

State of New York
Unified Court System



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Bar Associations and Persons

From: Lawrence K. Marks *LM*

Re: Implementation of Consensual Electronic Filing of Matrimonial matters in New York County Supreme Court – Civil Term

I am pleased to provide the Bar and other interested persons with an update on the progress of the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System ("NYSCEF"). As authorized under Chapter 237 of the Laws of 2015, expansion of the consensual e-filing program has been proposed by the District Administrative Judge of the 1st Judicial District and the New York County Clerk to take effect in May 2017. A successful consensual program for e-filing in Supreme Court Civil Term, New York County began in July 2016 for CPLR Article 70 and CPLR Article 78 proceedings. As of the effective date, the authorization will be to expand the consensual e-filing program to **include all new matrimonial matters**.

New York County has also successfully implemented in Supreme Court Civil Term mandatory e-filing in all actions with the exception of:

- CPLR Art. 70 proceedings
- CPLR Art. 78 proceedings
- Election Law proceedings
- matrimonial matters
- Mental Hygiene Law matters

As always when we enter a new phase of e-filing in New York, we very much welcome the input of your members, including any specific recommendations or concerns they may have regarding e-filing in the New York State Courts. Please forward any comments to:

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As we move forward with the expansion of the consensual e-filing program in Supreme Court, New York County to include **matrimonial matters**, please be assured that we will work with the local bar associations to provide the necessary training for attorneys and paralegals both prior to and after the effective date. The NYSCEF system is intuitive and easy to use, and the training program takes about two hours to complete. Training will be provided by the staff of the E-Filing Resource Center both on-line and on-site. Attorneys in the on-site sessions receive two CLE hours free of charge. Information on these training sessions is available on the NYSCEF website: www.nycourts.gov/efile, or by contacting the Resource Center at 646-386-3033 or efile@nycourts.gov. Attorneys and other interested persons may go to the NYSCEF website to register on-line for upcoming training sessions at these sites. In addition, counties may schedule and advertise their own training sessions.

A complete list of currently authorized mandatory and consensual e-filing programs is available on the NYSCEF website "Rules and Legislation" page by clicking on the link for "Administrative Orders." E-filing represents an important advance for the courts and the legal profession in New York State. We thank you for the wonderful support and cooperation you have shown, and look forward to continuing to work closely with you as the program continues to move forward.

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