e-Filing: What Does the Family Law Court Change Mean For You?

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What is e-Filing?

The electronic transmission to a Court of a document in electronic form. (CA Rules of Court, Rule 2.250(b)(7)



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e-Filing Basics

- e-Filing requires an electronic filing service provider (EFSP)
- Mandatory for attorneys/represented litigants
- Optional for self-represented litigants (SRLs)
- Conventional filing (in-person at court) remains an option for SRLs
- Fax filing and e-mail filing via Resource Accounts no longer available





e-Filing for Self-Represented Litigants

By the SRL (SRL's own EFSP account)



By an Advocate (via the Advocate's EFSP account)



EFSPs

LASC presents 76 EFSP options

Need to confirm fees, services, process with each EFSP

Basic requirements:

- E-mail address
- Internet access
- Creation of an account
- Electronic payment information may be required
- PDF format for documents
- Electronic signature



EFSPs and Fee Waivers

Odyssey is one EFSP option that allows e-filing on behalf of a self-represented litigant.

Fees:

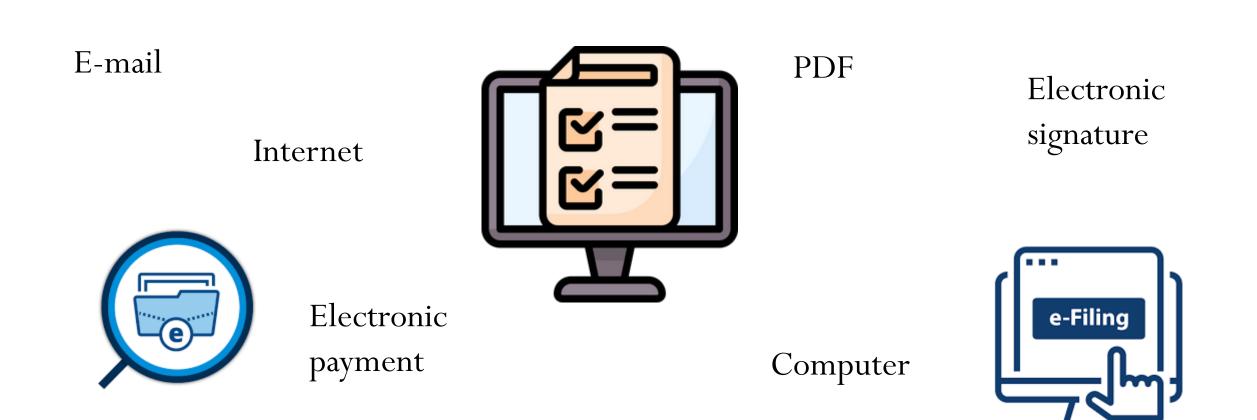
- Court e-filing fee: \$2.25/envelope transaction
- No e-filing fees for DV Restraining Order applications
- Submit fee waiver request forms (FW-001 and FW-003) with initial e-filing to waive fees

For more information: <u>https://odysseyfileandservecloud.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/categories/360004180171-eFiling-Basics</u>





Tech Requirements



e-Filing by Self-Represented Litigants

- Can change from in-person to e-filing for the same case and also change EFSPs
- Forms filed as separate pdfs in one envelope transaction
- Processed documents are returned to the filer in 2 ways:
- (1) EFSP; and
- (2) the court's Resource Account emails
 - court generated orders and court informational documents (e.g., DV-109 and DV-100)
 - Sent to the email address registered with the EFSP (i.e., the filer)



e-Filing for Self-Represented Litigants

An advocate is the filer

Filing is done through the organization's EFSP account

Available with Odyssey EFSP

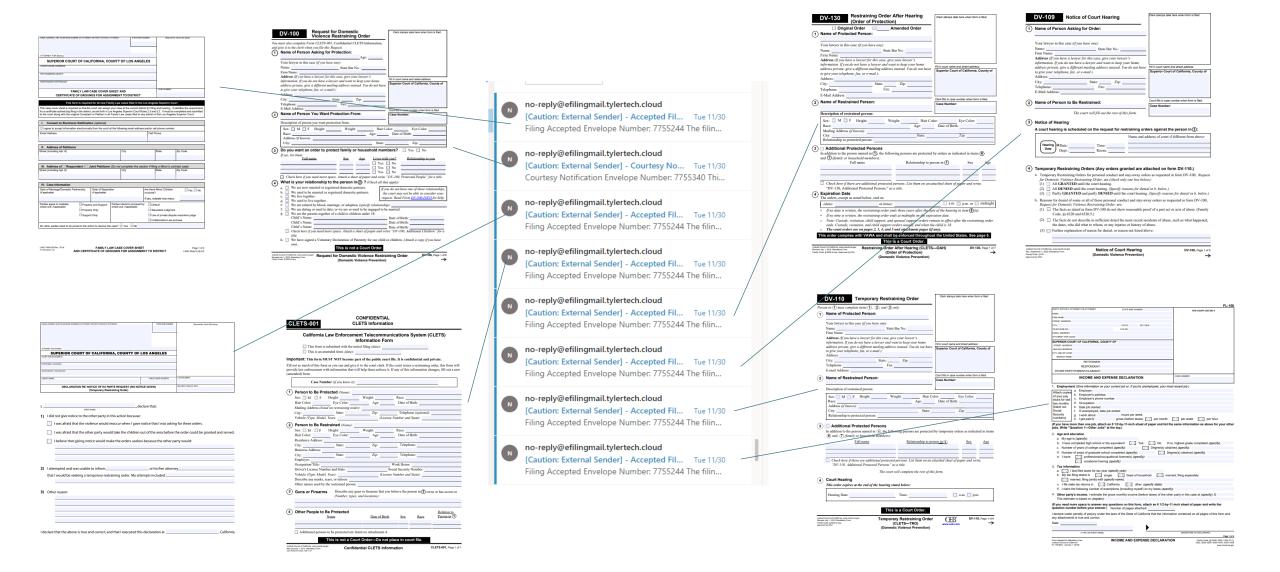
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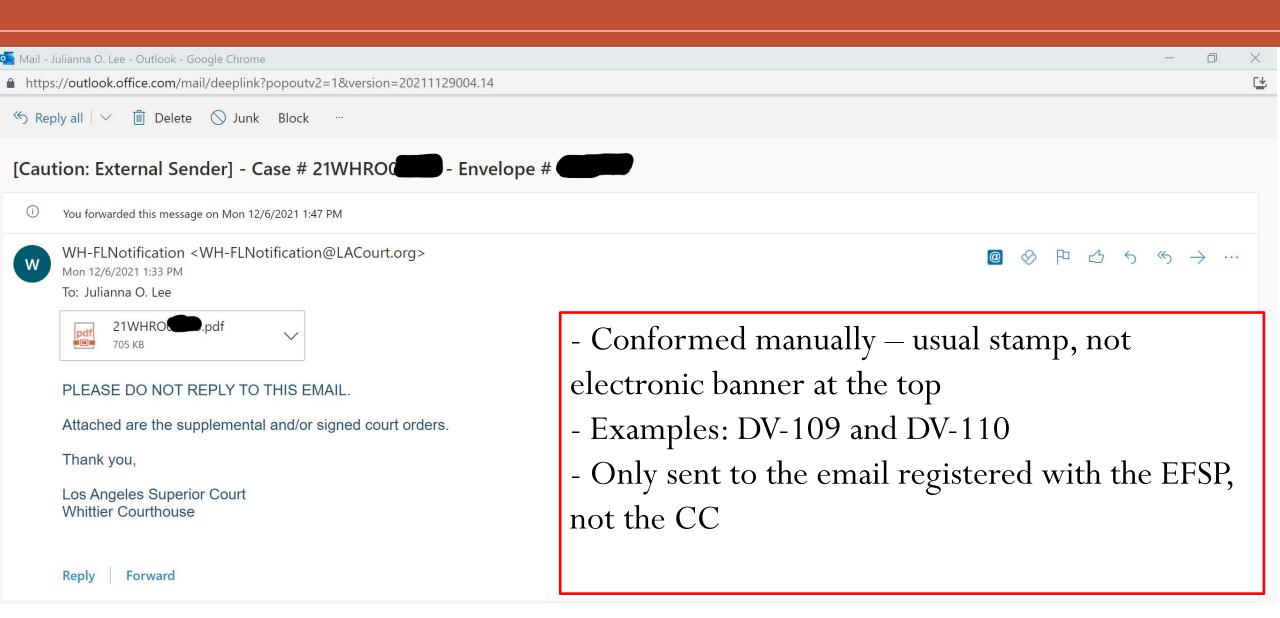


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| and | give it to the clerk when you file this Request. | | | | |
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| | Your lawyer in this case (if you have one): | | | | |
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| | City: LA State: CA Zip: 90012 | Los Angeles CA 90012 | | | |
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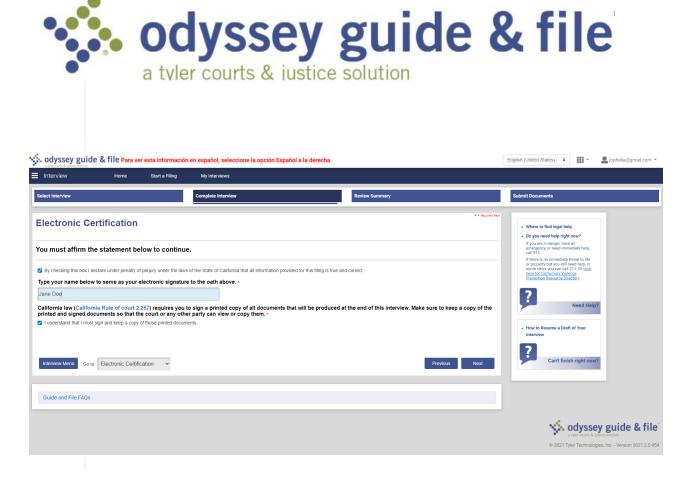
Court Resource Account Emails

Stanley Mosk Courthouse: SMC-FLNotification@lacourt.org Michael D. Antonovich Courthouse: AV-FLNotification@lacourt.org Chatsworth Courthouse: CH-FLNotification@lacourt.org Compton Courthouse: CM-FLNotification@lacourt.org Long Beach Courthouse: LB-FLNotification@lacourt.org Pomona South Courthouse: PS-FLNotification@lacourt.org Pasadena Courthouse: PD-FLNotification@lacourt.org Torrance Courthouse: TR-FLNotification@lacourt.org Inglewood Courthouse: IW-FLNotification@lacourt.org Santa Monica Courthouse: SM-FLNotification@lacourt.org Van Nuys East Courthouse: VE-FLNotification@lacourt.org Whittier Courthouse: WH-FLNotification@lacourt.org



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- Interactive, interview format
- Can attach docs/exhibits
- Prepares documents as formatted pdfs for efiling or for download/printing
- Electronic signature
 - https://california.tylerhost.net/SRL



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Court Access

- Elimination of E-mail (Resource Account) and Fax Filing options
- Lack of accessible guidance and info.
- PDF formatting requirements
- Shorter filing window for in-person (4:30pm)
- Sam 3pm deadline for DVROs
- Court e-Filing fees (\$2.25/envelope transaction)* and additional EFSPs fees





* Fee waivers can eliminate fees. There is **no fee for DV Restraining Order cases.** Check the fee waiver option. EFSPs should also waive their filing fees when a litigant has a court approved fee waiver.

For more information...

Court's General Order Re Mandatory Electronic Filing for Family Law: <u>http://www.lacourt.org/division/efiling/pdf/2021-GEN-032-</u> <u>00FamilyLawEfiling091721.pdf</u>

LASC Family Law efiling – Frequently Asked Questions: <u>http://www.lacourt.org/division/efiling/pdf/FL-efilingFAQs.pdf</u>

LASC Family Law efiling presentation (video): http://www.lacourt.org/division/youtube_jttt.htm?vid=zRrGHER00ig

LASC Tips for Effective Family Law efiling:

http://www.lacourt.org/division/efiling/pdf/familylaw_efiling_Tips_for_Reducing_R ejections.pdf

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