

eCourts – Civil Release Notes

09/18/2020

(All Courts)

	The standard notification process for eCourts will now include notices to the party email address, if available.
	When adding a new party, the party affiliation options available to the user will now be in alignment with the party description of “Individual” or “Business” that was previously selected.

eCourts – Civil Release Notes

09/01/2020

(Special Civil Part)

New	A new wage execution template form will be utilized by eCourts, when submitting applications for wage executions.
New	Under the “Post Judgment” filing type, a new document description is now available for “Request to Amend Writ” filings.

eCourts – Civil Release Notes

08/07/2020

(All Courts)

New

When adding new parties during complaint and non-complaint filings, an additional field will now display on the “Add Party” pop-up that will allow the filer to input the party’s email address.

eCourts – Civil and Foreclosure Attorney Release Notes

5/18/2020

(All Courts)

	Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.
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(Special Civil Part)

	When a writ or wage is stored to the Case Jacket, the Court Officer assignment is included in the docket text.
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(Civil Part)

	Two Sexual Abuse Claim questions “Plaintiff’s date of birth” and “Est. date of first incident of abuse” have been added as additional fields, when a user selects “Yes” to Are Sexual Abuse Claims Alleged?”. These fields are available on the complaint and answer filings
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(Foreclosure)

	<p>In Foreclosure users now have the ability to file the following Motion types and the respective Motion Responses (cross-motions).</p> <p>Motion to Strike Answer Complaint Accepted (M61) Motion to Strike Answer for Failure to Answer Interrogatories (MB4) Motion to Strike Answer and Suppress Defenses (MB9)</p>
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	Motion to Strike Defendants Answer for Failure (MD5) Motion to Strike Claimants Answer (MQ8) Motion to Renew Entry of Default Judgment (MR1)
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eCourts – Civil Release Notes

2/07/2020

(Special Civil Part)

New

Court officers will now have the ability to electronically file the following documents: Personal Service Returns (Reservice), Warrant of Arrest Certification Returns, Writ of Replevin Returns and Execution Returns. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide.

eCourts – Civil Release Notes

12/15/2019

(Civil Part)

	When filing a new case or submitting an answer, two new fields will display on the Enter Case Details screen. One field will track whether the case alleges violations of the consumer fraud act, and the other field will track whether the case alleges a sexual abuse claim.
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(Special Civil Part)

	When filing a new case, a new field will display on the Enter Case Details screen. The new field will track whether the case alleges violations of the consumer fraud act.
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eCourts – Civil Release Notes

11/15/2019

(All Courts)

New	For consolidated cases, all filing types will allow users to add new parties. These new parties will be auto-docketed into ACMS.
Fixed	Information Notices generated from filings against consolidated cases will no longer be forwarded to attorneys who were previously substituted out of the case.

eCourts – Civil Release Notes

10/4/2019

(Special Civil Part)

Enhanced

For reference purposes, when court officers are notified by eCourts, the officer's email addresses will now be included in the body of the notification, similar to how the attorney's email addresses are currently listed.

(Civil Part)

Enhanced

The Affidavit of Merit notification process has been expanded to include tracking on transferred malpractice cases.

eCourts – Civil Release Notes

9/6/2019

(Civil Part)

New	A daily process will now run to generate notices that will be stored to the Case Jacket alerting users that a party has been defaulted.
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(Special Civil Part)

New	Court officers will now receive a daily report/file listing out all of the executions that were assigned to him/her on that particular day.
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eCourts – Civil & Foreclosure Release Notes

7/29/2019

All Courts

New	Information Notifications will now be generated for all consolidated case filings. Previously these notifications were generated for only motion scheduling events.
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General Equity - Foreclosure

New	After August 1 st , when an order to reinstate a case is granted, a minimum \$500.00 fee will be charged.
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Special Civil Part

New	Court Officers will now have the ability to submit Notice of Writ Returns via eCourts. The submission will generate notices to eCourts parties on the case.
Removed	When submitting Motion and/or Motion Response filings, attorneys will no longer be prompted to enter a Proposed Return Hearing Date.

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eCourts – Civil and Foreclosure Attorney Release Notes

6/24/2019

(All Courts)

Fixed	Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.
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(Civil Part)

Enhanced	The Name Change Complaint workflow has been updated. Specifically, filers will no longer need to electronically input the SSN or SBI when adding the petitioner party to the complaint filing. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide.
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eCourts – Civil and Foreclosure Attorney Release Notes

5/17/2019

(All Courts)

	Document security has been introduced for Deficiency Correction filings, allowing the filer to set the access restriction level for the documents being submitted. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide .
	Within the eCourts Case Jacket, the party status will now be displayed within the Party Details tabs.
	Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.

eCourts – Civil and Foreclosure Attorney Release Notes

4/29/2019

(All Courts)

New	A new filing category has been added to the system for “SCCO Trust Fund Review” motions. This category will contain 2 motion types: “Motion to Deposit Funds” and “Motion to Withdraw Funds”.
Enhanced	For Special Civil and Civil Part cases, the Statewide Lien field in the case details section will now display the actual “DJ” or “J” number, rather than just a “Yes” or “No” value.
Fixed	Various defects have been fixed, which will lead to an improved user experience.

(Foreclosure)

New	The Self Represented Litigant notification process will be implemented, allowing pro se users to sign up to be electronically notified via eCourts regarding their case matters.
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eCourts – Civil Attorney Release Notes

3/31/2019

(All Courts)

<p>New</p>	<p>The eCourts Case Jacket will now contain additional information under the “ACMS Documents” tab. Specifically, five new columns related to “Service” information will now be included.</p>
<p>Enhanced</p>	<p>When submitting Motion Response documents, the system will now provide the Transaction ID’s of the documents eligible to be linked.</p>
<p>Fixed</p>	<p>Various defects have been addressed and fixed, providing for an improved user experience.</p>

(Civil Part)

<p>New</p>	<p>An “Archived Records” section will now be available via the Case Jacket for select cases. These filings are uploaded by the Superior Court Clerk’s Office and are available only to court staff and eCourts registered attorneys.</p>
<p>New</p>	<p>When filing a Verified Complaint/Order to Show Cause, filers will now be required to attach a proposed Order to Show Cause and proposed final order.</p>
<p>Fixed</p>	<p>For Name Change complaints, when adding a party, the Gender field is now an optional entry.</p>
<p>Fixed</p>	<p>The Title 59 and Punative Class Action indicators will now be captured on the eCourts generated CIS for eFiled Complaints and Answers.</p>
<p>Fixed</p>	<p>The “Current Arb Date” and “Current Trial Date” fields within the Case Details section of the Case Jacket will now display the accurate date in all scenarios. Previously, if one of those dates was adjourned and moved forward, the field did not always reflect the new date.</p>

(Special Civil Part)

<p>Enhanced</p>	<p>eCourts will now prevent attorneys from submitting Reservice requests if more than one year has passed since the dismissal date. The system will now prompt the attorney to file an order to re-open the case before allowing the submission of the reservice.</p>
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eCourts – Civil- Attorney Release Notes

2/8/2019

(All Courts)

New	Motion for Order to Delete has been added as a Motion filing type. In the event a party/attorney needs to delete a filing from the eCourts Case Jacket, they can now file this motion to initiate the process.
Enhanced	Motion to Correct Metadata has been re-labeled as Motion to Correct Data.
Fixed	Various bug fixes have been implemented for an improved user experience.
Removed	When adding a party, the select “Corporation Type” dropdown has been removed from the screen.

(Foreclosure)

Enhanced	When SCCO staff process a final judgment package, the ensuing final judgment and writ (if included) will be stored to the Case Jacket as separate events. The judgment and taxed cost sheet will be captured as one entry and the writ will be its own unique entry.
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(Civil Part)

Enhanced	Informational notes have been added to the Upload Documents screen for “Answer” and “Stipulation to Extend Time to Answer” to assist filers.
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eCourts – Civil- Attorney Release Notes

1/13/2019

(All Courts)

Fixed	Various bug fixes have been implemented for an improved user experience.
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(Civil Part)

Fixed	For Name Change complaints, when adding a party, the SBI field is now an optional entry.
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eCourts – Civil- Attorney Release Notes

12/14/2018

(All Courts)

Fixed	Various bug fixes have been implemented for an improved user experience.
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(Special Civil Part)

New	Users will now be able to submit Order to Show Cause case initiation filings via eCourts. For more information, please consult the Quick Reference Guide .
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(Civil Part)

Fixed	For Name Change complaints, the age validation has been corrected so that the system will accept parties who are 18 years of age or older.
Fixed	For Name Change complaints, the term “Confidential” will be included in the blue stamp applied to the documents.
Fixed	For Name Change filings, the certification attachment will now be labeled as “Certification of Confidential Information” rather than “Certification of Personal Identifiers”.

eCourts – Attorney – Civil Release Notes

11/16/2018

(All Courts)

New

The eCourts Case Jacket will now include additional informational tabs for the following: ACMS Fees and Writs (SCP only)

eCourts – Attorney – Civil Release Notes

10/5/2018

(Public Access)

New

Public Access to eCourts Case Jacket is now available. The new application provides for a more intuitive and comprehensive search of Civil case information and will replace the current ACMS Public Access. ACMS Public Access will be discontinued on October 22. Please refer to the [Quick Reference Guide](#) for more information on eCourts Case Jacket Public Access.



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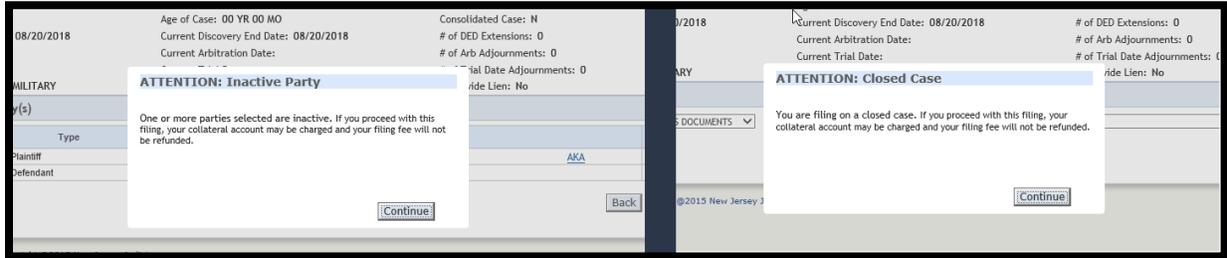
All Courts

New Features

eFiling – Closed Case or Inactive Party Message

When a user attempts to submit a filing against a closed case or inactive party, the system will display a message to alert the user (Figure 1).

Figure 1



eFiling – Informational Notifications in Consolidated Cases

eCourts will now include informational notifications in the case jacket of all consolidated cases when a motion hearing is scheduled in any of the involved cases (Figure 2). The notifications stored in the other consolidated case jackets will be prefaced “INFORMATION:” indicating that the notification is informational only. Additionally, all electronic filers in each of the consolidated cases will receive an email notification when the informational hearing notice is added to the case jacket.

Figure 2

Case Actions				
Filed Date	Filings	Docket Text	Transaction ID	Entry Date
9/4/2018		INFORMATION: The motion filed on 09/04/2018 will be decided on 09/30/2018. Do not come to the courthouse because no oral argument has been requested. The court's decision will be provided to you. Re: MOTION FOR DISMISSAL SCP201827436 on CONSOLIDATED CASE CAM-DC-000043-18	SCP201827439	9/4/2018

Bug Fixes

Case Jacket – Missing Date within Docket Text of Motion Result Corrections

The issue where the date of a motion result correction within the docket text was missing has been corrected.

Civil Part

Feature Enhancements

Case Jacket – Document Security in Name Change Complaints

The ability to file a Complaint to Change Name has been restored to eCourts with the introduction of document security restrictions in this case type. Two required documents, the Certification of Personal Identifiers and the Proposed Judgment Addendum (Figure 3) documents will permit a filer to include un-redacted Personally Identifiable Information (PII) necessary in Name Change filings.

Documents with the Access Restriction “Confidential” will only be visible in eCourts to Court staff and to parties on the case. eCourts users who are not a party to the case will be unable to view these documents (Figure 4).

For more information on this enhancement, please see the Quick Reference Guide [here](#).

Figure 3

Upload Required Documents

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Case Details: ▶ Case Type: NAME CHANGE

File(s) ▶

Adversary(s) ▶

Upload Required Documents ▼

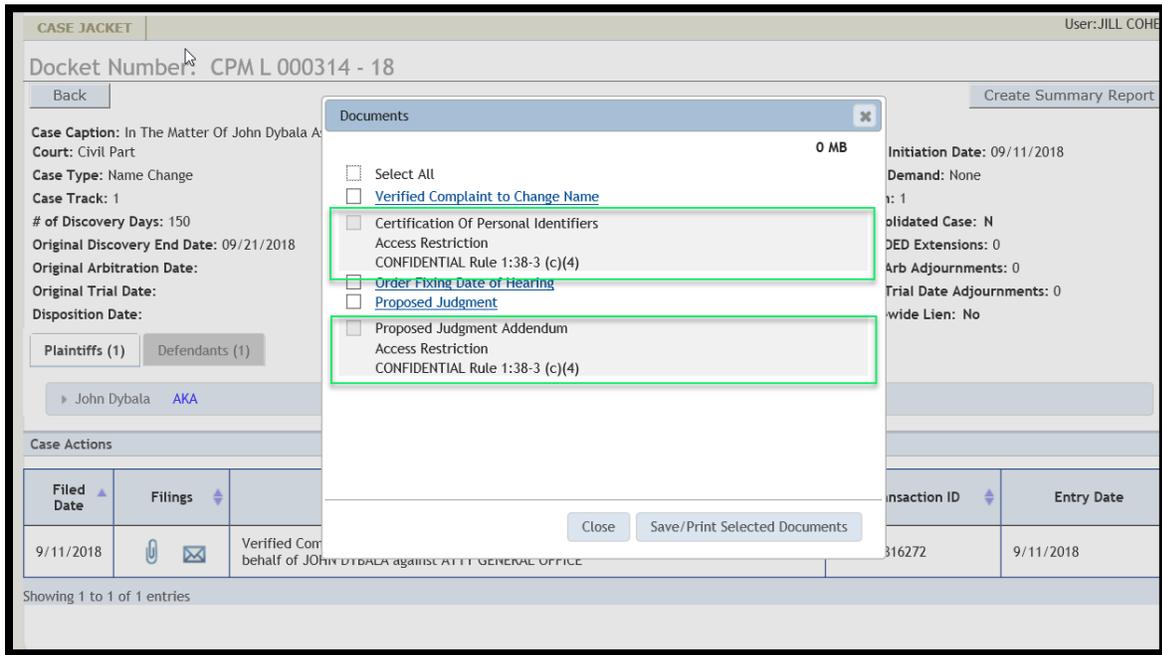
To upload documents please accept the following:

I certify that I have redacted all confidential personal identifiers from all documents included in this electronic submission pursuant to Rule 1:38-7.

Document Name	Document Description	Access Restrictions	File Name
* Complaint	Verified Complaint to Change Name	Public	Browse...
* Certification Of Personal Identifiers	Certification Of Personal Identifiers	Confidential	Browse...
* Proposed Order	Order Fixing Date of Hearing	Public	Browse...
* Proposed Judgment	Proposed Judgment	Public	Browse...
* Proposed Judgment Addendum	Proposed Judgment Addendum	Confidential	Browse...

Back Save Continue

Figure 4



General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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Civil Part

New Features

eFiling – Objection to Affidavit of Merit

Under Miscellaneous Documents, filers will now have the ability to submit an Objection to an Affidavit of Merit.

eFiling – New Case Types

When submitting a complaint, the following case types have been added as filing options:

Physiomech Flexible Composite Mesh - Case Type Number: 627

Taxotere/docetaxel - Case Type Number: 628

Zostavax - Case Type Number: 629

General

Various Bug Fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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All Courts

Feature Enhancement

eFiling – Time Stamp

Filings which occur Monday-Friday, outside of business hours, will be considered filed on the actual calendar date instead of the next business date. Filings which occur Saturday, Sunday or on a legal holiday/court recess will continue to receive the next business date.

Civil Part

New Features

eFiling – Affidavit of Merit Counterclaim Filings

An Affidavit of Merit notice will generate upon the submission of each counterclaim, answer with counterclaim, or amended answer with counterclaim filing when a filer answers affirmatively to the allegation of malpractice question (Figure 1), until one of the following conditions are met:

1. A valid Affidavit of Merit is filed.
2. An ‘Order to Waive the Affidavit of Merit’ (OGO) is Granted.
3. The 60 day period to file an Affidavit of Merit has expired.

Figure 1

Upload Required Documents

To upload documents please accept the following:

- I certify that I have redacted all confidential personal identifiers from all documents included in this electronic submission pursuant to Rule 1:38-7.

Does the counterclaim in this filing have an allegation of professional or medical malpractice? Yes No

	Document Name	Document Description	Access Restrictions	File Name
*	COUNTERCLAIM	COUNTERCLAIM		Browse...
	AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT	AFFIDAVIT OF MERIT		Browse...

eFiling – New Document Descriptions

The following document descriptions have been added:

LONG DESCRIPTION	FILING TYPE	CROSS MOTION?
PRE TRIAL MEMO	MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS	N/A
MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES
CERTIFICATION OF TRACK CHANGE	MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS	N/A
MOTION FOR IMMUNITY	MOTION	YES

Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Document Description Revisions

Motion to Bar Testimony has been revised to Motion to Bar. Likewise, Order to Bar Testimony has been revised to Order to Bar.

Motion to Quash Subpoena has been revised to Motion to Quash. Likewise, Order to Quash Subpoena has been revised to Order to Quash.

eFiling – Related Cases Pending

An affirmative response to the “Related cases pending?” question will cause “If Yes, list Docket numbers:” to be a required field (Figure 2).

Figure 2

Enter Case Details

*Select Initiating Document: VERIFIED COMPLAINT

*Select Case Type: ACCUTANE/ISOTRETINOIN

Law Firm Case ID: []

*Related cases pending? Yes No

*If Yes, list Docket numbers: []

*Do you anticipate adding any parties (arising out of same transaction or occurrence)? Yes No

Use this space to alert the court to any special case characteristics that may warrant individual

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Affidavit of Merit

In a medical or legal malpractice case, an Affidavit of Merit will display as an optional attachment for all initiating document filing types (Figure 3).

Figure 3

Upload Required Documents

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Case Details: Case Type: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Filer(s)

Adversary(s)

Upload Required Documents

To upload documents please accept the following:

I certify that I have redacted all confidential personal identifiers from all documents included in this electronic submission pursuant to Rule 1:38-7.

Document Name	Document Description	Access Restrictions	File Name
* Affidavit of Indigency	Affidavit of Indigency		Browse...
AFFIDAVIT	Affidavit of Merit		Browse...

Back Save Continue

eFiling – Complaint Filing Message

A system message on the “Add an Adversary” screen of a new complaint filing, which had advised about service, was not applicable and has been removed.

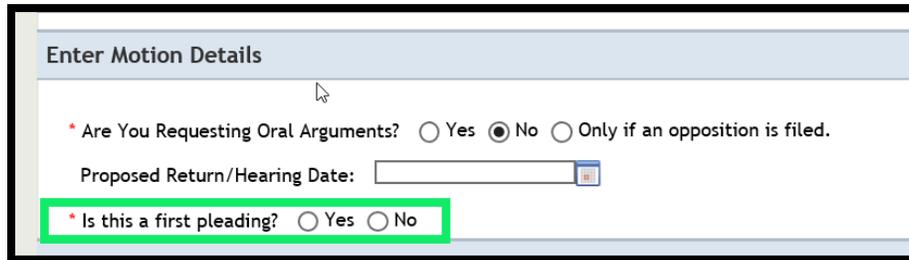
eFiling – Complaint to Change Name

The Complaint to Change Name has been removed as an Initiating Document type.

eFiling – Motion Details

When a defendant party is filing a motion, the question “Is this a first pleading?” will no longer maintain a default response and a selection will be required (Figure 4).

Figure 4



Enter Motion Details

* Are You Requesting Oral Arguments? Yes No Only if an opposition is filed.

Proposed Return/Hearing Date:

* Is this a first pleading? Yes No

Foreclosure

New Features

eFiling – New Document Descriptions

The following document description has been added:

LONG DESCRIPTION	FILING TYPE	CROSS MOTION?
MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Complaint Filing Message

A system message on the “Add an Adversary” screen of a new complaint filing, which had advised about service, was not applicable and has been removed.

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Various other bug fixes

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New Features

Case Jacket – Additional Case Detail Fields

Additional case detail fields have been added to display case disposition, disposition date, and statewide lien information (Figure 1).

Figure 1

Docket Number: MON DC 000492 - 18

Back Create Summary Report

Case Caption: Baldwin Llc Vs Canale Llc
Court: Special Civil Part
Case Type: Contract Dispute
Case Track:
Case Disposition: Open

Venue: Monmouth
Case Status: Active
Judge:
Statewide Lien: No

Case Initiation Date: 05/01/2018
Demand Amount: \$100.00
Jury Demand: None
Age: 00 YR 00 MO
Disposition Date:

Plaintiffs (1) Defendants (1)

Baldwin Llc

Case Jacket – Statewide Lien Field

The Statewide Lien field will display either a 'Yes' or 'No' value (Figure 2). A 'Yes' value indicates a judgment lien in the case and displays as a hyperlink which, when selected, will display judgment information (Figure 3).

Figure 2

Demand Amount: \$3,500.00 View Case Jacket

Case Track:

Statewide Lien: [Yes](#)

'Yes' indicates a judgment and popup window can be activated to view lien information.

Figure 3

Case Details Case Number: MER DC 006614-15 Venue: MERCER Demand Amount: \$10,000.00 View Case Jacket

Case Title: WELLS FARGO BANK NA VS SMITH
Case Type: CONTRACT DISPUTE Case Status: ACTIVE Case Track:
Jury Demand: NONE Judge:
Case Disposition: OPEN Case Disposition Date: Statewide Lien: [Yes](#)

▼ Filer(s) STATEWIDE LIEN(S)

Judgment Number	Current Status	Status Date
DJ-012285-17	OPEN	08/25/2017

WELLS FARGO BANK NA
▼ Adversely Affected Party Name
SMITH, JOHN
▼ Employer(s)

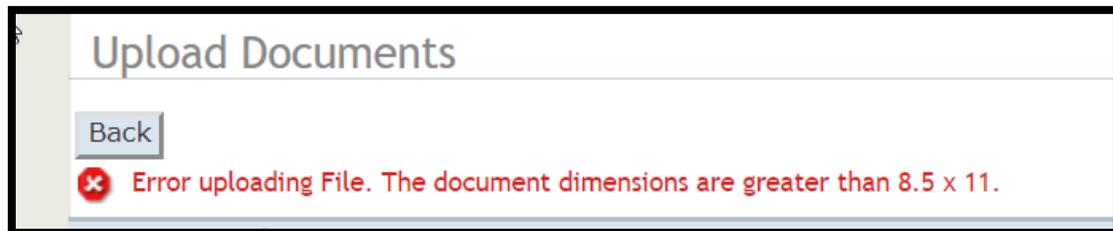
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Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Document Dimensions

When submitting a filing, a restriction will now be enforced to reject document uploads where the file dimensions are greater than 8.5 x 11” (Figure 4).

Figure 4

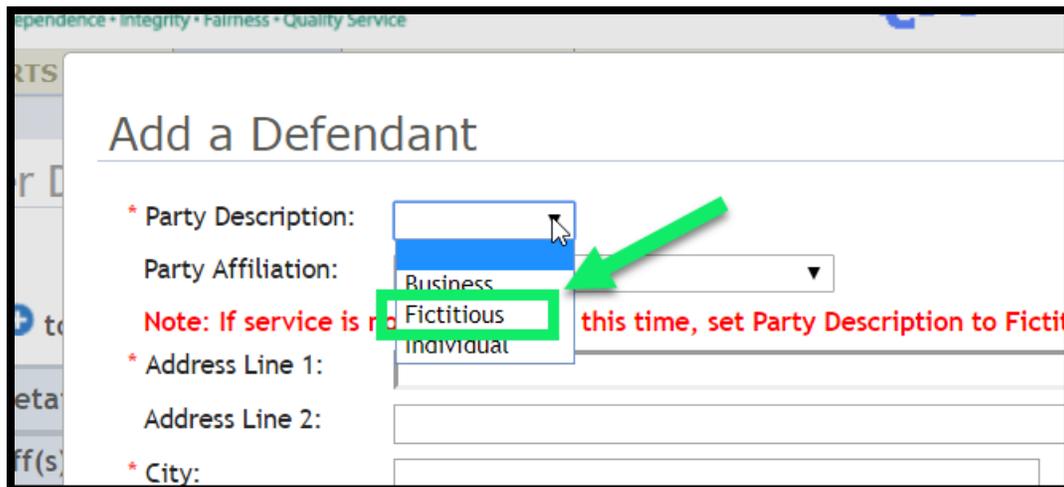


eFiling – Fictitious Description

Filers should indicate a fictitious defendant from the value in the Party Description field (Figure 5). Previously, this designation was selected in the Party Affiliation field.

Additionally, an issue which required a filer to select a Corporation Type when a fictitious description was selected has been corrected.

Figure 5



Civil Part

New Features

eFiling – Abilify

The filing description “Abilify” has been added as a ‘Compliant’ filing type.

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Case Information Statement

The CIS is now updated upon answering the question, “Does the statute governing this case provide for payment of fees by the losing party?” when submitting an Answer filing.

Special Civil

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Fee Exemption

An earlier issue where a user who selected a fee exemption would receive an error message on file submission, has been corrected.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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New Features

eFiling – Motion Linking

A major enhancement to eCourts permits motion-response filings to be linked to an existing motion in a case (Figure 1). The addition of a “Linked Filing(s)” collapsible content heading or 'accordion' allows one to view the original motion and motion response on the same screen (Figure 2) in the Case Jacket. More details on this feature can be found at the Quick Reference Guide [here](#).

Figure 1

Select Filing Type:

*Select Filing Type: MOTION RESPONSE *Select Filing Description: CORRESPONDENCE

*Select a pending motion to link this filing to:

Selected	Document Description	Filed Date	Filer	Adversary
<input type="radio"/>	MOTION FOR DISMISSAL	04/02/2018	ADAM TRASK	CATHY AMES
<input type="radio"/>	CROSS MOTION FOR DISMISSAL	04/05/2018	CATHY AMES	ADAM TRASK
<input type="radio"/>	MOTION FOR MORE SPECIFIC ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES	04/02/2018	ADAM TRASK	CATHY AMES
<input type="radio"/>	None of the Above			

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Screen ID:ECCV1100 | Copyright NJ Judiciary 2014

Figure 2

3/20/2018		JUDGMENT submitted by Case Management Staff	SCP20184867	3/20/2018
3/29/2018		DEFICIENCY NC [SCP20184865] data submitted way to help you		3/29/2018
3/29/2018		DEFICIENCY NC [SCP20184865]		3/29/2018
3/29/2018		Deficiency Corr Management St		3/29/2018
4/5/2018		MOTION TO CON LASTNAME TEST on behalf of AB		4/5/2018
4/5/2018		CROSS MOTION LASTNAME TEST on behalf of ABC		4/5/2018
4/5/2018		CROSS MOTION by LASTNAME PC on behalf of		4/5/2018
4/5/2018		DEFICIENCY NC ANOTHER COUR		4/5/2018

Documents 0 MB

Select All

CROSS MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE & TRANSFER TO ANOTHER COURT

Certification in Support of Motion

Proposed Order

Linked Filings

[MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE & TRANSFER TO ANOTHER COURT - SCP20185126](#)

Close Save/Print Selected Documents

Clicking on the attachment icon displays linked filings.

Showing 1 to 12 of 12 entries

Feature Enhancements

eCourts Home – Support URLs Added

A direct link to access eCourts training resources and release notes has been added to eCourts Contact and Support Information on the eCourts home page (Figure 3).

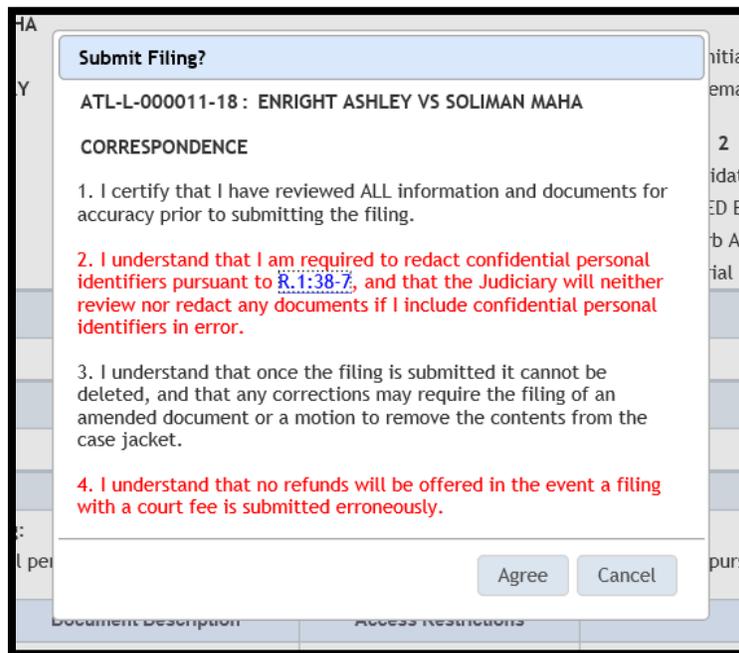
Figure 3



eFiling – Confidential Acknowledgement

Before final submission of a filing, the confirmation message has been modified to include more comprehensive language requiring filers acknowledge responsibility to submit filings which are accurate and free of personal identifiers (Figure 4).

Figure 4



Bug Fixes

Case Jacket – Deficiency and Clerk Notice Notifications

Previously when an attorney was associated with more than one firm, the notifications created by either a deficiency notice or a clerk notice were sent to the email addresses for all of the

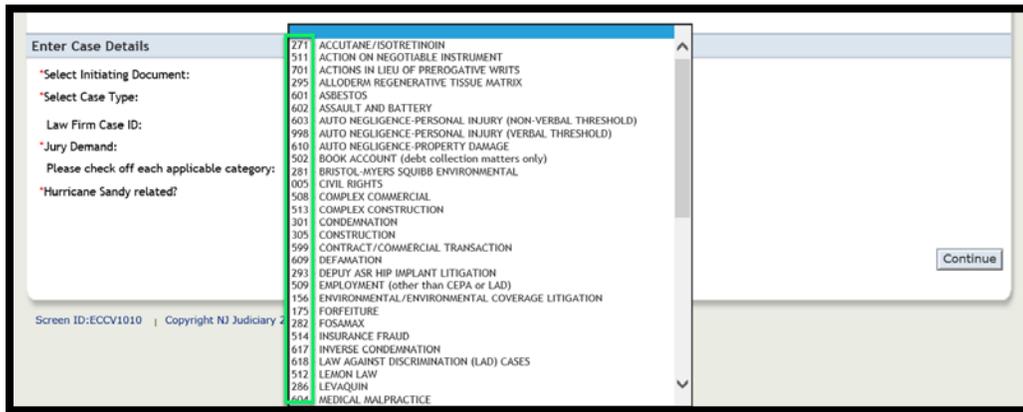
associated firms. Notifications will now only be sent to the firm under which the attorney is logged into at that time.

Civil Part Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Document Codes

When initiating a new filing, the Select Case Type dropdown will now include the case type numbers before the description name (Figure 5).

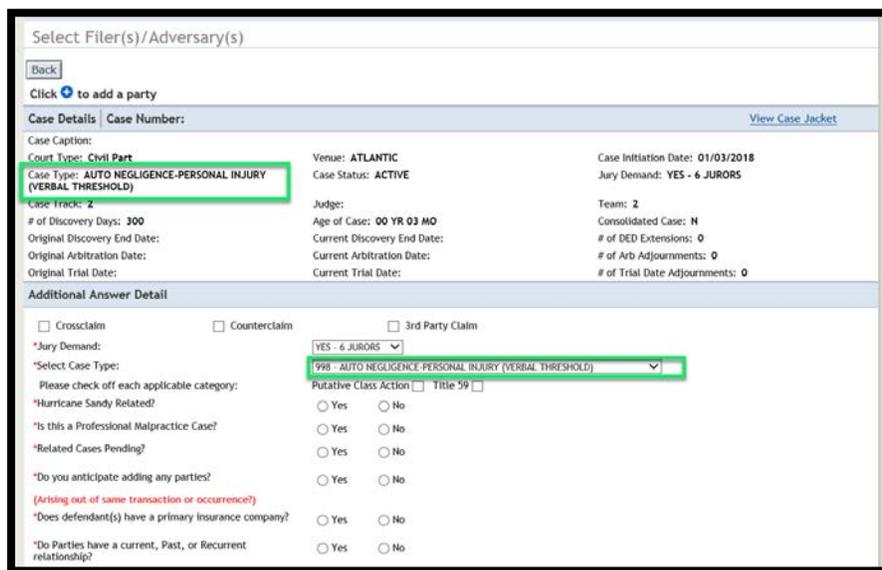
Figure 5



eFiling – Responsive Pleadings

When filing an answer, the Select Case Type field will now default to the case type in the filing details (Figure 6).

Figure 6



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New Features

eFiling – SR38/SR39

The Filing Description “SR38/SR39” has been added to the Post Judgment filing type.

eFiling – Motion to Waive Affidavit of Merit

The Filing Descriptions “Motion to Waive Affidavit of Merit” and “Cross Motion to Waive Affidavit of Merit” have been added to the Motion and Motion Response filing types respectively.

Feature Enhancements

eFiling – Notice of Appearance

The system will now collect the required \$30 filing fee for “Notice of Appearance (Other than in Lieu of Answer)” filings filed via the Miscellaneous Documents filing type.

eFiling – Restoration Fee

A Restoration Fee field has been added to “Motion to Restore Answer” and “Motion to Vacate Dismissal” filings.

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Complaint Initiation

The Jury Demand field will default to ‘None’ rather than ‘6 Jurors’.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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New Features

eFiling – Motion for Sale of Lands

The filing description “Motion for Sale of Lands” has been added in the ‘Motion’ filing type.

The filing description “Cross Motion for Sale of Lands” has been added in the ‘Motion Response’ filing type.

Bug Fixes

eFiling – Null Docket Text

An issue has been fixed where complaints processed through the after-hours queue could have docket text with "null" inserted for the filing type text.

General

Various other bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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New Features

Efiling – Filing Type - Motion Response

There has been a major reorganization of the filing descriptions previously contained within the ‘Motion Related’ filing type. The new filing type titled ‘Motion’ contains initial motion filing descriptions. Additionally, there is now a filing type labeled as ‘Motion Response’ for objections, replies and cross motion filings in response to a filed motion. Lastly, some non-motion related filing descriptions have been moved to other filing types.

Efiling – Filing Type - Response to Amended Complaint

The filing description “Response to Amended Complaint” has been added to the ‘Responsive Pleadings’ filing type.

Feature Enhancements

Efiling – Notifications

Email notifications have been revised to include the actual filing document description or name in the subject line rather than the previous text “Non-Complaint.”

Civil Part

New Features

Efiling – Affidavit of Merit

Pursuant the recent Supreme Court ruling, eCourts will provide notification of the Affidavit of Merit filing obligation in 604 Medical Malpractice and 607 Professional Malpractice case types pursuant N.J.S.A. 2A:53A-26. In brief, at the first answer filing, provided an Affidavit of Merit has not yet been filed, the system will generate a notice email to all parties. On the occasion this requirement is still not met 50 days from that answer filing date, the system will generate a second notice. Additionally, an Affidavit of Merit is now a non-required document type when filing either 604 Medical Malpractice or 607 Professional Malpractice complaints or counterclaims.

Feature Enhancements

Efiling – Add a Party

In the Party Affiliation field, “Fictitious Person” has been modified to “Fictitious.”

Efiling – Add a Party

Within Complaint filings, address fields (Address Line 1, City, State, etc.) are no longer required entries.

Efiling – Case Details - Late Tort Claims Question

During case initiation, when filing a Notice of Motion there is now a question on the Case Details screen, “Is this a Notice of Motion for Late Tort Claims?” Additionally, ‘Proposed Complaint’ has been added as a separate required document on the Upload Documents screen if user responds affirmatively to the late tort question.

Efiling – Notice of Appearance

“Notice of Appearance” in the ‘Responsive Pleadings’ category, will no longer generate a CIS.

Foreclosure

Bug Fixes

Efiling – Notifications

Fields displayed in email notifications have been aligned to match information displayed within the Case Jacket.

Efiling – Notifications

In some cases, street address information was missing within the “Not Electronically Mailed To” section of some notifications when a physical address did exist in the system. This error has been corrected and the address will display properly where it exists.

Efiling – Motion Response

On the Upload Documents screen, the text “Notice of Motion” previously displayed rather than the actual filing description. This has been corrected.

Special Civil

Feature Enhancements

Efiling – Filing Description - Letter of Appearance

The filing description “Letter of Appearance” has been relabeled NOTICE OF APPEARANCE (OTHER THAN IN LIEU OF ANSWER) in the ‘Miscellaneous Documents’ filing type.

The filing description “Letter of Appearance” has been relabeled NOTICE OF APPEARANCE (IN LIEU OF ANSWER) in the ‘Responsive Pleadings’ filing type.

Efiling – Upload Document - Interpreter Question

The question regarding the interpreter requirement now has a default response of "No."

Efiling – Statement for Docketing

A request for a Statement for Docketing will now include validation to determine if an active writ or execution exists on a judgment. If so, the judgment will display with a message indicating that writs must be returned.

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Various other bug fixes

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Special Civil & Civil Part

Efiling – Add a Party

When adding a new party, the selection of Movant/Adversary will now be required.

Special Civil

Efiling – Application for Wage

An error message that incorrectly indicated that multiple adversaries had been selected has been fixed.

Efiling – After Hours

The confirmation received for after-hours complaint filings has been modified to more accurately indicate the pending nature of such filings.

General

Various bug fixes

Various system irregularities have been resolved to improve efficiency and ensure system functionality.



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Efiling – Motion Related

Informational warnings related to Consolidated Motion Cases have been added.

Efiling – Upload Documents/Filing Type

The Motion Related filing type "Motion to Correct Metadata" has been added as a filing description.

Civil Part

Efiling – Verified Complaint

Name Change Complaint has been disabled as a filing case type until a later date. Such complaints should be filed on paper directly with the court at this time.

Efiling – Motion for Name Change

This motion has been disabled as a filing case type until a later date. Such motions should be filed on paper directly with the court at this time.

Efiling – Answer Filing

Under the Add Answer Detail section, the 'Select Case Type' dropdown field has been added. The selection will default to the description type.

Efiling – Case Details

Three new fields have been added. '# of Discovery Days', 'Age of Case', 'Consolidated Case' – this field will display a Y or N indicator. If Y, a link will display to view consolidated cases.

Efiling – Case Details

When 'Complaint' is selected as the Initiating Document on the Case Details screen, the Jury Demand field will not have a default value. Filers are required to select an option.

Efiling – Upload Documents

The required documents for Judgment by Default under Judgment/Post Judgment Filing Types have changed:

*Judgment by Default (Word, PDF)

Special Civil

Efiling – Motion Related

Motion to Vacate Default Judgment: the Answer document has a Document Type label of 'Answer', previously it was blank.

Efiling – Motion Related

Motion to Vacate Default Judgment attachment now has the Document Type label of 'Answer'.

Efiling – Add Defendant

Address fields will be required by default unless the Party Affiliation is selected as Fictitious.

Efiling – Fee Calculations

SCCO Post Judgment: If a case has "Jury Request = 6", fees are now calculated correctly for SCCO Post Judgment AND DJ Moton Related/Other filing types.

Efiling – Notifications

Party names will use full name spelling field where applicable.

Miscellaneous – Amended Complaint

'Enter If Applicable' has been removed and a red asterisk added to 'Updated Demand Amount' to indicate the field is required.

Foreclosure

Efiling – Non-Complaint

The Party Type dropdown in the Add Party popup box has a selection for 'Other'.



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Full Name Spelling

When the 'Full Spell' field is utilized, that alternate name text will be used to generate party names for: Writs of Execution against Goods & Chattel, Executions against Wages, Statements for Docketing, Summons, Docket Text, Execution against Wages, and the Case Jacket.

Blue Stamp Validation

Some documents filed after regular processing hours lacked the filing date/time in the system generated blue stamp. The blue stamp now includes date/time of document filing as expected.

Amended Complaint – Mileage Fee

'Mileage Fee' field has been added to indicate court officer mileage fees when filing an amended complaint for Special Civil Part.

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Values entered into the Attorney Fees textbox which included commas were interpreted as decimals by the system. Commas are now ignored.

SCCO Filing Category

An additional filing category called "SCCO" has been added. This allows for the submission of some Civil Part filings directly to the Superior Court Clerk's Office.

Counterclaim and Crossclaim Filing Types

Counterclaim and Crossclaim filing types were previously displayed in the 'Initiating Documents/Existing Filing' category. They now display in the 'Responsive Pleadings' category.

Select Account Number

On the Review and Submit screen, when a filer is exempt and the exemption is "Filing on behalf of the Office of the Public Defender," the Select Account Number textbox can no longer be selected and modified.

Case Type Name Change

The case type "Complaint to Change Name" has been removed as an "Initiating Document" type. Therefore you will not be able to use eCourts to file Name Change Complaints. Please submit these complaints on paper to the appropriate courthouse.

Motion to Cancel – Add Party Function

The Add Party function has been removed from the Motion to Cancel/Discharge and Application for Wage Execution 'Review and Submit' screen.

Missing Property Value Error Messages

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Email Notifications

In reference to eCourts Notifications emails, rather than having a generic subject line of “Non-Complaint” filing, the subject line will now reference the document description of the filing submitted by the attorney.

Special Civil Part

SCCO DJ Motion Related/Other – New Filing Type

To provide users with greater flexibility when filing against statewide lien “DJ” numbers, a new filing category has been added to the system: DJ Motion Related/Other. The following document descriptions have been included in this category:

1. Application for Wage Execution - DJ
2. Objection to Wage Execution - DJ
3. Warrant for Arrest - DJ
4. Motion to Vacate - DJ
5. Motion for Dismissal - DJ
6. Motion to Turn Over Funds - DJ
7. Motion to Compel Deposition - DJ
8. Motion to File Amended Complaint - DJ
9. Motion to Stay Judgment - DJ
10. Motion to Compel Answers to Interrogatories - DJ
11. Motion to Amend Order - DJ
12. Motion for Order to Show Cause - DJ
13. Motion for Discovery - DJ
14. Motion to Pay - DJ
15. Motion to Enforce Litigants Rights - DJ
16. Motion to Revive a Judgment - DJ
17. Motion to Amend Judgment - DJ
18. Motion to Cancel & Discharge Judgment of Record - DJ
19. Motion to Reconsider - DJ
20. Motion to Reinstate Case - DJ
21. Motion to Relieve Counsel - DJ
22. Motion to Vacate Default Judgment & Restore - DJ
23. Objection/Response to Motion - DJ
24. Withdrawal of Motion - DJ
25. Certification - DJ
26. Proof of Service - DJ

Civil Part

SCCO – New Filing Type

To provide users with greater flexibility when filing against statewide lien “J” numbers, a new filing category has been added to the system: SCCO. The following document descriptions have been included in this category:

1. Assignment of Judgment
2. Judgment by Default
3. Order for Judgment
4. Warrant of Satisfaction
5. Writ of Execution
6. Writ Returned

Motion Related – New Filing Descriptions

The following motion types have been added to the list of potential filing descriptions:

1. Motion to Confirm Arbitration Award
2. Motion to Opt - In Expedited Civil Action
3. Motion to Opt - Out Expedited Civil Action

Miscellaneous Documents – New Filing Descriptions

The following miscellaneous document types have been added to the list of potential filing descriptions:

1. Adjournment Request
2. Letter of Intent to Opt - Out Expedited Civil Action
3. Objection to Opt - Out Expedited Civil Action

Case Details – Discovery End Date

Previously, the Discovery End Date was calculating and displaying incorrectly. This has been fixed and the Discovery End Date will now display an accurate end date in the Case Details section.



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Case Jacket – Filing Date

The eCourts notification email generated for documents uploaded by court staff will now reference the Filed Date of the document, rather than the Entry Date of the document.

Case Jacket – Order Notification

In the event there were multiple attorney associations to a particular case, when the court processed order filings, certain parties were not being electronically notified as expected. This issue has been resolved and all attorneys will be notified in this scenario going forward.

Special Civil Part

SCCO Post Judgments – New Document Descriptions

To provide users with greater flexibility when filing against statewide lien Docketed Judgment numbers, the following document descriptions have been added to the SCCO Post Judgment Filing Type category:

1. Assignments – DJ
2. Consent Order to Pay – DJ
3. Letter to Void Judgment – DJ
4. Miscellaneous Order – DJ
5. Notice of Appearance – DJ
6. Order to Amend – DJ
7. Order to Discharge Bankruptcy – DJ
8. Order to Reinstate – DJ
9. Order to Revive – DJ
10. Order to Satisfy – DJ
11. Order to Vacate – DJ
12. Releases – DJ
13. Return Writ Satisfied – DJ
14. Substitution of Attorney – DJ

eFiling – Request for Statement for Docketing

As a forewarning to filers, eCourts will now display a message on the “Select Venue Judgment” screen during the Request for Statement for Docketing filing process, letting the filer know that if any active executions exist against the judgment, they must be returned before their request can be processed.

Note: This message is only for informational purposes, and the system will not prevent the user from continuing with the filing.

Civil Part

eFiling - Amended Answer with Jury Demand in Document Description

When jury demand is selected for an Amended Answer the document description will now display as ‘Amended Answer w/Jury Demand.’

Upload Required Documents			
	Document Name	Document Description	File Name
	* Amended Answer ,w/Jury Demand	Amended Answer ,w/Jury Demand	
			

eFiling - Submit a Motion - Fee Exemption Error

When submitting a motion with a fee exempt reason, an error message was displaying. The error message will no longer display when selecting fee exemption reasons.

eFiling - Jury Demand Selection – Yes 12 - Jurors

When “Yes – 12 Jurors” is selected from the dropdown list, the selection will be in all caps to be consistent with the other 2 values in the list.

Enter Case Details	
*Select Initiating Document:	<input type="text"/>
*Select Case Type:	<input type="text"/>
Law Firm Case ID:	<input type="text"/>
*Jury Demand:	<input type="text"/>
Please check off each applicable category:	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - 12 JURORS <input type="checkbox"/> YES - 6 JURORS <input type="checkbox"/> Title 59

eFiling - Is this a First Pleading – Party Type ‘Other’

When filing a Motion to Intervene if a Party is added as “Other” then the question “Is this a first pleading?” will not be displayed in the Enter Motion Details tab. This question only applies to movant party types of ‘Defendant’ or ‘Respondent.’

eFiling - Stipulation of Settlement – No Fee

When Stipulation of Settlement filing description is selected under Miscellaneous Documents filing type, no filing fee will be required.

Case Jacket - Jury Demand to Display as 12-Jurors

If a case has a Jury Demand selection of 12-Jurors, it will now display appropriately in the Case Jacket as 12 Jurors.



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eFiling

JACS Account Validation (Civil)

If the user is submitting a filing that has no fee or is fee exempt the system will no longer validate whether the user (attorney) has a valid JACS account

Motions – Docket Number with Case Year 2000 (Civil)

The system will now accept motion filings submitted against docket numbers with a case year of ‘00’, and will no longer return an error message upon submission.

Add a Filer - Partial Address

The filer’s address is not required when submitted by an attorney. However, if a partial address is entered, the system will now require entry of the complete address.

3rd Party Complaint - Add a Party

Add a Party is now allowed for 3rd party complaints within the Initiating Documents category on an Existing Case.



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Deficiency Notice Notification

The Transaction ID link located in the docket text of a deficiency notice email notification has been corrected and now links back to the original deficient filing from the Case Jacket.



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eFiling

County of Incident Removed from Enter Case Details screen

The County of Incident field and dropdown menu have been removed from the Enter Case Details screen when filing a Complaint.

New text next to Oral Argument question added

For motion filings, in the Enter Motion Details section, there is new text next to the “Are you requesting Oral Arguments?” question. The new text states, “No appearance is required unless you are contacted by the court”.

Removing abbreviation “FL”

"FL" (Full Name Spell) abbreviation will be removed from Statement for Docketing form. Only the full name, without the FL prefix, will appear. The change will be applicable regardless of party type.



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E-Filing

New Motion Details

Motions filed after 8pm Monday-Thursday or Friday 8pm through Sunday will receive a “Filed Date” of the next business day.

Previously, the Enter Motion Details section contained one mandatory question regarding an Oral Argument Request, as well as an optional question regarding inputting a Proposed Hearing/Return Date. Two additional mandatory fields will be added to this section, one question in reference to whether or not the filing is a Cross Motion, and another field where the filer will need to indicate the Proof of Service Date.

Application for Wage: Update Debtor Address

When filing an Application for Wage Execution, attorneys will now have the ability to update a debtor’s address during the filing process. From the Select Movant/Adversary screen, a Modify link will be available, where filers can update the Debtor’s address, so that it reflects accurately when the system generates the wage form.

Add a Party - Defendant Address Updates

When adding a new defendant to a DC case, if the filer inputs data into one of the address fields (eg. City field), then the system will require that all of the address fields be completed, preventing incomplete addresses from being submitted.

Multi-Filing Function Update

In the event an attorney filer attempts to submit the same filing to multiple cases, he/she will now be required to file against at least 2 docket numbers.

Physical Mailing address will be populated for Not Notified Parties

In the event eCourts can not notify a party electronically, the email notification has been updated to now include the party’s physical address for reference.

Saving pending complaint: System will retain collateral account selected

In the event a complaint is saved prior to submission, the system will now retain the collateral account selected by the user.

