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ECR Online is Here

After “beta” testing and feedback, the Electronic Court Record Online (ECR Online) is now available for registration. Over 500 attorneys registered with the system during the testing period. Access to ECR Online allows attorneys to view documents filed on their own cases and cases on which members of their firm are the attorney of record. The registration system automatically compares the registrant’s driver’s license number against a Motor Vehicles Department database to verify identity. If an attorney chooses not to provide a driver’s license number or the information does not match, the attorney can verify their identity at the Clerk’s filing counters at the Downtown Phoenix Central Court Building, located at 201 W. Jefferson St.

Registration for the program is available at the ECR Online website: <https://ecr.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/login.aspx>. eFiling vendors offer expanded document viewing, extending the scope of documents available beyond those where the attorney is the attorney of record. Vendor information is available at <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/efiling/default.asp>.

Mandatory eFiling Update

Over 30 attorneys and support staff attended the recent town hall-style meetings hosted at the Maricopa County Bar Association. The lively dialogue ranged from attorneys who support and expected mandatory eFiling long before now to those who would prefer not to eFile. However, most participants at the open forums asked questions related to preparing to eFile, rather than voicing concerns about the status of eFiling as voluntary versus mandatory. The eFiling survey results, meeting feedback, and other input will be reported to the Arizona Supreme Court for their consideration of the future of eFiling in Arizona. An expanded summary of the recent meetings will be published in the Clerk’s Corner article in the March edition of the *Maricopa Lawyer*. The Clerk’s Office will continue providing updates on the status of eFiling in the Superior Court in Maricopa County.

Civil Cover Sheet

Pursuant to Maricopa County local rule 3.1(a), Plaintiffs are required to file a civil cover sheet with the Clerk when filing a civil action. The civil cover sheet changes periodically and the most recent form is available on the Clerk’s website and at all civil filing counters. Using the most recent form enhances case management for the court and improves the speed of service at the Clerk’s filing counters. For more information on forms available at the Clerk’s Office, visit <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/faxondemand/CATALOG.htm>