

Rule 700.7 Electronic Filing in Family Law Cases

- A. Mandatory Electronic Filing. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6, or provided by this rule, a represented party in all family law actions must file documents electronically unless the Court excuses parties from doing so.
- B. Electronic Filing Service Providers. Documents filed electronically must be filed using the court's electronic filing service providers. Electronic filing service provider information is available on the court's website under "Online Services."
- C. Timing of Electronically Filed Documents:
 - 1. Electronically filed documents filed prior to midnight on a court day will be deemed filed as of that day pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6 and California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(~~7~~)(6). For purposes of this rule, filing occurs at the time the document is received by the Court and a confirmation of receipt is created (see Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.259(a)(1) and (c)).
 - 2. Any electronically filed document received by the Court at midnight, or filed on a non-court day, will be deemed filed on the first court day after it is received.
 - 3. This provision concerns only the method and effective date of filing; any document that is electronically filed must satisfy all other legal filing deadlines and requirements. This rule does not affect the timing requirements for any documents that must be filed by a set time on the due date.
- D. Self-Represented Litigants Exempt from Mandatory Electronic Filing:
 - 1. Although not required, self-represented parties are encouraged to participate in electronic filing.
 - 2. If a party with a fee waiver files documents electronically, that party is exempt from the fees and costs associated with electronic filing.
- E. Electronically Filed Stipulations:
 - 1. An electronically filed stipulation of the parties and/or counsel bearing an electronic signature must be accompanied by documentation verifying that the individual whose name appears on the document executed the signature.
 - 2. Such supporting documentation may take the form of electronic signature metadata verification and shall be filed with the stipulation.

This Rule is subject to the provisions set forth in Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6 and California Rules of Court 2.250 and 2.259.

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