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ELECTRONIC FILING IS NOW AVAILABLE STATEWIDE IN CIRCUIT COURTS

As of March 8, 2023, litigants will be able to submit filings electronically in all circuit courts in Arkansas. In his 2017 State of the Judiciary speech, Chief Justice John Dan Kemp announced a vision of eFiling availability in every judicial circuit by the end of 2025. “I am proud to announce that today electronic filing is live in every circuit court in the State of Arkansas,” said Marty Sullivan, director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, adding that, “with the addition of Randolph County, we met the Chief’s goal more than two years ahead of schedule.”

The electronic filing system allows for attorneys and self-represented litigants to file court documents online. There are over 6,700 registered users of the electronic filing system. With the eFiling system, litigants may file a new case in select counties or file documents on an existing case in every county.

Use of the electronic filing system increases the efficiency of the court, timeliness, and availability of information to court participants. Attorneys can file online at any time without the need to travel to the courthouse, decreasing time and reducing cost. Clerks can process filings and judges can file orders anytime from anywhere.

The first court to go live with eFiling was Pulaski County Circuit Court on March 19, 2012. Hot Spring County Circuit Court and the Arkansas Supreme Court/Court of Appeals followed in 2015. In 2020 with the Covid-19 pandemic, there was a significant increase in demand for electronic filing across the state. The AOC responded with an expedited implementation plan called “eFiling Lite,” which simplified the process by forgoing the setup of the electronic payment feature. These courts require the conventional method for the case initiating documents and subsequent filings that require a fee. After the clerk processes the case initiating documents, electronic filing is available to registered users.

Administrative Order 21 establishes statewide policies and procedures governing the electronic filing process in all the courts in Arkansas. Arkansas litigants may register online at <https://eflex.arcourts.gov>.

The AOC is currently building a modern court management system, which will include replacing the current electronic filing system and its other legacy systems. Over the next three years, the AOC will leverage multiple vendors and modern agile methodologies to develop a landmark court management system based on the principles of continuous improvement. As Arkansas courts grow and change, this new system can grow and change to better serve the people of Arkansas. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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