

General Family Law Electronic Filing Exception List

Effective January 1, 2018, the Orange County Superior Court will mandate attorneys to utilize electronic filing (e-filing) in the Family Law Division except for the following:

1. ADA Accommodation Requests
2. Adoption Memos to Set
3. Bonds
4. Closing Arguments
5. Courtesy Copies (filed in courtroom when requested by Judge)
6. Department of Child Support Services Cases or Cases in which the Department of Child Support Services is an Intervenor
7. Documents requiring judicial signature, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All Judgments, including judgment packets
 - b. QDROs, including QDRO packets
 - c. Stipulations and Orders (including proposed)
 - d. Findings and Order after Hearing
 - e. Dismissal Requests
8. Ex Parte filings (including Domestic Violence)
9. FL-306 Request to Continue Hearing and FL-307 Order on Request to Continue Hearing
10. FL-191 Child Support Case Registry Form
11. Joinders: Request, Summons and/or Complaints
12. Judicial Complaints
13. Motion for New Trial
14. Peremptory challenges or challenges for cause of a judicial officer (CCP §170.6 or 170.1)
15. Proof of Enrollment and Completion Documents: Batterer's Programs, Substance Abuse Programs, Parenting Classes
16. Registration Filings
17. Request for Judicial Notice
18. Request for Telephonic Appearance
19. Response/Objection to Ruling (including proposed orders and proposed judgments)
20. Subpoenaed Documents
21. Surrogacy Filings
22. Special Immigrant Juvenile Filings
23. Trial exhibits
24. Writs/Abstracts

Is there an exception to mandatory electronic filing if it creates an undue hardship or significant prejudice to any party? Yes, in accordance with rule 2.253 of the California Rules of Court, a party may submit an application for exemption from e-Filing. The application form can be found on the Court's website, form #L0021 *APPLICATION AND ORDER FOR ELECTRONIC FILING AND SERVICE EXEMPTION*.

NOTE: This list can change at any time. If changes are made, the updates will be posted on the Court's family law e-filing website.