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No paper accepted in Civil Filings 9/1/2011

To secure compliance with its directive for attorneys to eFile in civil cases in the Superior Court in Maricopa County, the Supreme Court will direct the Clerk's Office by Administrative Order not to accept paper filings from attorneys in civil cases, effective September 1, 2011. Civil cases must still be initiated on paper; however, subsequent documents must be eFiled through AZTurboCourt unless an exception defined in a Supreme Court Administrative Order applies. Attorneys who have not yet done so are encouraged to register and file through AZTurboCourt now, as it can take days to establish an eFiling account due to the requirements of assigning roles in the eFiling system and to verify payment accounts before an eFiling can be submitted. Register with AZTurboCourt online at: <http://www.azcourts.gov/Default.aspx?alias=www.azcourts.gov/azturbocourtinformation>.

What will happen to paper docs?

The following procedures will carry out the Court's directive for enforcement: File counter clerks will return attorney-submitted post-initiation civil case paper documents to the person presenting them at the file counter and provide a notice that the document must be eFiled through AZTurboCourt. Attorney-submitted post-initiation civil case paper documents received by U.S. Mail or in the depository boxes will be discarded. The submitting attorney will be notified by email that the paper document was discarded without being filed, pursuant to the Supreme Court's Administrative Order (AO) and that the document must be eFiled through AZTurboCourt. A copy of the AO will be attached to the email notification and a copy of the email will be sent to the Administrative Office of the Courts for compliance monitoring. The Clerk's Office will have a form available for attorneys to request a good cause eFiling exception from the Superior Court.

Stipulations

Stipulations for Dismissal, which used to be signed by the Clerk as an administrative process in the paper world, are now electronically routed to the assigned judge's division when eFiled. For this reason, it is imperative that the signature line on eFiled Stipulations for Dismissal be formatted for the judge's signature, not the Clerk's.

Record on Appeal

The Clerk's Office has been expanding the electronic record on appeal since August of 2009. The Clerk's Office is now transmitting the record on appeal in the criminal case type. To further enhance the electronic record on criminal appeal cases, public defense agencies as well as private defense counsel now access the superior court record on appeal, including the index, through a CD-ROM. This method replaces the former paper process and only applies to public and private attorneys representing a client whose criminal case is on appeal from the Superior Court in Maricopa County to the Court of Appeals, Division One. Access to public records will remain available from the Clerk's Public Access Terminals located around the Valley as well as through the Electronic Court Record Online (ECR Online). Additionally, death penalty cases and election challenges to the Arizona Supreme Court are now being transmitted electronically.

New child support calculator

The Child Support Guidelines adopted pursuant to Supreme Court [Administrative Order 2010-116](#) went into effect on June 1st. The new guidelines are effective for all child support orders, whether original orders or modifications of previous orders, entered after May 31, 2011, except in cases of default or as otherwise agreed upon by the parties. The updated guidelines and schedule can be found at <http://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw>. Instructions for downloading an Excel version of the child support calculator are available by emailing Don Vert at Vertd@cosc.maricopa.gov.