NOTICE TO THE BAR

TAX COURT – OPTION TO PAY FILING FEES BY CREDIT CARD; PROCESSING FEE FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

As of October 1, 2019, attorney filers will have the option to pay Tax Court filing fees by credit card. Credit card payments will be accepted using VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or any card that contains the VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express logo. A standard processing fee will be assessed for credit card payments to the Tax Court, with the processing fee calculated based on the amount of the filing fee using a percentage-based approach established by the Supreme Court.

Attorneys may still pay filing fees to the Tax Court by using the Judiciary Account Charge System (JACS), which does not have the additional processing fee.

The shift to a percentage-based processing fee when a credit card is used is part of the Judiciary's implementation of the new State contract for credit card processing services. The online customer payment pages for credit card transactions also have been modified as part of the rollout of the new system.

The addition of the credit card option means that the customer payment page for the Tax Court will have a different appearance as of October 1, 2019.

Questions regarding credit card processing fees assessed in conjunction with Tax Court filing fees may be directed to Cheryl A. Ryan, Tax Court Clerk, at <u>Cheryl.Ryan@njcourts.gov</u> or at 609-815-2922, option 1.

In the coming months, the Judiciary will be providing self-represented litigants the ability also to file electronically in the Tax Court. A separate notice will be issued when electronic filing (and electronic payment options) are extended to non-attorney filers in the Tax Court.

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