

Maricopa Lawyer

Clerk's Corner

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Clerk's Office Adds Services at Northeast Location

On September 13, 2005, the long-awaited Northeast Regional Court Center (RCC) was dedicated to the citizens of Maricopa County. Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Ruth McGregor and court and community leaders offered words of thanks and appreciation, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Clerk's Office's dedication toward serving the needs of our customers made this event extremely exciting. By spreading the word about this convenient location, we hope that many people will take advantage of the Northeast RCC as an alternative for selected court filings.

The new court complex spans more than 104,000 square-feet and houses 12 courtrooms, three justice courts, and state-of-the-art technology, including electronic courtrooms. Within the complex, the Clerk's Office provides a filing counter with six windows to serve customers. The Northeast RCC will accept filings for Civil, Family, Probate, and Tax cases, but will not accept filings in Juvenile or Criminal cases. Staff will also issue marriage licenses from this location, but will not process passport applications at the Northeast location at this time.

For after-hours filings, an external filing depository box is located at the complex. This service allows customers to file adult case type filings 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Again, Juvenile and Criminal case filings will not be accepted, and only Superior Court adult case type filings will be accepted, which may require a learning curve from those visiting the complex on Justice Court matters. The external filing boxes have been a popular service with our customers. Last fiscal year, the two external filing boxes in Phoenix and Mesa received 41,929 filings. The addition of the Northeast RCC external filing box will add another level of service to our customers in the Northeast Valley.

The Clerk's Office is proud of the work and planning that brought this satellite office to reality and of the services offered there. In addition, the Trial Courts will offer additional services at the center, including a Self-Service Center, Family Violence Prevention Center, Juror Services, Court Interpreter and Translation Services, and a Conciliation Services office.

Finding the Northeast RCC is easy and convenient. The Clerk's Office is located at 18380 North 40th Street, Suite 120, Phoenix, Arizona 85032, just east of State Route 51 at the Union Hills exit. For additional information about Clerk's services at the Northeast RCC, contact 602.506.3360.

The new court center is the third part of a long-term plan to create four regional court complexes around the Valley. A Southwest Regional Court Center is planned for the Avondale area. Opening Regional Court Centers as the Valley continues to expand is part of a larger Maricopa County vision to keep pace with growth by offering responsive and responsible service to our citizens. The Clerk's Office is proud to be an active participant

in these and other improvements, as time and technology require us to change and improve in ways that benefit our customers.

Notary Bonds in Other Clerk's News

Many customers contact the Clerk's Office regarding the status of notary bonds. In response, the Clerk's Office created a new website feature to improve customer service and offer quick and easy access to check the status of a notary bond or certificate information. To use this feature, you may access the Clerk's public website and select "Notary Bonds", or go to

http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/notary_bonds/notarybonds.asp