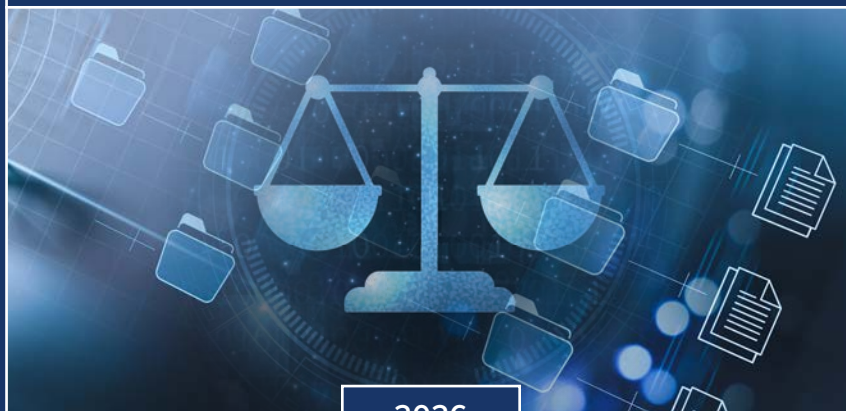


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## Electronic Filing in the New York State Courts



2026

Report of the Chief Administrative Judge  
to the Legislature, the Governor, and the  
Chief Judge of the State of New York



# Preface

April 2026



I submit this report on the status of New York State's Electronic Filing Program pursuant to the requirements of the Judiciary Law.<sup>1</sup> I want to again express my appreciation to the Legislature and the Governor for their continued support of the Judiciary's efforts to strengthen and expand the availability of the technological tools essential to the daily work of our courts. As we move forward, we continue to rely on this collaboration to advance a modernized, efficient court system that effectively meets the needs of all who seek our services.

I also extend my thanks to the members of the bar, the County Clerks, the court clerks and staff, and the e-filing advisory committees. For more than a quarter of a century, their sustained input and dedication have helped shape the NYSCEF program into a robust, well-functioning system that is increasingly responsive to user needs. The progress reflected in this report is a testament to this long standing partnership.

We remain eager to bring e-filing to all of our courts and to continue advancing new programs that enhance how matters are filed and managed statewide. To this end, we have increased the size of our e-filing unit and opened a satellite e-filing office in Albany that will serve as a regional hub for implementation, training, and technical support. As a result, e-filing is becoming the norm in more and more of our courts. I am pleased to report that Family Court e-filing doubled its geographic footprint in 2025 and has now been implemented in 24 counties. And we have, at last, introduced e-filing in our superior criminal courts, with a pilot launched in Brooklyn, which will soon be expanding to other parts of New York City and beyond. We are proud about these accomplishments and committed to continuing to make the convenience and efficiency of e-filing standard operating procedure throughout the State of New York.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, flowing letters that appear to be 'JAZ'.

**Hon. Joseph A. Zayas**

Chief Administrative Judge of the State of New York

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# Introduction



As Chief Judge Rowan Wilson emphasized in his 2026 State of the Judiciary address, the work of our courts is grounded in how effectively they serve the people who rely on them. Reflecting the judiciary’s ongoing problem-solving culture highlighted in his recent addresses, he underscored the importance of a court system that is responsive, accessible, and attentive to the real-world challenges facing litigants. Delivering meaningful access to justice requires not only sound policy, but systems that are efficient, practical, and capable of meeting users where they are.

By now, the familiar conveniences offered through the New York State Courts’ E-Filing (NYSCEF) program—including secure remote filing available at all hours, electronic service, and immediate access to submitted documents—support these goals by promoting more efficient, user-centered court operations.

With that principle as our guide, we are grateful to the Legislature and the Governor for their continued collaboration in advancing the modernization of the New York State Unified Court System. The enactment of L. 2024, ch. 579 in December 2024—granting the Chief Administrator expanded authority to implement electronic filing across all courts and case types—was a significant step forward, strengthening our ability to build a more unified and accessible system of justice.

As we moved through 2025 and into 2026, we stand at a pivotal point in the State’s decades long e-filing journey. NYSCEF continues to expand across jurisdictions, bringing the benefits of digital filing and access to more courts

and more users than ever before. Mandatory e-filing of all case types now operates in 61 of 62 Supreme Civil Courts; Family Court programs have grown to 24 counties and continue to expand; New York City Civil Court has implemented significant new mandates, including mandatory e-filing in consumer credit and landlord tenant matters; and the launch of the first Superior Criminal e-filing pilot in Kings County marks a historic advancement in the modernization of criminal court operations – representing only a portion of this significant progress.

This growth is matched by sizable usage. In 2025, approximately 1.1 million new cases commenced through NYSCEF, and more than 16.6 million documents were filed electronically, bringing the cumulative total to over 106 million documents filed via NYSCEF statewide since program’s inception. Participation among unrepresented litigants continues to rise, reflecting the critical role that accessible, remote filing options play in expanding meaningful access to justice.

In significant part, this expansion was made possible by the authority granted in 2024. But still, implementation continues to follow a series of deliberate steps. These requirements reflect the State’s longstanding commitment to transparency and stakeholder engagement, and the Unified Court System remains fully committed to maintaining these important relationships. After twenty-seven years of building NYSCEF in courts county by county, it has become clear that the cumulative effect of these procedural steps influences the pace at which new programs or case types can be mandated.<sup>2</sup>

Today, New Yorkers rely on digital systems in nearly every part of daily life, and the courts continue to adopt technology within established statutory frameworks that guide how new tools and programs are introduced. This report highlights the substantial progress achieved throughout 2025 and early 2026, including expansion into new courts and case types, enhancements to system functionality, and improvements to the user experience. These accomplishments reflect the Judiciary's ongoing efforts to innovate and advance modernization within the practical realities of system-wide implementation. The

court system is also investing significant resources in expanding e-filing, including the onboarding of 10 new staff members in Albany dedicated to e-filing expansion, as well as additional staff to support NYSCEF programming. This report also outlines the opportunities ahead as NYSCEF continues to expand across the State. With continued collaboration and a consistent approach to implementation, the Unified Court System is well positioned to broaden e-filing statewide and deliver a more modern, accessible, and responsive system of justice for all New Yorkers.

## E-Filing Growth & System Usage

NYSCEF usage continued to expand significantly in 2025, reflecting strong adoption across the State and increasing reliance on digital access tools by both represented and self represented litigants. These figures demonstrate the critical importance of accessible, remote filing options for litigants statewide, including unrepresented litigants.

### Statewide NYSCEF Activity in 2025

**1.1 million**

New cases commenced

**16.6 million**

Cumulative documents e-filed

**60,000**

Unrepresented litigant users

**225,000**

Documents e-filed by unrepresented litigants, increased 75% from 2024

### Statewide NYSCEF Activity Since Inception (1999)

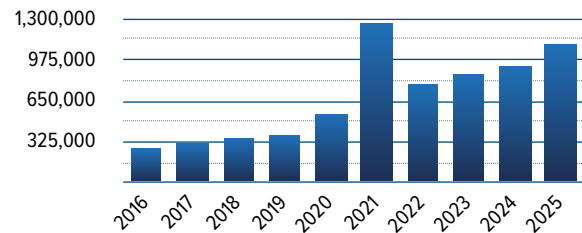
**8 million**

Cumulative cases commenced

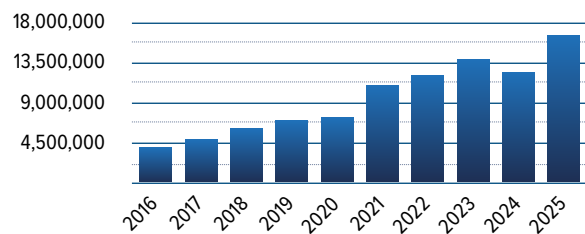
**106.5 million**

Cumulative documents e-filed

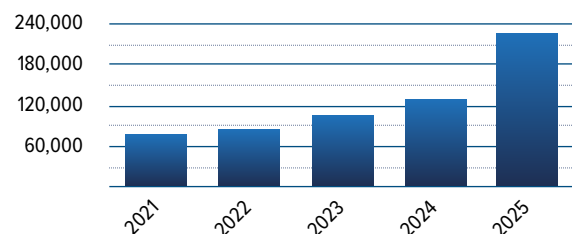
Cases E-Filed: 10-Year Comparison



Documents E-Filed: 10-Year Comparison



Documents E-Filed by Unrepresented Litigants - 5 Years



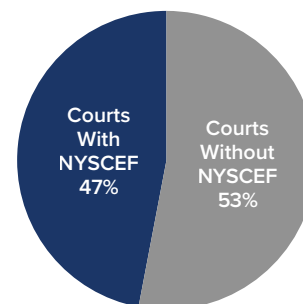
# Current Status and Program Achievements

The NYSCEF Division delivered on many of the goals identified in last year’s report, completing major initiatives indicated here, including NYSCEF expansion in Supreme Court (Civil Term), Family Court, NYC Civil Court, and the implementation of the Superior Criminal pilot program—as detailed below.

## Courts with NYSCEF Program as of March 2026

Appellate Division	4/4	100%
Surrogate’s Court	62/62	100%
Court of Claims	1/1	100%
New York City Civil Court	5/5	100%
Supreme Court - Civil Term	61/62	98%
Family Court	24/62	38%
Supreme Court - Criminal Term (NYC)	1/5	20%

Statewide NYSCEF Implementation Status



## Supreme Court - Civil Term

Effective July 7, 2025, 60 counties expanded mandatory e-filing to include previously exempt case types of:

- ✓ Matrimonial
- ✓ Mental Hygiene Law
- ✓ Election Law
- ✓ CPLR Articles 70 & 78
- ✓ Consumer Credit & Residential Foreclosure (subsequent filings)

With Erie County’s transition on January 1, 2026, mandatory e-filing for all case types is now in place in 61 of New York’s 62 counties. Allegany County remains the only court without an e-filing program.

In 2025, 550,665 cases were e-filed in Supreme Court Civil Term statewide, (excluding Allegany Supreme Court), representing an increase of more than 75,000 cases from the prior year.

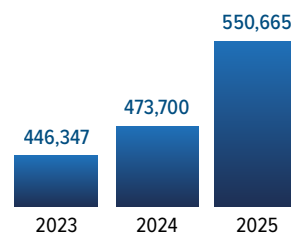
This coordinated expansion marks the near completion of universal mandatory e-filing for all case types in Supreme Court–Civil Term. Sixty counties implemented the new mandates on the same day, making it one of the largest and most synchronized statewide NYSCEF advancements since the program’s inception. The effort required formal rule amendments under 22 NYCRR 202.5bb.

The New York State Association of County Clerks—and particularly its then president, Hon. Nancy Sunshine, Kings County Clerk—played a pivotal role in bringing together the clerks of all 60 participating counties to support this coordinated implementation. The e-filing division is grateful for the Association’s collaboration, leadership, and assistance in helping to successfully execute this statewide initiative.<sup>3</sup>

*“I write to comment to express my happiness about the rollout of e-filing to almost all Civil Supreme Court matters with the state. In this regard, I cannot remember the last time I had to send someone to a Civil Term Clerk’s Office to physically file or purchase anything.”*

Jason Tenenbaum, Esq.

Cases E-Filed Supreme Court Civil Term



## Family Court

NYSCEF is active in 24 counties (including all Family Courts in New York City and the 9th Judicial District) for:<sup>4</sup>

- ✓ Custody/Visitation
- ✓ Parentage/Paternity
- ✓ Guardianship
- ✓ Support

The Family Court e-filing program—initially piloted in August 2022 for custody, guardianship, paternity/parentage, and support matters—has grown to 24 counties, including all NYC courts and all Family Courts within the 9th Judicial District. The program is on track to reach all 62 Family Courts statewide by end of year 2027. Adoption doubled over the past year; two additional courts will go live in April/May. The UCS is working on a workflow process that will move NYSCEF documents directly to our case management system, UCMS, which will create greater efficiencies. As of March 2026 (Order), the pilot transitioned to a permanent NYSCEF initiative, currently limited to consensual filings. Rulemaking is in progress, and an enhanced conversion process—developed in response to feedback from legal service groups—has also been implemented following amendments to the pilot rules.

In 2025, Family Courts participating in the NYSCEF program for the approved case types processed 26,019 e-filed proceedings. Since the program’s implementation in 2022, more than 47,000 matters and over 1,250,000 documents have been filed across authorized e-filing courts.

Under FCA 214(c)(ii), mandatory e-filing in Family Court may be implemented only with the agreement of specific local stakeholders in each county. As these approvals occur separately across jurisdictions, statewide movement toward mandatory programs will advance at different speeds and naturally unfold over an extended period.

## Court of Claims

The Court of Claims has the following applications and filing requirements currently in place:

- ✓ All actions must be e-filed
- ✓ Virtual Evidence Courtroom (VEC2 pilot platform)

Mandatory e-filing for all claims in the Court of Claims statewide was implemented in July 2025, following public notice, Advisory Committee consultation, rule amendment (22 NYCRR §206.5 a), and an Administrative Order by the Chief Administrative Judge.

In 2024, the court piloted the Virtual Evidence Courtroom, enabling digital submission of video and audio exhibits, which is the envy of all other courts and platforms that wish to have this functionality. The NYSCEF Resource Center provided targeted training and best-practice guidance, regarding the VEC program.



Family Court NYSCEF  
Activity Since 2022

**47,000**

Family Court matters

**1.25 million**

Documents e-filed

*“It would be advantageous that all cases require mandatory filing, including Family Court and all NYC Civil Court cases.”*

Hon. Audrey Pheffer  
Queens County Clerk



Albany Court of Claims  
NYSCEF Activity in 2025

**1,139**

Cases e-filed

**47,859**

Documents e-filed

## NYC Civil Court

E-filing is available citywide in NYC Civil Court for:

- ✓ **General Civil Matters – Consumer Credit and No Fault**
- ✓ **All Landlord-Tenant matters**

Consumer Credit actions became subject to mandatory e-filing across New York City on July 7, 2025, and e-filing landlord & tenant matters were similarly mandated effective March 2, 2026, following formal public notice, Advisory Committee review, rule amendment (22 NYCRR 208.4 a), and an Administrative Order by the Chief Administrative Judge.

To support court staff and practitioners, the NYSCEF Resource Center delivered targeted training sessions, while monthly collaboration between the NYSCEF team and NYC Civil Court administrators throughout 2025 helped prepare for the new e-filing requirements. This coordinated rollout was further validated by strong stakeholder endorsement—particularly from the legal services bar and the Legal Aid Society—in support of expanding e-filing in consumer credit cases. Additional case type expansions (e.g., name changes, replevin) are planned for 2026. Since the July 2025 implementation of the consumer credit e-filing mandate, over 65,000 matters have been e-filed, contributing to a total of 401,312 Civil Court matters e-filed in 2025.

## Appellate Courts

### Court of Appeals

The most significant upcoming development is the launch of an e-filing program for the New York State Court of Appeals. Work is actively underway to design and implement a modern, fully electronic filing system for the State’s highest court. This initiative represents an important goal in the continued evolution of NYSCEF—extending electronic filing to the final level of appellate review and completing the vision of a unified, statewide e-filing framework. The project draws on the technical infrastructure, user experience, and procedural expertise built across the Appellate Division, positioning the Court of Appeals to adopt an e-filing system that meets the unique demands of its caseload and jurisdiction.<sup>5</sup>

### Appellate Division

E-filing continues to operate in all four Appellate Division Departments, providing consistent electronic access and streamlined filing practices across statewide appellate operations. In 2025, 19,891 matters in the appellate division were e-filed through NYSCEF, reflecting strong utilization and a mature, well established appellate e-filing environment.

### Appellate Term

Although the Appellate Term does not currently have an e-filing program, Appellate Term courts have expressed interest in adopting one. The NYSCEF team has initiated preliminary assessments and will continue engaging with internal e-filing team members, as well as conducting initial discussions with Appellate Term leadership, to evaluate requirements, operational workflows, and potential functionality enhancements within NYSCEF that would support planning for such programs.

Civil Court NYSCEF Activity in 2025

**65,000**

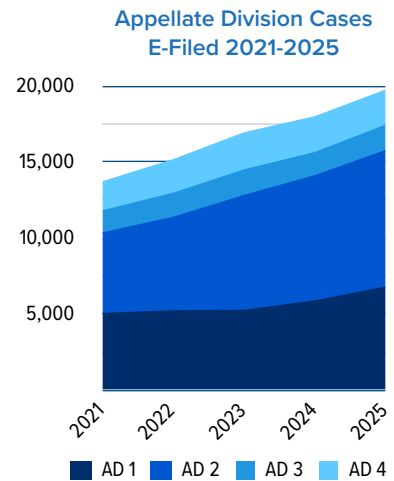
Consumer Credit matters

**401,000**

Civil Court matters

*“As the local NY Civil Courts have now gone to NYSCEF filing (Landlord/Tenant and ‘consumer credit’), there should be no reason that the ‘Civil Part’ ... is not yet available for filing.”*

Stephen P. Dewey, Esq.



*“Please expand E-Filing to the Appellate Terms. The current protocol is so weird (SharePoint portal drop?) and the accompanying rules are tedious and ought to mirror the Appellate Division practices. Thank you!!”*

Ramona Miller, Esq.  
McCaffrey & Associates, PC

## Surrogate's Court

Mandatory e-filing continues across all 57 courts outside of New York City, while the 5 New York City Surrogate's Courts remain on a consensual basis for e-filing. In 2024, statewide NYSCEF platform enhancements introduced Surrogate's Court-specific screens, significantly improving consistency and the filing experience.

The five NYC Surrogate's Courts continue to await completion of internal system updates prior to transitioning to mandatory e-filing. The e-filing team has continued productive meetings with Surrogate's Court clerks and operational staff to support smooth adoption of the platform upgrades, address emerging e-filing issues, and promote uniform practices through continued collaboration and information sharing.

In 2025, approximately 52,000 estate proceedings were e-filed statewide, demonstrating substantial usage and ongoing momentum.

***“Committee members expressed appreciation for the continued collaboration between the e-filing division, Surrogate's Court clerks, and technology staff in advancing program improvements”***

**Hon. Deborah S. Kearns**

Surrogate, Albany County Surrogate's Court  
Chair, Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing

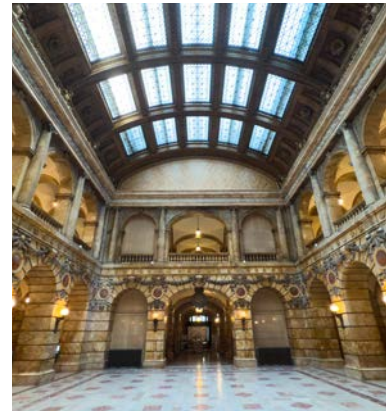
## District and City Courts

Preparatory work is underway in the 9th Judicial District's 11 City Courts, and Suffolk County's 5 District Courts for an anticipated Summer 2026 launch of civil e-filing. The initial implementation will include:

- ✓ **Mandatory e filing in consumer credit, landlord-tenant matters, and no-fault insurance matters**
- ✓ **Consensual e-filing in all other civil matters**

These deployments will represent the first e-filing programs in District and City Courts outside New York City authorized by the Chief Administrative Judge under the 2024 legislation—marking a significant expansion of NYSCEF into courts that have not previously used e-filing. The initiative was discussed with, and received strong support from, the Administrative Judges, District Executives, and district leadership, all of whom endorsed the rollout with optimism and a shared commitment to modernizing court operations.

To ensure a strong foundation for implementation, seasoned members of the NYSCEF e-filing team—bringing extensive knowledge and experience from the NYC Civil Court program—were deployed to guide the assessment and planning process. Their expertise enabled the analysis, workflow review, and preliminary work to proceed efficiently and seamlessly. By the time of implementation, new court rules will be promulgated to support the rollout and provide the necessary regulatory framework for these courts.



Surrogate's Court NYSCEF  
Activity in 2025

**52,000**

Estate proceedings e-filed



***“LSHV supports expanding e-filing widely because of the benefits it brings to our office and our clients. In housing court...tenants seek assistance...when they are imminently at risk of eviction...being able to e-file papers quickly...make a significant difference...to preserve our clients' tenancies.”***

**Shira Galinsky**

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

## Superior Criminal Court (Supreme/County)

Pilot rules for the Superior Criminal e-filing program were approved on May 1, 2025, and the inaugural program launched on September 29, 2025, in Kings County Supreme Court–Criminal Term, marking the historic beginning of criminal e-filing in the Unified Court System.

The program has operated smoothly and has been strongly applauded by stakeholders in Kings County Supreme Court–Criminal Term, including the District Attorney’s Office, Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), the Legal Aid Society, 18 B assigned counsel, and court staff. The Supreme and County Court (Criminal) E-Filing Advisory Committee similarly emphasized the strong performance of the pilot, noting that its launch “marks a significant advancement for the Unified Court System” and represents “the first electronic filing program implemented within New York’s criminal courts.” The Committee reported that participating prosecutors, defender organizations, and court staff offered “uniformly positive feedback,” and observed that the collaboration and workflows developed in Kings County “now serve as a model for other courts preparing to implement e-filing.”<sup>6</sup>

As of the September implementation, 4,600 matters have been commenced (new matters + converted matters), and 26,651 documents have been filed.

Upcoming Expansion of E-Filing in Superior Criminal Courts:

- ✓ **Richmond County – April 2026**
- ✓ **Westchester County – May 2026**
- ✓ **Additional counties preparing for adoption**



**Kings County Supreme Court Criminal Term NYSCEF Activity (September 2025)**

**4,600**

Criminal matters e-filed

**26,651**

Documents e-filed

## Staffing and Deployment Capacity

To support continued expansion, the E-filing Division received approval to increase staffing during 2025–2026 and established a new Albany satellite office dedicated to launching new e-filing initiatives and engaging in training, and user assistance. These additions have strengthened the Division’s ability to provide additional support to county and district launches, enhance training delivery, and respond to rising demand for technical assistance as NYSCEF continues its statewide expansion.

*“The success of E-filing in Civil Term of Supreme Court provides compelling evidence that the benefits of E-filing in Criminal Term of Supreme Court will likewise provide efficiency, transparency, and promote trust and confidence in the criminal justice system...I strongly support expansion of the Criminal E-filing based on the success of the Kings County Criminal Term Pilot program.”*

**Hon. Nancy T. Sunshine**  
Kings County Clerk

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NYSCEF Resources Center staff will guide you through the fundamentals of Family Court E-filing, review court rules and provide helpful tips to the successfully. Attorneys can receive 2 (PBA) CLE Credits.

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To register scan the QR code or visit [www.nyc.gov/efiling](https://www.nyc.gov/efiling) and click “Register for Training”

NYSCEF Resources Center staff will guide you through the fundamentals of Surrogate's Court E-filing, review court rules and provide helpful tips to the successfully. Attorneys can receive 2 (PBA) CLE Credits.

# E-Filing Roadmap: 2026–2027

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## District and City Courts

We will launch e-filing programs for the first time in the 9th Judicial District's City Courts and the 10th Judicial District's five Civil District Court Courts in Suffolk County (16 courts in total); mandatory e-filing for landlord tenant, consumer credit, and no fault matters, and consensual e-filing for all other civil matters in the 9th JD, with implementation expected July/August 2026.

## NYC Civil Court Case Type Expansion

We intend to expand the consensual e-filing program to include name change and replevin case types by fall 2026.

## Superior Criminal Court (Supreme/County)

We will expand the pilot beyond Kings County to Richmond County in April 2026, with Westchester County in May 2026, with additional counties preparing to join.

## Family Court

We plan to add two additional courts in April 2026, continue evaluating the addition of new case types (including Juvenile Delinquency), and maintain steady expansion into additional courts statewide.

## Court of Appeals

Planning and design work is underway to tailor NYSCEF functionality to the operations of the Court of Appeals, and implementation is expected in July 2027, pending legislative authorization to permit electronic filing in the Court.

## Data Exchange Between NYSCEF and UCMS

We continue to explore the integration of UCMS and NYSCEF data in both directions for additional courts, including the Superior Criminal Courts, as we continue to do for e-filed matters in Family Court, to improve efficiency and convenience in case initiation and further processing.

## Appellate Term

We are currently in the preliminary planning phase for the implementation of Appellate Term functionality. This includes assessing required system updates, screen modifications, and workflow changes. We also plan to begin consultation with the appropriate administrative bodies within the relevant jurisdictions to ensure alignment with operational requirements and procedural guidance.

## Virtual Evidence Courtroom (VEC)

We plan to add audio/video submission to all e-filing platforms (currently available only in the Court of Claims) and to implement bulk exhibit admission in 2026, and we continue to provide judicial and attorney training.<sup>7</sup>

## Expand Technology to E-File Video/Audio Files

Awaiting the implementation of technology existing in VEC cases (Court of Claims) to be expanded to allow users to e-file audio and video files in all courts/case types.

## EDDS Wind Down

The reliance on EDDS will be reduced as NYSCEF expands into more courts/case types; we plan to maintain EDDS only where necessary pending NYSCEF deployment.

## Collaboration with Legal Service Groups

We will continue our ongoing partnership with legal services groups, to improve accessibility and user friendliness of the NYSCEF program for the unrepresented litigants.

## Ongoing User Experience Enhancements

We remain committed to ongoing enhancements that strengthen the user experience across the e-filing platform.

# Other Supported Digital Applications

## Electronic Document Delivery System (EDDS)

Launched in May 2020 as an emergency digital intake tool, EDDS continues to serve as the primary submission method for many courts and case types not yet supported by NYSCEF. While it ensures a basic level of electronic access, its design was never intended for long term or high volume use, and many of its limitations have become more pronounced as reliance on it continues. Court users frequently report confusion about submission status because EDDS does not provide immediate confirmation that documents have been received or filed. In turn, courts experience increased operational strain, as litigants often respond by calling clerks, mailing duplicate copies, or appearing in person with the same documents—resulting in multiple filings of the same submission across different channels. This duplication adds substantial workload for staff who must track, reconcile, and dispose of redundant filings.

These challenges are most visible in courts still awaiting NYSCEF implementation, where EDDS functions as the default digital pathway. In 2025, more than 775,000 documents were transmitted through EDDS statewide, contributing to nearly 4.9 million cumulative submissions since 2020. Usage declines once NYSCEF becomes available in a court or case type, eliminating parallel intake systems and reducing clerical handling.<sup>8</sup>

### EDDS Activity

**775,000**  
Documents filed in 2025

**4.9 million**  
Submissions since 2020

*“... it is very difficult to continue with EDDS. It just requires too many extra steps. Please bring Civil Court into the 21st Century.”*

**Bonnie C. Harper, Esq.**  
Law Dept. NYC Transit

## Virtual Evidence Courtroom (VEC1 & 2)

Over the past year, the Virtual Evidence Courtroom (VEC) platform has continued to support courts in managing digital evidence in NYSCEF cases. VEC allows participants in conferences, hearings, and trials in e-filed matters to submit PDF/A evidence remotely, with each proceeding assigned its own secure virtual evidence room. Courts may review, admit, or return documents within the platform, and the functionality remains widely relied upon across Supreme Civil parts.

Recent enhancements have focused on improving judge and staff usability. The most notable development has been the addition of a “Hearing Notes” section, which provides judges with a dedicated place within VEC to capture notes associated with a specific hearing or trial. This upgrade was requested by the courts and is now available.

Although development work toward audio/video submission progressed through late 2025, that feature has not yet been implemented in VEC1. It remains on the development roadmap. At present, VEC1 continues to accept PDF/A documents only.

The Commercial Division Advisory Council has also promoted use of VEC for digital exhibit handling in commercial cases. Training sessions were conducted for Commercial Division judges last year in collaboration with bar associations, and Rule 25-a of the Commercial Division Rules, which formally authorizes use of VEC for exhibit management in Commercial Division matters, became effective on November 10, 2025. Adoption is expected to increase as judges incorporate these procedures into regular practice.

VEC2, the stand-alone evidence-submission platform continues to be piloted successfully in the Court of Claims. VEC2 allows submission of audio and video files, all of which undergo malware and virus scanning prior to release to the court. VEC2 therefore remains the only pilot platform currently supporting multimedia evidence submission.

### Looking Ahead

Audio/video submission remains a planned enhancement for VEC1, and development will resume as resources permit. The team also intends to continue exploring how VEC’s multimedia-submission capabilities might be leveraged more broadly in future NYSCEF enhancements.

# E-Filing and Unrepresented Litigants



***“Electronic Filing...is especially beneficial to pro-se litigants who may otherwise have to take time off from work to file papers at the courthouse during business hours.”***

**Hon. Audrey Pheffer, Queens County Clerk**

E-filing continues to provide meaningful benefits for unrepresented litigants by reducing the need to travel to courthouses, miss work, or navigate long in person filing processes. Each year, more self represented users voluntarily choose to use NYSCEF, reflecting steady growth in adoption and increased comfort with electronic filing across a wide range of communities.

Importantly, unrepresented litigants remain fully exempt from all mandatory e-filing requirements, and this exemption will continue to accompany every future expansion of NYSCEF. Attorneys who lack access to technology or reliable internet service are also exempt. Protecting access and ensuring that modernization does not create barriers remains a foundational principle of the program.

***“The NYSCEF e-filing system has a convenient interface, is easy to use and is indispensable for pro se defendants...”***

**Tatiana Neroni (pro se)**

During 2026-2027, the NYSCEF Division will begin work with the Office of Web Design to revamp the unrepresented litigant NYSCEF pages, improving layout, simplifying instructions, and expanding clear, step by step guidance tailored to first time users. The training website will also be expanded to include additional instructional videos specifically designed for unrepresented litigants, covering account creation, filing basics, and navigating case records.

The Division continues to strengthen support resources. The NYSCEF Resource Center remains a critical point of assistance, handling hundreds of calls and emails each week from unrepresented litigants, guiding them through filing questions, technical issues, and account support. In addition, the Division provides regular virtual demonstrations for unrepresented court users, offering live, practical instruction on how to e-file and access documents. These efforts—combined with collaboration with OJI, Help Centers, CourtHelp, and other public facing services—ensure that unrepresented litigants receive consistent, accurate assistance and remain fully supported as NYSCEF continues to expand statewide.

As statewide expansion proceeds, the Division will engage courthouse leadership and court modernization teams in planning for basic digital access supports. Many court locations have limited public technology, and early coordination will help identify opportunities to install or expand tools—such as public computers and electronic resources—that allow unrepresented litigants to access NYSCEF directly from the courthouse if they choose. These shared resources would enable users to look up their cases, review and download filings, and confirm that submissions were received, all without waiting for staff assistance. Strengthening this infrastructure reinforces accessibility, reduces duplicate filings and follow up inquiries, and ensures that modernization efforts remain inclusive.

# Comments and Stakeholder Input



As part of this year’s review, the Unified Court System engaged in broad outreach to the legal community, contacting bar associations, practitioners, court personnel, legal services organizations, and self represented litigants statewide. We received 51 formal submissions, providing a broad and representative view of NYSCEF usage across New York State. Commenters affirmed the system’s reliability and usability, expressed support for expansion into additional courts and case types, and offered suggestions to enhance integration, strengthen functionality, and improve support for all users. The excerpts below reflect a selection of comments received and are not exhaustive.

## System Strengths: Reliability, Efficiency, and User Experience

Commenters consistently praised NYSCEF’s reliability, ease of use, and ability to streamline filing practices for both attorneys and unrepresented litigants.

“...NYSCEF is a wonderful tool and allows attorneys to save time which equates to money. The ability to file papers from the comfort of my desk is wonderful. No more making several copies, going to the courthouse, waiting in line ... for these reasons and many others, thank you.”

**Joseph R. Costello, Esq.**

“NYSCEF is extremely user friendly... the technology is reliable, and your staff is knowledgeable and helpful.”

**Managing Attorneys and Clerks Association (MACA)**

“This Court’s electronic filing system remains excellent. It is seamless and low stress – unlike the Federal system which is always a challenge ...”

**Robert Miletsky, Esq.**

“This is an extremely efficient system that is well maintained and up to date. It is a huge benefit to any attorney who regularly practices in the New York Court system. It is easy to navigate and download documents.”

**Robert P. Sweeny, Esq.**

“I strongly support the state court’s e-filing system, NYSCEF. NYSCEF makes it easy for me to view documents filed in a case and to assemble an appellate record. Filing on NYSCEF is easier than paper filing and paper service, which reduces the cost of litigation. Also, the fact that using NYSCEF is free of charge is critical... in this regard and others, NYSCEF is superior to its federal counterpart.”

**Steven B. Salcedo, Esq.**

“As a new, non legal user of NYSCEF, I couldn’t be more impressed about how easy it makes filing court papers.”

**Bruce Palmer (pro se)**

“Electronic filing has proven to be extremely effective and environmentally conscious... allowing users to file and view records 24/7.”

**Hon. Audrey Pheffer, Queens County Clerk**

“As a daily user, I wish to commend the entire New York State Courts Electronic Filing mechanism. I find the system well designed, user friendly, and supported by very knowledgeable staff. Thank you.”

**Brendan O’Sullivan, Office Manager, Berger Fink LLP**

“The benefits of NYSCEF in providing permitted unrestricted access to view a clear list of all filed documents, immediate access to non-confidential filed documents, quick and efficient filing of documents, notice to all parties of documents filed in a case, promotes transparency, accountability and confidence in the court system.”

Hon. Nancy T. Sunshine, Kings County Clerk

“First, I would like to say how much NYSCEF is a time saver and easy to use for court personnel.”

Marlene Dominguez, Law Secretary Supreme Court

## Support for Expansion to Additional Courts and Case Types

Many commenters expressed support for expanding NYSCEF to courts and case types not yet on the system, including Family Court, the Appellate Terms, NYC Civil Court (civil part), Long Island District Courts, and City Courts statewide.

“Please expand e-filing to the Appellate Terms... the current protocol is so weird.”

Ramona Miller, Esq.

“We still do not have consensual e-filing in all Civil Courts, Long Island District Courts, or statewide City Courts...lack of electronic filing hinders my law firm (and others) from filing matters in the lower courts because of the expense and inconvenience of paper filing and the inability to have an electronic record of the docket entries ... consider expediting e-filing in the Courts systemwide...”

Jason Tenenbaum, Esq.

“Why isn’t Civil Court fully on NYSCEF? Please bring Civil Court into the 21st Century.”

Bonnie C. Harper, Esq.

“The Appellate Court Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association supports robust expansion of the NYSCEF filing system throughout all of New York State’s courts...we write to express the Committee’s hope that NYSCEF will be expanded to the Appellate Terms in the First and Second Departments.”

Co-Chairs, The Appellate Courts Committee (the “Committee”) of the New York County Lawyers Association (“NYCLA”)

## Platform Integration, Calendars, and Technical Enhancements

Commenters encouraged deeper integration across court systems and suggested enhancements to support efficient filing and review, particularly for high volume practices.

“While MACA would ideally like to see full integration of eCourts /eTrack within NYSCEF, we believe that developing a button that allows for the viewing of calendared dates in NYSCEF would be a good first step ... and add efficiency for litigants when viewing case information.”

Managing Attorneys & Clerks Association

“This is an extremely efficient system that is well maintained and up to date ... recommended improvements would be: easier transition between NYSCEF and eCourts, and bring local and Civil Courts into the digital age...”

Robert P. Sweeney, Esq.

Users also recommended features such as bulk downloads, expanded per page document limits, improved search filters, longer session time outs, and authorizations for trained staff to file as agents.

“Please add bulk downloads (.zip) for entire matters or motion sequences.”

Brendan O’Sullivan, Office Manager, Berger Fink LLP

“Integrate NYSCEF with WebCivil and eTrack; enable bulk filing; improve search capabilities, increase session time-out ... integrate NYSCEF with virtual proceedings, provide consistent training for clerks, court staff...(Family Court) streamline and shorten Personal Information Sheets...include consent to change attorney option.”

NYC Bar Association’s Family Court and Family Law Committee, State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction Committee, Litigation & Consumer Affairs Committee

## Access, Pro Se Support, and Family Court Considerations

Commenters emphasized the importance of user friendly support for first time and unrepresented filers and highlighted workflow considerations unique to Family Court.

“There should be a tutorial for pro se litigants who are exposed for the first time to the system.”

Andrew P. DeWolf (pro se)

**“E-filing is a significant time-saver in our fast-paced and high-volume practice... Having online access to documents and real-time updates to case status enhances our ability to track developments in our own cases and to investigate prospective clients’ cases. As a legal services organization, increasing our efficiency allows us to serve more clients and fulfill our mission of expanding access to justice for as many individuals as possible... for e-filing in family court – there needs to be a mechanism by which other attorneys in a firm can access a client’s file.”**

**Shira Galinsky, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV)**

Other suggestions included reducing burdens where only one party is e-filing, eliminating “working copy” requirements, and enabling auto population of email addresses for opt out parties who have provided an email.

**“Please end ‘working copy’ requirements—documents are already fully available through NYSCEF.”**

**Tatiana Neroni (pro se)**

**“If a party opts out but has an email, can their address auto populate for notifications?”**

**Marlene T. Dominguez (Court Staff)**

## Issues Raised and Division Responses

In addition to the broader enhancement suggestions described above, a few submissions raised discrete issues or questions regarding existing NYSCEF processes. The Division of E-Filing reviews such items, determines whether clarification or system adjustments are needed, and initiates any required updates through established development channels.

One commenter, the Criminal Appeals Bureau of The Legal Aid Society, provided feedback based on the Kings County criminal e-filing pilot. Their observations included requests for uniform filing agent procedures across courts, opportunities to streamline filings that apply to multiple related documents, feedback regarding rigid search formatting requirements, and a concern about visibility of names in sealed matters. Several of these items have already been addressed. The system now supports filing a single document into multiple related dockets, and visibility protections ensure that names in sealed adjudications do not appear publicly. The Division is reviewing alternatives for filing agent procedures and will consider refinements to search behavior as the system expands beyond the pilot.

Another submission identified an instance in which a private firm issued Notices of E-Filing in consumer credit matters containing incorrect procedural information. The Division reviewed and resolved the matter promptly, and the firm updated its notices to reflect accurate guidance. Users are encouraged to raise questions or concerns as they arise so that any issues may be clarified quickly.

Many commenters also expressed strong appreciation for the responsiveness of the Statewide E-Filing Resource Center and the Division of E-Filing. Managing Attorneys & Clerk Association (MACA) described the Resource Center “help desk” as providing “experienced e-filing problem solving services,” and the Criminal Appeals Bureau noted the team’s “immediate responsiveness and collaborative approach” during the pilot. Legal services organizations and bar groups echoed this praise, emphasizing the value of consistent availability and clear communication in ensuring accurate guidance and uniform filing practices statewide. The Division encourages all users to bring any questions or concerns to our attention as soon as they arise. Through longstanding relationships with legal service providers and daily contact with frequent practitioners, the Resource Center routinely receives and responds to questions in real time—addressing issues promptly, professionally, and with the high level of support users have come to rely on.

Some of the comments we receive reflect circumstances related to court processing or procedural requirements. In those instances, we submit the feedback to the appropriate court for its review and consideration.

## Advisory Committees’ Support

As in prior years, all Advisory Committees submitted letters to the Chief Administrative Judge expressing continued support for the expansion of e-filing. The Supreme and County Court (Criminal) E-Filing Advisory Committee noted that this year marks the first time it could report on the implementation, rather than the development, of a criminal e-filing program, reflecting progress on an effort that has been underway since 2015. The Committee emphasized that the experience gained through the pilot will help support planning in jurisdictions preparing for future implementation. (E-Filing Advisory Committees – Membership lists will be incorporated and posted on the UCS Advisory Group Website).

# Conclusion

New York’s courts now have the authority and the tools to deliver truly modern justice. To realize that promise statewide, continued attention to the structural and procedural elements that guide implementation will support steady and effective expansion of e-filing. By strengthening the framework for launching new programs, aligning required steps, and leveraging the systems and expertise already in place, the court system can ensure that e-filing continues to grow efficiently and equitably. With these efforts, the Unified Court System is well positioned to advance modernization and provide a more accessible and responsive system of justice for all New Yorkers.

The insights shared by stakeholders throughout this review reinforce both the benefits of NYSCEF and the urgency of advancing a more unified approach. With a clearer, more efficient implementation process, the Unified Court System can move decisively, avoid the piecemeal rollouts that characterized earlier phases, and expand proven tools to courts and litigants statewide.

Above all, these improvements ensure that our courts continue to serve the people who rely on them with the responsiveness, accessibility, and fairness they deserve.



## Endnotes

1. Judiciary Law 212(2)(u)(i)(A) states that UCS must submit a “report evaluating the state’s experience with programs in the use of electronic means for the commencement of actions and proceedings and the service of papers therein as authorized by law and containing such recommendations for further legislation as he or she shall deem appropriate.”
2. See *2025 Annual Report of the Chief Administrative Judge to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Chief Judge of the State of New York*, at 8 (The Development and Implementation of NYSCEF Programs in New Courts) (describing the numerous steps required by statute before an e-filing program may be mandated in New York State), available at <https://appscontent.courts.state.ny.us/NYSCEF/live/help/EFileReport.pdf>.
3. We also recognize the contributions of retired Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni, who served as Chair of the Supreme Court (Civil) Advisory Committee on E Filing from its legislative inception in 2015 until his retirement in December. In a letter to the Chief Administrative Judge marking the major e-filing expansion in the Supreme Court–Civil Term, he reflected on the committee’s decade of progress, including legislative improvements, collaborative initiatives, and advancements toward a more accessible and efficient court system. His leadership—and the longstanding dedication of committee members and contributors across the courts—has had a lasting and meaningful influence on statewide e filing efforts.
4. In addition to all Family Courts within NYC and the 9th JD – e-filing programs have also been implemented in the family courts within the following counties: Chemung, Fulton, Genesee, Livingston, Niagara, Ontario, Otsego, Saratoga, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Suffolk, Wyoming, and Yates counties.
5. Currently, there is no statutory authorization for the filing and service of papers by electronic means at the Court of Appeals, and legislation is required.
6. The success of the Kings County criminal e filing pilot reflects extensive collaboration among the agencies and court partners involved in its implementation, together with the Administrative Judge, Chief Clerk, and the Division of E Filing and Division of Technology teams. The Advisory Committee, led for many years by Hon. Michael Coccoma, J.S.C. (ret.), noted that the practices and workflows developed in Kings County created a strong, scalable foundation for statewide implementation, supported by the sustained commitment of Committee members over nearly a decade.
7. These enhancements have been on the planning roadmap for some time and were included in last year’s priorities. Their implementation has depended on DOT programming capacity, which has been focused on other mandated initiatives.
8. Approximately 70,000 fewer documents were submitted through EDDS in 2025 compared to the prior year.

# Appendix A

## Advisory Committee Reports

**SUPREME AND COUNTY (CRIMINAL) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON E-FILING**

For the New York State Unified Court System  
Hon. Michael V. Cocco, JSC (ret.)  
Former Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Outside NYC  
Committee Chair

February 25, 2026

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, NY 10004

Re: Report of Supreme and County (Criminal) Advisory Committee on E-Filing

Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas,

As Chair of the Supreme and County Court (Criminal) E-Filing Advisory Committee, I am writing to fulfill our obligation to consult with you, the Chief Administrative Judge, regarding the state's experience with electronic filing programs. We are pleased to note that this year's submission is the first in which we can report on the implementation—rather than the development—of an e-filing program within the criminal jurisdiction.

The full Committee convened on February 19, 2026, along with its Working Group, Rules Subcommittee, and invited stakeholder guests, to review the progress of the Superior Criminal Pilot E-Filing Program launched in the Kings Supreme Court – Criminal Term on September 29, 2025. This pilot is the inaugural electronic filing program implemented within New York State's criminal courts, marking a significant advancement for the NYS Unified Court System (UCS). Its development, launch, and early evaluation represent an important step forward in modernizing criminal practice.

This achievement also represents the culmination of an initiative that began with the formation of this Committee and its subgroups in 2015. Many members have been dedicated to this effort from the beginning, while others joined over the years to broaden and strengthen the Committee's expertise. Their sustained commitment, determination, and collaboration—particularly their review of the various steps of the development process—played a pivotal role in reaching this point and deserve sincere recognition.

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILOT PROGRAM**

Over several years, the E-Filing team, working in partnership with the Committee's Working Group, agency stakeholders, court staff, and the Division of Technology, developed comprehensive e-filing functionality tailored to the needs of the Superior Criminal Courts.

In parallel, the Rules Subcommittee working with the E-Filing team dedicated extensive effort to drafting and refining consensual e-filing rules for the pilot program. After repeated review by the group and vetting by Counsel's Office, these rules were submitted to the Administrative Board

of the Courts for consultation and were ultimately adopted by Administrative Order of the Chief Administrative Judge, effective June 2, 2025.

#### **PROGRAM PERFORMANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The Kings County pilot program has been operating smoothly and efficiently since its launch in September 2025. This successful rollout was made possible by the strong cooperation and active participation of the Kings County District Attorney's Office, the Legal Aid Society (LAS - Kings County), the Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), and the Chief Clerk's Office, Kings County Supreme Court (Criminal Term). Their commitment, coordination, and engagement ensured that operational practices aligned effectively with the new e-filing system and that the transition proceeded smoothly.

Throughout implementation, the E-Filing team provided essential real-time support, offering the responsiveness, patience, and problem-solving needed to address stakeholder issues promptly as the program went live. Their ongoing guidance helped ensure that the system functioned reliably during the early stages of adoption.

#### **STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK**

As this is the first e-filing program implemented in a criminal jurisdiction, stakeholder engagement has been essential. Representatives from these groups provided uniformly positive feedback, and several noted that they have already been contacted by counterparts in other counties preparing for implementation. They reported that although some initial issues arose at the outset of the pilot, all were promptly addressed through the E-Filing team's immediate responsiveness and collaborative approach, which has been reassuring to jurisdictions preparing to follow.

Participants also offered to introduce the E-Filing team at their upcoming association meetings to facilitate broader discussion about the pilot and its functionality, and they expressed a willingness to help coordinate those opportunities. In addition, the Kings County Clerk, Nancy Sunshine, a member of the Committee, observed that e-filing has long been successful in civil supreme matters and expressed confidence that county clerks statewide will embrace its expansion into criminal proceedings.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

The Kings County pilot—and the exceptional collaboration that made it possible—now serves as a model for other like courts preparing to implement e-filing. Expansion efforts are already underway, with several jurisdictions, including Richmond, Queens, and Westchester Counties, actively preparing to adopt the program in the coming months.

Sincere appreciation is extended to all committee members for their dedication over the many years leading to the implementation of e-filing in the Supreme and County Courts – Criminal Term. Special recognition is due to the Kings County District Attorney's Office, defender organizations, the Kings County Supreme Court – Criminal Term team, and the E-Filing team, whose partnership and leadership were indispensable to the program's success.

Their collective efforts have established a strong and scalable foundation for continued expansion statewide. We remain optimistic about the implementation progress and will continue to consult with you as the program advances.

Respectfully submitted,

***Michael Cocco***

Hon. Michael Cocco, JSC (ret.)  
*Former - Deputy Chief Administrative Judge  
Outside New York City*



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Christopher Gibson  
Director Division of E Filing

March 16, 2026

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, NY 10004

Re: Civil Advisory Committee on E-Filing – Report

Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Civil Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing to fulfill our obligation to consult with the Chief Administrative Judge regarding the state's experience with the use of electronic means for the commencement of proceedings and the service of papers, and to provide recommendations for continued legislative and operational improvements.

The Committee convened on March 5, 2026, to review the status of e-filing initiatives in the Civil Court, consider public comments submitted in response to the 2026 Notice requesting feedback, and discuss additional issues raised by e-filing users. We are pleased to report significant progress over the past year, including major expansions of mandatory e-filing programs in the New York City Civil Court and the first-ever preparations for e-filing in District Courts and City Courts outside New York City.

The Committee discussed the recent expansions: Consumer Credit actions became subject to mandatory e-filing citywide on July 7, 2025, followed by the implementation of mandatory e-filing in landlord-tenant matters on March 2, 2026. These measures were adopted after public comment, review by this Committee, amendments to 22 NYCRR 208.4-a, and approval through Administrative Order. Throughout 2025, the NYSCEF team and Civil Court administration met monthly to prepare for these changes, and the NYSCEF Resource Center delivered targeted training sessions to support practitioners and court staff. These expansions were strongly endorsed by stakeholders, including The Legal Aid Society and multiple legal services organizations, who emphasized the importance of remote access and electronic filing for unrepresented and low-income litigants. The Committee was also informed about plans for a major new initiative: the introduction of e-filing in District and City Courts outside New York City for civil matters.

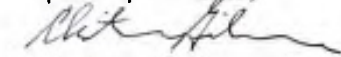
As part of its work, the Committee also reviewed several public comments submitted in response to the annual request for feedback. Many stakeholders expressed strong support for expanding mandatory e-filing to all Civil Court matters. The Committee further discussed an

issue raised by a legal service provider regarding a non-compliant “Notice of Commencement of Action Subject to Mandatory Electronic Filing” that had been served with certain commencement papers. The form in question was not the approved NYSCEF notice, but one created by the filing firm, which incorrectly suggested that unrepresented litigants must file an opt-out form—contrary to 22 NYCRR 202.5-bb, which provides that unrepresented litigants are automatically exempt and need not take any action to assert that exemption. A member of the NYSCEF team contacted the firm, clarified the incorrect information contained in the form, and directed them to the approved NYSCEF notice, which provides accurate guidance for both attorneys and unrepresented litigants. The Committee is grateful that this issue was raised promptly and appreciates the immediate corrective action taken by the Division of E-Filing to ensure compliance and avoid confusion for unrepresented litigants.

As always, the Committee remains focused on the needs of the many self-represented litigants who rely on the Civil Court. The Committee also notes the importance of ensuring that sufficient resources and staffing are allocated to support the growing demands created by expanded e-filing programs. We were pleased to learn that NYSCEF now operates a satellite office staffed in Albany to assist with the expansion of civil and other programs statewide, and we understand that additional members will be invited/added to this Committee to represent these new civil courts and stakeholders.

We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively to support the effective implementation of e-filing in the Civil Court and to ensure that all litigants—can meaningfully access and engage with the court system.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Gibson  
Vice Chair, Civil Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing



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June 16, 2025

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, New York 10004

Dear Judge Zayas,

This letter is intended in fulfillment of the obligation of the NYC Civil Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing to consult with the Chief Administrative Judge regarding the State's experience with programs in the use of electronic means for the commencement of proceedings and the service of papers therein.

The Committee met on June 11, 2025, to consider the implementation of a mandatory e-filing program in the NYC Civil Court for consumer credit actions across all counties within New York City. The committee's review included but was not limited to: a) the description of the proposed mandatory program; b) the correspondence announcing the proposal and the statutorily required outreach to bar associations, legal organizations, and other interested parties inviting public comment; and c) a review of the for (4) public comments received, (attached), which generally support expanding mandatory e-filing.

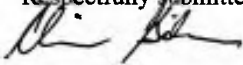
The committee also discussed training sessions that will be available for all filers - including pro se litigants - on the e-filing of consumer credit transactions. Training dates are posted on the NYSCEF website and in the courthouses. Training will be offered both prior to and after the program's implementation. Additionally, the committee was informed that amendments to the Uniform Rules for the NY State Trial Courts - including 22 NYCRR §208.4a - are required to align with the current statute authorizing the Chief Administrative Judge to implement e-filing, whether mandatory or consensual, for any case or class of cases in any court. The Committee was advised that Your Honor's Administrative Order regarding these changes will be distributed to its members.

It was further noted that the Division of E-Filing remains committed to addressing operational, training, technological, and staffing concerns expressed in the attached public comments. The expansion of e-filing will continue to be a collaborative effort, with the OCA maintaining engagement with the bar and other stakeholders to ensure that all changes enhance access to justice. And the committee also reaffirmed that all current safeguards would remain in place, including the automatic exemption from e-filing for all unrepresented parties.

Thank you for considering our input. The committee is pleased to report that all legislative required steps have been met. The committee found no impediments to moving forward with the

implementation of mandatory e-filing for consumer credit actions and unanimously recommend approval. We look forward to the continuation of “new” e-filing platforms for this Court and to reporting on future progress.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Gibson  
Vice-Chair  
NYC Civil Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing

cc: NYC Civil Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing



**WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK**

**Timothy C. Idoni**  
County Clerk

December 22, 2025

Honorable Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
Office of Court Administration  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, New York 10004

**Re: Erie County E-Filing Expansion - Advisory Committee Updated Endorsement**

Dear Judge Zayas,

I am writing to confirm that the Supreme Court (Civil) Advisory Committee on E-Filing considers the upcoming expansion of mandatory e-filing in all case types - including, CPLR Art. 70 and 78 proceedings, Election Law proceedings, Matrimonial matters, Mental Hygiene Law matters - in Erie County Supreme Court - Civil Term (effective January 1, 2026) to be within the scope of the committee's prior expansion endorsement. That endorsement was submitted to you on June 11, 2025, (see attached letter/report), following the committee's meeting in support of full mandatory e-filing in all case types in the 60 other counties statewide (excluding Allegany County).

The committee has consistently supported these expansions, and the Erie County update aligns with the framework and principles previously endorsed. No objections or comments were received during the public posting period, and the committee will reflect this expansion in its 2026 year-end submission to your office. Additionally, as reflected in your October 22, 2025 Notice to the Bar, both the Erie County Clerk and the District Administrative Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District have confirmed their agreement and expressed support for expanding the mandatory program. [EFiling Memo Erie County Supreme, Civil.pdf](#).

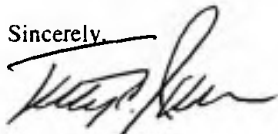
Lastly, as Committee Chair for the past ten years, I have had the privilege of working with a dedicated group to assist and support the advancement of electronic filing in the Supreme Court - Civil Term across New York State. Together, we have overseen significant expansions, supported legislative improvements, and helped shape a more efficient and accessible court system.

I am deeply grateful for your confidence in allowing me to continue in this role and for your steadfast support. Your leadership and commitment to modernizing our courts have been instrumental in the progress we have achieved, and I truly appreciate the trust you placed in me to guide this important committee and its work.

As I prepare for retirement at the end of the year, I want to thank you personally for your partnership and encouragement over the years. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, and I leave with great pride in what we have accomplished together and confidence in the committee's continued success.

As always, I appreciate your continued leadership and support in advancing electronic filing across New York State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy C. Idoni', written over a horizontal line.

Timothy C. Idoni  
Westchester County Clerk  
Chair, Supreme (Civil) Court E-Filing Advisory Committee



**WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK**

**Timothy C. Idoni**  
County Clerk

June 11, 2025

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
Office of Court Administration  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, New York 10004

Dear Judge Zayas:

This letter is intended to fulfill the obligation of the Supreme Court (Civil) Electronic Filing Advisory Committee to consult with the Chief Administrative Judge regarding the State's experience with programs in the use of electronic means for the commencement of actions and proceedings and the services of papers therein.

The committee met on June 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and a quorum was reached. The topic of discussion was the recently enacted amendments to Article 21-A of the CPLR, the expansion of mandatory e-filing in the Supreme Court-Civil Term across most of New York State. The exceptions are Allegheny County, which has not commenced electronic filing to date, and Erie County, which will continue to offer exempted case types on a consensual basis.

Your committee noted that starting in mid-June 2025, the mandatory e-filing program will expand to all civil actions in the Supreme Court-Civil term statewide. The expansion of mandatory electronic filing will include the following case types:

- \*CPLR Article 70 proceedings
- \*CPLR Article 78 proceedings
- \*Election Law proceedings
- \*matrimonial matters
- \*Mental Hygiene Law matters
- \*consumer credit transactions as defined in CPLR 105(f)\*
- \*residential foreclosure actions as defined as RPAPL 1304\*
- (\*for all subsequent documents filed)

Christopher Gibson, Director of the Division of E-Filing for the New York State Office of Court Administration took the committee through the step by step process used to notify all interested parties. He indicated that the comment period expired on May 30, 2025 and his office had not received any

comments on the legislation. He added that his staff is prepared to provide training on the changes. Virtual training will be available on the NYSCEF website.

We note for the record that by legislation and statute, all unrepresented parties remain automatically exempt from participating in e-filing in any case. But we also note that all participating counties will afford those who wish to participate the ability to register for the system and training will be provided to insure maximum participation.

E-filing represents a significant and essential advancement for the courts, the legal profession and all court users. The Advisory Committee is pleased to advise you that all pertinent steps required under the new legislation have been met and request that any further steps necessary to begin this major step be approved. The Committee voted unanimously to send this letter advising you of our review.

We thank you for your attention to this matter

Sincerely,



Timothy C. Klon  
Chair  
New York State Supreme Court (Civil) E-Filing Advisory Committee

cc: New York Supreme Court (Civil) Advisory Committee of E-Filing  
Christopher Gibson, Director, OCA Division of E-Filing



## New York State Unified Court System

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April 10, 2026

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
25 Beaver Street  
New York, NY 10004

### Re: Report of the Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing

Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas:

I am writing on behalf of the Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing to fulfill our obligation to consult with you regarding the State's experience with electronic filing in Surrogate's Courts and to provide recommendations for future operational and legislative improvements. The Committee convened on **March 3, 2026**.

The Committee reports as follows:

#### 1. Status of E-Filing in Surrogate's Courts

Mandatory e-filing continues across 57 Surrogate's Courts outside New York City, while the five New York City Surrogate's Courts remain on a consensual basis as internal system updates are finalized. The Committee has, for some time, emphasized the need for an updated case management system in Surrogate's Court, which is entirely separate from NYSCEF. Modernizing this DOS-based platform is essential to improving functionality and ensuring full, efficient integration with NYSCEF, which would support more uniform filing practices statewide. The Committee was informed that the Division of Technology has recently added an additional programmer dedicated to this project to accelerate the timeline for completing the necessary upgrades. On a positive note, throughout 2025 the statewide NYSCEF platform introduced Surrogate's Court-specific screens and functionality enhancements, improving consistency and the overall filing experience for attorneys, self-represented litigants, and the court. Productive meetings between the e-filing team and Surrogate's Court Chief Clerks and operational staff have continued, promoting uniform practices and addressing emerging issues as the platform continues to evolve.

#### 2. Volume of Statewide E-Filed Matters

The Committee was briefed on filing data: in **2025, approximately 52,000 estate proceedings were e-filed statewide**, reflecting strong utilization and sustained momentum in e-filing.

#### 3. Public Comment Review

The Committee reviewed the sole public comment submitted concerning the Surrogate's Court platform in response to your annual notice requesting feedback on e-filing programs statewide. The commenter requested the ability for an attorney to remove their consent, a feature that has already been added to the

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NYSCEF platform. Based on the commenter's additional concerns about document visibility, the Committee also discussed that restrictions in certain case types stem from court-imposed limitations rather than from the NYSCEF system itself. The Committee remains committed to reviewing all submitted comments to identify opportunities for continued improvement.

**4. Program Enhancements and Operational Updates**

The Committee discussed several recent enhancements to the NYSCEF platform and acknowledged the ongoing work to further refine Surrogate's Court-specific functionality. Members expressed appreciation for the continued collaboration between the e-filing division, Surrogate's Court clerks, and technology staff in advancing these improvements.

**5. Resource Needs**


The committee was informed that the NYSCEF Division has opened a satellite office in Albany to support the statewide expansion of e-filing programs.

**6. Committee Membership**

The Committee also discussed the importance of expanding committee membership to reflect the diverse needs of Surrogate's Courts statewide. We understand that additional members will be invited by your office to join this Committee to ensure that relevant stakeholder groups continue to be adequately represented.

Thank you for your continued leadership in advancing e-filing initiatives throughout the Unified Court System. We appreciate the opportunity to provide this consultation and look forward to supporting the ongoing development and improvement of electronic filing in Surrogate's Courts.

Very truly yours,



Hon. Deborah S. Kearns,  
Chair, Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing



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Eugene W. Hurley  
Chief Clerk

April 13, 2026

Hon. Joseph A. Zayas  
Chief Administrative Judge  
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Dear Chief Administrative Judge Zayas:

Re: Family Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing – Consultation for 2026 E-File Report

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Family Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing to provide the Chief Administrative Judge with our annual assessment of the implementation of electronic filing in Family Court, along with recommendations to support its ongoing development and the enhancements of its day-to-day operations.

On February 20, 2026, the Committee convened to review the progress of the Family Court's electronic filing program and to discuss next steps for expanding and strengthening these programs statewide. We are pleased to report that the consensual e-filing program has continued to grow steadily since its launch in August 2022 and is now in place across a broad range of Family Court locations. Notably, the program expanded to twenty-four courts this year, doubling its reach, and is set to roll out in two additional counties by May 2026. E-filing remains available for the same limited case types: Custody/Visitation, Guardianship, Paternity, Parentage Assisted Reproduction, Parentage Surrogacy, and Support. Expansion to additional case types is under active consideration.

The Committee also reviewed the public comments submitted in response to the Chief Administrative Judge's annual notice requesting feedback on e-filing. Many commenters emphasized the importance of ensuring that any future expansion of e-filing reflects the unique needs of Family Court litigants, particularly those who are unrepresented. Others highlighted the need for clear, accessible instructions regarding e-filing procedures, and the continued availability of traditional filing methods, including the addition of the document type "Notice of Entry." The NYSCEF Team indicated that this item had been an outstanding request made to the Division of Technology and later confirmed that it has since been added to the Family Court platform. The Committee appreciated these insights and the resulting discussions. We were also briefed on several ongoing technological developments currently underway, including continued improvements to the data transfer processes between NYSCEF and UCMS. These upgrades continue to ease workflows, simplify processes for litigants and staff, and strengthen overall system usability.

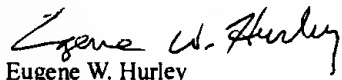
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The Committee remains especially focused on the needs of unrepresented litigants. We wish to recognize the substantial collaboration among NYSCEF administrators, Family Court staff, and the Division of Technology (DoT), including their regular working group meetings to address issues and incorporate user feedback. As a result of this collaboration, enhancements are made available as the program expands into additional courts. Committee members, particularly those who regularly practice in Family Court, also emphasized the challenges posed by inconsistent practices across different courts. In this regard, there is broad support for NYSCEF as a way to promote greater uniformity, predictability, and efficiency statewide.

In addition, the Committee discussed the importance of broadening and strengthening representation within the advisory group to ensure that its work continues to reflect the needs of Family Court users. To that end, the E-Filing Team has initiated outreach to OCA's Statewide Committees Division and has submitted recommendations for additional members to be invited to join the advisory group. We look forward to continued collaboration as additions to this committee's membership move forward.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to continuing our partnership to advance the effective and user-centered implementation of electronic filing in Family Court.

Sincerely,



Eugene W. Hurley  
Chair, Family Court Advisory Committee on E-Filing

# Appendix B

## Comments from County Clerks

*State of New York*



*Nancy T. Sunshine*  
County Clerk, Kings County

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February 6, 2026

Christopher Gibson, Director  
OCA Division of E-Filing  
VIA EMAIL [cgibson@nycourts.gov](mailto:cgibson@nycourts.gov)

Dear Mr. Gibson:

The success of NYSCEF in the office of the Kings County Clerk is established beyond question by the digital filing of court documents via NYSCEF as the preferred and dominate method, far exceeding hard copy/paper filings.

As the digital world benefits the day-to-day lives of citizens, the Kings County Clerk's consent to mandatory expansion of NYSCEF has benefitted all court users, filing parties, attorneys, the media and the public. Notably, there are appropriate safeguards in the law to permit self-represented litigants, who have not embraced the digital world, to file court documents in hard copy/paper format.

NYSCEF as designed and improved with the input of stakeholders including County Clerks, implements the confidential treatment of cases as required by law and the sealing of court files or portions of court files pursuant to court order. Accordingly, the issue of proper safeguarding of confidential cases exists in NYSCEF.

The benefits of NYSCEF in providing permitted unrestricted access to view a clear list of all filed documents, immediate access to non-confidential filed documents, quick and efficient filing of documents, notice to all parties of documents filed in a case, promotes transparency, accountability and confidence in the court system. Transfer of cases from one County Clerk as Clerk of Supreme Court to another County Clerk is far more efficient than using snail mail, pre-NYSCEF transfer of Supreme Court cases from one County to another. The success of NYSCEF has been promoted by the County Clerks in sixty-one counties, who have consented to the mandatory expansion of NYSCEF with recognized safeguards.

In conclusion, the importance and benefits of e-filing have been well established, and collaborations with NYSCEF and stakeholders, including County Clerks, continue to promote enhancement to NYSCEF to address changes in law and address enhancements to improve efficiency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy T. Sunshine".

Hon. Nancy T. Sunshine  
County Clerk, Kings County

*State of New York*



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February 6, 2026

Christopher Gibson, Director  
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VIA EMAIL [cgibson@nycourts.gov](mailto:cgibson@nycourts.gov)

Dear Mr. Gibson:

I have been an advocate for the expansion of E-filing in Civil Term of Supreme Court Kings County in my capacity as Kings County Clerk, member and Past President of the NYS Association of County Clerks. The success of E-filing in Civil Term of Supreme Court provides compelling evidence that the benefits of E-filing in Criminal Term of Supreme Court will likewise provide efficiency, transparency, and promote trust and confidence in the criminal justice system.

The Kings County Supreme Court Criminal Term Pilot E-filing program, implemented after in- depth work with stakeholders in creating the rules of procedure and implementation in NYSCEF, has been a success. Throughout the process, stakeholder input has been welcomed and incorporated during the implementation of this pilot program. The NYSCEF Resource Center has been responsive to address enhancements and continued CLE education programs for court users in collaboration with the Chief Clerk of Criminal Term Brian McAllister and his staff. Enhancements continue to be addressed as issues are presented in the implementation of this pilot.

I strongly support expansion of the Criminal E-filing based on the success of the Kings County Criminal Term Pilot program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy T. Sunshine".

Hon. Nancy T. Sunshine  
Kings County Clerk  
Member of the Supreme and County Court  
(Criminal) Advisory Committee on E-Filing



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February 9, 2026

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Christopher Gibson, Director  
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Re: Request for Comments

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Thank you for providing my office with the opportunity to comment on OCA's efforts made towards modernizing and streamlining Court operations across New York State. We are pleased with OCA's leadership and the strides made in achieving the Administrative Judge's goals of achieving a fully integrated court system.

The implementation of mandatory electronic filing for all case types has been very successful in Queens County and electronic filings continue to steadily increase each year. Electronic filing has proven to be extremely effective and environmentally conscious by greatly reducing the number of paper filings, the cost of storage, paper and printing, as well as conserving staff time.

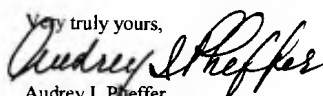
It is also extremely convenient, allowing users to file and view court records from their own computer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is especially beneficial to pro-se litigants who may otherwise have to take time off from work to file papers at the courthouse during business hours. Queens County is one of the most populous and diverse counties in our state and as such, our office is responsible for handling a great volume of the overall court filings filed statewide. In 2025, our office saw an increase from prior years, with more than 50,000 cases commenced electronically and over one million documents filed overall.

I believe that litigants have found mandatory electronic filing cost-effective, as it will eliminate the billing of appearance fees and/or the cost of service companies to file documents in-person. The ability to file and view court records instantly and the prompt notification to parties of new documents filed in their matter offers litigants, especially those appearing pro-se, an innovative means to pursue justice.

In fact, I believe that it would be advantageous to all litigants that all cases require mandatory filing, including Family Court, and all NYC Civil Court cases- not just consumer credit actions.

The Queens County Clerk's office strives to provide the public with services in an efficient, innovative and cost-effective manner and electronic filing is an effective way to achieve that goal. Queens County enthusiastically looks forward to the expansion of mandatory electronic filing. Thank you for the

opportunity to comment on the past year experience of electronic filing in Supreme Court, Queens County, and I look forward to continuing working with your team.

Very truly yours,  
  
Audrey I. Pfeffer  
Queens County Clerk

# Appendix C

## Comments From Stakeholders and Interested Parties

**From:** Taylor, Aaron <Aaron.Taylor@erie.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2026 2:50 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Unified Court System's e-filing

To whom it may concern,

I am the assistant supervisor for the actions and proceedings department at the Erie County Clerk's Office. Below are a few of the more frequently occurring concerns that seem to stem from how cases are displayed for Court Users in the NYSCEF system.

- Fee Waiver Status
  - Fee waiver applications have many different outcomes. While in the past the applications were typically approved or denied, there are now many other options. The status of the Fee waiver application often changes sometimes multiple times throughout a case. A field in the parties or representation status to identify the status of a party/filer's fee waiver application would be beneficial to both the Court Users and the litigants applying for the fee waiver.
- Restricted Document Titles
  - I have been unable to locate an available comprehensive list of restricted document titles. It can be difficult at times to readily identify documents that Court Users need to have access to but cannot be replicated for the public. Outside the NYSCEF system, these documents are marked appropriately by the filing clerk. However, NYSCEF has many document titles and none of the restricted titles are marked in any way.
- Restricted Case Types
  - I was able to obtain a list of restricted case types from NYSCEF. However, there is no indication in the NYSCEF system when a Court User is looking at the case of its public availability. The Court Users must rely strictly on memorizing the Case Types and who has access. It would be very helpful, particularly with turnover and training, if there was an indicator to the availability/access limitations of different case types. Ex: MATRIMONIAL / MENTAL HYGIENE
- Filing user on To-Do Item Steps
  - Many filing users take advantage of their user ID being acceptable as signature on an electronically filed document. However, most of the To Do Item Steps do not display who the filing user is. Beyond "Assign Index #" I am unaware of any steps that display the filing user on the To Do Item step. It would add transparency and save time if this information was displayed for all To Do Item Steps to avoid having to go into the User Group or Document List to identify the filer of a document.

I appreciate OCA taking the time to review these comments and help move forward with a comprehensive system that is transparent and user friendly to all.

-Aaron

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF Comments

Good evening,

The only comment I have is that it can be frustrating when uploading multiple documents, if one line is missed (for example, Exhibit title is blank), it resets everything and you have to reload rather than just error coding that you need to refill the blank spaces. Thank you!

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February 13, 2026

Mr. Christopher Gibson  
Director, OCA Division of E-Filing  
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**Re: 2026 NYSCEF Comment Letter**

Dear Mr. Gibson,

We write on behalf of the Managing Attorneys and Clerks Association, Inc. (“MACA”), in response to the January 13, 2026, notice to comment on New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program. MACA would like to submit our comment as to the integration of the eCourts and NYSCEF systems.

As you know, MACA is comprised of approximately 120 law firms with litigation practices (primarily large and mid-sized firms) and in-house law offices, as well as the New York State Attorney General’s Office. Managing attorneys’ and managing clerks’ positions within our respective firms and concomitant responsibilities afford us a breadth of understanding of the day-to-day operations of the various state and federal court e-filing systems. Our members have extensive experience as it relates to the electronic filing systems on both the state and federal levels throughout the nation. In the majority of our member firms, managing attorney or managing clerk staff perform the function of the electronic filing and retrieval of litigation papers in NYSCEF and in person. Furthermore, many of our member firms handle matters that fall

outside standard civil litigation, such as matrimonial actions, and proceedings in Family Court and Criminal Court.

General Assessment

We continue to find NYSCEF to be extremely user friendly, advancing along with the ever-changing technology, and our membership is overall pleased with the service. We appreciate the ability to file larger documents due to the expansive PDF file size limit. We also find your staff to be knowledgeable and helpful as it relates to filing issues. Furthermore, the technology is extremely reliable. Our members report very little service disruption and, in this regard, NYSCEF compares favorably to the federal CM/ECF system and among other states' electronic filing systems.

In our experience, a substantial factor in NYSCEF's success is the Resource Center (a.k.a. the Statewide E-Filing Resource Center). Their staff operates an effective help desk that provides experienced e-filing problem-solving services. In addition, we are grateful that the OCA Division of E-Filing's leadership has been receptive to our feedback and suggestions throughout the years. It is always our goal to add valuable user input to the court system where possible. MACA is committed to the advancement of all collaborative efforts to support the advancement of the NYSCEF system.

2026 Comments and Suggestions

Integration of eCourts/eTrack

At present, there is no way to view future court appearances, such as, conferences, and motion return dates within NYSCEF. Instead, users must search for the case on eCourts in addition to pulling the case up on the NYSCEF system. We find this creates an unnecessary step that would be cured should information feed from eCourts to NYSCEF similarly to how information feeds from NYSCEF to eCourts. The image below shows a snippet retrieved from the eCourts system which illustrates how NYSCEF information is accessed via eCourts.



The above image highlights the user's ability to review and retrieve documents electronically filed within the NYSCEF system by clicking a button in eCourts. We respectfully request a similar feature be developed within the NYSCEF system that allows for the viewing of future court appearances at the click of a button. The systems are already interfacing in one direction, so it should be possible that the information flows both ways.

NYSCEF has robust document management capabilities, and we think this added feature would consolidate information in one place. Such improvements would streamline daily practices, reduce duplicative efforts, minimize scheduling confusion and enhance overall usability for attorneys, pro se litigants, and court staff.

MACA is generally quite satisfied with NYSCEF as an e-filing system. However, as mentioned, conspicuous by its absence on NYSCEF is any indication of future court dates and appearances. Many other court's e-filing systems include such information, but on the New York Courts website one must go to a separate location to obtain information on upcoming conferences, motion return dates, and court appearances in a particular matter.

Moreover, unlike alerts for new document filings, NYSCEF does not send out e-mail notifications when new court dates are scheduled. Instead, an attorney, litigant, or interested party must enroll in a separate service, eTrack, via the eCourts website for each particular case to receive such e-mails.

While MACA would ideally like to see full integration of eCourts /eTrack within NYSCEF, we believe that developing a button that allows for the viewing of calendared dates in NYSCEF would be a good first step to help reduce confusion about future court dates and appearances and add efficiency for litigants when viewing case information.

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Again, we are grateful for the opportunity to comment on NYSCEF. We are enthusiastic supporters of the system and eagerly look forward to the expansion of e-filing and improvements to NYSCEF functionality.

Respectfully submitted,

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s/Onika D. McLean  
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s/Ime A. Nelson  
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Managing Clerk  
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February 4, 2026

*A PUBLIC COMMENT in regards to the request for public comment on e-filing, due February 13.*

To whom it concerns,

- May I bring to your attention that Uniform Rule “Maintenance of Files” allows clerks to scan hard paper filings onto the internet. Unrepresented parties receive a notice at some point informing them that the opposing party is filing by e-filing and that they can file in paper, but I reckon most who continue to file in paper do not understand that you’re actually scanning *their subsequent hard papers* to the internet. You’ve now just made all L/T actions e-filing, which means this high risk population of elderly/immigrant/voucher/harassed/low income/disabled/families with children, etc. parties may have no clue at the time (or never) that their papers are being posted on the internet. This is DANGEROUS.

*PLEASE EXPRESSLY INFORM THEM.*

- May the courts re-consider posting all court records on the internet, and instead adopt an approach that strikes a balance:
  - May the courts consider one single online system for all cases that requires a login and only seeing cases that you are party to that are currently active, requiring an official request for full copies of records, and perhaps what is posted on the internet is a version of the record that allows for benefit to the public but without any scanned documents (similar to WebCivil).
- I must ask why the public is not allowed to record in the public facing courthouse lobbies. I regret to inform you that, at the NYC locations at least, there is a problem with clerks and other staff bullying and mistreating members of the public.

You are posting all of our court cases on the internet anyway, so I must ask, whose privacy is it exactly that you are so concerned about.

-Anonymous member of the public

Feb. 4, 2026

Re: Seeking comments on the NYSCEF program

Dear Mr. Gibson,

As Shelley Rossoff Olsen, the former Special Master for NYCAL, mentioned twice, users should fill in the optional "Additional Information" field, which is just below the document type, when e-filing. Since not everybody does so, please consider making this a required field with relevant info. Some leave the field blank, while others type, "Answer" when they e-file an Answer. Everyone knows it is an Answer because the document type appears. What we do not know is the defendant name.

One example: Index # 190070-2025, the Heyman matter, doc # 62. A considerate/savvy user could have typed "American Optical Corp." in a Sticky Note one time (a feature in MS Windows) and copied/pasted the info to the "Additional Information" field with each successive American Optical Corp. filing. The time it takes to do this is negligible. Instead, the user left the field blank, and left other users wondering.

If a Plaintiff's firm uploads 100 Affidavits of Service, leaves the "Additional Info" field blank, and a client requests proof of service, it is an unpleasant chore to double-left click dozens of Affidavits of Service in search of the one relating to your client. A required field, something akin to "Additional Information-which party does this pertain to?" would be a great improvement to NYSCEF.

Secondly, if a person consents to represent a client, often they also need to file a document at the same time. A link on the consent page saying, "E-file to this matter" would save having to exit the consent screen, retyping the index number, and clicking on the matter.

The NYSCEF program is a huge improvement over the paper-filing procedure. I have appreciation for those that conceived, coded, and maintain this great system. My suggested tweaks/enhancements in no way reflect any dissatisfaction with NYSCEF, just an earnest attempt to suggest some possible changes.

Best regards

**From:** dewolfap  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:55 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** DCAJ-ALB  
**Subject:** Pro se litigant comments on Electronic Filing Program

Dear Christopher Gibson, Director, OCA Division of E-Filing, 25 Beaver Street, Room 926, New York NY 10004;

I write to you as a *pro se* litigant in Indexes 907201-23 and 912295-24 who has experienced major and severe issues with NYSCEF filing, especially by the Albany County Clerk, and I seek that you make major changes to the system.

I think there should be a special introduction/education video/tutorial for *pro se* litigants who are exposed for the 1<sup>st</sup> time to the system and need to figure out how to quickly navigate it. Instead, the system seems ONLY geared towards court employees and attorneys.

PLEASE educate ALL users on NY CPLR Section 101, 104, and 2101, 2102, 2103, and 5501. The Court clerks have been grossly violating CPLR 2102(a-c) and 22 NYCRR Section 202.5 by illegally and improperly rejecting *pro se* litigant filed papers in violation of law and the *Tilem & Campbell* settlement with the Chief Judge agreeing to resolve these issues. I have put multiple complaints in the the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Judges outside NYC and they keep ignoring me, telling me they lack jurisdiction, and I have to address these issues with the Judges presiding instead of fix the systemic issues.

PLEASE fix the issues around NOTICES of Entry under CPLR Article 55 especially at Sections 5512, 5513, and 5515. There SHOULD be a more clear and easy method in which users KNOW immediately whether a NYSCEF filed order from a Judge was entered by the Clerks, and then an easy method to create the Notice of Entry.

PLEASE fix the issues of HOW documents being filed into multiple motions are then put in as separate documents each with a NYSCEF Doc numbers separately. You can look in Index 912295-24 to see a perfect example of this problem and I seek there be a fix made so that gross duplication doesn't occur again.

Thank you for seeking such comments, I'm willing to talk to you and work with the programmers to improve the system for *pro se* litigants.

Sincerely;

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**Subject:** Electronic filing comments

Greetings Director Gibson,

As a daily user, I wish to commend the entire New York State Courts Electronic Filing mechanism. I find the system well designed, user friendly, and supported by very knowledgeable staff. Thank you.

If any feature could please be added to aid bulk downloads (.zip) of an entire matter's pdfs, or entire motion sequences, that would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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**From:** Jonathan M. Borg, Esq.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 11:29 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF login comments  
**Importance:** High

NYSCEF should fix the system kicking us out after a short period – signing in again is a pain, regardless of whether my password is saved. Make it a longer period of time if you don't just remove that function.

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**From:** Bruce Palmer <bbpalmer@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:31 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF

As a new, no-legal, user of NYSCEF, I couldn't more impressed about how easy it makes filing court papers. As a complete novice, one of the best parts is quickly getting instructions on how to proceed if something was not filed correctly.

Bruce Palmer

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**From:** Dana Randazzo <info@paralegalforyou.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 1:56 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** e-filing suggestion

When downloading documents from a case file, for instance a Motion with several exhibits, they have to be downloaded one at a time then combined once downloaded to make one complete document. If there is a way to select multiple documents at the same time to download all at once instead of individually that would be helpful.

Thank you.

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**From:** Dana Randazzo <info@paralegalforyou.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:37 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Suggestion for Efiling

Good Morning

Please add in an option in the drop down for non-motion filings for “Good Faith Letter” or “Good Faith letter to Counsel”

There is no option in the drop down menu to e-file a letter/correspondence to opposing counsel with outstanding discovery issues.

Thanks

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**From:** Robert Sweeney <rpsesq@dslawny.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2026 5:44 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Robert Sweeney  
**Subject:** Comments regarding the efile system

This is an extremely efficient system that is well maintained and up to date. It is a huge benefit to any attorney who regularly practices in the New York Court system. It is easy to navigate and download documents. Some recommended improvements would be: easier transition between efile system and eCourts; bring local and Civil Courts of the City of New York into the digital age and have documents available to the public.

Thank you for this excellent system. It helps greatly in my practice.

Robert P. Sweeney, Esq.  
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**From:** glenn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 3:03 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Recommendation for NYSCEF feature

Hello, I have a recommendation for a NYSCEF feature that I think would be very helpful for those using the system.

Right now, when logged in and looking at all of our cases, there are three tabs at the top. The first shows all cases, the second shows cases filed within the past seven days, and third shows appeals.

I think it would be extremely helpful, especially for those with a large number of cases, to have a fourth tab which shows all cases which have received new filings in the past seven days.

Occasionally we might miss an email notifying of a filing in a case that might be several years old, and the only way to double-check that nothing has been missed is to go through every open case and click through to see if there are recent filings.

A way to just click a tab and see everything with a new filing would be fantastic, would save a tremendous amount of time, and would ensure that nothing slips through the cracks.

It could even replace the second tab entirely, given that there's no real need to separate out cases filed within the past seven days given that it's possible to sort all cases by received date anyway and so any cases filed within the past seven days would be at the top of the list.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Elyse Siegel <elyse.siegel@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 12:11 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Electronic Filing Program: NYSCEF development concepts

Dear Mr. Gibson,

I noticed your call for feedback submissions regarding NYSCEF functionality on the platform. Below is a list of ideas that may be useful to you. I have spent over fifteen (15) years developing and managing content management systems. I was one of three primary stakeholders for developing the proprietary CMS and analytics platform at the Huffington Post and subsequently worked with the company's founding CTO at the CMS company he founded. Since then, I have advised companies in media and other industries on platform and data technology.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. I hope my feedback is helpful to you.

Best,  
Elyse

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#### **2) Batch file upload functionality with resource well**

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**From:** Elyse Siegel <elyse.siegel@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 12:02 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Re: Electronic Filing Program: NYSCEF development concepts

Dear Mr. Gibson,

I hope you are having a nice night. I am writing to respectfully share three additional platform development concepts:

**1) Batch download functionality**

Application: Ability to check boxes next to document numbers and download files with a single call-to-action (CTA)

Value: Efficiency

Further enhancement: Ability to send an email notification with the files directly from the platform

**2) Automatically make the document number the file name when a file is downloaded (currently it reflects the url)**

Application: Automatic via backend development

Value: Efficiency

Further enhancement: Apply the same methodology to browser tabs, which currently reflect the url

**3) “Select all” functionality for documents**

Application: Developing the general functionality would enable:

- i) Batch download of documents
- ii) Batch email of documents
- iii) Batch application of tags (if you were to pursue the development detailed below)
- iv) Batch favoriting (if you were to pursue the development detailed below)

Value: Efficiency/case management

I hope these ideas are useful for your development of the NYSCEF platform.

Best,  
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**From:** Jennifer Morton <jennifer@falcomortonlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 5:03 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Efiling for family court

Efiling for Family Court is too cumbersome.

A family court information form is required for every filing, even though those are not typically for custody cases.

I believe that cases should be organized under Family File Number rather than Docket Number. It is not uncommon, for example, for custody cases to have multiple dockets running together, and to have to file a document three times under each docket number.

Thank you,  
Jen

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**From:** Amanda Vargas <avargas@hfpmlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026 2:34 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Julia Nezirovski  
**Subject:** Comment/Suggestion on NYSCEF System - Efile Program

Good afternoon: A suggestion for the system would be to add an option that allows users to download all related documents at once, rather than downloading each file individually. For example, a "Download All" button for a motion and its supporting documents would be extremely helpful.

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**From:** Kathryn Weinberg <KWeinberg@gtdlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2026 3:16 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** E-filing for family court comments

Hello,

E-filing for Supreme Court cases is mostly an easy and efficient way to file documents. E-filing for Family Court cases, however, is burdensome and wholly frustrating. Below are two reasons why:

1. Filing a new petition on a family court case is much more time-consuming than it needs to be. When you go to file a new petition, you not only have to file the petition, but you also have to file a personal information form....that says right on it that the form is used for support and paternity, yet one has to be completed for other matters like custody and family offense. Furthermore, a notice of appearance must be filed, as well. If the attorney is filing the petition, that should count as a notice of appearance?
2. In supreme court cases, attorneys must simply click on the case, then click File to this Case if they want to file a document. In family court cases, however, they cannot do that, they must click on Family Court and search for the case, even though it is in their list of cases. It is counterintuitive and does not make sense.

Perhaps the above issues can be addresses and modified to make the process easier. Thank you.

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**From:** Shelby Sullivan <ssullivan@hfplaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 3:39 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comment on NYS Unified Court System E-Filing Program

Hi Mr. Gibson,

I wanted to reach out to submit a comment regarding the current Unified Court System's e-filing program.

A significant improvement that would massively enhance users' experience using the program would be the addition of the ability to bulk-download documents at once within a case. As it stands now, individuals who are reviewing or saving pleadings and other filings have to do so by clicking on each document individually. In cases that are older or have numerous filings, this can become quite onerous and time consuming.

To allow users to download multiple documents simultaneously would drastically improve efficiency for attorneys and staff-members who regularly rely on the e-filing system, and would make document management more practical.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the e-filing program.

Regards,

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**From:** Henry Cernitz <hcernitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 4:17 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** E Filing Comments

I would like to comment on E-Filing. E-Filing works well as long as it not abused by IAS Part Judges. For example, Justice Katsanos in Queens requires that two hard copies of a motion be delivered to his part prior to the motion date, and if not, the case is marked off. What is the purpose of E Filing if we have to deliver hard copies to chambers? The whole idea behind E Filing is to reduce the amount of paper involved in a case but if each Judge makes up his own rules for e-filing, it makes for a wild west of E Filing. We need consistent court rules for e-filing.

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**From:** Jason Tenenbaum <jason@JTNYLAW.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 11:51 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on e-filing

I write this comment to express my happiness about the rollout of e-filing to almost all Civil Supreme Court matters within the state. In this regard, I cannot remember the last time I had to send someone to a Civil Term Clerk's office to physically file or purchase anything.

I write because in light of the 2024 legislation that was passed allowing e-filing in *all* courts throughout the state, we still do *not* have consensual e-filing in all civil matters in the New York City Civil Courts, the Long Island District Courts or the statewide City Courts.

This lack of electronic filing hinders my law firm (and others) from filing matters in the lower courts because of the expense and inconvenience of paper filing and the inability to have an electronic record of the docket entries. As a consequence, it is more efficient and less expensive to file cases in the Supreme Court because of the lack of e-filing.

The other issue that is vexing is why the Appellate Terms *still* do not have e-filing since the 2024 legislation was passed. This actually does make the filing and perfecting of the appeals to the Appellate Terms more expensive and more arduous than filing appeals in the Appellate Divisions.

I would note that the other states in which I practice such as New Jersey, Florida, Texas and through the federal system allow electronic filings in all courts. I would ask that Office of Court Administration consider having systemwide consensual e-filing in all of the lower courts by the end of 2026.

Again, would this Court consider expediting e-filing in the Courts systemwide?

Jason Tenenbaum

**Best Regards,**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 11:56 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Robert Miletsky  
**Subject:** Comments on e-filing

Hi:

This Court's electronic filing system remains excellent. It is seamless and low stress – unlike the Federal system which is always a challenge and well nigh hopelessly complicated. I get pains just thinking about the Federal filing system.

Two suggestions if you do not mind:

1. Allow us to file more documents on each filing page. As of now, if I recall correctly, we can file 6 documents and then it goes to another page in order to file more documents. I recommend that we be able to file more documents before going to a new filing page, if possible.
2. Tie in the Court's electronic filing system with the E-Track system. I understand this is a challenge – I think I suggest this every year, but apparently it cannot be done. How about if I say please?

Thanks for your time.

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

I am writing to submit Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's (LSHV's) comments about e-filing in response to your January 13, 2026 request.

E-filing is a significant time-saver in our fast-paced and high-volume practice, and it allows our office to devote more resources to substantive client work by decreasing our administrative burden. Having online access to documents and real-time updates to case status enhances our ability to track developments in our own cases and to investigate prospective clients' cases. As a legal services organization, increasing our efficiency allows us to serve more clients and fulfill our mission of expanding access to justice for as many individuals as possible.

LSHV supports expanding e-filing widely because of the benefits it brings to our office and our clients. In housing court, where cases move quickly and tenants seek assistance from our office when they are imminently at risk of eviction or have fast-approaching deadlines, being able to e-file papers quickly and efficiently could make a significant difference in our ability to preserve our clients' tenancies. Every efficiency we can build into our practice in all our practice areas improves outcomes for clients and allows us to expand our reach.

There are still changes that need to be made to improve the system. First, there are problems with the privacy protections that have been put in place for e-filing in family court. Because there can be more than one attorney in our office who needs to access clients' NYCEF files for purposes of supervision or coverage, limiting access to only the attorney who filed the notice of appearance is overly restrictive. There needs to be a mechanism by which other attorneys in a firm can access a client's file. In addition, we

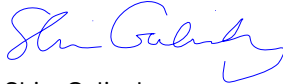
have had experiences where even the attorney who filed the notice of appearance has been unable to access a client's NYSCEF file. These problems need to be resolved.

Second, when a plaintiff commences an e-filed case in which an unrepresented party does hard copying filings, the unrepresented party should not be required to mail the papers and file an affidavit of service. The plaintiff receives the papers electronically after the court uploads them to the system, just as they would in two-party e-filed cases, so the mailing requirement is an unnecessary burden for the unrepresented litigant.

Third, given the ease of the e-filing system, the Court should e-file notices of entry for prevailing pro-se parties. Judges have discretion to do this, and this simple step would prevent losing parties from preserving the opportunity to appeal indefinitely due to an easily rectified procedural misstep by unrepresented litigants.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (914) 468-2156 or [sgalinsky@lshv.org](mailto:sgalinsky@lshv.org).

Sincerely,



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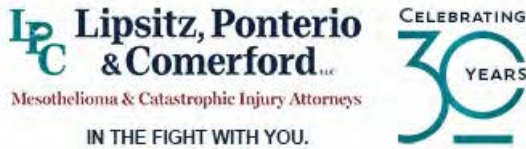
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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:22 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program comments

- When filing RJl's if there is a mistake in an address, the system just says "incorrect zip", it doesn't tell you where it is. It should tell you where the error is.
- Increase the amount of documents when filing in Surrogate Court. We can only add one at a time having to hit "add" and therefore refreshing the page each time, Supreme allows at least 5 docs at a time.
- The system asks for a quantity when filing "Waiver and Consent". If I have 4 consents to settlement and 1 Tax Waiver, they get filed separately but both under "Waiver and Consent", I enter the quantity correctly, hit next and it changes for quantities to 4.

<a href="#">WAIVER AND CONSENT</a>	Consents to Settlement
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- The timeframe from when I actually file a document and it is processed by the Clerk is entirely too long. I wait weeks for a processed, indexed, filed version of a Summons and Complaints, amended pleadings etc.

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**From:** Maria Rosa <mr1mr2@aol.com>  
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**Subject:** Access

A lawyer who wants access as a litigant has to deny being an attorney. There should be one more option for an **attorney as a litigant in their own case.**

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**From:** Marlene T. Dominguez  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 1:46 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** comment about NYSCEF as a court user

Good Afternoon,

First, I would like to say how much NYSCEF is a time saver and easy to use for court personnel.

However, if it's allowed, I would like to suggest the following. Hopefully I can explain it clearly.

When there is a party on NYSCEF who decides to opt out of e-filing but has an email address, is there is a way to have their email address automatically populated when an email is sent to the parties that consented on NYSCEF?

Thank you,  
Marlene Dominguez

Marlene T. Dominguez  
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**From:** Ramona Miller <rmiller@mynylawfirm.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 1:18 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** E-Filing Comments

Dear Christopher Gibson:

Please expand E-Filing to the Appellate Terms. The current protocol is so weird (SharePoint portal drop?) and the accompanying rules are tedious and ought to mirror the Appellate Division practices.

Thank you!!

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**From:** Joseph Costello <jcostello@mvpclaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2026 12:26 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

Mr. Gibson:

I write this email in response to the Memo regarding the New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program.

First, I would like to say that NYSCEF is a wonderful tool and allows attorneys to save time which equates to money. The ability to file papers from the comfort of my desk is wonderful. No more making several copies, going to the courthouse, waiting in line or sending documents to my process server and encountering a delay in receiving an index number. For these reasons, and many others, thank you.

Going forward, I would like to see NYSCEF expanded to include Civil Court matters other than No Fault, Landlord Tenant or Consumer Credit Transactions. Although most of my litigation is in Supreme Court, I do have a few cases in several. It would therefore be beneficial to the bar as a whole to enlarge the program to include Civil Court actions, other than those listed here, and for the same reasons as stated above.

*Sincerely*

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February 13, 2026

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*Re: Comments for the OCA Annual Electronic Filing Report*

Dear Director Gibson:

Mobilization for Justice, Inc. (“MFJ”) envisions a society in which there is equal justice for all. Our mission is to achieve social justice, prioritizing the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised, or have disabilities. We do this through providing the highest quality direct civil legal assistance, community education, entering into partnerships, engaging in policy advocacy, and bringing impact litigation. MFJ assists more than 25,000 New Yorkers each year.

MFJ’s Kinship Caregiver Law Project (“KCLP”) represents grandparents and other kinship caregivers raising children who are not their biological children in adoption, custody and guardianship proceedings. The project also assists these families in obtaining public benefits and immigration status, among other legal matters. Our goal is to help stabilize families, promote greater permanency for children, and prevent children from entering the foster care system.

MFJ appreciates the opportunity to share comments with the OCA Division of E-Filing on electronic filing and the NYSCEF system.

**We outline here several advantages of expanding e-filing authorization to include adoption cases in the five boroughs of New York City and beyond, based on the experience of our staff attorneys working within KCLP and our clients:**

**I. Centralized Communication**

The ability to file the adoption petition and related papers via NYSCEF would provide a centralized digital version of these papers for the attorney retained by the adoptive parent(s), the Adoption Clerk, Court Attorney and Judge. Currently, communication between these actors involves managing a paper file, mailed letters and emails, and at least two submissions in every case, given that each case involves the resubmission of an updated OCA Attorney’s Affirmation once the Docket Number for the proceeding is assigned, along with any other revised documents.

With an expansion of e-filing, comments and corrections to documents could be communicated through the NYSCEF portal, preserving a record of the communication and document histories, and allowing for easy and ordered resubmission of documents. Where original documents are required, they could be mailed to Court. Alternatively, the Court could accept, as in other types of cases through the NYSCEF system, the attorney's affirmation of their originality.

## **II. Efficiency**

Filing adoptions via NYSCEF would also facilitate quicker communication between all actors, including communicating the docketing and calendaring of cases, instead of relying on Docketing Letters through the mail and separate email correspondence.

Moreover, this would allow for information about the stage of proceedings to be more specific, similar to the *Purpose* provided in Notices to Appear as currently sent through NYSCEF in other types of cases.

Electronic filings for adoptions would also save attorneys time, as they would not have to travel to the Court to file. This is time that can be spent instead working with clients to advance their cases.

## **III. Standardized Requests**

Standardized, formal requests through the NYSCEF system are very useful, especially, as in the case of interpreter requests, where they are automatically prompted as part of the submission process. The NYSCEF system facilitates a wide range of such requests and could, more importantly, advance goals of accessibility. Notably, requests are currently made through the Family Court general email addresses or covering letters, where they may be missed or delayed due to human error.

For example, a large portion of KCLP's clients are elderly and have a legitimate fear of falling down or mobility issues (as highlighted with recent weather events), many are in immigration proceedings and/or have disabilities, and all of our clients are managing the Court process alongside caregiving responsibilities. All of these clients are aided by the potential for virtual hearings, and this could be facilitated by a drop-down menu option, among others, to request a virtual appearance when filing a case.

## **IV. Contact Information**

Thank you for affording MFJ the opportunity to offer comments on electronic filing and the NYSCEF system.

For any questions or further information, please contact [dnewton@mfjlegal.org](mailto:dnewton@mfjlegal.org).

Sincerely,

KCLP Managing and Staff Attorneys



February 12, 2026

**By Email**

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**Re: New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program**

Dear Mr. Gibson:

We write to provide comments in response to the Office of Court Administration's Request for Comments regarding the 2026 Annual Report on the New York State Courts Filing Program (NYSCEF).

The New York City Bar Association's Family Court & Family Law Committee, State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction Committee, Litigation Committee, and Consumer Affairs Committee have considered and discussed the New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the continued expansion of electronic filing across the Unified Court System and offer the following recommendations based on observations by practitioners and court users.

**I. SYSTEM ACCESS, INTEGRATION, AND USER EXPERIENCE**

- Integrate NYSCEF with WebCivil, eTrack, court calendars, and other UCS platforms to create a unified portal.
- Expand NYSCEF to cover all civil courts and all case types statewide.
- Enable bulk filing functionality, particularly for high-volume consumer matters.
- Improve search capabilities, including filtering by document type, motion sequence, etc. which is needed for voluminous dockets.
- Increase session time-out limits and improve overall technical stability.
- Permit paralegals and trained legal staff to file documents as authorized agents.

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## **II. FILING PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT**

- Standardize filing requirements across counties, including consistent rules for Notices of Appearance and multi-document submissions.
- Simplify the document-type selection process and adopt a category → subcategory structure similar to federal ECF.
- Add additional document-type options such as correspondence, witness/exhibit lists, summations, and a general catchall category.
- Increase the number of documents that may be uploaded at once; if one document is rejected, allow the rest to stand.
- Allow filers to reference previously filed documents rather than re-uploading identical materials for each motion.
- Ensure clerks review filings in full before returning them, reducing repeated rounds of correction.

## **III. SEALED MATERIALS**

- Create a mechanism that allows nonparties with court-ordered access to sealed documents to view those materials in NYSCEF.
- In cases where portions of amended pleadings need to be filed under seal, allow complaints and answers to be filed in “Request to Seal” status, consistent with the options currently available for certain exhibits and memoranda.

## **IV. IMPROVING ACCESS FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS AND COURT COMMUNICATION**

- Encourage and simplify NYSCEF enrollment for pro se litigants where e-filing is available.
- Offer optional SMS and email notifications for all parties regarding filings, hearing dates, orders, and other updates.
- Integrate NYSCEF with virtual proceedings, enabling remote pretrials, hearings, and mediations, particularly in consumer debt cases.
- Allow electronic filing of exemption claims in garnishment and execution matters.
- Convert reopened pre-e-filed cases into e-filed status to ensure consistent modernization across all active matters.
- When converting an existing matter to NYSCEF, ensure that all associated docket numbers are converted at once.

- Provide consistent and comprehensive training for clerks, court staff, and Appellate Division personnel.

**V. FAMILY COURT–SPECIFIC ISSUES**

- Streamline the workflow after recording NYSCEF consent so that attorneys are not required to log into the case again to continue with a filing.
- Standardize protocols across counties to reduce unnecessary rejections, particularly in multidocket cases involving multiple children.
- Streamline and shorten Personal Information Sheets required for each Petition, as much of the information requested duplicates what is already included in the Petition.
- When looking to consent/represent, enable attorneys to enter the File Number, instead of the Docket Number, to allow consent to all existing NYSCEF cases at the same time.
- Clarify and harmonize filing expectations for specialized matters such as SIJS filings.
- Include Consent to Change Attorney option.

Thank you for considering our consolidated comments. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these recommendations further and to continue supporting efforts to make electronic filing more consistent, efficient, and accessible for all court users.

Respectfully,

Family Court & Family Law Committee  
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*Re: New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program*

Dear Director Gibson:

On behalf of the New York State Bar Association, I write in response to the Office of Court Administration's request for comments in connection with the preparation of its 2026 Annual Report on the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF).

NYSBA appreciates OCA's continued leadership in expanding electronic filing across the Unified Court System. Your initiative is modernizing court operations and improving administrative efficiency statewide.

In 2007, NYSBA's *Task Force on the Electronic Filing of Court Documents* issued a comprehensive report and endorsed statewide electronic filing and recognized that implementing an e-filing system increased efficiency, reduced costs, improved access to court records, and enhanced uniformity of practice. Our report emphasized that successful implementation depends on phased expansion, adequate resources, training for court personnel and attorneys, and continued engagement with stakeholders as e-filing programs evolve.<sup>1</sup> OCA's current request for comment is fully consistent with those recommendations and reflects an appropriately iterative approach to modernization.

More recently in June of 2023, the *Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Modernization of Criminal Practice*, in part examined electronic filing in criminal matters,

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<sup>1</sup> Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Electronic Filing of Court Documents. Approved by the House of Delegates on Jan. 26, 2007 ([https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/EfilingReport\\_Mar312007.pdf](https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/EfilingReport_Mar312007.pdf))

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concluded that expanded e-filing is a critical component of a modern criminal justice system—if implementation is thoughtful, adequately resourced, and attentive to access-to-justice concerns.<sup>2</sup>

The 2023 Report recommended that New York move toward a more uniform and comprehensive e-filing framework, supported by explicit statutory authorization, sustained state funding, robust cybersecurity protections, and comprehensive training for judges, court staff, and practitioners.<sup>3</sup> Importantly, the report emphasized that any expansion of e-filing must include clear accommodation and exemption for unrepresented litigants and individuals who lack access to the necessary technology, as well as alternative filing protocols for confidential, sealed, or sensitive materials.<sup>4</sup>

The 2023 Report cautioned that in criminal practice there are additional important considerations, especially with respect to discovery, attorney-client privilege, access to materials by incarcerated and *pro se* defendants.<sup>5</sup>

The report also highlighted persistent disparities in technological infrastructure and broadband access, especially in rural and upstate communities, and cautioned that modernization efforts could exacerbate existing inequities in access to justice. We know that you will keep these considerations as OCA moves forward with broader implementation.

Thank you for inviting your comments. We stand ready to assist OCA by sharing member feedback and further policy guidance as the criminal e-filing pilot progresses.

Please contact me or NYSBA's General Counsel, David P. Miranda, via email at [dmiranda@nysba.org](mailto:dmiranda@nysba.org) or via telephone at 518-487-5524 if we can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,



Kathleen M. Sweet  
President

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<sup>2</sup> Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Modernization of Criminal Practice. 60-62. Approved by the House of Delegates on June 10, 2023 (<https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/final-report-Task-Force-on-Modernization-of-Criminal-Practice-June-2023.pdf>)

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 61-62

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 61

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 53-60

**From:** Greg Bougopoulos  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 8:31 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** re: Notice seeking comments on electronic filing system

I have some comments on the current state of eFiling. While there is a note that eFiling is mandatory in most supreme courts, that for some reason does not even include optional eFiling use for the appellate terms (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> departments).

At least for appellate term, 2<sup>nd</sup> department, there is an online portal documents can be filed with. However, it seems odd that NYSCEF can be used for landlord-tenant cases in NYC (for instance) but not appellate matters for those cases

For the appellate term, 1<sup>st</sup> department, there is *no* option for electronic filing. All papers must be filed by overnight, mail or in person. In 2026, this is a burden on the parties, particularly if the party's attorneys are outside NYC (as our office is).

I think the legislature should create the option for NYSCEF use for appellate term matters. If the legislature and the courts are concerned about pro se use, then the use of NYSCEF need not be made mandatory.

Thank you,

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** General Litigation in NYC Civil Court

Why isn't Civil Court fully on NYSECF? I don't handle No Fault or Landlord Tenant and it is very difficult to continue with EDDS. It just requires too many extra steps. Please bring Civil Court into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Thank you.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF

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I really like using NYSCEF.

I wish that it was available in Nassau and Suffolk counties. The Clerks there say that they will never adopt NYSCEF. Why is that? Seems ridiculous.

Thanks.

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February 10, 2026

Christopher Gibson  
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**VIA EMAIL**

**RE : The Appellate Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association's Response to the Office of Court Administration's Public Notice Seeking Commentary on NYSCEF.**

Dear Mr. Gibson,

The Appellate Courts Committee (the "Committee") of the New York County Lawyers Association ("NYCLA") supports robust expansion of the NYSCEF filing system throughout all of New York State's courts. In response to the Office of Court Administration's recent request for public comment on NYSCEF (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/rules/efiling/index.shtml>), we write to express the Committee's hope that NYSCEF will be expanded to the Appellate Terms in the First and Second Departments.<sup>1</sup>

The Appellate Term courts hear appeals addressing issues at the heart of access to justice that are important to the public, such as those arising in landlord-tenant and criminal cases. The Committee is dedicated to the efficient and efficacious administration of New York State's appellate courts, and our membership includes appellate practitioners and jurists. And our

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<sup>1</sup> This letter was approved for dissemination by NYCLA's President as a Committee statement. This statement has not been approved by the NYCLA Board of Directors and does not necessarily represent the views of the Board.



members, as well as judges who have spoken before our committee, have highlighted the challenges raised by the lack of E-Filing in the Appellate Term courts.

With E-Filing implemented in the Appellate Divisions, there is no sound reason to exclude the Appellate Term courts from E-Filing. Expansion of NYSCEF to the Appellate Term courts will only enhance those courts' agility and precision, greatly benefiting those who practice and appear before them. Online access to briefs and records in the Appellate Term courts would provide clear benefits, including the following:

1. It would give hardworking appellate jurists and their staff, and attorneys and their clients who appear before the court, as well as members of the public interested in these courts' important work, greater ability to review records and filings; and
2. It would increase the conformity of record-access and filing procedures across New York State courts, mending an otherwise fractured system that would require knowing one set of procedures for Appellate Division practice and another, distinct set for the Appellate Term courts.

It is time to expand NYSCEF to the Appellate Term courts.<sup>2</sup>

Respectfully,

Steven Benathen, Scott Henney, and Cynthia Carlson  
Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair (respectively) of the NYCLA Appellate Courts Committee

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<sup>2</sup> While not addressed in this letter, we recognize that E-Filing must be implemented thoughtfully in the Appellate Term so that individuals who do not have ready access to computers or the internet continue to have robust access to case filings and records.

**From:** Henchy, Brian <Brian.Henchy@ag.ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 2:53 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** 1/13/26 Notice for comments

Good afternoon,

I saw the notice seeking comments on the NYSCEF login page. I have a suggestion / comment on the technical side of things.

When a document relating to multiple motions is filed, the NYSCEF docket automatically adds multiple versions of the same filing to the docket, which causes confusion from time to time and almost always requires added effort from litigants and the court/clerk. If possible, I suggest changing this to avoid duplicative filings as they have no apparent purpose.

I see this most often in Article 78 proceedings. For a specific example, please see the docket for *Smith v. New York State Education Department* (911712-24 - Albany County Supreme Court) which has duplicative Decisions/Orders in several instances.

**Brian P. Henchy**

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**From:** Tmnit Tewolde <TTewolde@pcvalaw.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 5:46 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comment on NYSCEF program

Hello,

I am leaving a comment in regard to the notice on the NYSCEF landing page. I think it would be helpful to be able to download filings from the documents in chunks as opposed to individual downloads --even if that only pertained to motions. Having a "select" box where individuals can choose files they'd like downloaded would make saving documents very efficient.

Thank you!

**Tmnit Tewolde**  
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**From:** Loree Chow  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 3:16 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF Comments

Good Afternoon,

Please allow for the public to view the comments section of a docket. As appellate printers, we rely on that to confirm Court-granted due dates.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on e-Filing System

To Director Christopher Gibson,

I am an appellate attorney licensed to practice law in New York State. I strongly support the state courts' e-filing system, NYSCEF. NYSCEF makes it easy for me to view documents filed in a case and to assemble an appellate record. Filing on NYSCEF is easier than paper filing and paper service, which reduces the cost of litigation. Also, the fact that using NYSCEF is free of charge is critical. In this regard and others, NYSCEF is superior to its federal counterpart, CM/ECF. I cannot imagine practicing law in New York without NYSCEF.

I support the expansion of NYSCEF, including to Family Court cases.

Sincerely,

**Steven B. Salcedo, Esq.**



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**Response to Call for Comment: NYSCEF Issues reported at the Legal Center,  
Sanctuary for Families**

**January 27, 2026**

**Issues with different dockets on the same case**

1. Often, family court cases have multiple separate docket numbers that are all part of the same case with the same parties. NYSCEF separates those dockets as separate “cases” in which to file, and as separate cases in the attorney’s case list. This is not reflective of family law practice and not intuitive, as one motion or filing should properly be linked to multiple docket numbers.
2. As a consequence to (1), we are unable to file new petitions (e.g. violation petitions) on existing dockets/cases. NYSCEF requires the user to file the new petition as a brand-new case, and then after submitting it states “pending” for a long time, sometimes indefinitely, leading attorneys to refile in person instead to ensure it is processed and uploaded to UCMS.
3. Similarly, due to the setup described in (1), NYSCEF does not allow filing multiple initial petitions at once while logged in as a pro se client. We are often trying to help pro se litigants file a family offense petition and a second petition, such as custody or child support petition, at the same time, but NYSCEF does not allow that. The user has to file one petition, wait for it to be processed (which takes multiple days) and then file a second petition.

**Technical issues**

1. Every new filing on NYSCEF requires the person filing to select whether an interpreter is necessary in order to continue and file. However, not all languages are included as options, only the most common ones (e.g. Spanish, Arabic, French.) When filing a petition for a case that has less common language needs, this forces the person filing to select “no interpreter” in order to proceed. The first appearance is then often inefficiently spent requesting an interpreter and adjourning, especially as these less common languages require interpreters to be arranged in advance. A button for “other languages” could easily resolve this.
2. The Family Law cover sheet is not fillable on Adobe and does not pre-populate (unlike when filing on NYSCEF in Civil Supreme.) This is onerous.
3. SIJS orders are being filed as confidential on NYSCEF, meaning attorneys can’t see or print them from NYSCEF. These orders are essential to filing a SIJS immigration petition. Currently, practitioners have to email the part to get a copy, which is cumbersome.

**Delays and processing issues**

1. After filing an initial petition, summons are frequently not issued, requiring us to file again in person to move the case forward.
2. When filing Orders to Show Cause, processing time is not quicker than for a normal filing. It does not seem to be on a separate emergency track, so we end up filing in person to ensure things move expeditiously.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on e-filing

Thank you for the opportunity to address some issues facing E-file users. I have two major comments:

1. With respect to Guardianship matters in Surrogate's Court:
  - a. Attorneys who represent consenting parties should be able to see all filings. After all they are the attorneys representing parties to the case. Permitting attorneys to see all documents would obviate the need for a call to the Court to determine if something was filed or an order issued after the attorney has received notice from E-file that something had been filed in the matter.
  - b. Attorneys on a matter should be able to remove themselves or attorneys who have left their firm from a matter.

Best Regards,

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**Subject:** in re: Notice Seeking Comments on Electronic Filing Program

Good afternoon,

I use NYSCEF almost daily to assist my attorneys. Two things I think could be improved:

- When uploading a motion and a PDF is rejected, the system should advise which of the attachments is denied. Many times, the PDF checker says a PDF should be able to be uploaded and it still gets rejected by the system. If you're uploading five documents at once, it can be difficult to parse which one is the troubled one, and it takes a lot of time to investigate.
- There should be an option to download all the papers associated with a single filing at once. I, like many others working in litigation, save motions as one document instead of separating it by document type. I have motions that have upwards of 30 documents and they are tedious to save. NJ eCourts has an option where you can select which documents you'd like to download together, and I think that would work well here.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF Filing other Courts

As the local NY Civil Courts have now gone to NYSCEF filing (Landlord/Tenant and "consumer credit"), there should be no reason that the "Civil Part" - **NOT** consumer credit is not yet available for filing. A regular "civil" case would be the same as filing in Supreme, to include payment of the index #, note of Trial, etc., and Plaintiff will enter the pertinent information to establish the type of case, parties' names, addresses, etc.

Also, if the Local City Courts are still requiring that we file matters on EDDS, why not have the City Courts adopt NYSCEF to expedite filing matters in the Court. It would save all telephone calls and visits to see if the matter was filed, affidavits of service filings, etc. Moreover, it's the Plaintiff entering and establishing the type of matter, parties' names, addresses, payment of Index # and other fees, etc.

Thank you.

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**From:** Stephen Rossini  
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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Stephen Rossini  
**Subject:** Requests

Good afternoon,

If possible, I would really appreciate the following enhancements if they are feasible:

1. The ability to create “personal” or subordinate to-do lists. We use to-do lists for uncontested matrimonial files and in those situations where a file must be rejected due to errors, it would a great help if we could move the rejected file to a different list so they rejected files are not interspersed within the newly assigned files.
2. The ability to sort files in a to-do list so that I can list the files in descending order from oldest to newest to ensure that as new assignments are added, we can address the oldest matrimonials first (the old first in-first out method). Similarly, when answering questions from internal customers or outside requests, sometimes only the name is available so sorting alphabetically would help in those situations.
3. To have the program stop logging me out while I am working. This rears it’s head when trying to enter a court notice and getting it bounced as a “duplicate entry” requiring a re-log in to be able to enter the notice.
4. To synchronize the “filed date” and “received date” so there is only once date we can point to as the filing date of record. There are times when the dates are a week or more apart.
5. (Not sure if even the clerks can do this) The ability for me to change a motion number next to the document title (Ex: the one that appears in this format (Motion #1). There are times that a filer incorrectly denotes which motion a particular document references - - this happens frequently for discovery motions in CCP I am reviewing. If I could correct it, it would make my court attorneys’ lives a little easier when they are drafting the discovery orders.

Thanks and all the best.  
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**Subject:** Informational Statement As A Web Form

I suggest that NYSCEF replace the current PDF Informational Statement in civil appeals with a web-based form, or at least offer the option, similar to the current option for Requests for Judicial Intervention.

The current informational statement is infamous for its awkward attempt to cram all possible relevant information onto four pages. Often party names are shrunk to near-unreadable size in the fixed boxes of the PDF. The page for counsel contact information seems almost designed to mislead users in what to enter where. And almost all of the information in the Informational Statement is either already in NYSCEF from the trial court action or separately entered when litigants record the initial case information.

As with RJIs, NYSCEF could at least give litigants the option of either submitting the PDF or completing a web form. It could automatically populate with information already in NYSCEF and let parties add information when registering the appeal. Then all parties would need to upload is the notice of appeal. Assuming that every notice of appeal already attaches the order appealed from, this would eliminate the need to create a combined PDF for filing when registering the appeal.

Thanks very much for inviting comments.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments re NYSCEF e-filing system

Dear Sirs:

The NYSCEF e-filing system has a convenient interface, is easy to use and is indispensable for pro se defendants, especially if pro se defendants are, like myself and my husband, co-owners of properties as tenants by the entirety, need to sue together as necessary parties and may not serve, by law, each other's papers.

We have encountered difficulties though this past year with a particular judge in Delaware County Supreme Court who used the "working copy" requirements in a punitive manner during my husband's disability after my husband criticized the judge specifically for not providing to my husband disability accommodations that resulted in loss of rights.

The point of e-filing is to make e-filed documents readily available to parties and judges alike without need for paper copies to be additionally sent to the chambers by mail where they are - as the judge's use of the old address not used on those working copies demonstrated - discarded without being read.

Please, introduce policies or rule forbidding the "working copy" requirements, which is nonsensical considering ready availability of documents, with zooming and search options, through NYSCEF.

The next issue is that Delaware County digitized court records from 2007 to 2024, destroyed originals without notice to parties involved or opportunity to be heard in opposition before such originals were destroyed, did not put digitized court records on NYSCEF, did not provide navigable online dockets of the destroyed court cases, and instead introduced a double paywall for access to such records - one paywall to even view records before being able to determine what the record is about, and the second fee chargeable for a copy of the court document per page.

At the same time, NYSCEF records in the currently e-filed court cases are downloadable by parties, counsel and public from any location in the world for free, creating disparity of access and putting a price on access to the parties' own file, where such an inspection fee did not exist to inspect the now destroyed paper original records.

Such a disparity is especially burdensome for my husband and I who are elderly, disabled and reside a long distance outside of the state of New York where online access is the only way to get the needed court documents to prepare non-frivolous motions and lawsuits.

I request the court system to look into it and make county custodians of court records within New York State to put digitized court records fully on NYSCEF for access on equal grounds with newly e-filed cases.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,  
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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 13, 2026

**From:** Alexandra Shookhoff, Director of Post-Conviction  
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**To:** Christopher Gibson, Director, OCA Division of E-  
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**Re:** New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

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The Criminal Appeals Bureau of The Legal Aid Society thanks the Office of Court Administration (OCA) for the opportunity to provide comments on electronic filing and the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF).

As a long-time user of NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department, we welcome the continuing expansion of NYSCEF across the New York State Unified Court System. The Criminal Appeals Bureau practices at all levels, from the trial court up to the Court of Appeals, including four intermediate appellate courts. As a result of our broad-ranging practice and the current lack of a unified, statewide filing system, we must use six different filing methods:

1. EDDS (NYC trial courts);
2. Email (Appellate Term, First Department);
3. Appellate Term, Second Department SharePoint Portal;
4. Appellate Division, Second Department SharePoint Portal;
5. NYSCEF (Appellate Division, First Department and Kings County Supreme Court); and
6. Court of Appeals Companion Upload Portal.

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In addition, as discussed in greater detail below, there are variations within the use of NYSCEF from court to court. A truly unified electronic filing and docketing system from the trial level to the Court of Appeals will create significant efficiencies for practitioners and the courts alike.

While we would welcome a broader conversation with OCA about record collection and retention practices in the digital era, below we offer some specific suggestions for electronic filing based on our experiences with NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department and Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term.

#### **Appellate Division, First Department**

The Criminal Appeals Bureau has been using NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department for many years. Overall, NYSCEF has been a welcome addition to our practice, streamlining filing and service procedures, and we look forward to its expansion throughout the state. Below we note a few challenges with the system and offer suggestions for ways to create even greater efficiencies for the courts and practitioners.

##### *i. Orders Should be Regularly Uploaded to NYSCEF*

While NYSCEF is intended to serve as a centralized platform to file and access all case documents, we have found that orders deciding the motions we file on NYSCEF are not routinely uploaded to the system. This most commonly occurs with orders deciding one of the most critical motions of our practice: one enlarging the time to perfect an appeal. The failure to consistently upload these orders can lead to inadvertently missed deadlines, as our attorneys have come to expect an email notification with the rendering of the decision.

This inconsistency runs counter to the core functions of NYSCEF. The goals, as we understand it and which we laud, is to streamline procedures and create a docket which is electronically accessible.<sup>1</sup> For such a platform to fulfill its intended purpose, NYSCEF should uniformly be the place where decisions are filed and the parties should be able to rely on it with certainty.

##### *ii. Expansion of NYSCEF Fields to Accurately Encompass a Greater Range of Filings*

At times, the fields required for initiating a case or uploading a document to NYSCEF are underinclusive of what we regularly file. It would increase the efficiency of the platform to broaden the available categories (ideally after consulting the appellate providers) to encompass other routine but less common filings.

For example, when initiating a criminal appellate case, the platform requires the inclusion of information that is simply not implicated for every appeal, creating tedium and confusion. A simple solution would be for the court to expand its “Case Type” dropdown menu, and then tailor the fields

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1. The FAQ’s on the NYSCEF website note that the benefits of NYSCEF include that “[t]he system provides immediate e-mail notice of all filings, including filing of all orders, judgments, and decisions, which will be available online. The docket is clear and easy to work with.” (<https://iappscontent.courts.state.ny.us/NYSCEF/live/faq.htm>)

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to the chosen case type (*e.g.*, CPL § 460.15 motion, SORA appeal) rather than retaining the same set of static fields for all cases. This would ensure that the most accurate information is recorded at the outset and save the clerks from correcting inapplicable or potentially misleading information that was entered into irrelevant, but required, fields.

Similarly, when filing documents, the Document Type dropdown menu lacks a generic option such as “Other.” As a result, when filing routine but less common documents where there is no relevant choice, we lack an option to describe the document and our filings are often rejected. This could be avoided if the dropdown menu included an “Other” option or more generic categories for common documents, such as a simple as “Letter to the Court.”

Expanding the range of documents encompassed by the categories and fields available on NYSCEF would save litigants and clerk time and increase the efficiency of NYSCEF.

*iii. Improvements to Filing Agent Process*

The ability to use filing agents in NYSCEF is a great benefit to our attorneys and operates to move cases through the courts expeditiously and effectively, but we would offer a few suggestions to make the system even more efficient.<sup>2</sup>

Most notably, there is currently no mechanism for a filing agent to refile a document that has been returned for correction. When an attorney files and has a document returned for correction, filing agents do not have access to the “Refile” link sent to the filing attorney. The only option for the filing agent is to file the corrected document as if it were a new document or for the attorney to refile, undermining the purpose of the filing agent. Similarly, despite being authorized by the court as a filing agent, they are required to file an authorization form in each case that they file. Filing agents also lack access to a history of the cases they have filed for, similar to the “My Cases” section for attorneys (perhaps “History”).

Rectifying these issues by broadening filing agent access would streamline the filing agent process and bolster their role in facilitating efficient and timely filings on NYSCEF. Naturally, for institutional providers with high caseloads, expanded filing agent roles would allow attorneys to more heavily rely on their paralegals and administrative staff to handle administrative tasks, leaving them with more time to focus on their legal work.

**Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term**

Our office was pleased at the effective implementation of NYSCEF in Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term. The Clerks have been enormously helpful and collaborative while

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2. NYSCEF allows paralegals to obtain their own Filing Agent User ID and password so that they can file documents on behalf of attorneys. When filing documents, a filing agent logs in under their own NYSCEF account and files to an existing case assigned to our office. The filing agent is required to upload an authorization form every time they file to a new case and receives their own notifications emails after the filing is accepted or returned for correction.

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troubleshooting minor issues related to the transition. While the rollout was generally seamless and successful, we offer the suggestions below.

*i. Two Separate Processes for Using Filing Agents in Kings County and the Appellate Division, First Department*

One issue we encountered with the Kings County pilot program relates to the use of filing agents. Kings County NYSCEF has implemented a separate and distinct process for filing agents than is used on NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department. If, as we hope, the entire court system is to be moving toward the NYSCEF platform, it would be more efficient to have uniformity across all courts.

In the Appellate Division, First Department, a filing agent files to an attorney's case under the attorney's bar number-associated NYSCEF account. The agent logs into NYSCEF with their filing agent ID, selects the case that they will be filing to and the attorney for whom they will be filing. They can search for an attorney by bar number or choose from a list of recent attorneys for whom they have filed. The agent then uploads their document(s) along with their agency's authorization letter and files.

An entirely different process is employed for criminal cases in Kings County Supreme Court. There, a filing agent cannot file using their normal filing agent account, and an attorney is not able to use their bar number-associated NYSCEF account. Rather, the system requires the filing agent and attorney to create NYSCEF accounts which are then linked together by the NYSCEF clerk. When the filing agent files, they are only able to file on behalf of a closed universe of attorneys whose NYSCEF accounts have been linked to the agent's account. As a result, our attorneys and paralegals practicing in both the First Department and Kings County have two separate NYSCEF accounts: one for filing in the First Department and one for filing in Kings County.<sup>3</sup> Surely it is counterproductive to the goal of a single, unified filing system to require its users to create separate accounts for each of the courts they practice in.

*ii. Connect Related Cases and Allow Filing to Multiple Cases at One Time*

To make NYSCEF more efficient and effective, we also suggest that the system allow filing a single document to multiple cases. For example, when we file a Notice of Appeal from a single Supreme Court judgement that covers more than one indictment, we prepare one Notice of Appeal that identifies each indictment number included in that judgement. In the past, we would file that Notice of Appeal just once with the court to cover all of the indictments. Now, on NYSCEF, we must file that one Notice of Appeal (listing each of the indictment numbers) on every one of the cases on NYSCEF, amounting to multiple filings to ensure that it covers each of the indictments in the judgement—a time-consuming redundancy.<sup>4</sup>

3. Relying on the clerks to link attorney and filing agent accounts also creates an unnecessary administrative burden for the clerks as new attorneys join a practice and other attorneys depart.

4. We encounter this same issue in the Appellate Division, First Department where a motion or brief resolving multiple cases must be filed separately in each case.

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Moreover, while it is too early in the pilot to know for certain, we caution that filing multiple Notices of Appeal may result in multiple appeals being docketed in the already overburdened appellate courts when in the past just one appellate case would be opened. The many appeals would then have to be consolidated either administratively by the clerks or through motion practice by the litigants leading to additional and unnecessary work and delays.

*iii. Youthful Offender Adjudications*

Another area that we hope OCA will address is the publicly available information relating to Youthful Offender adjudications. Currently, anyone is allowed to access the NYSCEF website and “Search as Guest.” When a search is conducted for a case in which one of our clients received a Youthful Offender adjudication, and is thus sealed to the public, our client’s full name is listed on NYSCEF and available to the public, rather than only their last initial. This is something that should be corrected, particularly as NYSCEF expands to the trial courts.

*iv. Overly Rigid Search Function*

We also suggest that OCA loosen the search parameters when someone searches for a case by case number. At the moment, the search function appears to be case sensitive—often returning no cases if you search lowercase “ind” instead of capital “IND”— and sometimes returning no results unless you include the defendant number at the end of the indictment number (*e.g.*, /001 or /002).

This issue is particularly problematic for both the court and our office when we need to file post-conviction motions. We must first determine whether the case is already on NYSCEF and, if so, file directly to that case. If not, we must initiate the conversion process. We have already encountered several circumstances where an attorney has searched for a case, not found it on NYSCEF, and attempted to convert the case to an electronic filing, only to find out from the clerk that the case is already on NYSCEF. It simply did not appear in the search results due to the rigidity of the current search function.

While seemingly small, such a change would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the platform, saving time for the court as well as the litigants.

*iv. Appellate Record Collection*

Finally, as NYSCEF expands to the trial court level, we urge OCA to consider how the record on appeal will be collected and provided to institutional appellate providers. As a general matter, though the process varies slightly among the counties, the court file is collected by the clerks and furnished to the institutional providers either in electronic or hard-copy form.

With the advent of trial-level filings through EDDS during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have found that, in some counties, the clerks are not including those electronic filings in the court file, leaving both providers and the appellate courts with incomplete records. Based on discussions with court clerks, we understand that it is difficult for them to obtain the necessary filings unless they

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have the exact filing date and then they must pull the filings individually, which is of course extremely burdensome and time-consuming.

So as not to replicate that issue with NYSCEF, we suggest that OCA develop functionality within NYSCEF to allow the courts or the appellate providers to download all filings and decisions in a given case with the click of a button as has been implemented in other states.

In the interim, we ask that OCA confer with the clerks to create a system that ensures the record on appeal will be provided to institutional providers in its entirety, regardless of whether documents are filed in paper, via EDDS, or on NYSCEF.

#### Conclusion

Given the effectiveness of NYSCEF and its benefits to both the courts and the litigants, we would enthusiastically welcome the adoption of NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, Second Department, as well as the Appellate Terms that cover New York City. We hope that, while doing so, OCA will consider our feedback and implement critical improvements. We appreciate the opportunity to comment and eagerly await the opportunity for additional conversations.

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When I access the NYSEF website, under “My Cases”, there are now scores of cases listed – some of which carry 2012 index numbers and have been closed for more than 10 years.

Does the NYSEF system have a way to remove a case from the “My Cases” list? If so, I don’t see where the procedure is described anyway. [I once called the Toll Free number and was told that there was no way that an old case can be removed.] If not, can a procedure be implemented?

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