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Phase 1 begins October 1 in the implementation of the electronic court record in Juvenile cases

On Monday, October 1 the Clerk of the Court's Office will officially begin Phase 1 in transitioning from paper records to an electronic court record (ECR) in the juvenile case type. This means the paper documents received will no longer be placed into a hard copy file and stored on a shelving unit. Instead, paper documents will be scanned, audited, and disposed of after a series of quality checks are performed. The ECR will be the official court record.

"Implementing the ECR in juvenile cases is another major step in increasing our efficiency and improving our service," Clerk of the Court Michael Jeanes said. "It will eliminate the need to maintain hard copy files and we will no longer need to file and store thousands of paper juvenile documents. A special thank you goes out to each person who contributed to make this important initiative happen."

The Office first implemented the ECR on January 1, 2007 in adult case types. The Juvenile ECR will be implemented in four phases beginning October 1 and will continue through 2013. Phase 1 includes: 1) scanning of all newly-filed documents in Guardianship cases; and 2) scanning of signed minute entries types and auto filing of unsigned minute entries in all Juvenile case types. Existing Guardianship cases will include both the newly-filed electronic documents as of October 1, 2012 and all previously filed paper documents through September 30, 2012. In addition, minute entries in all Juvenile case types as of October 1, 2012 will be available only in the ECR. Approximately 100 guardianship documents are filed with the Office per day.

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Phase II of the implementation will be in seven case types: Adoption Certification (AC), Adoptions (JA), Severance of Parental Rights (JS), Relinquishment of Parental Rights (JI and JR), Emancipation (JE) and Protective Orders (JP); Phase III will be in Dependency cases (JD), and will include electronically transmitting juvenile cases on appeal via the Court to Court application; and the final phase will include Delinquency cases (JV).

The project does not change the confidentiality of juvenile records. Access to records remains the same, only the format is changing. Juvenile records are available at the Clerk of the Court's juvenile facilities at [Durango](#) and in [Mesa](#).

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