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Filing and Serving Documents TexFile Courts User Guide

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File & Serve Resources

File & Serve*Xpress* ("FSX") has many resources available to you in order to address your questions and concerns.

- File & ServeXpress 24/7 Client Support is available to assist you with technical, ID, functionality and any other questions you may have. You can contact Client Support at 1-888-529-7587.
- File & ServeXpress Resource Center is available within FSX by clicking on the Resource Center link at the top, right-hand side of your screen. The Resource Center contains our training registration information, jurisdiction specific rules & procedures, user guides, pricing and much more!
- File & ServeXpress Login Page www.fileandservexpress.com is where you can find password help, and where you log in.
- File & ServeXpress Notices is an information page that is available on the bottom, left-hand side of the FSX Home tab, once you sign into FSX. This page will provide you with any critical information, such as system maintenance or downtime, changes in fees, legal notices, litigation launches and much more.
- <u>TexFile specific updates</u>: Information on how to register for FSX, how to link your account to TexFile, training information, court transition dates, mandatory dates, etc. please visit this page: <u>http://info.fileandservexpress.com/txmandatecountytransitionschedule.</u>

Filing and Serving Documents Overview (Subsequent Documents)

The FSX Quick Guide provides a convenient source of information to help you efficiently Efile your documents.

Before You Begin

- 1. Refer to the appropriate court rules on electronic filing prior to using FSX to ensure you are in compliance with local requirements. Copies of any pertinent rules can be found on the **Resource Center** once logged into the application.
- 2. Check our minimum system requirements to be sure your computer is correctly configured for using FSX.
- 3. Link your FSX firm and users to TexFile via FSX Preferences. See the linking user guide in the Resource Center/Texas Rules for detailed instructions.
- 4. All tables are sortable. Any time a grid or table appears, click the column headings to sort by that information.
- 5. Hyperlinks take you to additional information don't forget to use them!
- 6. When running searches, less is more. Enter only partial information to get the most results.
- 7. The fastest way to access a transaction is with a Transaction ID.
- 8. When using FSX for the first time, or if you need assistance, call our 24/7 Client support line at 1-888-529-7587.

Signing on to File & ServeXpress:

Sign In to File & Serve <i>Xpress</i> ™							
ID							
Password							
	Sign In						
Forgot Password	Reset Password						
Need more help? Call Customer Suj	oport at 1-888-529-7587						

- Before using File & ServeXpress, you must have an ID and password. If you do not have these, contact Client Service or contact your firm's Organization Administrator of FSX.
- Using Microsoft[®] Internet Explorer or Netscape[®] Navigator[®], open your browser and go to www.fileandservexpress.com
- 3. Enter your assigned ID and password and click **Sign in.**

Filing & Service Tab

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There are 6 easy steps to submitting documents using the FSX "Filing & Service" tab. Each of these steps is detailed in this guide:

- 1. Start A Transaction Queue- Allows you to select a case to E-file into.
- 2. **Documents Tab-** Lets you select the type of document you are submitting and attach your documents.
- 3. **Sending Parties Tab-** Allows you to select the client for which you are submitting the transaction.
- 4. **Service Tab-** Allows you to select the fax service recipients to receive this transaction you are submitting.
- 5. Additional Recipients Tab- Allows you send the transaction to recipients not on the service list (i.e. your client or co-counsel).
- 6. **Review & Submit Tab** Allows you to review your work and submit the transaction to the court and other parties.

Filing & Service Tab Tips:

Saved Transactions Queue: Saved Transactions The FSX system is

designed to save your work as you go. If you lose connectivity or power for any reason, check your Saved Transactions to resume work on an unfinished transaction.

Scheduled Transactions Queue: Scheduled Transactions FSX allows users to

schedule submittals of transactions for future dates and times. Users can update/delete these transactions in the Scheduled Transactions queue up to the date and time they are scheduled to be submitted.

Start A Transaction

Home Filing & Service Alerts Search	
Start A Transaction Saved Transactions Scheduled Transactions	
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Select Court and/or Case for Filing	
File and/or Serve in an Existing Case File a New Case	File and/or Serve in Multiple Cases
Enter information in one or more boxes and click Find. Selection of a Court is required	
State: Select a State V	Case Name:
Court: TX Harris County 245th District Court	Case Number: 20131022-245
Find Advanced Search	?

To E-file and/or Fax Serve into an Existing Case, follow these steps:

- 1. To begin, click the **Filing & Service** tab. The *Start A Transaction* queue appears.
- 2. *File and/or Serve in an existing case* is already selected. An existing case is one that has already been given a Court case number.
- 3. From the drop down menu for State, select Texas and court name in which you choose to file.
- 4. Enter the case number or case name in the fields available and click **Find** (you may use partial names or numbers to search on as well).

Start A Transaction Queue continued on next page...

Start a Transaction Tips:

- ✓ Reminder -- the name of the court will be different than the name of the court where the new case was filed.
- ✓ Only courts without the (*) should be selected for existing courts, with the exception of the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Courts of Appeal.

- 5. Cases matching your criteria will appear in the list below the "Find" button.
- 6. To select the case, click the red arrow icon to the left of the desired case number.

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Can't find the case you are looking for?						
Click on the Add Case button to enter your cas	e informati	on.		-		
		Ad	dd Case			

Start A Transaction Tips:

✓ Adding a Case: If the case you are trying to file in is not displayed in the Case List results you may click the Add <u>Case button</u>, enter the case information and FSX will search the TexFile court's system and transfer the available case information into the FSX system immediately so you can continue your transaction. Detailed instructions on adding a new case are included at the end of this guide in the "Add Case" section.

Documents Tab

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Title:			~	1	Atta	ch Document	?	
	Maximum length	of text is 510 ch	aracters					

- 1. Select a Document Type for your document using the drop down menu entitled **Type**.
- 2. To attach your document, click the **Browse** button in the *File* section. A dialog box will open and from there you can locate the file you previously saved to your hard drive or network. You may also select the *Check here to fax your document* box should you be unable to scan documents (click the ? icon for more details).
- 3. Enter a title for your document in the *Title* field. The title should comply with local rules for electronic filing and be specific.
- 4. All documents sent to TexFile Courts are automatically set to Public. Sealed or suppressed documents should not be efiled.
- 5. Click Attach Document.

Documents Tab Tips:

- Transaction ID: This number is the tracking number for this transaction and can be used to view the details of the transaction within the FSX system.
- ✓ Cancel Link: This function will purge the entire transaction from the system.
- Save & Close Link: This function will save all information for this transaction in the Saved Transactions queue until the transaction is resumed.
- Document Title: Add as much detail as possible here since this is a searchable field. We suggest using the caption title from your document.

6. The document will appear in the Attached Documents list:

ID	Document Type	Access	Conversion Status	Main/ Supporting	Linked To:	Modify	Remove
34717134	Motion	Public	Converted	Main	None Edit Link	Modify	Remove

- 7. To add more documents, repeat steps 1-5.
- 8. Main/Supporting: This option lets the user "electronically staple" supporting documents to the main document it supports. In the column by each supporting document, select the document ID for the main document to which it supports. You may only file ONE MAIN Document. This will be sent to the court as the lead document.
- 9. If you need to remove a document, click the *Remove* link next to the document you wish to delete from the Filing.
- 10. When all of the documents have been attached and associated, click the **Sending Parties** tab to continue.

Documents Tab Tips:

✓ Please visit the Resource Center under Texas rules to view court specific special instructions on efiling into specific courts.

Sending Parties Tab

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- 1. To select the party or parties you represent in this case, place a check in the box next to the party name in the *Parties Available for Selection* list.
- 2. You may edit your selections by selecting or deselecting the parties.
- 3. Click the **Service** tab to continue.

Sending Parties Tab Tips:

 Adding a Party to a Case: If the party you are trying to file for is not available in either the represented or unrepresented parties' lists, you must contact the court to add them.

Create Custom Group

You can save your selection as a **Custom Group** for future transactions. After selecting your parties, type the name of your group in the space provided, then click **Create Custom Group.**

Custom Groups

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To use a custom group, click **Custom Groups**. A list of your custom groups will appear. Select the custom group you wish to use for Sending by clicking the check mark box beside the name.

Service Tab

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Search Select a	20131022-245 Test Four vs Test Five and Six TX Harris County 245th District Court Search Custom Groups ? Select a delivery option for each party you want to add. "Service" is official legal service of the document upon the selected party. To remove a selected protocol for each party you want to add. "Service" is official legal service of the document upon the selected party. To remove a											
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Service	▲ Party	Party Type	Party Status	Attorney	Eirm	Method						
-	Five, Test	Respondent	Active	Bugbash, Joe Bloot	BugBash Firm2	Fax						
-	Six, Test	Respondent	Active	Bugbash, Joe Bloot	BugBash Firm2	Fax						

- 1. To select a party/parties to receive **Fax Service** (a copy of the document(s) you are transmitting), place a check in the corresponding box in the Service column next to the party names.
- 2. To select all parties, click the box below service on the gray header bar. This will automatically select all parties on the service list.
- 3. The method of delivery available on FSX to deliver your documents is by <u>fax</u> and is listed under the Method column.
 - If the designated recipient *is* a registered user of FSX, then a courtesy copy of the documents or notice will be delivered to their **online** account (i.e. Inbox) as well as by fax.
- 4. If a checkbox does not appear for you to select, then you cannot use FSX as a delivery method to send documents to that party and will have to send service to that party via traditional means.

Service Tab Tips:

- At this time, Fax Service is the only service option on FSX for TexFile courts.
 - If the FSX firm has a fax number stored in their organization information, then that will be the number used. If there is no number or they are not part of a FSX firm, the system will prompt the filer to enter a fax number or select a previously used number.
- Note: If the court you are filing into does not approve service via FSX to a Pro Se or Pro Per party, then you will not be able to select the party and must serve the party traditionally.

Create Custom Group

You can save your selection as a **Custom Group** for future transactions. After selecting your parties, type the name of your group in the space provided, then click **Create Custom Group.**

Custom Groups

To use a custom group click **Custom Groups**. A list of your custom groups will appear. Select the custom group you wish to use for Sending by clicking the check mark box beside the name.

Additional Recipients Tab

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Select Additional Recipients				Transaction ID: 43102276	<u>Cancel</u>	Save & Close
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To add recipients, enter search criteria above and o	dick Find.					
No available selections						

- 1. The system requires a user to initially "search" for an additional recipient before being given the option to create a new additional recipient.
- 2. Search results will display both FSX subscribers and non-member users.
- 3. <u>Create Additional Recipient</u> If no results or inaccurate results appear for the search, then the user will see a button to "Create Additional Recipient".
- 4. When creating a new Additional Recipient, the user will now enter both a First and Last Name and will then select either "Online" or "Fax" as the delivery method. Online will only be an option if the person is a FSX subscriber.
- 5. After entering a new Additional Recipient, the system will then create a non-member "account" for the additional recipient.
- 6. That non-member account will now appear in the search results when filers search the name and will display the notification method previously entered for the additional recipient non-member.

Additional Recipients Tab Tips:

- New Additional Recipients: Newly added recipients will receive emails with instructions as to how to retrieve the documents. They will be provided with a login/password for the sole purpose of retrieving those documents.
- ✓ Generally this feature is used to send courtesy copies of your transaction to clients, co-counsel, etc.

Review & Submit Tab

1. Select an authorizing attorney from your office in the dropdown list.

10/22/13 3:52 PM CDT	Documents	Sending Parties	Service	Add'l Recipients	Review & Sul	bmit		
Authorize Transactio	n			Transaction ID: 52	349089	Cancel	Save & Close	
20131022-245 Test Four vs Test Five and Six TX Harris County 245th District Court								
Select an attorney to	authorize this	transaction.						
Authorizing Attorney:	Select an author	izing attorney						
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2. Select a delivery option from the following options:

Delivery Options: What do you want to do with this transaction? (pick one)

• File with the court and Serve selected parties

I am sending these documents as "Court-Appointed Counsel/ADR".

○ Serve Only - Private (available only to sending firm and served firms)

Bugbash, Mork Esq

O Serve Only - Public (available to anyone to purchase from File & ServeXpress, except in e-service only jurisdictions and subject to case security policies).

- File and Serve: The transaction will be filed with the court and served via fax to all designated recipients. It will be available to be viewed and purchased by registered FSX users as a publicly-filed instrument.
- Serve Only Private: Sends the transaction ONLY to your selected service recipients. The document IS NOT filed with a court. It is not available to any registered FSX users that you did not select for service, and may not be viewed or purchased as a publicly-filed document.
- Serve Only Public: Sends the transactions ONLY to your selected service recipients. The document IS NOT filed with a court. The document is available to be searched, viewed, printed and purchased by any registered FSX users as a publicly available document.
- 3. Enter any billing information you want included on your invoice.

Add billing reference. This reference will appear on your invoice.



Review & Submit Tab continued on next page...

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- 5. Review the summary information.
- 6. To make any changes to your information, click the edit link provided in that section or click the tab containing the information to be changed.
- Submit Transaction When the information has been verified and you are ready 7. to proceed, click Submit Transaction.
- 8. Once the Clerk has reviewed your transaction, you will receive an email confirmation if it was accepted or rejected. If accepted, the email will contain a link so that you may access the time-stamped copy of your documents. See below. If the transaction is rejected, you will receive an email with reason for rejection.

Filing Code:(Rule 11 Document(s))
Filing Type:(EFile)
Date Submitted: 10/17/2013 12:39:48 PM
Date Accepted: 10/17/2013 1:36:41 PM Accepted Comment:
View Document
This link will remain active for 30 days.

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Transaction Receipt/Report

File & Serve Xpress- Welcome: Attorney, Adam Mock Firm A-Bellevue	Resource Center File & ServeXpress Preferences Sign Off
12/18/12-30:19 M GST 12/18/12-30:19 M GST Your transaction has been successfully submitted to File & ServeXpress. Your transaction inform For a formatted copy of this information, obta 1 fransaction report. For a formatted copy of this information, obta 1 fransaction report. To perform another transaction, click Regin a New Transaction. To exit Filing & Service, click Return to My File & ServeXpress.	nation appears below. To print this information for your records, click anywhere on the transaction information, then click the browser
TIP: Receive notifications of new Filing & Service activity that match your search criter	ia. Click on the Alerts tab.
Fil	e & ServeXpress Transaction Receipt
Transaction ID: Submitted by: Authorized by: Authorize and file on:	47870376 Adam Attorney, Mock Firm A-Bellevue Adam Attorney, Mock Firm A-Bellevue Dec 18 2012 5:02PM CST
Court: Division/Courtroom: Case Class: Case Type:	Mock Court-Filing & Serving 1 - Division 1 Civil Non-Arbitration

- Once you click the Submit tab, the page will refresh and you will see a Transaction Receipt. You may print this receipt for your records or search for it on the FSX system by Transaction ID in the future.
- transaction report. You may order a "Transaction Report" after the transaction is submitted. This report is a comprehensive, up to the date, formal document that will provide <u>all</u> of the transaction details, including Clerk review status <u>and fax service</u> <u>status.</u> Simply click the link on the top that says "transaction report".
- 3. Please note that if "fax service" is unable to be completed due to incorrect fax numbers, etc., that information will also be noted in this report. See below.

Transaction Receipt/Report Tips:

✓ Sample Transaction Report:

File & Serve Xpress-

December 18, 2012 Max Powers Mock Appeals Firm B-Derno 13427 NE 16th St Bellevue, CA 38005 RE: Fille & BerronXoress Transa



Dear Custom

The following information for File & ServeXpress Transaction 42724428 reflects the details of the transaction contained in the File & ServeXpress system as of December 18, 2012 10:02:34 AM MST.

Lisa Lawyer, authorized by Lisa Lawyer, submitted Transaction 42724428 on February 27, 2012 09:25:57 AM MST to CO Mock County District Court, Via File & ServeXpress for the following case:

Case Number	Case Name	Division	Judge
2012CV227	In the Matter of Charles Harris	2 - Division 2	Judge District

The Transaction contained 1 document titled as follows:

ID	Document	Pages	Clerk Review Status
5073416	Petition to Seal Criminal Record	1	Accepted 02/27/2012 09:30:30 AM MST

The above-mentioned documents within this Transaction were sent to the following 0 recipient

Should you have any questions about the details of the Transaction as stated above, please contact Custome Support at 1-888-529-7587.

Sincerely, File & ServeXpress Holdings, LLC

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File & Serve X press	ithin this Transaction were sen	t to the followin	g 2 recipients	
Attorney	Party	Notice Type	Delivery Method	Delivery Status
Test firm user admin	plain, qa Plaintiff	Service	Fax	Undeliverabl e
Test firm user admin	def, qa Defendant	Service	Fax	Undeliverabl e

Should you have any questions about the details of the Transaction as stated above, please contact Customer Support at 1-888-529-7587.

Sincerely, File & ServeXpress Holdings, LLC

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Add Case:

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Select Court and/or Case fo	r Filing					
@ File and/o	or Serve in an Existing Case	C File a New	w Case	C File and/or	Serve in Multiple	Cases
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County March Court Eliza S	Service		Case Number	-	13	
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- 1. Search for your case on the Start a Transaction tab.
- 2. If the case you are trying to file in is not displayed in the Case List results you may click the Add Case button, Add Case.

Adding a Case While E-Filing continued on next page...

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3/15/12 3:22 PM CDT	
Add Case Information	Transaction ID: Cancel Save & Close
Enter a case name and select a case type. Note: new lines will be replaced by spaces.	Then click Submit.
Court	Mock Court-Filing & Serving
* Case Class	Civil •
* Case Type	Personal Injury 💌
* Case Name (First Plaintiff vs First Defendant)	x y
* Case Number	Maximum length of text is 200 characters
	Submit ?

- 1. From the drop down menu, select the Case Class and Case Type.
- 2. Enter the **case name** and the **case number** of the case you wish to add in the space provided. Click **Submit**. (Case Number must be <u>exact</u>.)
- 3. FSX will search the TexFile court's system and transfer the available case information into the FSX system.
- 4. If the case is available on TexFile, the case details will be transferred over and the case will display in the Case List.
- 5. If the case is not available, no case will display in the Case List. You must then call the Court to inquire.

Adding A Case Tips:

- ✓ While all fields are required, the system is <u>only using the case</u> <u>number for searching</u>.
- ✓ Case number must be an <u>exact</u> match.