



Superior Court of California  
County of Orange

## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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**Correction from September 20, 2012, News Release: The Pilot Project excludes small claims cases.**

### **Superior Court Announces a Pilot Project for Electronic Filing and Service of Documents for Civil Cases**

**Santa Ana** – On September 14, 2012, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law Assembly Bill 2073 which authorizes Orange County Superior Court to establish a pilot project that will require documents filed in all limited, unlimited, and complex civil actions on or after January 1, 2013, to be filed electronically. This pilot project will commence on January 1, 2013.

The Orange County Superior Court accepts approximately one million civil documents each year for filing by the court clerk's office. Due to the e-filing presently occurring in Orange County, the court has realized substantial budget benefits while maintaining a high level of service to attorneys and the public.

The electronic filing and service of documents pilot project will create significant efficiencies that include:

- Substantial cost savings for the court.
- Court documents can be electronically filed with attachments 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Once electronically submitted and accepted by the court, the information is fed directly into the court's case management system.
- E-filed documents are immediately available to all those who need access.

Electronic service providers currently provide attorneys and self-represented litigants with the ability to electronically file documents with the court. Information concerning electronic service providers is available on the court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/online-services/efiling>. Self-represented litigants without access to computers should contact the court directly.