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South Court Tower

The South Court Tower is now complete and operational. The first move, involving the RCC/EDC, Criminal Exhibits (including exhibits from the Southeast Court in Mesa), and Grand Jury Services took place during President's Day weekend. These operations are now located on the 4th floor of the Tower. The second move, consisting of the criminal file counters and courtroom clerks assigned to criminal case types, took place the following weekend. The criminal file counters are now located on the 12th floor of the Tower. Courtroom and hearing assignments have begun in the new Tower. Check your minute entries for case-specific details and look for more information directly from Superior Court regarding new facilities, offices and services available at the new Tower. The address of the South Court Tower is 175 W. Madison, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Civil Filings & Drop Boxes

In preparation for the Clerk's Central Court and West Court 1st floor remodel project, the Civil file counters and filing drop boxes (which includes the internal document depository boxes and the Distribution external pick-up boxes) will be relocated to the Family file counter area in Central Court effective March 5, 2012. This does not change the location of the after-hours external depository box located on the West side of the County Administration building on 4th Avenue.

Arbitrator Filings

Mandatory eFiling of most documents through AZTurboCourt in civil cases started one year ago. Attorneys are periodically appointed by the court to act as arbitrators or special masters in civil cases and must also eFile through AZTurboCourt. When eFiling in this capacity, remember to check the box in the first section in AZTurboCourt that says, "I have been appointed by the Court to act as a Special Master or Arbitrator in this case." Doing so bypasses the otherwise automatic form set fee, saving you future calls and follow-up in those cases.

Centennial Event

Valentine's Day is historically the highest volume day for the Clerk's Office to issue marriage licenses. This year nearly 100 couples took things a step farther and tied the knot on Arizona's Centennial of Statehood, which also happened to be Valentine's Day. Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch performed the ceremony on the steps of the State Courts Building while hundreds of friends, family and guests looked on and cheered.



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