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AZTurbo Court Now Mandatory for Attorneys

Firms with names that begin with the letters S - Z, solo practitioners, and other attorneys who were not yet mandated to participate under the terms of Supreme Court Administrative Order 2010-117 must now eFile their civil case documents through the state's eFiling system, AZTurboCourt. The Administrative Order implemented mandatory participation for attorneys by a phased-in approach between February and May of 2011. Unless an exception applies, all attorneys must now eFile their civil case documents through www.azturbocourt.gov. However, case-initiating documents must still be filed with the Clerk on paper, which allows the clerk to assign a case number and cashier the filing fee. A limited number of documents, as detailed in the Administrative Order, still must be filed on paper. Attorneys must eFile everything else through AZTurboCourt for civil cases in the Superior Court in Maricopa County. More information from the Supreme Court's Administrative Office of the Courts, including training classes, the Administrative Order and how to begin eFiling, are available through the Arizona Judicial Branch website at www.azcourts.gov. The Clerk's eFiling Online website will be unavailable for civil eFilings, but will remain for eFilings in criminal cases and the limited family court divisions accepting eFilings.

eFiling: Default Packets & Garnishments

Default judgments and garnishment actions have been two frequently-asked-about processes related to electronically filing in civil cases. Supreme Court Administrative Order 2010-117, which implemented AZTurboCourt, specifically identified default and garnishment packets as remaining paper-based, rather than being eFiled. In practice, individual documents can be eFiled, but a copy of the packet needs to be processed on paper by the commissioner assigned to handle any Rule 55(b) Default Judgment or Garnishment proceedings. Superior Court judges have added language to related minute entries, notifying the parties and their attorneys that the documents necessary to support the entry of a default judgment or application for garnishment must be eFiled, but that the paper packets must be hand-delivered to the assigned commissioner before further court action can proceed.

Social Media Changes

The Clerk's Facebook and Twitter pages have recently changed. Formerly listed by the elected Clerk's name, Michael K. Jeanes, the sites now reflect the name of the office. Although the technical title of the office is "Clerk of the Superior Court in and for Maricopa County, Arizona," a shorter version appears on the social media sites. The content is the same, and Michael Jeanes continues to lead the office. The updated screen names are expected to make it easier to locate the office's social media sites through more common search phrases. The office Facebook page has been renamed "Clerk of Superior Court in Maricopa County" and is on the web at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Clerk-of-Superior-Court-in-Maricopa-County/184113958302803>. The Twitter feed has been renamed @MaricopaClerk. Links to both pages are on the Clerk's main web page at www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov. Both social media sites post timely information, such as process and procedure changes, office closures, and system updates.