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Drop Boxes

Effective, Jan. 3, 2006, the attorney minute entry drop boxes in the Clerk's distribution center were discontinued. Attorneys who picked up their minute entries from the drop boxes will now receive them via regular mail, or may sign up to receive their minute entries electronically.

Over 3,300 attorneys in Maricopa County currently receive their minute entries via email from the Clerk's Minute Entry Electronic Distribution System (MEEDS). MEEDS has proven to be a fast, reliable and efficient way for legal counsel to save time and improve communication in their cases at Superior Court. To sign up for electronic distribution of minute entries, please download the form at <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/faxondemand/111.pdf>, or contact the Clerk's Office distribution center at 602-506-7773.

New Rule Reminders

Remember, effective Jan. 1, 2006, the new Arizona Family Law Rules of Procedure (AFLRP) 43(G) requires a sensitive data form be completed and filed in conjunction with various family court pleadings. The Clerk's Office will not review filings to ensure this protected information does not appear in the filing, leaving the burden of careful review on the parties or filing attorneys. Additionally, the Clerk will not reject filings for having protected information contained within them.

AFLRP 47(I) defines a statewide procedure to establish a temporary child support order, which effectively duplicates that process in Maricopa County (as defined in Superior Court Administrative Order 2005-008). As a result, the Superior Court vacated Order 2005-008 to allow all filing parties to follow the procedure in the new rules, effective Jan. 1, 2006. Likewise, the Clerk will no longer accept Child Support Information Forms submitted as part of the Order 2005-008 process. To review Admin. Order 2005-190 establishing this change, visit <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/adminOrders/2005/admin2005.asp>

E-filing Update

E-filing is expanding in general civil court! Beginning January 2006, four additional divisions will join the electronic filing pilot in Superior Court. Judges Dunevant, Hilliard, Katz, and Schneider will begin designating cases by minute entry to take part in the pilot. If your case is selected, you will receive a minute entry on the case indicating when e-filing will be available and when it will become mandatory. Only cases notified by minute entry of their participation in the pilot are allowed to electronically file. As the Clerk and Court continue to test the functionality and reliability of the e-filing system, the pilot will continue to expand into more divisions.

The Clerk's Office conducts monthly one-hour e-filing demonstrations for general civil cases. Upcoming demonstrations are scheduled for Jan. 18 and Feb. 15, from 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., in the Clerk's training room. The training room is located on the 2nd floor of the Central Court Building, 201 W. Jefferson St. in Phoenix. More information and training dates are available at <http://eventures.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/GenCVE-File.pdf>