

The New Way To File Court Documents in Washington DC



DC Superior Court Filings

- Civil One & Civil Two Cases Mandatory
- Includes pending/active cases
- Case Initiation traditional filing method on paper
- Affidavits of service, sealed documents, and writs are not eFiled



Case Number Conversion

Old Case Number format: 05CA1234

New Case Number format: 2005 CA 001234 A

Please note: The new case number always contains a 4 digit year, 6 digit sequence number (leading zero) and case extender



Civil One Case Type Extensions

- Asbestos: 2006 CA 001234 A
- Medical Malpractice: 2006 CA 001234 M
- Real Property: 2006 CA 001234 R(RP)



Civil Two Case Type Extensions*

- Title 47: 2006 CA 001234 L(RP)
- Eminent Domain: 2006 CA 001234 E(RP)
- Collection/Ins Granted: 2006 CA 001234 C
- Merit Personnel Act: 2006 CA 001234 P(MPA)
- Other Administrative Review: 2006 CA 001234 O

*DC Superior Court Public Access: <u>https://www.dccourts.gov/pa</u>



Administrative Order

- Administrative Order 06-17. It sets forth efiling Rules (EF Rules 1 through 13). This Order can be found at: <u>http://www.dccourts.gov/dccourts/docs/06-17.pdf</u>
- CFX filing is deemed filed & served upon submission
- 24x7 Filing
- Judges will send electronic orders



Administrative Order

- eMail copy of proposed order to judges email box (in native format, ie word or word perfect)
- judge[last name]eserve@dcsc.gov magistratejudge[last name]eserve@dcsc.gov
- The subject line should contain only the case number followed by the case name
- Filing over 25 pages, mail a hard copy to the judge



Administrative Order

- Merge supporting documents & exhibits
- Filing with all documents under 25 pages can be in one pdf "Lead Document"
- Filing with all documents greater than 25 pages:
 - Lead Document uploaded first
 - All supporting documents must be in separate pdf



Most Common Reasons for Filing Rejection

- Case number not found (Submitted Case Number not found in CourtView)
- Bar number not found (Filer_Missing)
- Motion must include a Proposed Order in one filing
- Missing Certificate of Service (sign & date)



Important Things to Remember

- Pro Hac bar number "999999"
- Select the correct document type
- Search for attorney & judge to add to the service list (DC Judge in Organizational Field will find all registered judges)
- Do not enter party information
- Save your documents with names that reflect the nature of the document e.g., CRD, Witness List, Answer, Opposition



Acceptable Signatures

"/s/", scanned image, or digital signature and must be above the signature line:

<u>/s/</u>

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* Please put email address, phone number, and bar number on all filings



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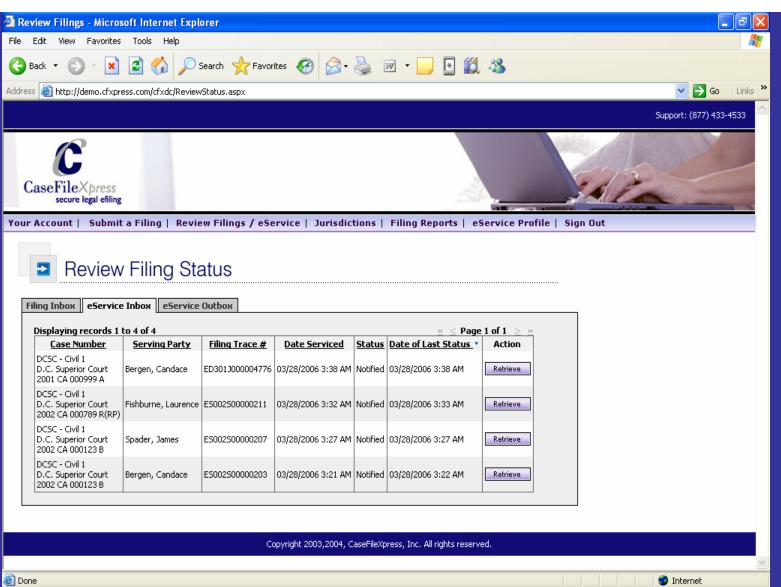
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- Traditional filing fees remain the same
- \$6.00 eFiling fee
- \$4.00 CaseFileXpress fee
- \$5.00 eService fee (no matter how many parties)
- \$8.00 *eServe Discovery* (no matter how many parties)



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