

NOTICE TO THE BAR

Expansion of eCourts to Civil

The Judiciary's eCourts system, which is an approved electronic filing and record keeping system pursuant to Rule 1:32-2A, has been operational in Criminal since 2014, in the Tax Court since 2015, for foreclosure cases in General Equity since 2016, and in the Special Civil Part (DC cases) also since 2016. All New Jersey attorneys in good standing who have completed their Annual Attorney Registration online can use eCourts in these case types. At present, attorneys must have a Judiciary Account Charge System (JACS) account to electronically file documents that require a fee. Information on establishing a JACS account is at <https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/jacs.html>.

This Notice is to advise that electronic filing in the Civil Part ("eCourts Civil") is being launched on a vicinage-by-vicinage basis, with all counties scheduled to be able to accept electronic filings by the end of December 2017. Attorneys who seek to file statewide judgment lien documents on Civil Part matters with the Office of the Superior Court Clerk may also electronically file those documents in eCourts Civil, with the exception of an enforcement motion filed in the vicinage under the judgment docket number ("J" docket). At present, eCourts Civil is operational in the Mercer and Middlesex Vicinages. Attorneys therefore are invited to submit Civil pleadings and related documents electronically using eCourts in those two counties. Additional counties will be added on a rolling basis.

FAQs and guides on the use of eCourts Civil, a schedule of eCourts Civil availability in each county, and dates of live demonstrations for attorneys and their staff are available at <https://www.njcourts.gov/attorneys/ecourts.html>. Please contact Angie Stephens of the Automated Trial Court Services Unit at 609-633-2233 or Angie.Stephens@njcourts.gov to arrange for attendance at a demonstration session.

Questions regarding eCourts Civil may be directed to Taironda Phoenix, Chief, Civil Court Programs, by email at taironda.phoenix@njcourts.gov or by phone at 609-292-8471.

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