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## **SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PILOT DIGITAL EVIDENCE SYSTEM IN SELECT SMALL CLAIMS COURTROOMS BEGINNING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**Digital Evidence System Pilot Will Launch in Department 7 at the Compton Courthouse and in Department 304 at the Beverly Hills Courthouse**

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County will pilot a Digital Evidence System in Small Claims Department 7 at the Compton Courthouse and Small Claims Department 304 at the Beverly Hills Courthouse beginning Monday, September 23. The Digital Evidence System will improve efficiencies and streamline the court experience for Small Claims litigants.

Litigants in Small Claims cases are required to exchange evidence in advance of their hearing, which they have traditionally done by producing and mailing copies to the opposing side. While that option remains available, beginning Monday, September 23, Small Claims litigants with matters in the pilot departments may upload and share digital evidence directly within the Digital Evidence System in advance of their hearings. Recognizing that not all litigants have access to a stable home internet connection, the Digital Evidence System, along with a scanner, will be available at kiosks at both the Beverly Hills and Compton Courthouse Clerks' Offices.

The Digital Evidence System Pilot will have the following capabilities:

- Allow litigants to upload and share digital evidence in lieu of exchanging physical copies.
- Allow litigants to upload a variety of file formats including photos, videos and documents prior to a scheduled hearing.
- Allow litigants to share their evidence via an email sent to the opposing parties.
- Assign a unique exhibit number for easy reference and to aid in the presentation of the evidence at the hearing.
- Produce an Exhibit Receipt with thumbnail photos of the evidence.
- Provide judicial officers and parties with access to view the digitally uploaded evidence.

More information about how to use the Digital Evidence System, including an instructional video tutorial, answers to frequently asked questions, technological specifications, and more, is available on the Digital Evidence System Pilot website, [www.LACourt.org/DigitalEvidence](http://www.LACourt.org/DigitalEvidence). Litigants with matters in Small Claims pilot departments will be able to create an account and begin uploading evidence beginning Monday, September 23. Litigants in pilot departments will also be informed of this new option via notice from the Court at the time of filing.

The Court will use data and feedback from this pilot to expand the Digital Evidence System Pilot to remaining Small Claims courtrooms and additional case types and courtrooms in the future.