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Wiznet stops eFiling and e-service

Effective February 5, 2010, Wiznet E-File & Serve will no longer operate as a court-certified eFiling provider for the Superior Court in Maricopa County. Wiznet's customers will need to transition to the eFiling Online website maintained by the Clerk's Office. Customers familiar with the style and features of Wiznet's eFiling website will notice differences between Wiznet and the Clerk's eFiling systems. The Clerk's website is easy to use and intuitive; however, to assist with the transition, the Clerk's Office provides instruction, training and frequently asked questions from the eFiling Online website at <https://efiling.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/fdlogin.asp>. All parties and attorneys of record are strongly encouraged to read this material.

The electronic filing pilot program continues for Superior Court cases in accordance with Superior Court Administrative Order No. 2007-140. The current guidelines for eFiling are maintained on the Clerk's website at: <https://efiling.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/efilingguidelines/>. Electronic service is not a feature of the Clerk's eFiling system, but may be accomplished directly between parties as provided in Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5(c). The Clerk's Office provides instruction and training in a number of formats, including free training once per month at the Clerk's administrative offices in downtown Phoenix, onsite training for groups and law firms, and through Continuing Legal Education courses. For more information, see <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/news/eFileTrainingFlier.pdf>.

Document Fee Implemented

Effective February 1, the Clerk's Office implemented the document storage and retrieval fee in the Transcript of Judgment filing type. The fee will be assessed when a transcript of judgment from another court is filed with the Superior Court in Maricopa County. The \$15 fee, authorized in statute and court rule, supports automation and other processes to maintain and improve records access and retrieval. The total fee is now \$41 as of February 2010. A list of filing fees is available at the Clerk's filing counters and on the Clerk's website at <http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/fees.asp>.

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For the first time in its history, the Clerk's Office received more than 20,000 electronic filings in a single month during December 2009. Electronic filing is mandatory in complex civil litigation cases and individual civil cases where the judicial officer requires eFiling. Attorneys may also eFile any subsequent documents in any civil case. Supreme Court Administrative Order 2008-89 allows subsequent eFilings at the attorney's discretion in all general civil cases. Judicial divisions participating in permissive eFiling will have language at the end of each minute entry in individual cases stating: "This case is eFiling eligible."