

eCourts – Attorneys Civil Release Notes – 04.01.22

(Special Civil Part)



The Service Due Date/Default Date calculation for Certified/Regular Mail service on Special Civil Part cases has been updated. Begininng on April 1st, the system will now include an additional 5 days (previously only 3 days were added) into the calculation to fall into accordance with the new delivery guidelines promulgated by the United States Postal Service.



eCourts – Case Management Civil Release Notes – 03.21.22

(All Courts)

Attorneys will now be able to have designees submit filings through eCourts on their behalf. The filing will appear in the same manner as if it were submitted directly by the attorney themselves, with the exception that the designee's ESSO ID will be captured in the "Entered By" column in the Case Jacket:



Filed Date ▼	Filings 💠	Docket Text 🔷	Transaction ID 🝦	Entry Date 💠	Entered By
03/16/2022	0 🖂	CONSENT ORDER submitted by BATZEL, CHARLES, SAMUEL of ANSELL GRIMM & AARON PC on behalf of WILLIAM GONSALEZ against OSY BUSINESS CORP LTD.	SCP202215351	03/16/2022	029262010
03/16/2022	0 🖂	CONSENT ORDER submitted by BATZEL, CHARLES, SAMUEL of ANSELL GRIMM & AARON PC on behalf of WILLIAM GONSALEZ against OSY BUSINESS CORP LTD.	SCP202215353	03/16/2022	newprose413



eCourts – Attorney Release Notes 2/18/2022

(eCourts - Civil Part)



When submitting a complaint, a new MCL case type has been added: Elmiron(638).



eCourts – Attorney Release Notes 12/10/2021

(Special Civil - LT)

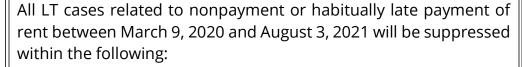


The case jacket access restrictions applied to LT cases related to nonpayment or habitually late payment of rent between March 9, 2020 and August 3, 2021 have been adjusted. Going forward, the attorney of record on the case in addition to any other attorney in that same firm will be able to view the details of the case jacket.



eCourts – Attorney Release Notes 12/01/2021

(Special Civil - LT)





- eCourts Case Jacket
- Judiciary's Electronic Access Program (EAP)
- Judiciary's Public Access Reports (PAR)

Only internal court staff and the attorney/party of record on the case will be able to access the documents from the eCourts Case Jacket.



eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 11/05/2021

(Special Civil - LT)



The following miscellaneous document types have been added to eCourts: Brief, Correspondence and Deficiency Correction.

(Civil)



When submitting a complaint, a new MCL case type has been added: Strattice Hernia Mesh (636).



When submitting an adjournment request, the option to have the system create a template version of the form has been temporarily removed from the system.



eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 10/08/2021

(Civil)



All Name Changes cases filed on or after 09/01/2021 will be suppressed from the Judiciary's Electronic Access Program (EAP) and from the Judiciary's <u>Public Access Reports</u>.



eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 10/04/2021

(Civil)



All Name Changes cases filed on or after 09/01/2021 will be suppressed within the eCourts Case Jacket. Only internal court staff and the attorney(s) of record on the case will be able to access the documents.



eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 09/17/2021

(Special Civil Part - LT)



Attorney filers will now be able to submit all of their LT non-complaint filings through eCourts. For the full list of document types currently available, please consult the eCourts-LT eFiling Options guide.

(General Equity - C)

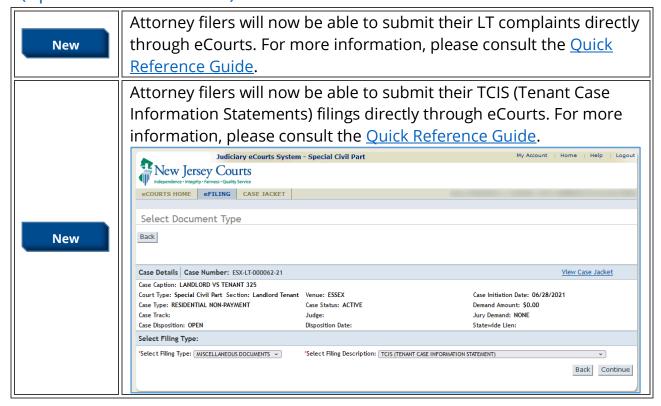


All Chancery ACMS Notices will now be automatically stored to the corresponding case jacket in eCourts.

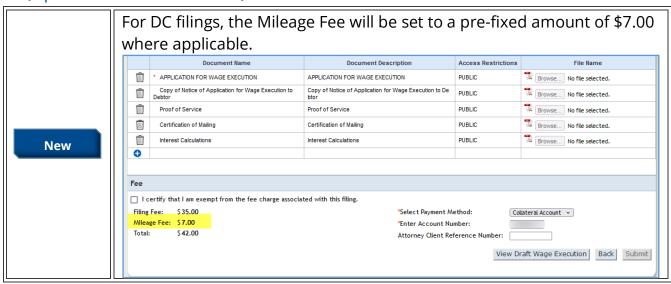


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(Special Civil Part - LT)



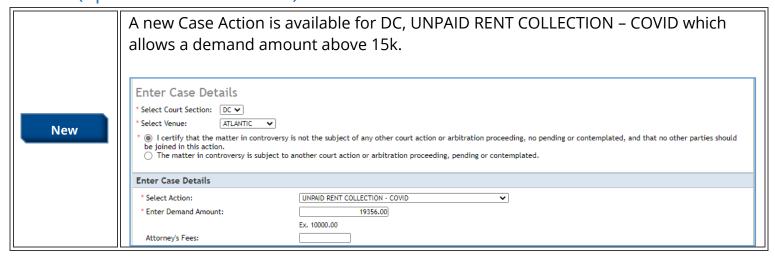
(Special Civil Part - DC)





eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 08/06/2021

(Special Civil Part - DC)





eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 07/23/2021

(Special Civil Part - LT)

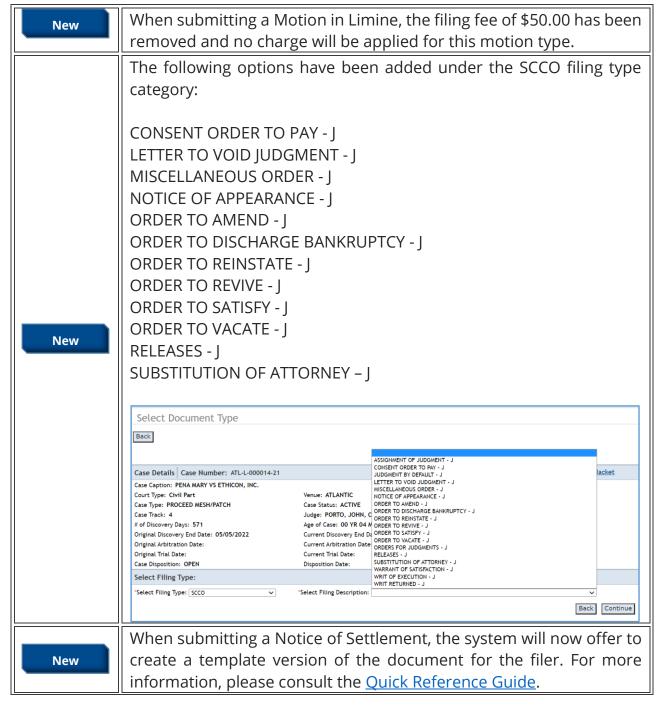


Attorneys will now be able to submit a LCIS (Landlord Case Information Statements) through eCourts. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide.



eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 05/21/2021

(Civil Part)





When submitting an Adjournment Request, the system will now offer to create a template version of the document for the filer. For more information, please consult the <u>Quick Reference Guide</u>.

(Special Civil Part)



(Foreclosure)



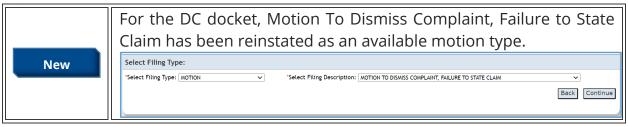


eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 03/19/2021

(Civil Part)



(Special Civil Part)





eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 02/12/2021

(All Courts)



In order to accommodate the need to electronically schedule remote court events and electronic notifications of remote court events, enhancements to the mainframe and web-based systems have been made. As a part of this, in addition to remote, phone, and video, court staff can now enter "PAPER" in the Court Room Number field.



As a result of the change mentioned above, the notification system has also been enhanced to include the "PAPER" option. If court staff select "PAPER" while scheduling, the ensuing notification is going to display the proceeding docket text accordingly.

(General Equity - Chancery)



Notifications generated from backloaded Chancery filings previously identified the court as Special Civil Part. This has been corrected and now properly references the court as General Equity – Chancery division.

(Special Civil Part)



When submitting a new DC complaint, the system will now validate and prevent the filer from inputting a combination of demand amount and attorney fees that exceeds 15K.

Enter Case Details		
* Select Court Section: DC 🗸		
* Select Venue:		
* I certify that the matter in controversy is not the subject of any other court action or arbitration proceeding, no pending or contemplated, and that no other parties should be joined in this action. The matter in controversy is subject to another court action or arbitration proceeding, pending or contemplated.		
Enter Case Details		
* Select Action:	V	
* Enter Demand Amount:	Ex. 10000.00	
Attorney's Fees:	E. 1000.00	
* Jury Demand:	NONE	



eCourts – Foreclosure Attorney Release Notes 12/18/2020

(Foreclosure)



During efiling of Foreclosure cases, 'City' is now a required field when adding a property.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 09/18/2020

(All Courts)

New	The standard notification process for eCourts will now include notices to the party email address, if available.
Fixed	When adding a new party, the party affiliation options available to the user will now be in alignment with the party description of "Individual" or "Business" that was previously selected.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 09/01/2020

(Special Civil Part)

New	A new wage execution template form will be utilized by eCourts, when submitting applications for wage executions.
	Under the "Post Judgment" filing type, a new document description is now available for "Request to Amend Writ" filings.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 08/07/2020

(All Courts)



When adding new parties during complaint and non-complaint filings, an additional field will now display on the "Add Party" popup that will allow the filer to input the party's email address.



5/18/2020

(All Courts)



Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.

(Special Civil Part)



When a writ or wage is stored to the Case Jacket, the Court Officer assignment is included in the docket text.

(Civil Part)



Two Sexual Abuse Claim questions "Plaintiff's date of birth" and "Est. date of first incident of abuse" have been added as additional fields, when a user selects "Yes" to Are Sexual Abuse Claims Alleged?". These fields are available on the complaint and answer filings

(Foreclosure)



In Foreclosure users now have the ablity to file the following Motion types and the respective Motion Responses (crossmotions).

Motion to Strike Answer Complaint Accepted (M61) Motion to Strike Answer for Failure to Answer Interrogatories (MB4)

Motion to Strike Answer and Suppress Defenses (MB9)

Motion to Strike Defendants Answer for Failure (MD5)	
Motion to Strike Claimants Answer (MQ8)	
Motion to Renew Entry of Default Judgment (MR1)	



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 2/07/2020

(Special Civil Part)



Court officers will now have the ability to electronically file the following documents: Personal Service Returns (Reservice), Warrant of Arrest Certification Returns, Writ of Replevin Returns and Execution Returns. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 12/15/2019

(Civil Part)



When filing a new case or submitting an answer, two new fields will display on the Enter Case Details screen. One field will track whether the case alleges violations of the consumer fraud act, and the other field will track whether the case alleges a sexual abuse claim.

(Special Civil Part)



When filing a new case, a new field will display on the Enter Case Details screen. The new field will track whether the case alleges violations of the consumer fraud act.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 11/15/2019

(All Courts)

New	For consolidated cases, all filing types will allow users to add new parties. These new parties will be auto-docketed into ACMS.
Fixed	Information Notices generated from filings against consolidated cases will no longer be forwarded to attorneys who were previously substituted out of the case.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 10/4/2019

(Special Civil Part)



For reference purposes, when court officers are notified by eCourts, the officer's email addresses will now be included in the body of the notification, similar to how the attorney's email addresses are currently listed.

(Civil Part)



The Affidavit of Merit notification process has been expanded to include tracking on transferred malpractice cases.



eCourts – Civil Release Notes 9/6/2019

(Civil Part)



A daily process will now run to generate notices that will be stored to the Case Jacket alerting users that a party has been defaulted.

(Special Civil Part)



Court officers will now receive a daily report/file listing out all of the executions that were assigned to him/her on that particular day.



eCourts – Civil & Foreclosure Release Notes 7/29/2019

All Courts



Information Notifications will now be generated for all consolidated case filings. Previously these notifications were generated for only motion scheduling events.

General Equity - Foreclosure



After August 1st, when an order to reinstate a case is granted, a minimum \$500.00 fee will be charged.

Special Civil Part

	Court Officers will now have the ability to submit Notice of Writ
New	Returns via eCourts. The submission will generate notices to
	eCourts parties on the case.
	When submitting Motion and/or Motion Response filings,
Removed	attorneys will no longer be prompted to enter a Proposed Return
	Hearing Date.

(Back)



6/24/2019

(All Courts)



Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.

(Civil Part)



The Name Change Complaint workflow has been updated. Specifically, filers will no longer need to electronically input the SSN or SBI when adding the petitioner party to the complaint filing. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide.



5/17/2019

(All Courts)

New	Document security has been introduced for Deficiency Correction filings, allowing the filer to set the access restriction level for the documents being submitted. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide .
Enhanced	Within the eCourts Case Jacket, the party status will now be displayed within the Party Details tabs.
Fixed	Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.

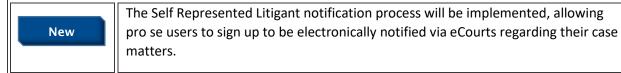


4/29/2019

(All Courts)

New	A new filing category has been added to the system for "SCCO Trust Fund Review" motions. This category will contain 2 motion types: "Motion to Deposit Funds" and "Motion to Withdraw Funds".
Enhanced	For Special Civil and Civil Part cases, the Statewide Lien field in the case details section will now display the actual "DJ" or "J" number, rather than just a "Yes" or "No" value.
Fixed	Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.

(Foreclosure)





eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes 3/31/2019

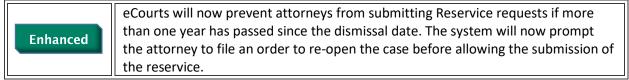
(All Courts)

New	The eCourts Case Jacket will now contain additional information under the "ACMS Documents" tab. Specifically, five new columns related to "Service" information will now be included.
Enhanced	When submitting Motion Response documents, the system will now provide the Transaction ID's of the documents eligible to be linked.
Fixed	Various defects have been addressed and fixed, providing for an improved user experience.

(Civil Part)

New	An "Archived Records" section will now be available via the Case Jacket for select cases. These filings are uploaded by the Superior Court Clerk's Office and are available only to court staff and eCourts registered attorneys.
New	When filing a Verified Complaint/Order to Show Cause, filers will now be required to attach a proposed Order to Show Cause and proposed final order.
Fixed	For Name Change complaints, when adding a party, the Gender field is now an optional entry.
Fixed	The Title 59 and Punative Class Action indicators will now be captured on the eCourts generated CIS for eFiled Complaints and Answers.
Fixed	The "Current Arb Date" and "Current Trial Date" fields within the Case Details section of the Case Jacket will now display the accurate date in all scenarios. Previouly, if one of those dates was adjourned and moved forward, the field did not always reflect the new date.

(Special Civil Part)



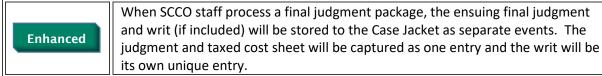


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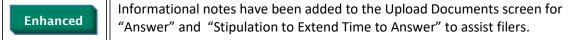
(All Courts)

New	Motion for Order to Delete has been added as a Motion filing type. In the event a party/attorney needs to delete a filing from the eCourts Case Jacket, they can now file this motion to initiate the process.
Enhanced	Motion to Correct Metadata has been re-labeled as Motion to Correct Data.
Fixed	Various bug fixes have been implemented for an improved user experience.
Removed	When adding a party, the select "Corporation Type" dropdown has been removed from the screen.

(Foreclosure)



(Civil Part)





eCourts – Civil- Attorney Release Notes 1/13/2019

(All Courts)



Various bug fixes have been implemented for an improved user experience.

(Civil Part)



For Name Change complaints, when adding a party, the SBI field is now an optional entry.



eCourts – Civil- Attorney Release Notes 12/14/2018

(All Courts)



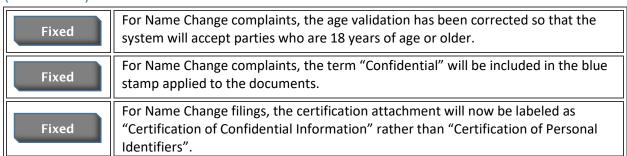
Various bug fixes have been implemented for an improved user experience.

(Special Civil Part)



Users will now be able to submit Order to Show Cause case initiation filings via eCourts. For more information, please consult the <u>Quick Reference Guide</u>.

(Civil Part)





eCourts – Attorney – Civil Release Notes 11/16/2018

(All Courts)



The eCourts Case Jacket will now include additional informational tabs for the following: ACMS Fees and Writs (SCP only)



eCourts – Attorney – Civil Release Notes 10/5/2018

(Public Access)



Public Access to eCourts Case Jacket is now available. The new application provides for a more intuitive and comprehensive search of Civil case information and will replace the current ACMS Public Access. ACMS Public Access will be discontinued on October 22. Please refer to the Quick Reference Guide for more information on eCourts Case Jacket Public Access.



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All Courts

New Features

eFiling - Closed Case or Inactive Party Message

When a user attempts to submit a filing against a closed case or inactive party, the system will display a message to alert the user (Figure 1).

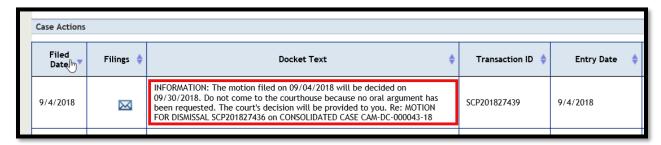
Figure 1



eFiling – Informational Notifications in Consolidated Cases

eCourts will now include informational notifications in the case jacket of all consolidated cases when a motion hearing is scheduled in any of the involved cases (Figure 2). The notifications stored in the other consolidated case jackets will be prefaced "INFORMATION:" indicating that the notification is informational only. Additionally, all electronic filers in each of the consolidated cases will receive an email notification when the informational hearing notice is added to the case jacket.

Figure 2



Bug Fixes

Case Jacket – Missing Date within Docket Text of Motion Result Corrections

The issue where the date of a motion result correction within the docket text was missing has been corrected.

Civil Part

Feature Enhancements

Case Jacket – Document Security in Name Change Complaints

The ability to file a Complaint to Change Name has been restored to eCourts with the introduction of document security restrictions in this case type. Two required documents, the Certification of Personal Identifiers and the Proposed Judgment Addendum (Figure 3) documents will permit a filer to include un-redacted Personally Identifiable Information (PII) necessary in Name Change filings.

Documents with the Access Restriction "Confidential" will only be visible in eCourts to Court staff and to parties on the case. eCourts users who are not a party to the case will be unable to view these documents (Figure 4).

For more information on this enhancement, please see the Quick Reference Guide here.

Figure 3

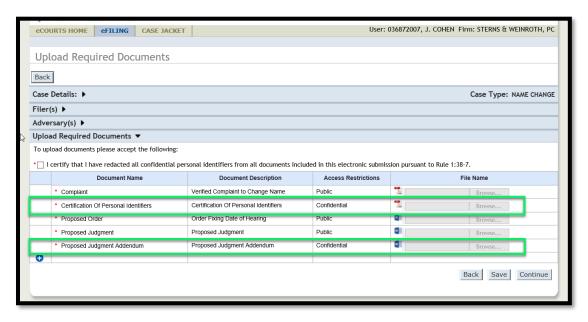
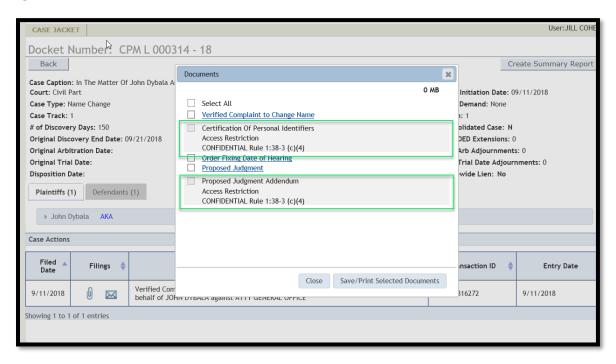


Figure 4



General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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Civil Part

New Features

eFiling – Objection to Affidavit of Merit

Under Miscellaneous Documents, filers will now have the ability to submit an Objection to an Affidavit of Merit.

eFiling – New Case Types

When submitting a complaint, the following case types have been added as filing options:

Physiomesh Flexible Composite Mesh - Case Type Number: 627 Taxotere/docetaxel - Case Type Number: 628 Zostavax - Case Type Number: 629

General

Various Bug Fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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All Courts

Feature Enhancement

eFiling – Time Stamp

Filings which occur Monday-Friday, outside of business hours, will be considered filed on the actual calendar date instead of the next business date. Filings which occur Saturday, Sunday or on a legal holiday/court recess will continue to receive the next business date.

Civil Part

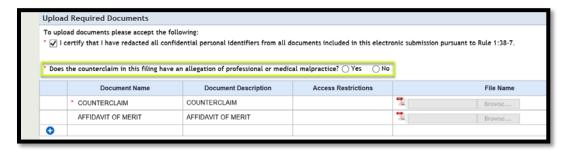
New Features

eFiling – Affidavit of Merit Counterclaim Filings

An Affidavit of Merit notice will generate upon the submission of each counterclaim, answer with counterclaim, or amended answer with counterclaim filing when a filer answers affirmatively to the allegation of malpractice question (Figure 1), until one of the following conditions are met:

- 1. A valid Affidavit of Merit is filed.
- 2. An 'Order to Waive the Affidavit of Merit' (OG0) is Granted.
- 3. The 60 day period to file an Affidavit of Merit has expired.

Figure 1



eFiling - New Document Descriptions

The following document descriptions have been added:

LONG DESCRIPTION	FILING TYPE	CROSS MOTION?
PRE TRIAL MEMO	MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS	N/A
MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES
CERTIFICATION OF TRACK CHANGE	MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS	N/A
MOTION FOR IMMUNITY	MOTION	YES

Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Document Description Revisions

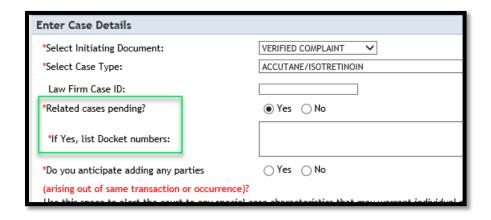
Motion to Bar Testimony has been revised to Motion to Bar. Likewise, Order to Bar Testimony has been revised to Order to Bar.

Motion to Quash Subpoena has been revised to Motion to Quash. Likewise, Order to Quash Subpoena has been revised to Order to Quash.

eFiling - Related Cases Pending

An affirmative response to the "Related cases pending?" question will cause "If Yes, list Docket numbers:" to be a required field (Figure 2).

Figure 2

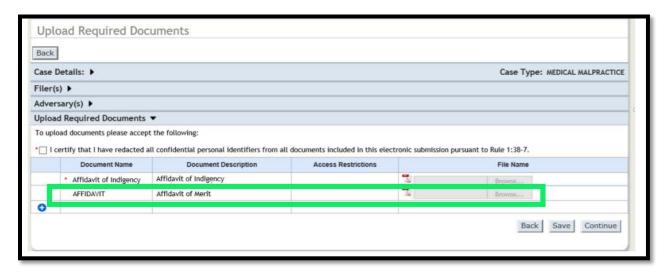


Bug Fixes

eFiling - Affidavit of Merit

In a medical or legal malpractice case, an Affidavit of Merit will display as an optional attachment for all initiating document filing types (Figure 3).

Figure 3



eFiling - Complaint Filing Message

A system message on the "Add an Adversary" screen of a new complaint filing, which had advised about service, was not applicable and has been removed.

eFiling - Complaint to Change Name

The Complaint to Change Name has been removed as an Initiating Document type.

eFiling – Motion Details

When a defendant party is filing a motion, the question "Is this a first pleading?" will no longer maintain a default response and a selection will be required (Figure 4).

Figure 4

Enter Motion Details
Co.
* Are You Requesting Oral Arguments? Yes O No Only if an opposition is filed.
Proposed Return/Hearing Date:
* Is this a first pleading? Yes No

Foreclosure

New Features

eFiling – New Document Descriptions

The following document description has been added:

LONG DESCRIPTION	FILING TYPE	CROSS MOTION?
MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Complaint Filing Message

A system message on the "Add an Adversary" screen of a new complaint filing, which had advised about service, was not applicable and has been removed.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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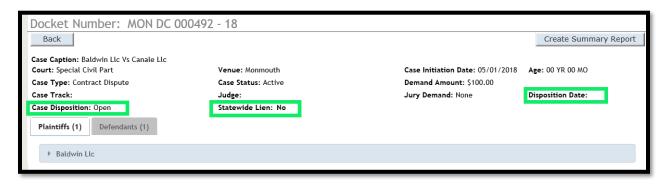
All Courts

New Features

Case Jacket – Additional Case Detail Fields

Additional case detail fields have been added to display case disposition, disposition date, and statewide lien information (Figure 1).

Figure 1



Case Jacket - Statewide Lien Field

The Statewide Lien field will display either a 'Yes' or 'No' value (Figure 2). A 'Yes' value indicates a judgment lien in the case and displays as a hyperlink which, when selected, will display judgment information (Figure 3).

Figure 2

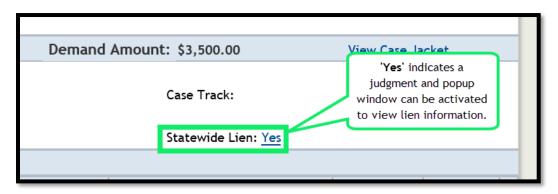
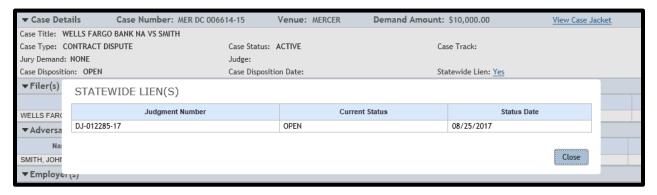


Figure 3



Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Document Dimensions

When submitting a filing, a restriction will now be enforced to reject document uploads where the file dimensions are greater than 8.5 x 11" (Figure 4).

Figure 4

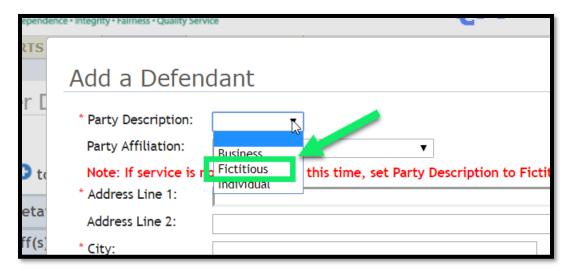


eFiling – Fictitious Description

Filers should indicate a fictitious defendant from the value in the Party Description field (Figure 5). Previously, this designation was selected in the Party Affiliation field.

Additionally, an issue which required a filer to select a Corporation Type when a fictitious description was selected has been corrected.

Figure 5



Civil Part

New Features

eFiling - Abilify

The filing description "Abilify" has been added as a 'Compliant' filing type.

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Case Information Statement

The CIS is now updated upon answering the question, "Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party?" when submitting an Answer filing.

Special Civil

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Fee Exemption

An earlier issue where a user who selected a fee exemption would receive an error message on file submission, has been corrected.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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New Features

eFiling - Motion Linking

A major enhancement to eCourts permits motion-response filings to be linked to an existing motion in a case (Figure 1). The addition of a "Linked Filing(s)" collapsible content heading or 'accordian' allows one to view the original motion and motion response on the same screen (Figure 2) in the Case Jacket. More details on this feature can be found at the Quick Reference Guide here.

Figure 1

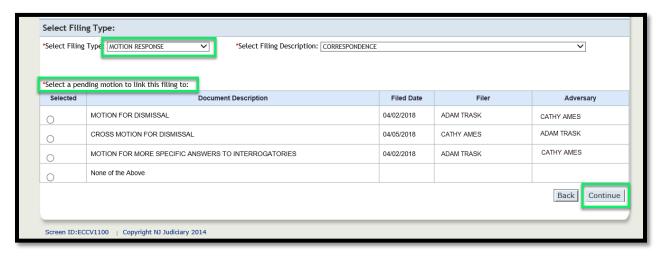
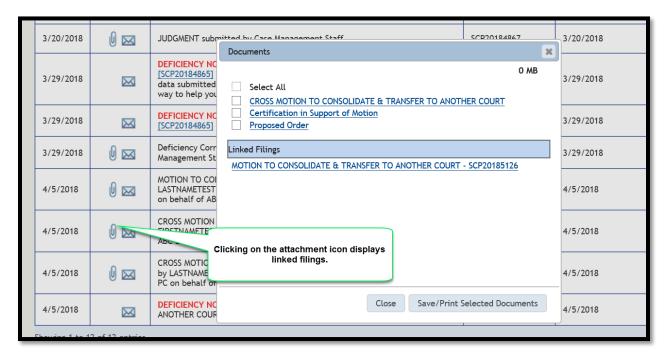


Figure 2



Feature Enhancements

eCourts Home - Support URLs Added

A direct link to access eCourts training resources and release notes has been added to eCourts Contact and Support Information on the eCourts home page (Figure 3).

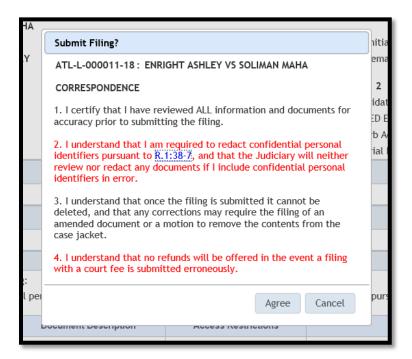
Figure 3



eFiling – Confidential Acknowledgement

Before final submission of a filing, the confirmation message has been modified to include more comprehensive language requiring filers acknowledge responsibility to submit filings which are accurate and free of personal identifiers (Figure 4).

Figure 4



Bug Fixes

Case Jacket – Deficiency and Clerk Notice Notifications

Previously when an attorney was associated with more than one firm, the notifications created by either a deficiency notice or a clerk notice were sent to the email addresses for all of the

associated firms. Notifications will now only be sent to the firm under which the attorney is logged into at that time.

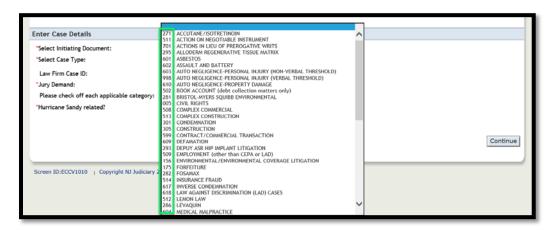
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eFiling - Document Codes

When initiating a new filing, the Select Case Type dropdown will now include the case type numbers before the description name (Figure 5).

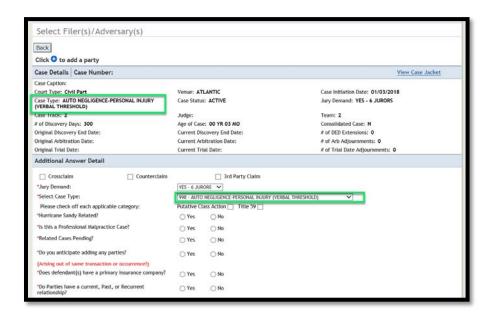
Figure 5



eFiling – Responsive Pleadings

When filing an answer, the Select Case Type field will now default to the case type in the filing details (Figure 6).

Figure 6



Special Civil

New Features

eFiling - SR38/SR39

The Filing Description "SR38/SR39" has been added to the Post Judgment filing type.

eFiling – Motion to Waive Affidavit of Merit

The Filing Descriptions "Motion to Waive Affidavit of Merit" and "Cross Motion to Waive Affidavit of Merit" have been added to the Motion and Motion Response filing types respectively.

Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Notice of Appearance

The system will now collect the required \$30 filing fee for "Notice of Appearance (Other than in Lieu of Answer)" filings filed via the Miscellaneous Documents filing type.

eFiling – Restoration Fee

A Restoration Fee field has been added to "Motion to Restore Answer" and "Motion to Vacate Dismissal" filings.

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Complaint Initiation

The Jury Demand field will default to 'None' rather than '6 Jurors'.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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New Features

eFiling – Motion for Sale of Lands

The filing description "Motion for Sale of Lands" has been added in the 'Motion' filing type.

The filing description "Cross Motion for Sale of Lands" has been added in the 'Motion Response' filing type.

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Null Docket Text

An issue has been fixed where complaints processed through the after-hours queue could have docket text with "null" inserted for the filing type text.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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New Features

Efiling – Filing Type - Motion Response

There has been a major reorganization of the filing descriptions previously contained within the 'Motion Related' filing type. The new filing type titled 'Motion' contains initial motion filing descriptions. Additionally, there is now a filing type labeled as 'Motion Response' for objections, replies and cross motion filings in response to a filed motion. Lastly, some non-motion related filing descriptions have been moved to other filing types.

Efiling – Filing Type - Response to Amended Complaint

The filing description "Response to Amended Complaint" has been added to the 'Responsive Pleadings' filing type.

Feature Enhancements

Efiling – Notifications

Email notifications have been revised to include the actual filing document description or name in the subject line rather than the previous text "Non-Complaint."

Civil Part

New Features

Efiling – Affidavit of Merit

Pursuant the recent Supreme Court ruling, eCourts will provide notification of the Affidavit of Merit filing obligation in 604 Medical Malpractice and 607 Professional Malpractice case types pursuant N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-26. In brief, at the first answer filing, provided an Affidavit of Merit has not yet been filed, the system will generate a notice email to all parties. On the occasion this requirement is still not met 50 days from that answer filing date, the system will generate a second notice. Additionally, an Affidavit of Merit is now a non-required document type when filing either 604 Medical Malpractice or 607 Professional Malpractice complaints or counterclaims.

Feature Enhancements

Efiling – Add a Party

In the Party Affiliation field, "Fictitious Person" has been modified to "Fictitious."

Efiling – Add a Party

Within Complaint filings, address fields (Address Line 1, City, State, etc.) are no longer required entries.

Efiling – Case Details - Late Tort Claims Question

During case initiation, when filing a Notice of Motion there is now a question on the Case Details screen, "Is this a Notice of Motion for Late Tort Claims?" Additionally, 'Proposed Complaint' has been added as a separate required document on the Upload Documents screen if user responds affirmatively to the late tort question.

Efiling – Notice of Appearance

"Notice of Appearance" in the 'Responsive Pleadings' category, will no longer generate a CIS.

Foreclosure

Bug Fixes

Efiling – Notifications

Fields displayed in email notifications have been aligned to match information displayed within the Case Jacket.

Efiling – Notifications

In some cases, street address information was missing within the "Not Electronically Mailed To" section of some notifications when a physical address did exist in the system. This error has been corrected and the address will display properly where it exists.

Efiling – Motion Response

On the Upload Documents screen, the text "Notice of Motion" previously displayed rather than the actual filing description. This has been corrected.

Special Civil

Feature Enhancements

Efiling – Filing Description - Letter of Appearance

The filing description "Letter of Appearance" has been relabeled NOTICE OF APPEARANCE (OTHER THAN IN LIEU OF ANSWER) in the 'Miscellaneous Documents' filing type.

The filing description "Letter of Appearance" has been relabeled NOTICE OF APPEARANCE (IN LIEU OF ANSWER) in the 'Responsive Pleadings' filing type.

Efiling – Upload Document - Interpreter Question

The question regarding the interpreter requirement now has a default response of "No."

Efiling – Statement for Docketing

A request for a Statement for Docketing will now include validation to determine if an active writ or execution exists on a judgment. If so, the judgment will display with a message indicating that writs must be returned.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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Special Civil & Civil Part

Efiling – Add a Party

When adding a new party, the selection of Movant/Adversary will now be required.

Special Civil

Efiling – Application for Wage

An error message that incorrectly indicated that multiple adversaries had been selected has been fixed.

Efiling – After Hours

The confirmation received for after-hours complaint filings has been modified to more accurately indicate the pending nature of such filings.

General

Various bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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Efiling - Motion Related

Informational warnings related to Consolidated Motion Cases have been added.

Efiling – Upload Documents/Filing Type

The Motion Related filing type "Motion to Correct Metadata" has been added as a filing description.

Civil Part

Efiling - Verified Complaint

Name Change Complaint has been disabled as a filing case type until a later date. Such complaints should be filed on paper directly with the court at this time.

Efiling – Motion for Name Change

This motion has been disabled as a filing case type until a later date. Such motions should be filed on paper directly with the court at this time.

Efiling – Answer Filing

Under the Add Answer Detail section, the 'Select Case Type' dropdown field has been added. The selection will default to the description type.

Efiling - Case Details

Three new fields have been added. '# of Discovery Days', 'Age of Case', 'Consolidated Case' – this field will display a Y or N indicator. If Y, a link will display to view consolidated cases.

Efiling – Case Details

When 'Complaint' is selected as the Initiating Document on the Case Details screen, the Jury Demand field will not have a default value. Filers are required to select an option.

Efiling – Upload Documents

The required documents for Judgment by Default under Judgment/Post Judgment Filing Types have changed:

*Judgment by Default (Word, PDF)

Certification in Support (PDF) Proposed Order (Word)

Special Civil

Efiling – Motion Related

Motion to Vacate Default Judgment: the Answer document has a Document Type label of 'Answer', previously it was blank.

Efiling - Motion Related

Motion to Vacate Default Judgment attachment now has the Document Type label of 'Answer'.

Efiling – Add Defendant

Address fields will be required by default unless the Party Affiliation is selected as Fictitious.

Efiling – Fee Calculations

SCCO Post Judgment: If a case has "Jury Request = 6", fees are now calculated correctly for SCCO Post Judgment AND DJ Moton Related/Other filing types.

Efiling – Notifications

Party names will use full name spelling field where applicable.

Miscellaneous - Amended Complaint

'Enter If Applicable' has been removed and a red asterisk added to 'Updated Demand Amount' to indicate the field is required.

Foreclosure

Efiling – Non-Complaint

The Party Type dropdown in the Add Party popup box has a selection for 'Other'.



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Full Name Spelling

When the 'Full Spell' field is utilized, that alternate name text will be used to generate party names for: Writs of Execution against Goods & Chattel, Executions against Wages, Statements for Docketing, Summons, Docket Text, Execution against Wages, and the Case Jacket.

Blue Stamp Validation

Some documents filed after regular processing hours lacked the filing date/time in the system generated blue stamp. The blue stamp now includes date/time of document filing as expected.

Amended Complaint - Mileage Fee

'Mileage Fee' field has been added to indicate court officer mileage fees when filing an amended complaint for Special Civil Part.

Commas Recognized as Decimals

Values entered into the Attorney Fees textbox which included commas were interpreted as decimals by the system. Commas are now ignored.

SCCO Filing Category

An additional filing category called "SCCO" has been added. This allows for the submission of some Civil Part filings directly to the Superior Court Clerk's Office.

Counterclaim and Crossclaim Filing Types

Counterclaim and Crossclaim filing types were previously displayed in the 'Initiating Documents/Existing Filing' category. They now display in the 'Responsive Pleadings' category.

Select Account Number

On the Review and Submit screen, when a filer is exempt and the exemption is "Filing on behalf of the Office of the Public Defender," the Select Account Number textbox can no longer be selected and modified.

Case Type Name Change

The case type "Complaint to Change Name" has been removed as an "Initiating Document" type. Therefore you will not be able to use eCourts to file Name Change Complaints. Please submit these complaints on paper to the appropriate courthouse.

Motion to Cancel – Add Party Function

The Add Party function has been removed from the Motion to Cancel/Discharge and Application for Wage Execution 'Review and Submit' screen.

Missing Property Value Error Messages

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Email Notifications

In reference to eCourts Notifications emails, rather than having a generic subject line of "Non-Complaint" filing, the subject line will now reference the document description of the filing submitted by the attorney.

Special Civil Part

SCCO DJ Motion Related/Other – New Filing Type

To provide users with greater flexibility when filing against statewide lien "DJ" numbers, a new filing category has been added to the system: DJ Motion Related/Other. The following document descriptions have been included in this category:

- 1. Application for Wage Execution DJ
- 2. Objection to Wage Execution DJ
- 3. Warrant for Arrest DJ
- 4. Motion to Vacate DJ
- 5. Motion for Dismissal DJ
- 6. Motion to Turn Over Funds DJ
- 7. Motion to Compel Deposition DJ
- 8. Motion to File Amended Complaint DJ
- 9. Motion to Stay Judgment DJ
- 10. Motion to Compel Answers to Interrogatories DJ
- 11. Motion to Amend Order DJ
- 12. Motion for Order to Show Cause DJ
- 13. Motion for Discovery DJ
- 14. Motion to Pay DJ
- 15. Motion to Enforce Litigants Rights DJ
- 16. Motion to Revive a Judgment DJ
- 17. Motion to Amend Judgment DJ
- 18. Motion to Cancel & Discharge Judgment of Record DJ
- 19. Motion to Reconsider DJ
- 20. Motion to Reinstate Case DJ
- 21. Motion to Relieve Counsel DJ
- 22. Motion to Vacate Default Judgment & Restore DJ
- 23. Objection/Response to Motion DJ
- 24. Withdrawal of Motion DJ
- 25. Certification DJ
- 26. Proof of Service DJ

Civil Part

SCCO – New Filing Type

To provide users with greater flexibility when filing against statewide lien "J" numbers, a new filing category has been added to the system: SCCO. The following document descriptions have been included in this category:

- 1. Assignment of Judgment
- 2. Judgment by Default
- 3. Order for Judgment
- 4. Warrant of Satisfaction
- 5. Writ of Execution
- 6. Writ Returned

Motion Related – New Filing Descriptions

The following motion types have been added to the list of potential filing descriptions:

- 1. Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award
- 2. Motion to Opt In Expedited Civil Action
- 3. Motion to Opt Out Expedited Civil Action

Miscellaneous Documents – New Filing Descriptions

The following miscellaneous document types have been added to the list of potential filing descriptions:

- 1. Adjournment Request
- 2. Letter of Intent to Opt Out Expedited Civil Action
- 3. Objection to Opt Out Expedited Civil Action

Case Details - Discovery End Date

Previously, the Discovery End Date was calculating and displaying incorrectly. This has been fixed and the Discovery End Date will now display an accurate end date in the Case Details section.



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All Courts

Case Jacket – Filing Date

The eCourts notification email generated for documents uploaded by court staff will now reference the Filed Date of the document, rather than the Entry Date of the document.

Case Jacket - Order Notification

In the event there were multiple attorney associations to a particular case, when the court processed order filings, certain parties were not being electronically notified as expected. This issue has been resolved and all attorneys will be notified in this scenario going forward.

Special Civil Part

SCCO Post Judgments - New Document Descriptions

To provide users with greater flexibility when filing against statewide lien Docketed Judgment numbers, the following document descriptions have been added to the SCCO Post Judgment Filing Type category:

- 1. Assignments DJ
- 2. Consent Order to Pay DJ
- 3. Letter to Void Judgment DJ
- 4. Miscellaneous Order DJ
- 5. Notice of Appearance DJ
- 6. Order to Amend DJ
- 7. Order to Discharge Bankruptcy DJ
- 8. Order to Reinstate DJ
- 9. Order to Revive DJ
- 10. Order to Satisfy DJ
- 11. Order to Vacate DJ
- 12. Releases DJ
- 13. Return Writ Satisfied DJ
- 14. Substitution of Attorney DJ

eFiling – Request for Statement for Docketing

As a forewarning to filers, eCourts will now display a message on the "Select Venue Judgment" screen during the Request for Statement for Docketing filing process, letting the filer know that if any active executions exist against the judgment, they must be returned before their request can be processed.

Note: This message is only for informational purposes, and the system will not prevent the user from continuing with the filing.

Civil Part

eFiling - Amended Answer with Jury Demand in Document Description

When jury demand is selected for an Amended Answer the document description will now display as 'Amended Answer w/Jury Demand.'



eFiling - Submit a Motion - Fee Exemption Error

When submitting a motion with a fee exempt reason, an error message was displaying. The error message will no longer display when selecting fee exemption reasons.

eFiling - Jury Demand Selection - Yes 12 - Jurors

When "Yes -12 Jurors" is selected from the dropdown list, the selection will be in all caps to be consistent with the other 2 values in the list.



eFiling - Is this a First Pleading - Party Type 'Other'

When filing a Motion to Intervene if a Party is added as "Other" then the question "Is this a first pleading?" will not be displayed in the Enter Motion Details tab. This question only applies to movant party types of 'Defendant' or 'Respondent.'

eFiling - Stipulation of Settlement - No Fee

When Stipulation of Settlement filing description is selected under Miscellaneous Documents filing type, no filing fee will be required.

Case Jacket - Jury Demand to Display as 12-Jurors

If a case has a Jury Demand selection of 12-Jurors, it will now display appropriately in the Case Jacket as 12 Jurors.



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eFiling

JACS Account Validation (Civil)

If the user is submitting a filing that has no fee or is fee exempt the system will no longer validate whether the user (attorney) has a valid JACS account

Motions - Docket Number with Case Year 2000 (Civil)

The system will now accept motion filings submitted against docket numbers with a case year of '00', and will no longer return an error message upon submission.

Add a Filer - Partial Address

The filer's address is not required when submitted by an attorney. However, if a partial address is entered, the system will now require entry of the complete address.

3rd Party Complaint - Add a Party

Add a Party is now allowed for 3^{rd} party complaints within the Initiating Documents category on an Existing Case.



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E-Filing

Deficiency Notice Notification

The Transaction ID link located in the docket text of a deficiency notice email notification has been corrected and now links back to the original deficient filing from the Case Jacket.



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eFiling

County of Incident Removed from Enter Case Details screen

The County of Incident field and dropdown menu have been removed from the Enter Case Details screen when filing a Complaint.

New text next to Oral Argument question added

For motion filings, in the Enter Motion Details section, there is new text next to the "Are you requesting Oral Arguments?" question. The new text states, "No appearance is required unless you are contacted by the court".

Removing abbreviation "FL"

"FL" (Full Name Spell) abbreviation will be removed from Statement for Docketing form. Only the full name, without the FL prefix, will appear. The change will be applicable regardless of party type.



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Saving pending complaint: System will retain collateral account selected

E-Filing

New Motion Details

Motions filed after 8pm Monday-Thursday or Friday 8pm through Sunday will receive a "Filed Date" of the next business day.

Previously, the Enter Motion Details section contained one mandatory question regarding an Oral Argument Request, as well as an optional question regarding inputting a Proposed Hearing/Return Date. Two additional mandatory fields will be added to this section, one question in reference to whether or not the filing is a Cross Motion, and another field where the filer will need to indicate the Proof of Service Date.

Application for Wage: Update Debtor Address

When filing an Application for Wage Execution, attorneys will now have the ability to update a debtor's address during the filing process. From the Select Movant/Adversary screen, a Modify link will be available, where filers can update the Debtor's address, so that it reflects accurately when the system generates the wage form.

Add a Party - Defendant Address Updates

When adding a new defendant to a DC case, if the filer inputs data into one of the address fields (eg. City field), then the system will require that all of the address fields be completed, preventing incomplete addresses from being submitted.

Multi-Filing Function Update

In the event an attorney filer attempts to submit the same filing to multiple cases, he/she will now be required to file against at least 2 docket numbers.

Physical Mailing address will be populated for Not Notified Parties

In the event eCourts can not notify a party electronically, the email notification has been updated to now include the party's physical address for reference.

Saving pending complaint: System will retain collateral account selected

In the event a complaint is saved prior to submission, the system will now retain the collateral account selected by the user.