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State moves toward eFiling

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is moving forward with its plans for a single, statewide eFiling portal through www.azturbocourt.gov. The web-based portal is currently available for limited paper filings in the Justice Courts in Maricopa, Pima, Pinal and Cochise Counties. AZTurboCourt will allow eFiling of subsequent (not case-initiating) documents in the civil case type in the Superior Court in Maricopa County before becoming available in other case types and in other jurisdictions. Specific dates have not been announced.

In preparing for expansion, the AOC will join the Clerk's Office in the next eFiling CLE offered by the State Bar of Arizona on Tuesday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the State Bar's offices in Phoenix. Participants will learn to use the Clerk's existing eFiling system and will get a first look at the AZTurboCourt product, its scope, use and other details about implementation. To register for this training, visit www.myazbar.org and search the CLE calendar.

Law Day Webinar

In cooperation with the Holocaust Museum and the Arizona Supreme Court, the Clerk's Office is a participating location in the Law Day presentation of "Law, Justice, and the Holocaust: What You do Matters," a statewide webcast. Dr. William Meinecke from the Washington, D.C. Holocaust Museum will speak at the program on Friday, April 30, 2010. This webinar explores how the justice system failed Germany prior to and during World War II. A panel discussion with local experts will consider the lessons learned from this period in Germany's legal history, the prospects of this happening again, and whether safeguards are in place to prevent such events in America. This presentation explores how decisions made by individuals really do matter.

The legal community is encouraged to participate in this event from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at various locations around the state or at the Clerk's administrative offices in downtown Phoenix, located at 620 W. Jackson St., Suite 3017.

Making the Case for eFiling

In the first eight months of this fiscal year, the number of eFilings has more than doubled over the total eFilings of the entire fiscal year last year. The number of civil and criminal eFilings are split nearly equally, with family court eFilings accounting for a small fraction of all eFiling. With increases in total filings over the last few years, customers have increasingly taken to the speed and convenience of eFiling. The Clerk's Office continues to work internally and throughout the state to support the benefits of electronic filing.