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## eFiling in Family Court

The Clerk's Office anticipates accepting eFilings in Family Court by the end of the summer. eFiling is still a pilot project in Maricopa County, and expansion generally progresses in a limited number of divisions by phases. eFiling in Family Court will begin in three divisions. For a list of participating eFiling divisions and for more information, visit the Clerk's eFiling website at <https://efiling.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/help/edivisions.asp>. The participating family court divisions will be added to this page when implemented. The Clerk's Office continues to offer monthly demonstrations of the eFile system at the Downtown Justice Center in Phoenix. For the dates of future demonstrations, visit <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/news/CV%20E-File%20Dates-Map.pdf>.

## Other Filing Options

In fiscal year 2007, the Clerk's Office installed two new filing depository boxes. An external box at the Northwest Regional Court Center located in Surprise, and an internal filing depository box at the Northeast Regional Court Center located near the intersection of Highway 51 and Union Hills.

External filing boxes are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and are located at the entrances of the Southeast Court in Mesa, the Northeast Court in Phoenix, the Northwest Court in Surprise, and in the Madison Street parking garage in Downtown Phoenix. Internal filing boxes are available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and are located in the downtown Phoenix distribution center in the West Court Building; at the Probate Office in the Old Courthouse; in the family court filing counter lobby in the Central Court Building; and in the Southeast, Northeast, and Northwest Regional Court Center lobbies.

In fiscal year 2007, there were 40,549 filings in the external boxes and 162,303 filings in the internal boxes.

## Child Support Reminder

The Clerk's Office processes a high volume of filings in child support cases. These include both non-IV-D and filings that fall under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The legislature passed House Bill 2248, requiring an annual \$25.00 fee for DES-provided child support services on behalf of parties who have never received state or tribal TANF assistance. If the child support recipient receives at least \$500 of support during the federal fiscal year, the Department of Economic Security will collect the fee from subsequent support collected. The legislation went into effective upon signature of the governor on June 13, 2007.