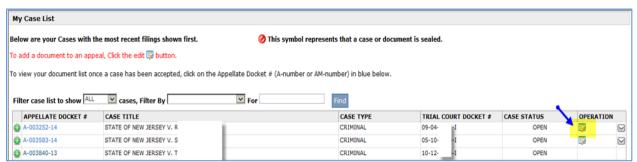
Log in to eCourts Appellate

Click on My Case List button.



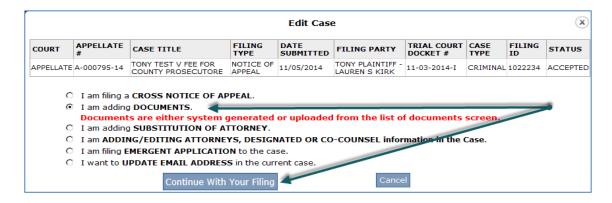
Select Case to Edit

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Select the Filing Type

Click the radio button for I am adding DOCUMENTS. Click Continue with Your Filing

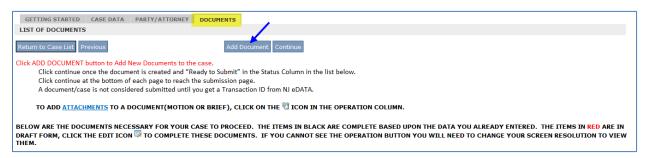


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Add Document

On the list of documents page, click on the ADD DOCUMENT button to add your document.



Document Information

- a. CATEGORY select Brief and Appendix.
- b.DOCUMENT TYPE select the Appellants Brief or Respondents Brief, which ever applies. If combined, select Brief and Appendix

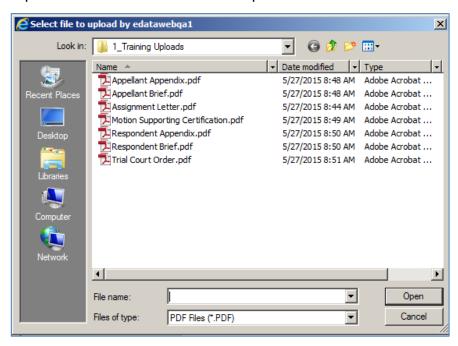
It is suggested that you file your brief and appendix as separate documents. That way if there is a typo in a brief you won't have to rescan the appendix if they were previously combined.

c. Click Upload Documents.



Upload Documents

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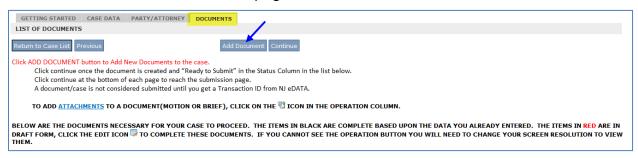


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Adding Appendices

To add an appendix that is separate from the brief, follow the same steps for adding the brief. From the List of Documents page click Add Document.

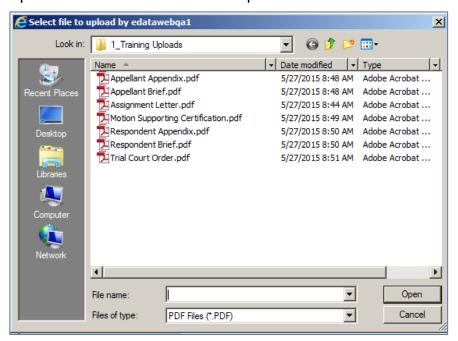


Document Information

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- b. DOCUMENT TYPE select the Appellants Appendix or Respondents Appendix, which ever applies.
- c. Enter the Volume Number
- d. Click Upload Documents.



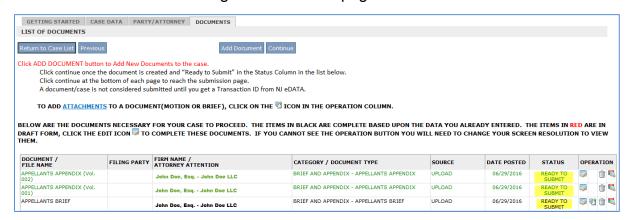
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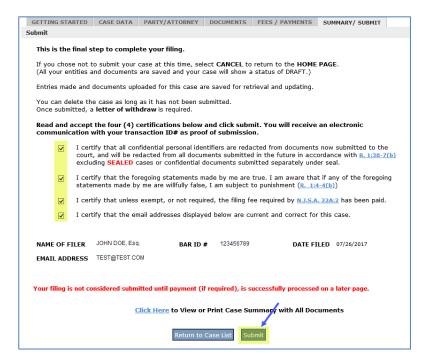
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Items that are complete and ready for submission indicate the same in the status column. Click Continue through to the Submit page.



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Brief Copies

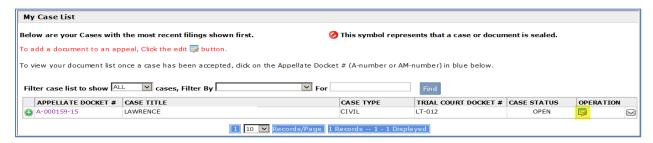
Once the brief is reviewed, the case manager will either approve the document or advise of a deficiency. Once approved, a filed stamp is applied. You will be notified by your case manager via an eCourts Appellate communication to print the 3 copies and forward them to the court.

Adding Designated Counsel/Co-Counsel/Consolidated Attorney

Designated Counsel or Co-Counsel are entered by the attorney of record where the original attorney remains in the case but is adding a second or third attorney to the party they represent.

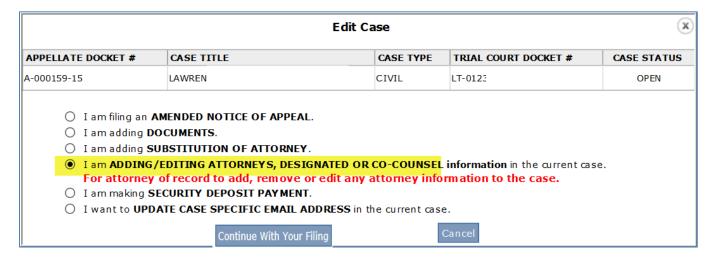
Use this when you want to add another attorney from your firm or an outside firm as cocounsel. This will give that attorney access to the case but the filer will remain the attorney of record.

Click on edit button so of the case you want to enter the designated counsel.

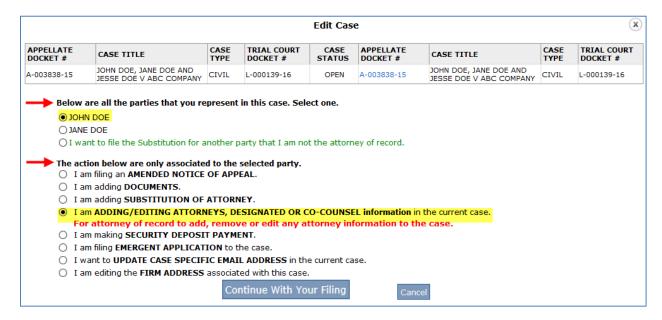


Select Filing Type

Click on the radio button I am ADDING/EDITING ATTORNEYS, DESIGNATED OR CO-COUNSEL information in the Case. Then click Continue with Your Filing



If you represent multiple parties, the system will allow you to select only one party name. To add designated or co-counsel you will need to submit a filing for each individual party. Select I am Adding/Editing Attorneys, Designated or Co-Counsel and click Continue with Your Filing



Edit Party

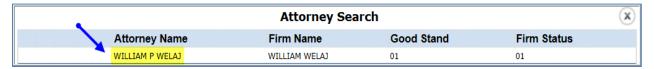
Scroll down to the attorney information and click the plus sign.



Search by entering the attorney name or firm name and clicking the Search button.

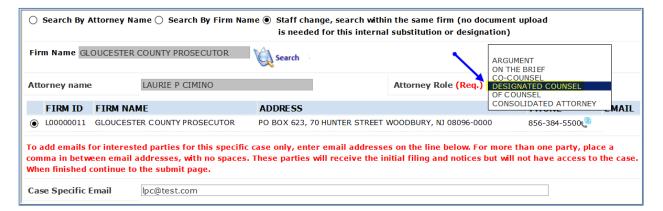


Double click on the Attorney's name.



Confirm the attorney information and select the Attorney Role from the dropdown menu. If the attorney in not registered with eCourts Appellate or has not updated their email in their profile, you are required to enter their email address in the case specific email field.

To add a second designated counsel or co-counsel click the + button. Click Continue when complete.



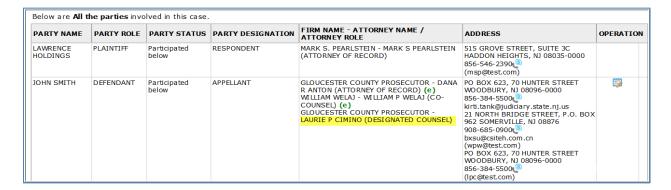
Consolidated Attorney

For attorneys involved in a consolidated case, the consolidated attorney option has been added to the Attorney Role drop down menu.



Review the Filing

Review the new attorney information on the List of Party page in this filing.

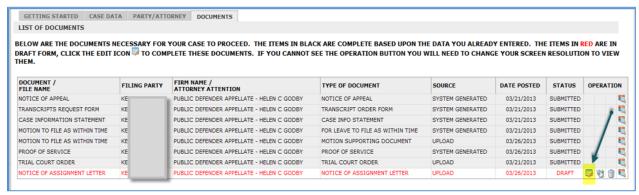


Upload Assignment Letter

An assignment letter or letter regarding co-counsel status is required for attorneys outside your firm. The system will require the supporting documentation be uploaded.

If the added counsel is within your firm, the system views this as a staff change and no supporting documentation is required and you can continue on to the Submit page.

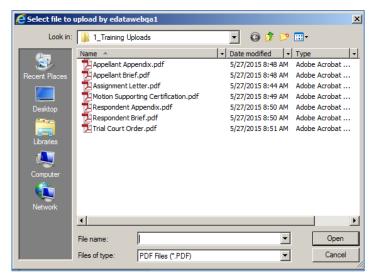
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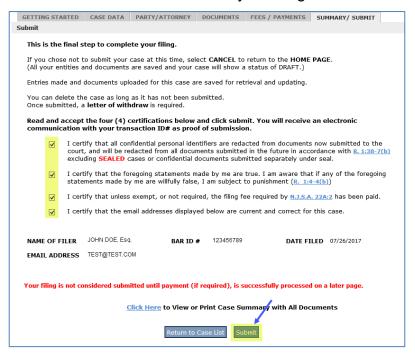
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Substitution of Attorney

A substitution of attorney removes you as the attorney of record. You will no longer get notices and only have access to prior information that you created in eCourts Appellate. To remain involved in an appeal, but have another attorney take over as attorney of record; use the designated counsel filing.

A substitution can be filed by either the withdrawing attorney OR the substitution attorney. If the substitution is within the same firm, supporting documentation does not have to be uploaded.

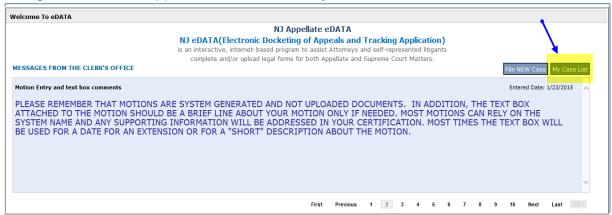
Note: Please be aware of the following scenarios while doing the Substitution of attorney in eCourts Appellate system.

If a party has other attorneys listed as designated or co-counsel and the attorney of record does a substitution to another attorney within the **same** firm, all prior attorneys listed as designated or co-counsel will remain in the case and retain access.

If a party has other attorneys listed as designated or co-counsel and the attorney of record does a substitution to an attorney associated to a <u>different</u> firm, all prior designated or co-counsel will be removed from the case, they will no longer have access, and will have to be added back in by the new attorney of record.

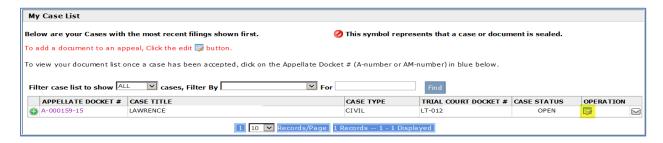
Filed by Withdrawing Attorney

Log in to eCourts Appellate and Click on My Case List button.



Select Case to Edit

Click on Edit button py by the case for which you want to file the substitution.

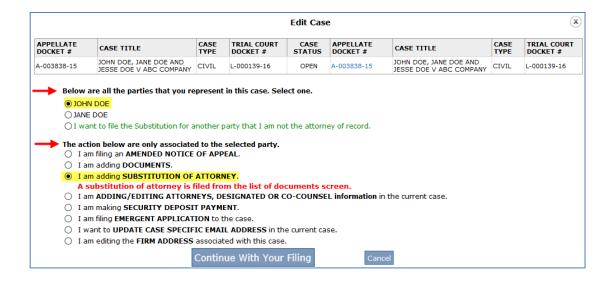


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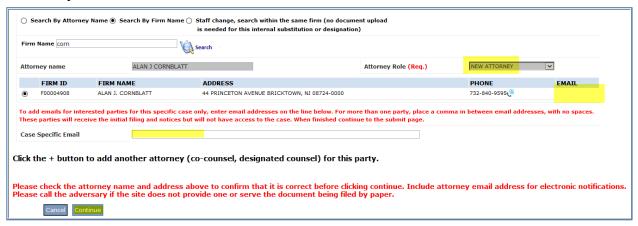
Select the radio button **I am adding SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY**. Click Continue With Your Filing



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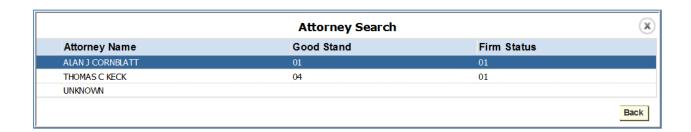


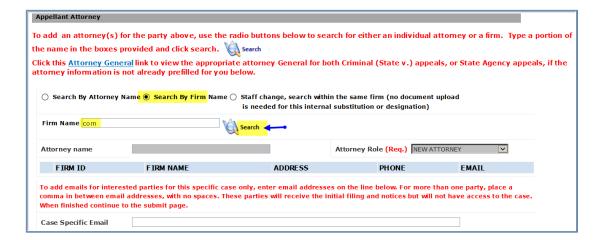
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Search by entering the attorney name or firm name and clicking the Search button.

If searching by firm, double click the firm name then double click the attorney name from list of attorneys.



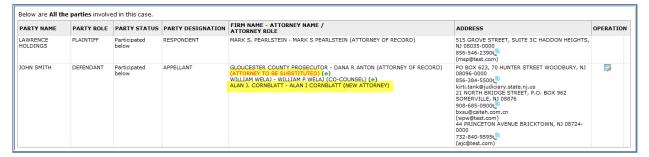


Confirm the attorney information and select the Attorney Role from the dropdown menu. If the attorney has not entered an email address in eCourts, you are required to enter their email address in the case specific email field. Click Continue.

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Review the Filing

Review the new attorney information on the List of Party page.



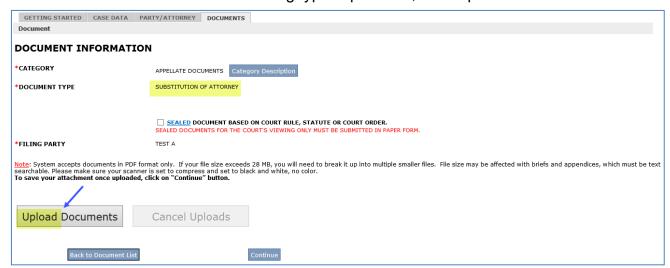
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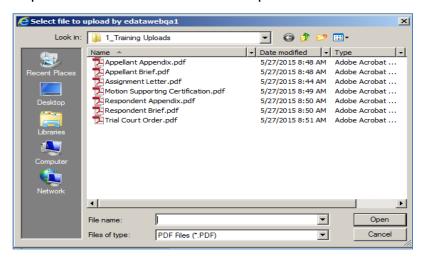
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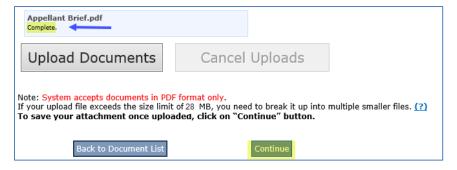
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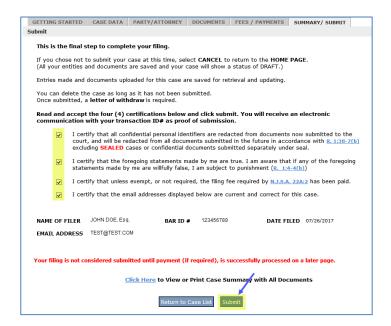
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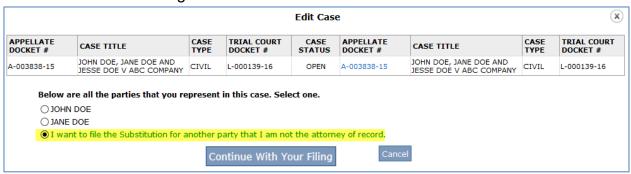
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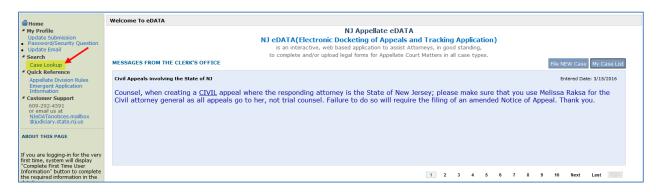


If you are currently representing other parties in the case and are filing a Substitution for another party that you are not the attorney of record, select the radio button **I want to file the Substitution for another party that I am not the attorney of record**. Click Continue with Your Filing.

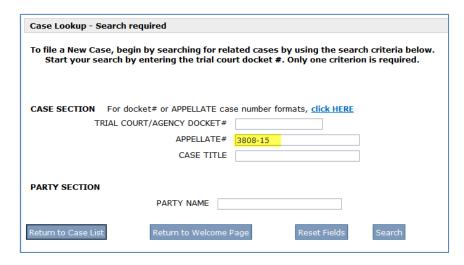


Filed by Substituting Attorney

Log in to eCourts Appellate Click on the Case Lookup link from the menu on the left.



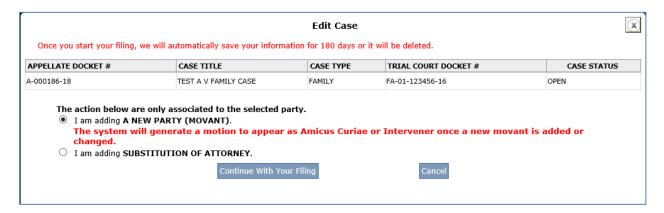
Enter the Appellate docket # and click Search.



Click the radio button for the applicable Appellate docket # then click Continue.



You will receive the edit case popup. Choose I am adding **SUBSTITUTION OF ATTORNEY**. Click Continue with Your Filing.

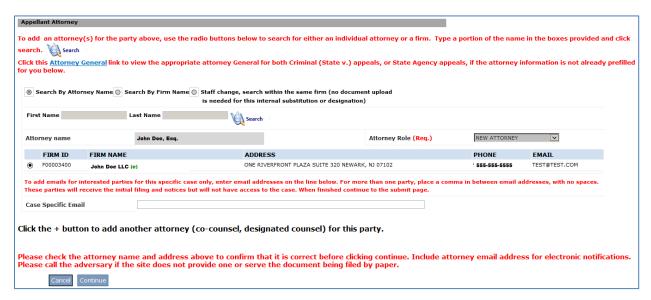


Edit Party

On the List of Parties edit your client by clicking on the edit 🤛 button.



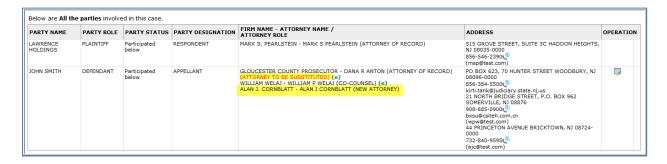
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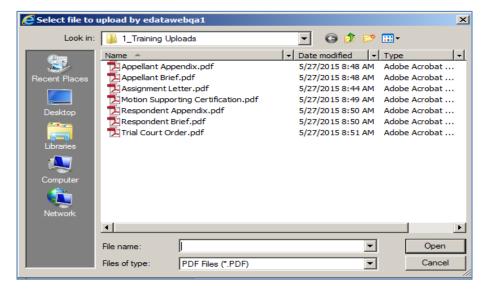
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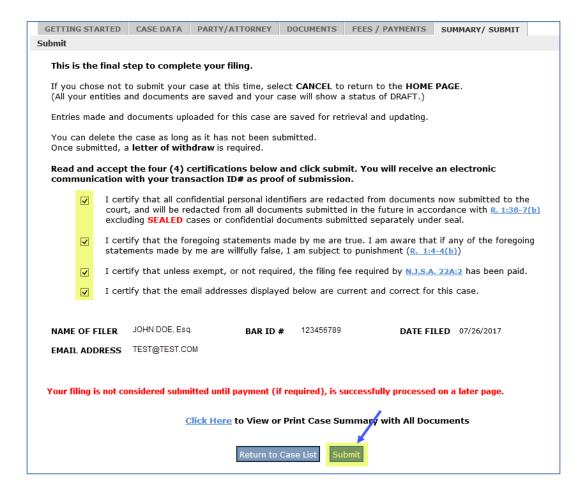
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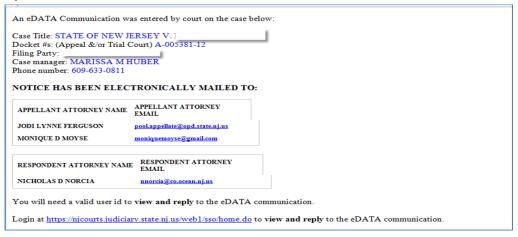
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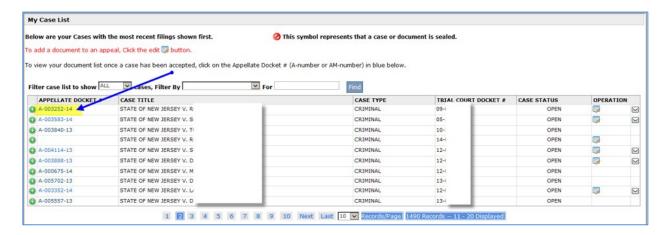
eCourts Appellate Communications

Receiving communications

You will receive an email notification that a communication has been sent by either the Court or your adversary. To review the entire message, you will need to log in to the system.



On the case list page click on the docket number link to open the Docket Information page to view the list of documents.



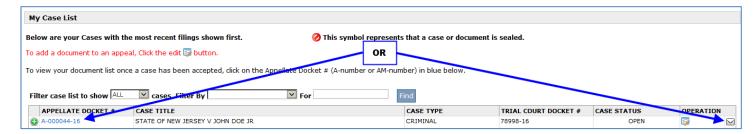
Review the communication.



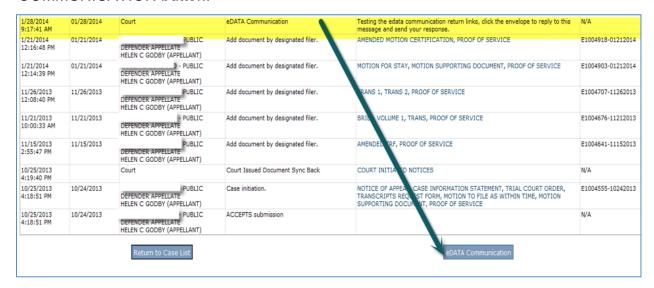
Returning eCourts Appellate Communications

After you have logged in to the system, you can send an eCourts Appellate communication in two ways.

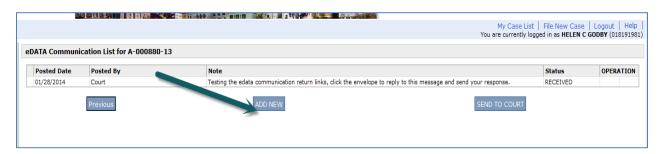
Click on the envelope on your case list OR click on the docket # link to the Docket Information page.



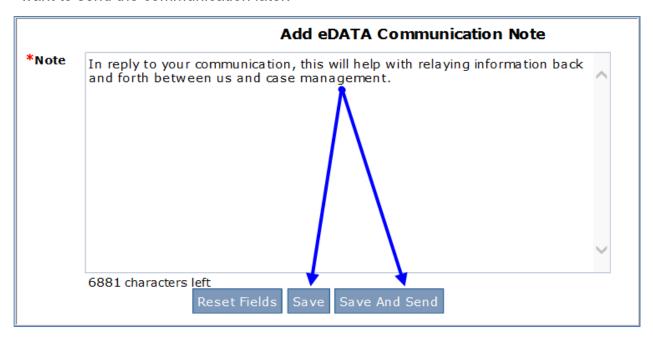
Read the communication from the court and then click the eCourts Appellate COMMUNICATION button.



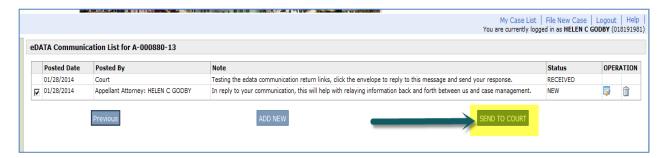
Once either the envelope or the button edata communication is selected, you will be given a list of all communications, if any. Click Add New to initiate a message.



Enter your message and click either Save and Send if you are done or click Save if you want to send the communication later.



If you click Save, you are returned to the eCourts Appellate Communication list. When you are ready to send the communication, select your comment and Click Send to Court.

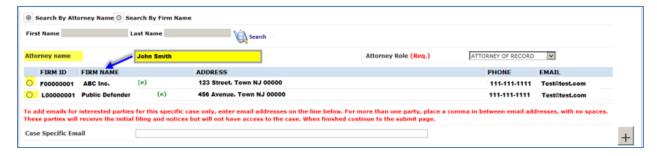


Once sent, the status will be displayed.

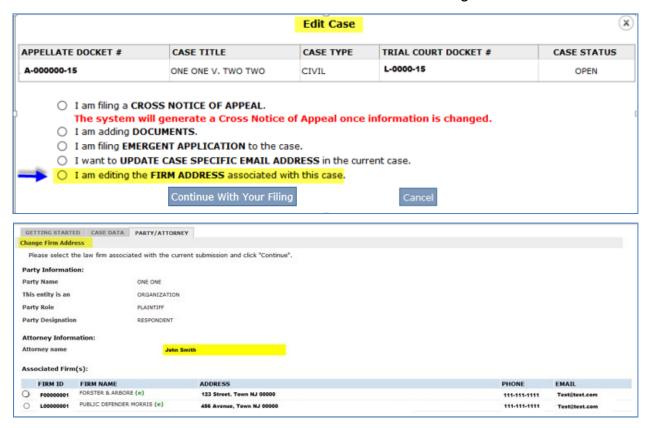


Attorneys associated with multiple firm/businesses address

If an attorney is associated to multiple firms, a list of the firms will display on the List of Parties page and a firm selection will be required in order to proceed with the filing.



<u>Note:</u> If the filing was submitted with the incorrect firm for the attorney, only the attorney with the multiple associations can make the correction in the system. The attorney will have to log in and from the Edit Case popup, **select I am editing the Firm Address associated with this case**. Then click Continue with Your Filing



On the next screen, select the firm that should be associated to the case.

Modifying Case Specific Email

To edit the case specific email originally entered, select "I want to update case specific email address in the current case." from the Edit Case popup options. Click Continue with Your Filing.



Enter the email in the space provided and click continue.

