

General Family Law Electronic Filing

Exception List

Effective January 1, 2018, the Orange County Superior Court will mandate attorneys to utilize electronic filing (e-filing) in the Family Law Division except for the following:

1. Department of Child Support Services Cases
2. Peremptory challenges or challenges for cause of a judicial officer (CCP §170.6 or 170.1)
3. Documents requiring judicial signature, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All Judgments, including judgment packets
 - b. QDROs, including QDRO packets
 - c. Stipulations and Orders
 - d. Findings and Order after Hearing
 - e. Dismissal Requests
4. FL-306 Request to Continue Hearing and FL-307 Order on Request to Continue Hearing
5. Surrogacy Filings
6. Domestic Violence Filings
7. Registration Filings
8. All Ex Parte filings
9. Bonds
10. Trial exhibits
11. Subpoenaed Documents
12. Motion for New Trial
13. Motion in Limine
14. Response/Objection to Ruling
15. ADA Accommodation Requests
16. Judicial Complaints
17. Courtesy Copies (filed in courtroom when requested by Judge)
18. Documents ordered by the Court as exempt from electronic filing

Is there an exception to mandatory electronic filing if it creates an undue hardship or significant prejudice to any party?

Yes, in accordance with rule 2.253 of the California Rules of Court, a party may submit an application for exemption from e-Filing. The application form can be found on the Court's website, form #L0021 *APPLICATION AND ORDER FOR ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE EXEMPTION*.

NOTE: This list can change at any time. If changes are made, the updates will be posted on the Court's family law e-filing website.