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## American Express Now Accepted

**L**aw firms, attorneys and individuals can now pay filing fees and other costs using American Express. The Clerk's Office has accepted Visa and MasterCard as payment for several years, but was unable to accept American Express until recent changes to the office's financial systems were completed. In situations where cash is not required, American Express can be used as a payment option at all Clerk of the Superior Court filing counters and over the phone for eFiling fees.

## Lengthy Trial Fee

**A**s part of implementing the AZTurboCourt system, the Supreme Court will soon release an updated listing of document types where the lengthy trial fee is assessed. The lengthy trial fee was established in statute and court rule to cover the added expenses of jurors who sit for trials that last longer than 5 days in any state court. The \$15 fee applies to those filings or case types that most often require the most resources from the courts. The Supreme Court will distribute the list of document types that incur the fee and courts throughout Arizona will update their fee schedules. Check the Clerk's website, Twitter feed and account on Facebook, which will publicize when the updated fee schedule is posted.

## ECR Registrations

**T**he Electronic Court Record Online (ECR Online) is an efficient way to review the image of documents filed in the Superior Court. After completing a one-time registration, attorneys may view documents online of filings in the public record on cases where they are a party or the attorney of record. However, the Clerk's Office must verify the identity of the user registering in the ECR Online system. The Clerk's Office verifies identity by an automated comparison of information between the ECR Online registration profile and Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) records. The ECR Online registration information must match MVD records exactly or the registration will not be confirmed. Clerk staff do not have access to MVD records to determine where an inconsistency exists. If an attorney cannot be confirmed online, the attorney must appear in person at a Clerk's Office filing counter with government-issued picture identification and a printout of the completed registration form to complete the registration process. Clerk staff have to verify the picture ID matches the person at the counter, meaning the attorney will have to personally appear to complete the registration process. Support staff, runner services, other attorneys, etc. cannot complete the registration on behalf of the attorney.