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TRANSITION TO PAPERLESS FILES

Over the next 18 months, the Los Angeles Superior Court will continue to implement paperless (electronic) files for certain case types. **Electronic files constitute the official record of the Court.**

Electronic files may be viewed without cost on public access computer terminals located inside the courthouses and at the Archives and Records Center. Some civil documents may also be viewed and purchased from the Court's website for a fee.

Note – some records are confidential. Parties and attorneys must show identification or have a passcode to view confidential records. Please see clerk's office staff to obtain a code.

Please review individual case types in the chart below and check this notice regularly for future updates.

CASE TYPE	NOTES	STATUS
Civil – limited	<p>Limited civil case files will be maintained electronically as follows:</p> <p>Documents filed on or after January 2, 2018; and all case files with hearings on or after January 2, 2018, regardless of the filing date.</p>	Effective 02/02/2018
Civil – small claims	Paperless files for small claims cases has been implemented.	Implemented
Civil – unlawful detainer	<p>Limited civil unlawful detainer case files will be maintained electronically as follows:</p> <p>Documents filed on or after January 2, 2018, and all case files with hearings on or after January 2, 2018, regardless of the filing date.</p> <p><i>Some unlawful detainer cases are confidential. Please see note above re confidential records.</i></p>	
Civil – unlimited (general)	<p>Date for transition to paperless files for unlimited civil cases to be determined.</p> <p><i>*See exception for unlimited personal injury cases filed at the Mosk Courthouse below.</i></p>	Pending
Civil – unlimited - personal injury*	<p>Personal injury case files will be maintained electronically as follows:</p> <p>Documents filed on or after February 1, 2018, in <i>unlimited</i> personal injury cases filed at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.</p> <p>The paperless record storage system does not apply to personal injury cases filed at LASC’s North District Personal Injury Hub courts, which will continue to maintain paper court files.</p>	Effective 03/01/2018

Criminal	Date for transition to paperless files for criminal cases to be determined.	Pending
Family law – general	<p>Family law case files will be maintained electronically as follows:</p> <p>Documents filed on or after January 2, 2018, and all case files with hearings on or after January 2, 2018, regardless of the filing date.</p> <p><i>**See exception for AB1058 cases below.</i></p> <p><i>Paternity cases, except for the judgments, are confidential. Please see note above re confidential records.</i></p>	Effective 02/02/2018
Family law – AB1058 cases**	<p>Family law AB1058 case files will be maintained electronically as follows:</p> <p>Cases filed as of January 2003 with BL, BY, and BZ case prefixes.</p>	Effective 09/19/2016
Juvenile - delinquency	<p>Date for transition to paperless files for juvenile delinquency cases to be determined.</p> <p><i>Delinquency cases are confidential. Please see note above re confidential records.</i></p>	Pending
Juvenile – dependency	<p>Date for transition to paperless files for juvenile dependency cases to be determined.</p> <p><i>Dependency cases are confidential. Please see note above re confidential records.</i></p>	Pending
Mental health	Date for transition to paperless files for mental health cases to be determined.	Pending

	<i>Some mental health documents/files are confidential. Please see note above re confidential records.</i>	
Probate	Paperless files for probate cases has been implemented.	Implemented
Small claims	Paperless files for small claims cases has been implemented.	Implemented