

NOTICE TO THE BAR

FILING OF DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY USING A JUDICIARY-AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM – SUPREME COURT RELAXATION OF RULE 1:5-6


The New Jersey Judiciary's eCourts system, which is an approved electronic filing and record keeping system pursuant to Rule 1:32-2A, is operational in Criminal, Tax Court, foreclosure cases in General Equity, the Special Civil Part (DC cases), and Civil. Effective immediately, the Supreme Court has supplemented and relaxed Rule 1:5-6 ("Filing") so as to:

- provide for the electronic filing of documents through eCourts;
- provide that documents filed through eCourts are deemed filed upon receipt into the system;
- provide that filers who electronically file nonconforming documents may be advised by deficiency notice of the nonconformity and any requirement to correct;
- require the filing of a motion in order to correct documents improperly submitted under the wrong docket number, county of venue or division, or with incorrect or missing metadata, except as otherwise provided in Rule 6:1-3, whether the document is filed on paper or electronically filed through eCourts; and
- provide that refunds of filing fees shall only be made by court order.

Further, electronic filing of documents as authorized by the Court's Order shall apply only to those attorneys who are required to file electronically and who are registered as participants in eCourts; for all other parties, all other provisions of Rule 1:5-6 shall continue to apply.

The Court's November 15, 2017 Order supplementing and relaxing Rule 1:5-6 is published with this Notice to the Bar.

Questions regarding the Court's Order may be directed to Superior Court Clerk Michelle M. Smith at michelle.smith@njcourts.gov or 609-815-2900 ext. 54200.



Glenn A. Grant, J.A.D.
Acting Administrative Director of the Courts

Dated: December 13, 2017

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

In furtherance of the New Jersey Judiciary's ongoing development and implementation of electronic filing system-wide, pursuant to N.J. Const. Art. VI, sec. 2, par. 3, it is ORDERED that, effective immediately and until further order, the provisions of Rule 1:5-6 ("Filing") of the Rules Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey shall be supplemented and relaxed as follows: (1) to provide for the electronic filing of documents using an approved electronic filing system pursuant to Rule 1:32-2A where that electronic filing system records that an automated notice of filing has been generated and transmitted; (2) to provide that documents filed through an approved electronic filing system are deemed filed upon receipt into the system; (3) to provide that filers who electronically file nonconforming documents may be advised by deficiency notice of the nonconformity and any requirement to correct; (4) to require the filing of a motion in order to correct documents improperly submitted under the wrong docket number, county of venue or division, or with incorrect or missing metadata, except as otherwise provided in Rule 6:1-3, whether the document is filed on paper or electronically filed through an approved electronic filing system; and (5) to provide that refunds of filing fees shall only be made by court order.

Electronic filing of documents as authorized by this order shall apply only to those parties who are required to file electronically and who are registered as participants in the approved electronic filing system; for all other parties, the provisions of Rule 1:5-6 shall continue to apply.

For the Court,



Chief Justice

Dated: November 15, 2017