



16th Judicial Circuit Court, Jackson County, Missouri

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Electronic Filing Begins Today in Juvenile Cases at the Family Court

The Circuit Court of Jackson County has now fully implemented electronic filing with the addition of e-filing in juvenile cases which starts today.

"The Court's implementation of e-filing has been a great accomplishment thanks to the incredibly hard work of all the employees of the Circuit Court of Jackson County," said Presiding Judge Marco A. Roldan. "Because of that hard work, litigants in the court system now enjoy access to the Court that previously did not exist."

The Court became the 4th circuit out of 45 circuits in the state - and the largest circuit at the time- to implement electronic filing when it was begun in March for civil case filings. Since that time, the Circuit Court of Jackson County has also added e-filing for criminal and probate case filings. There are some filings that are not required to be submitted electronically, and for the most part, those include non-attorney parties who are representing themselves in small claims cases, adult abuse petitions and divorce filings.

E-filing is gaining wide acceptance with 21 circuits in the state, as well as the Missouri Supreme Court and the Courts of Appeals, presently accepting paperless filings. In Jackson County, it has been embraced by attorneys who can now file their documents any time, day or night. To date, the Court has processed 132,500 submissions. Electronic filing has enabled the Civil Records Department to decrease the turnaround time on civil cases from two to three weeks, to one to three days.

Information on juvenile case filings will not be available on public terminals at the courthouses, like they are for other case types, because juvenile case files are confidential. In addition, access to the electronic case file will only be available if an attorney is representing a party in the case.

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