



ANNOUNCEMENT:

December 2013

Acceptable Forms of Payment Changing January 1

Effective January 1, 2014, the Clerk of the Court's Office will only accept cash, money orders, and credit or debit cards for fees from self-represented parties and the public. Additionally, wire transfers are acceptable as a method of payment for bonds. Personal checks will no longer be an acceptable form of payment for these individuals.

This restructure in payment methods is being implemented in phases. Following this action on January 1, the Office will then move to the next phase of implementing this same measure with attorneys, process servers, and bonding companies at dates to be determined.

The goal of this change is to move toward guaranteed forms of payment and away from personal and business checks. This change mirrors practices from other courts within Arizona and around the nation. Cash, wire transfers, and credit or debit cards with a signature are reliable forms of guaranteed payment. Other forms of payment, such as cashier's checks and bank checks can be stopped, which results in insufficient funds. This disrupts the court's ability to conduct business and can place the Clerk's Office at substantial financial risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Clerk of the Superior Court's Office