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## **VOLUNTARY E-FILING TAKES EFFECT FOR 16 NEW CIVIL CASE TYPES ON JANUARY 27, 2014**

### **Mandatory E-filing Expansion Postponed Because New Vendor Not Ready to E-File in SF**

**SAN FRANCISCO** -- The San Francisco Superior Court – poised to launch a significant expansion of its mandatory e-Filing program on Monday – instead is implementing voluntary E-Filing for 16 new Civil case types, Court Executive Officer T. Michael Yuen announced today.

After significant delays in contract negotiations with One Legal, LLC – the Court’s new vendor for the mandatory e-Filing expansion – the Court received the signed contract just prior to a Court-imposed 5 p.m. deadline yesterday. However, One Legal is unprepared to serve customers seeking to e-File documents in the 16 new case types on January 27, 2014.

To comply with California Rule of Court 2.253(b) and CCP 1010.6, the Court issued a Request for Proposal to select another e-Filing vendor. After a competitive process, the Court awarded the bid to One Legal on December 20, 2013 and sent a draft contract to the company on January 6, 2014. After lengthy review, One Legal executed the Court’s contract yesterday to formally become another e-Filing vendor. However, One Legal is not able to accept e-Filed documents in time for Monday’s expansion of mandatory e-Filing to the 16 new case types. Furthermore, the company has indicated to the Court that it would not be ready to serve as a second e-Filing

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vendor until June 30, 2014.

Monday's voluntary e-filing expansion includes these case types:

- Antitrust/Unfair Competition
- Business Tort
- Common Counts/Open Book/Accounts/Collections
- Construction
- Contract/Warranty
- Injunctive Relief
- Intellectual Property
- Mass Tort
- Partnership and Corporate Governance
- Personal Injury
- Personal Injury/Property Damage-Vehicle Related
- Products Liability
- Subrogation/Insurance
- Toxic Tort/Environment
- Wrongful Discharge
- CEQA

Mandatory e-Filing remains in effect for Asbestos, Probate Trust and Complex Litigation cases.

File & ServeXpress (formerly LexisNexis), which has served and will continue as the Court's e-filing vendor in Asbestos, Complex Litigation and Probate Trust cases, also will provide service for the voluntary e-Filing of the 16 new case types. File & ServeXpress will remain as the agent of the Clerk to collect statutory filing fees. File & ServeXpress will provide free training to law firms on the e-filing system and services, and also will provide free technical support to Registered users.

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More information on File & ServeXpress is available at [www.fileandservexpress.com](http://www.fileandservexpress.com).

More information on One Legal is available at <https://www.onelegal.com/default.aspx>.

The Civil e-Filing expansion is a key element of the Court's Electronic Information Management (EIM) project, managed by Civil Administrator Wayne Parinas and Court Manager Pat Kilkenny, and overseen by Presiding Judge Cynthia Ming-mei Lee and CEO Yuen. The project, which began in March 2013, is aligned to the Court's strategic plan and aims to use technology to improve service to the public, save money and reduce paper use.

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## **VOLUNTARY E-FILING EXPANDS TO 21 NEW CIVIL CASE TYPES ON APRIL 7, 2014**

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The San Francisco Superior Court is expanding its voluntary e-Filing program to include 21 new case types, Presiding Judge Cynthia Ming-mei Lee announced today at the San Francisco Docket Association’s quarterly luncheon meeting.

“We are excited about this expansion as we move towards our goal of becoming a paperless Court. In January 2014, we announced the voluntary e-Filing expansion of 16 other case types and were pleased to see that 246 unique law firms utilized the e-Filing service for a total of 900 transactions.”

Effective April 7, 2014 the Court’ e-Filing program will undergo its largest expansion since its inception in 1998 when it launched voluntary e-Filing and e-Service in Complex Litigation and Asbestos Cases. The voluntary e-Filing expansion includes the following case types:

- Civil Rights
- Defamation
- Eminent Domain
- Fraud
- Labor Commission Appeal
- Malpractice-Medical/Dental
- Personal injury/property damage-non-vehicle related
- Professional negligence
- Quiet Title-Real Property
- Securities-Investment

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**SFSC/APRIL 7, 2014 E-FILING EXPANSION**  
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- Tax
- Uninsured Motorist
- Confession of Judgment
- Declaratory Relief
- Exempt Collections (Rule 3.740)
- Injunctive Relief
- Petition and Order Appointing Guardian ad Litem
- Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award
- Renewal of Judgment
- Summary Judgment
- Writs of Mandate

In addition to the new voluntary case types, Asbestos cases, Probate Trust and Complex Litigation cases are also subject to mandatory e-filing.

The Court anticipates that e-filing for the new case types will be available to attorneys, self-represented parties, and “non-parties” on April 7, 2014.

E-filing rules are contained in San Francisco Superior Court local rule 2.10.

File & ServeXpress (formerly LexisNexis), which has served and will continue to serve as the Court’s e-filing vendor will also provide service for the additional voluntary e-Filing of the 21 new case types. File & ServeXpress will also remain as the agent of the Clerk to collect statutory filing fees. File & ServeXpress will provide a free training to law firms on the e-filing system and services, and also will provide free technical support to registered users. More information is available at [www.fileandservexpress.com](http://www.fileandservexpress.com).

The Court also has selected One Legal as an additional e-Filing vendor through a competitive process; however they will not be poised to start operation until July 1, 2014.

The Civil e-Filing expansion is a key element of the Court’s Electronic Information Management (EIM) project, managed by Civil Administrator Wayne Parinas and Court Manager Pat Kilkenny, and overseen by Presiding Judge Lee and Court Executive Officer T. Michael Yuen. The project, which began in March 2013, is aligned to the Court’s strategic plan and aims to use technology to improve service to the public, save money and reduce paper use.

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