**Electronic Filing** in Civil cases

**Bar Association Brown Bag** 







- Welcome and introductions
- Local and State rules regarding electronic filing
- Santa Clara Civil time line
- Electronic filing overview
- Electronic filing mechanics
- Q & A
- EFSP Faire



#### Local General Rule 6: Electronic Filing

- A. MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE
- B. DEADLINE FOR FILING
- C. ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE PROCEDURES
- D. FLECTRONIC FILING FFF WAIVER
- E. CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS
- F. DOCUMENTS NOT FILED ELECTRONICALLY
- G. FORMAT FOR EXHIBITS
- H. ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRACKING OF TRIAL EXHIBITS
- I. PROPOSED ORDERS

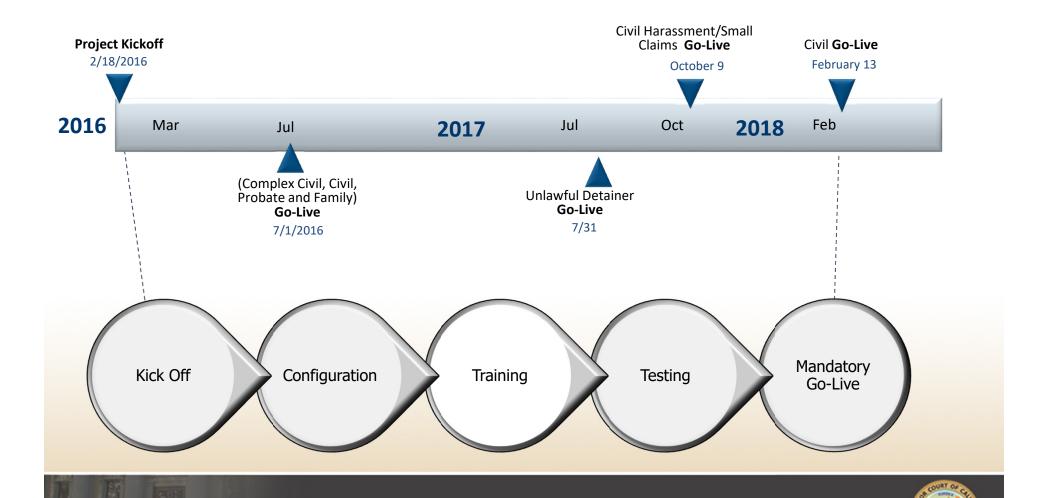


#### State Rules

- CCP 1010.6
- CRC 2.250
- CRC2.251
- CRC 2.252
- CRC 2.253
- CRC 2.256
- CRC 2.257
- CRC 2.259



#### Santa Clara Superior Court Transition Timeline



Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara



## **Odyssey eFileCA Overview**

**Santa Clara Superior Courts January 12, 2018** 

**Dennis Dauenhauer** 

#### eFileCA Overview

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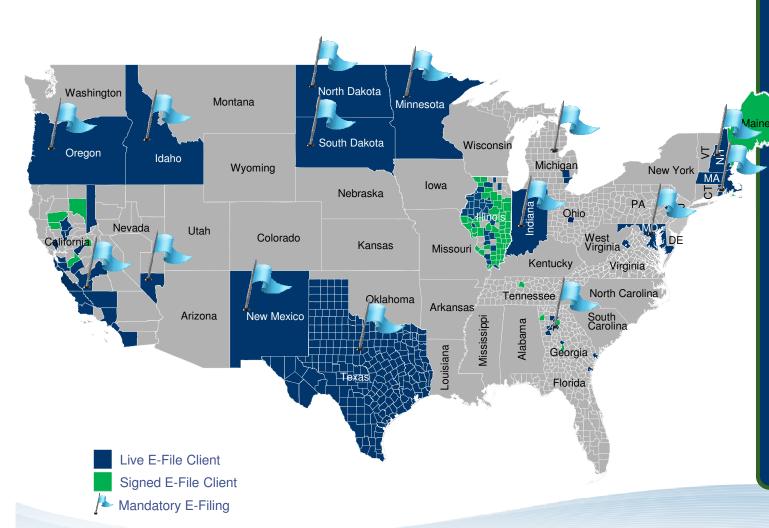
#### Odyssey eFileCA



- E-Filing manager for Santa Clara Superior Courts
- Multi-court system that provides a unified filing experience through one e-filing portal
- Powered by Tyler Technologies



## Tyler E-Filing Landscape



#### **Summary:**

- Live in 21 of 24 states under contract
- Northern Territory ,
  Australia Contract
  - E-filing mandatory in 15 states
- Integrated with >50
  3rd party companies
- Odyssey File & Serve (OFS) available to ~34% of the U.S. population
- 16.3% of U.S. population under mandatory e-filing w/ OFS
- Processing > 95k filings per day



#### eFileCA Today

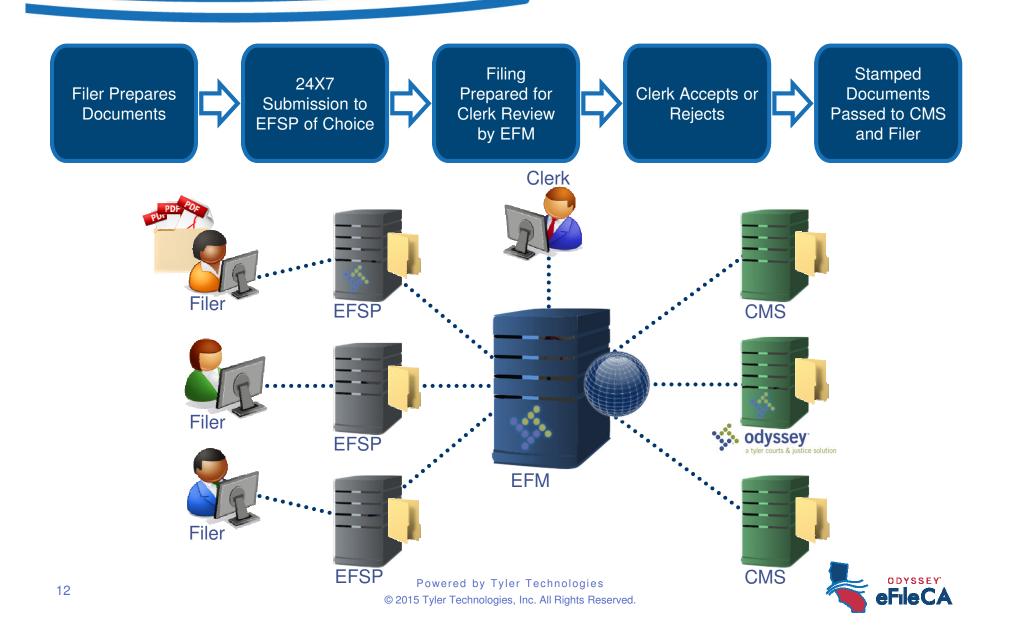


#### **Summary:**

- Contracts in 24 counties for e-filing and e-service
- 19 courts live today:
  - San Luis Obispo: Live
  - Kern: Live
  - Kings: Live
  - Merced: Live
  - Santa Barbara: Live
  - Fresno: Live
  - San Diego: Live (DCSS)
  - Orange: Live
  - Santa Cruz: Live
  - Monterey: Live
  - Santa Clara: Live (Cmpx CV, FM, PR)
  - Alameda: Live (CR, JV Dep)
  - San Mateo: Live (DCSS, Cmpx CV)
  - Napa: Live
  - Sutter: Live
  - Yuba: Live
  - Butte: Live
  - Los Angeles: Live (Probate)
  - Calaveras: Live



## Odyssey eFileCA Overview



### **EFSP Landscape**

#### **Summary:**

- 65 organizations expressed their intent to become an EFSP
- Each organization must apply and undergo certification
- 56 organizations have been certified since May 2015
- EFSP meetings held monthly
- Expect increase in available EFSPs in coming months

Certified Organizations		
530 Process Servers	e-Legal Services, Inc.	Rapid Legal
A&M Attorney Service	<b>Exclusive Attorney Service Inc.</b>	Rezac-Meyer Attorney Service
AAA E-Filing	Express Network	Saddleback Attorney Service
ACE Attorney Services, Inc.	FileTime	Santoni Investigations and Backgrounds
ALL-IN-ONE Legal Support, Inc.	First Legal	Sayler Legal Service
ASAP Legal Solution	Green Filing	Signal Attorney Service
Attorneys Certified Service	Janney & Janney	Snap Legal Network, Inc.
Beyond e-Discovery	<b>Legal Document Server</b>	SRL
Bosco Legal Services, Inc.	Legal e-File	Sterling Madison Company
<b>Calwest Attorney Service</b>	Legal Photocopy Service	Swift Attorney Service
Commercial Process Serving	LegalConnect	Temecula Attorney Services
Countrywide Process, LLC	Legend Legal Services	Tristar
County Process Service, Inc.	MyFileRunner	TurboCourt
Creekside e-filing	Nationwide Legal	United Process Servers
<b>Cutting Edge Legal Services, LLC</b>	Odyssey eFileCA	US Legal PRO
D&T Legal Services	One Hour Delivery	USA Legal Network, Inc.
DDS Legal	One Legal	USAExpress
Direct Legal Support	Process Server World	Zach's Legal Services
<b>Eddings Attorney Services</b>	ProLegal	

http://www.odysseyefileca.com/service-providers.htm



## eFileCA Overview

# Filing Mechanics



### **Example E-Filing Process**

#### Prerequisite Setup



- EFSP Registration
- Payment Account Setup

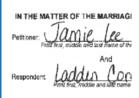
Case Information



- Location
- Category
- Type
- Attorney
- Payment Account

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**Parties** 



- Required Parties
- Contact Information
- Additional Parties

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Filings



- Filing Codes
- Upload Documents

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E-Service



 Select Service Contacts



Review

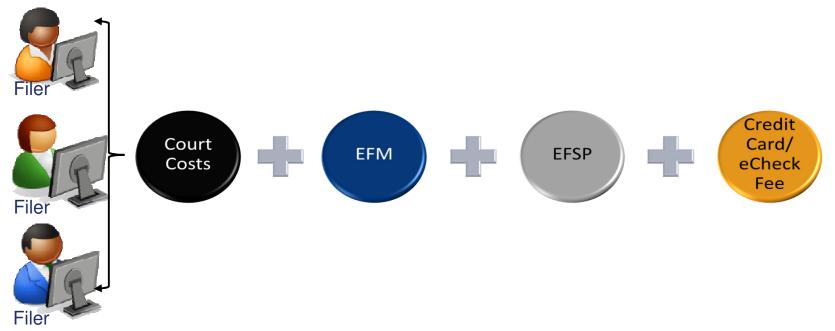


- Verify Location
- Verify Data Entry



## E-Filing Cost Model







#### eChecks



#### **Summary:**

- eChecks became available on April 19<sup>th,</sup> 2016
- eChecks carries a \$0.25 cost per transaction (compared to the 2.89% of credit cards)
- eChecks will require approval from all Courts that choose to adopt it as an alternative electronic payment method



### CA eChecks Today



#### **Summary:**

#### Courts Live Today

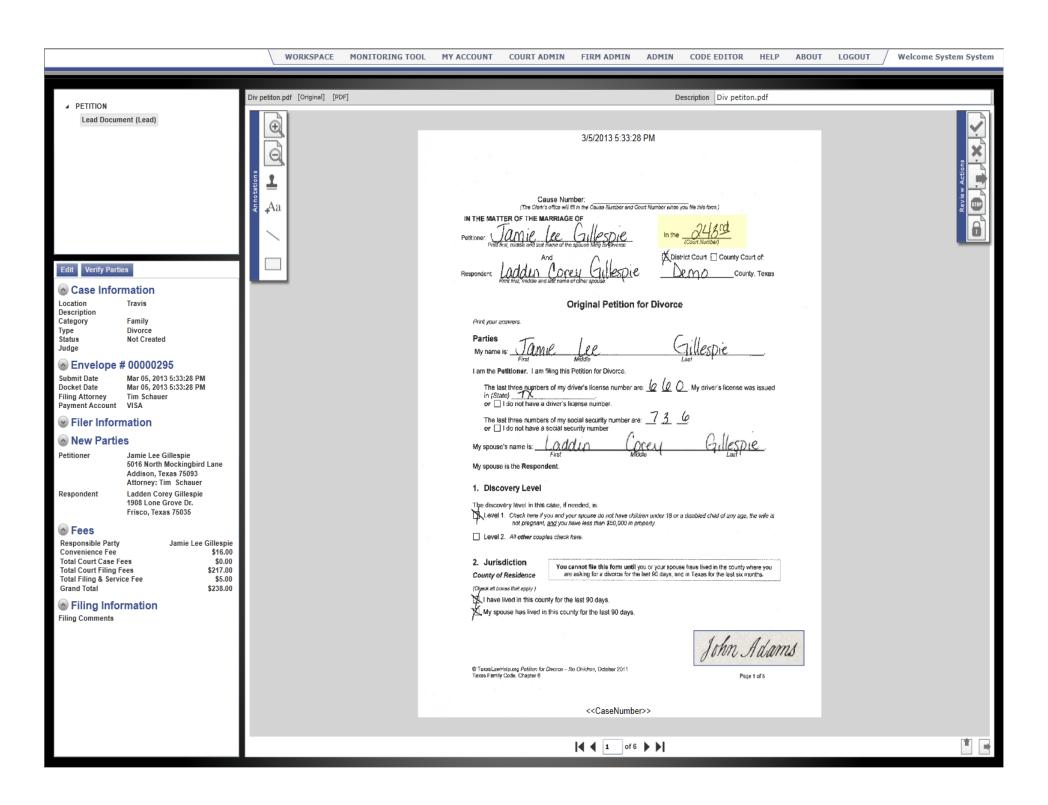
- Butte GL 3/28/17
- Calaveras GL 7/10/17
- Fresno Live 7/1/16
- Kern Live 8/1/16
- Los Angeles GL 6/5/17
- Merced GL 1/1/17
- Monterey Live 7/1/16
- Napa Live 12/19/16
- Orange Live 12/28/17
- San Luis Obispo Live 12/19/16
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#### **Courts In Progress**

- Kings Reviewing Agreement
- Stanislaus Signed Agreement

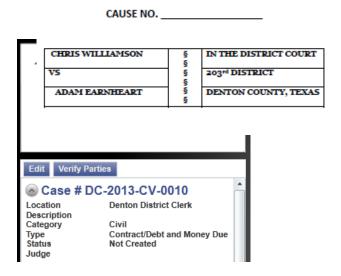
State of California requires at least two available methods of payment, effective 1/1/17 per "Assembly Bill #2244





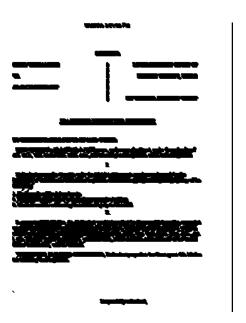
#### Common Reasons for Returns

# **Incorrect Case Number** and/or Location



- Case no. on filing ≠ case no. on document
- Filing in the wrong Court

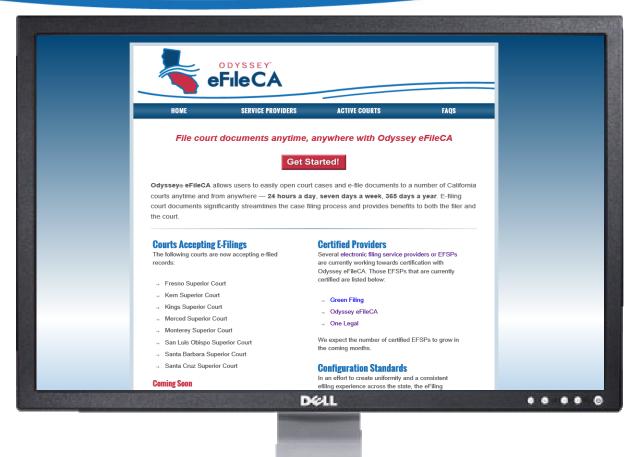
# Faulty Document



- Illegible document
- Document improperly scanned



#### OdysseyeFileCA.com



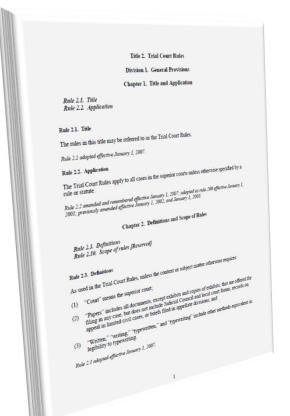
#### **Summary**

- Central portal for Odyssey eFileCA news and information
- Links to certified EFSP's
- Links to active court specific web sites
- Point of entry for review process

http://www.odysseyefileca.com



#### Statewide E-Filing Rules & Standards



California Proposed Standards

Version 1.0

http://www.courts.ca.gov/rules.htm

#### **California Rules of Court**

- Defines when documents are deemed filed
- Provides guidelines for e-filing exclusions and the filing of original documents

#### **E-Filing Standards**

- Standardized codes from filers perspective across all trial courts using Odyssey eFileCA
- Standard codes to be revised bi-annually



## eFileCA Overview

Filing Mechanics





- 1. Review statewide rules and procedures
- 2. Identify the right EFSP for you
- 3. Exercise the system to become better acquainted



# Questions?



