

*Starting July 1, 2023*



# Remote Public Access

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## **To all attorneys:**

We hope this new year finds you well. We also hope you are aware by now there are some major changes coming to Case.net this summer to expand public access to public case documents from personal electronic devices. This will fulfill a long-term goal for our Missouri courts.

Since its inception in the 1990s, Case.net has allowed the public to retrieve real-time public information about public cases, such as party and attorney information, detailed docket entries, and scheduled hearings and trials. Over the years, while the information available to the public via Case.net expanded, it has provided links only to civil and criminal judgments.

With the implementation of Missouri's electronic filing system in 2011, registered e-filing users could log into "secure Case.net" to see documents remotely, but the public could not. Instead, the public could only see public case documents by using designated computer terminals in local courthouses. Beginning July 1, however, this distinction will begin dropping, and the public also will have remote access to public case documents.

## ***What does this mean for you?***

While your obligation to redact confidential information as required by law is not new, the increased public access to court documents underscores the need for diligence and care in carrying out this redaction responsibility. Links to revised rules regarding redaction and information about CLEs and other resources available to help you meet this obligation are available from The Missouri Bar's website (use the QR code on the next page).

Beginning July 1, for every document you file, you will be required to certify you have complied with your redaction obligation as to that document. If you make a mistake – either by failing to redact information that should have been redacted or by redacting too much information – the judiciary is working on a mechanism to allow filers to correct mistakes while protecting potentially confidential information from public view.

But your best protection is to do all you can now to determine how best to protect your clients' confidential information in your area of practice. Please take the time to do so, and let us know if you have particular questions or concerns.

### ***What other specifics should you know?***

July 1 is a statewide deadline for when filers will be required to certify all documents meet redaction requirements. But not all public case documents will be available remotely to the public on that date. Instead, there will be a schedule for when a particular court's public documents will become remotely accessible.

But please note – once remote access is granted for a particular court, that court's public case documents will be available retroactively to July 1, 2023. The public will use the designated computer terminals in local courthouses to see public case documents filed before then.

### ***When will public case documents become accessible remotely?***

To help balance the expansion of remote public access to Case.net with the anticipated resulting demand on the judiciary's information technology systems, the Missouri Court Automation Committee – the statutory committee overseeing the state's case management system – has set the following implementation schedule, for 2023:

<b>Remote access date</b>	<b>Courts (including all districts or divisions)</b>
On July 1	Supreme Court of Missouri, Missouri Court of Appeals
On or after July 16	Circuits 1 through 11
On or after August 20	Circuits 12 through 21
On or after September 17	Circuits 22 through 29
On or after October 22	Circuits 30 through 46

### ***But remember:***

Although public case documents filed in a particular circuit will not become remotely available to the public until the scheduled implementation date, that expanded access will work *retroactively* to public case documents filed on or after July 1, 2023. Documents filed before that date will continue to be available at the public access terminals in every state courthouse.

The clerks and judges of the state appreciate your attention to this important matter.



*Please scan for additional information.*



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# Implementation Schedule

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Access date	List of courts (includes all divisions)
On July 1	<p>Supreme Court of Missouri</p> <p>Missouri Court of Appeals</p>
On or after July 16	<p>1st Judicial Circuit (Clark, Schuyler and Scotland counties)</p> <p>2nd Judicial Circuit (Adair, Knox and Lewis counties)</p> <p>3rd Judicial Circuit (Grundy, Harrison, Mercer and Putnam counties)</p> <p>4th Judicial Circuit (Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties)</p> <p>5th Judicial Circuit (Andrew and Buchanan counties)</p> <p>6th Judicial Circuit (Platte County)</p> <p>7th Judicial Circuit (Clay County)</p> <p>8th Judicial Circuit (Carroll and Ray counties)</p> <p>9th Judicial Circuit (Chariton, Linn and Sullivan counties)</p> <p>10th Judicial Circuit (Marion, Monroe and Ralls counties)</p> <p>11th Judicial Circuit (St. Charles County)</p>
On or after August 20	<p>12th Judicial Circuit (Audrain, Montgomery and Warren counties)</p> <p>13th Judicial Circuit (Boone and Callaway counties)</p> <p>14th Judicial Circuit (Howard and Randolph counties)</p> <p>15th Judicial Circuit (Lafayette and Saline counties)</p> <p>16th Judicial Circuit (Jackson County)</p> <p>17th Judicial Circuit (Cass and Johnson counties)</p> <p>18th Judicial Circuit (Cooper and Pettis counties)</p> <p>19th Judicial Circuit (Cole County)</p> <p>20th Judicial Circuit (Franklin, Gasconade and Osage counties)</p> <p>21st Judicial Circuit (St. Louis County)</p>
On or after September 17	<p>22nd Judicial Circuit (St. Louis city)</p> <p>23rd Judicial Circuit (Jefferson County)</p> <p>24th Judicial Circuit (Madison, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve and Washington counties)</p> <p>25th Judicial Circuit (Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Texas counties)</p> <p>26th Judicial Circuit (Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan counties)</p> <p>27th Judicial Circuit (Bates, Benton, Henry and St. Clair counties)</p> <p>28th Judicial Circuit (Barton, Cedar, Dade and Vernon counties)</p> <p>29th Judicial Circuit (Jasper County)</p>
On or after October 22	<p>30th Judicial Circuit (Dallas, Hickory, Polk and Webster counties)</p> <p>31st Judicial Circuit (Greene County)</p> <p>32nd Judicial Circuit (Bollinger, Cape Girardeau and Perry counties)</p> <p>33rd Judicial Circuit (Mississippi and Scott counties)</p> <p>34th Judicial Circuit (New Madrid and Pemiscot counties)</p> <p>35th Judicial Circuit (Dunklin and Stoddard counties)</p> <p>36th Judicial Circuit (Butler, Carter and Ripley counties)</p> <p>37th Judicial Circuit (Howell, Oregon and Shannon counties)</p> <p>38th Judicial Circuit (Christian County)</p> <p>39th Judicial Circuit (Barry, Lawrence and Stone counties)</p> <p>40th Judicial Circuit (McDonald and Newton counties)</p> <p>41st Judicial Circuit (Macon and Shelby counties)</p> <p>42nd Judicial Circuit (Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne counties)</p> <p>43rd Judicial Circuit (Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb and Livingston counties)</p> <p>44th Judicial Circuit (Douglas, Ozark and Wright counties)</p> <p>45th Judicial Circuit (Lincoln and Pike counties)</p> <p>46th Judicial Circuit (Taney County)</p>