

## Rule 700.7 Electronic Filing in Family Law Cases

Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6, documents filed by represented parties in all family law actions must be filed electronically unless the Court excuses parties from doing so. Although not required, self-represented parties are encouraged to participate in electronic filing and service. If a party with a fee waiver files documents electronically, that party is exempt from the fees and costs associated with electronic filing.

The electronic filing of documents must be effected using the court's electronic service providers. Electronic service provider information is available on the Court's website at [www.occourts.org](http://www.occourts.org).

Electronically filed documents filed prior to midnight on a court day will be deemed filed as of that day, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6 and California Rules of Court, rule 2.253(b)(7). For purposes of this Rule, filing occurs at the time the document is received by the court and a confirmation of receipt is created (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.259(a)(1) and (c)). Any electronically filed document received by the Court at midnight, or filed on a non-court day, will be deemed filed on the first court day after it is received. This provision concerns only the method and effective date of filing; any document that is electronically filed must satisfy all other legal filing deadlines and requirements. This Rule does not affect the timing requirements for any documents that must be filed by a set time on the due date.

This Rule is subject to the provisions set forth in Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6 and California Rules of Court 2.250 and 2.259.

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