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NEWS & NOTICES

Posted September 23, 2013 –

Notice Of Unavailability Of Official Reporter:

Effective October 1, 2013

- Official court reporters will no longer be provided in the

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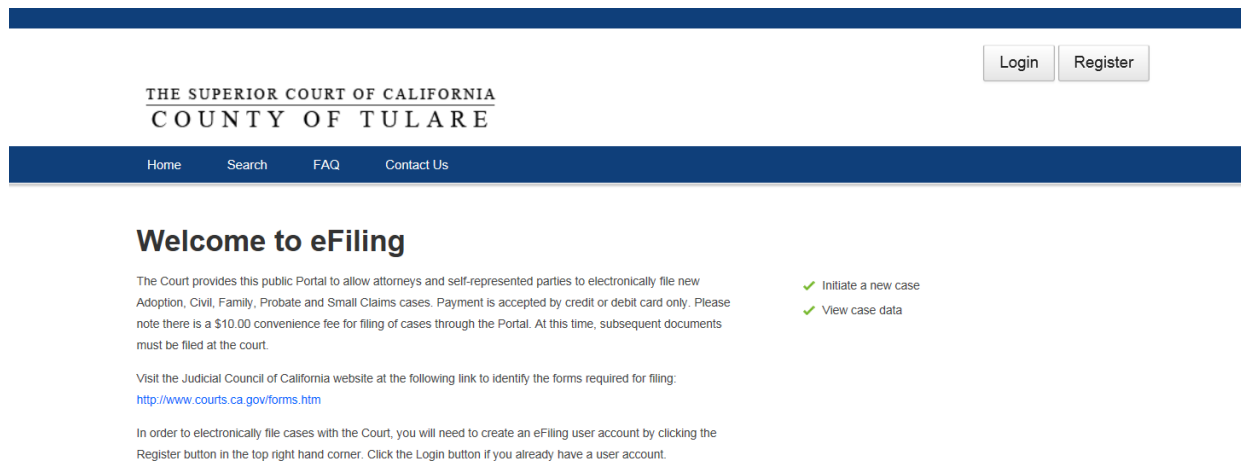
Presiding Judge: Judge Lloyd L. Hicks

PHONE NUMBERS

Visalia	559-730-5000
Porterville	559-782-3700
Dinuba	559-595-6400
Juvenile	559-738-2300
Family Law	559-737-5500
Pretrial	559-738-2400

- From the Online Services menu select Electronic Filing.

- Before a user can electronically file a case with the court the user must “Register” creating a Username and Password. Click the Register button.



- Enter the requested information.
- Fields that have a red asterisk are required information.

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User account

User Registration Guidelines:
You need to register to use this system for eFiling. Once registered, you may submit new filings.

Account information

Username: *
Spaces are allowed; punctuation is not allowed except for periods, hyphens, and underscores.

E-mail address: *
A valid e-mail address. All e-mails from the system will be sent to this address. The e-mail address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by e-mail.

Confirm e-mail address: *
Please re-type your e-mail address to confirm it is accurate.

Password: *

Confirm password: *
Provide a password for the new account in both fields.

- Read the Terms of User and select I agree with these terms.
- Click Create new account

Terms of Use

TULARE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM and
ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM (eCOURT)

Terms of Use

Your use of the eCourt web portal and the Court electronic case and document management and filing system (eCourt) is conditional upon your agreement to the Terms of Use reflected below.

YOUR APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION AND YOUR SUBSEQUENT USE OF eCOURT OR ANY FILE INFORMATION, DATA OR MATERIALS AVAILABLE THROUGH eCOURT (Content) CONSTITUTES AGREEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED ON THIS WEBPAGE (Terms of Use). PLEASE READ THESE TERMS OF USE CAREFULLY.

☒ I agree with these terms. *

Create new account

- The user will receive a confirming email.
- Once the user has registered and created a Username and password they must login before they can file a case.

Login

Register

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User account

Username: *

Password: *

- Once logged in click on File a New Case located in the Menu bar.

Vicki627 | [logout](#)

- Please read the information on How to File New Case as well as the Court's Privacy Policy.

How to File New Case

Before filing a new case with the Court, the appropriate filing document(s) must be filled out, signed (per "Rule 2.257. Requirements for signatures on documents" below) and be ready for upload.

Visit the Judicial Council of California website at the following link to identify the forms required for filing:

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm>

2013 California Rules of Court

Rule 2.257. Requirements for signatures on documents

(a) Documents signed under penalty of perjury

When a document to be filed electronically provides for a signature under penalty of perjury, the following applies:

(1) The document is deemed signed by the declarant if, before filing, the declarant has signed a printed form of the document.

(2) By electronically filing the document, the electronic filer certifies that (1) has been complied with and that the original, signed document is available for inspection and copying at the request of the court or any other party.

(3) At any time after the document is filed, any other party may serve a demand for production of the original signed document. The demand must be served on all other parties but need not be filed with the court.

(4) Within five days of service of the demand under (3), the party on whom the demand is made must make the original signed document available for inspection and copying by all other parties.

(5) At any time after the document is filed, the court may order the filing party to produce the original signed document in court for inspection and copying by the court. The order must specify the date, time, and place for the production and must be served on all parties.

Please read the court's [Privacy Policy](#) for more details.

What type of case do you want to file?

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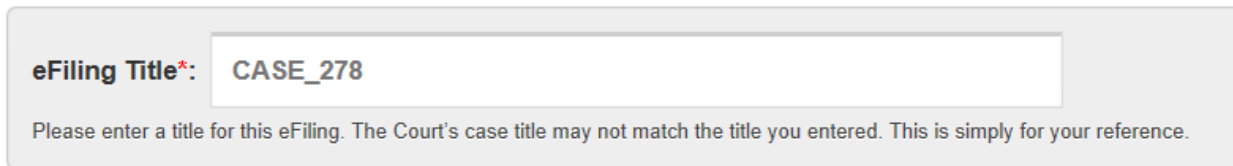
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- Above is a list of cases that can be filed via the Web Portal.

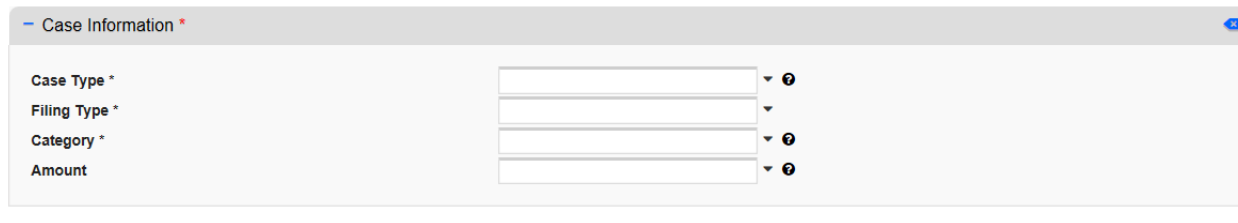
- Click on the case type to open the case initiation screen.
- Make sure to have all documents prepared and in PDF format to upload.
- Each case type contains various panels of information.
- The first panel of information is the eFiling Title.



The screenshot shows a light gray rectangular box containing a form field. On the left, the text "eFiling Title*" is displayed in a dark font, with a red asterisk. To its right is a white rectangular input field containing the text "CASE_278". Below the input field, a line of smaller, gray text reads: "Please enter a title for this eFiling. The Court's case title may not match the title you entered. This is simply for your reference."

- This field is for the filer's information only. The Court's case title may vary from what the user has entered in this field.

- The Case Information panel contains information about the case, such as filing location/case type, type of filing and case category.
- There are dropdown menus that will open the list of choices for each field.
- There may be other fields available in the Case Information panel depending on the type of case the user is filing.
- For example: a Civil case the user must select the appropriate dollar amount they are filing for, Less than \$10,00 or Greater than or Equal to \$10,000.
- A user would not see this field on an Adoption case.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Case Information" with a red asterisk indicating a required field. The form contains four dropdown menus, each with a downward arrow and a question mark icon. The labels for the dropdowns are "Case Type", "Filing Type", "Category", and "Amount". The "Amount" dropdown is currently open, showing a list of options: "Less than \$10,000", "Greater than or Equal to \$10,000", and "Greater than or Equal to \$10,000".

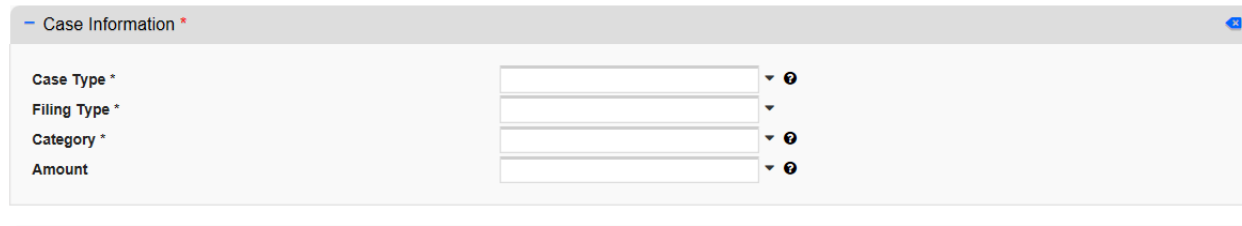
Field	Value
Case Type *	
Filing Type *	
Category *	
Amount	Less than \$10,000 Greater than or Equal to \$10,000 Greater than or Equal to \$10,000

Case Information *

Case Type *	<input type="text"/>	▼ ?
Filing Type *	<input type="text"/>	▼
Category *	<input type="text"/>	▼ ?
Amount	<input type="text"/>	▼ ?

- **Case Type** – allow the user to select the location of the filing as well as the Case Type. For Civil cases the user has the following options:
 - Civil: Limited-Porterville
 - Civil: Limited-Visalia
 - Civil: Unlimited-Porterville
 - Civil: Unlimited-Visalia
- The Question Mark icon next to the Case Type field guides the user in making the correct selection. Below is the information from the Question Mark icon for the Case Type field for Civil case types.

Please select the location you would have filed at if you filed in person. Select the Limited case location if your filing is less than \$25,000.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Case Information" with a red asterisk indicating it is required. The form contains four fields, each with a dropdown arrow and an information icon (i):

- Case Type *
- Filing Type *
- Category *
- Amount

- **Filing Type** – For a civil case the choices are a Complaint or a Petition. This will vary for each case type.
- **Category** – For a civil case the user will select the value from the dropdown menu that matches the box that is checked on the Civil Case Cover Sheet.
- **Amount** - As mentioned earlier this field may not be on every case type. Use the dropdown menu to make the appropriate selection.

- The next panel of information is for the filing party. For Civil this will be the Plaintiff (or Petitioner) also known as the filer or party initiating the case.

The screenshot shows a web form with two main sections. The first section is titled 'Plaintiff Information' with a red asterisk indicating required fields. It contains a dropdown menu for 'Self Represented' followed by input fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'Middle Name', 'Name Suffix', and 'Company Name'. The second section is titled 'Also Known As/Doing Business As' and contains a dropdown menu for 'Type' followed by input fields for 'Last Name', 'First Name', 'Middle Name', 'Name Suffix', and 'Company Name'. At the bottom of the second section, there is a tab labeled 'Also Known As/Doing Business As'.

Plaintiff Information *

Self Represented *

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Name Suffix

Company Name

Also Known As/Doing Business As

Type *

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Name Suffix

Company Name

Also Known As/Doing Business As

- The Self Represented field is a required field, indicated by the asterisk. It is either Yes or No. If the Plaintiff is being represented by an Attorney the Self Represented field will be No.

- That will open an additional panel for the Attorney's information.

The image shows a screenshot of a legal form interface. It features two main sections: 'Attorney' and 'Address'. The 'Attorney' section includes fields for 'Bar Number *', 'Last Name *', 'First Name', 'Middle Name', 'Name Suffix', and 'Firm/Organization'. The 'Address' section includes fields for 'Address Type', 'Street Address', 'Unit/Suite #', 'Zip', 'Zip 4', 'City', and 'State'. The 'Zip' field has a small information icon to its right. The form is presented in a clean, modern style with a light gray background and white input fields.

Attorney	
Bar Number *	<input type="text"/>
Last Name *	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Name Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Firm/Organization	<input type="text"/>

Address	
Address Type	<input type="text"/>
Street Address	<input type="text"/>
Unit/Suite #	<input type="text"/>
Zip	<input type="text"/>
Zip 4	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text"/>
State	<input type="text"/>

- We must have the Attorney's address for mailing purposes.
- If the Plaintiff/Petitioner is Self Represented we must have the Plaintiff's/Petitioner's address for mailing purposes.

- If the user needs to add additional Plaintiffs/Petitioners at this time there is an Additional Plaintiff(s) Information panel that can be added.

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a panel titled "Additional Plaintiff(s) Information". The panel contains two sections:

- Self Represented ***: This section has input fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Name Suffix, and Company Name.
- Also Known As/Doing Business As**: This section also has input fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Name Suffix, and Company Name.

At the bottom of the panel, there is a tab labeled "Additional Plaintiff(s) Information" which is highlighted by a blue arrow.

- If there are more than 2 Plaintiffs/Petitioners click on the plus sign (+) located at the bottom of the panel (*shown above*). Continue to do so until all Plaintiffs/Petitioners have been entered.

- The Defendant/Respondent Information panel contains information about the Defendant/Respondent.
- It does not have a Self Represented field because at this point we do not know if the Defendant/Respondent has an Attorney for this action.

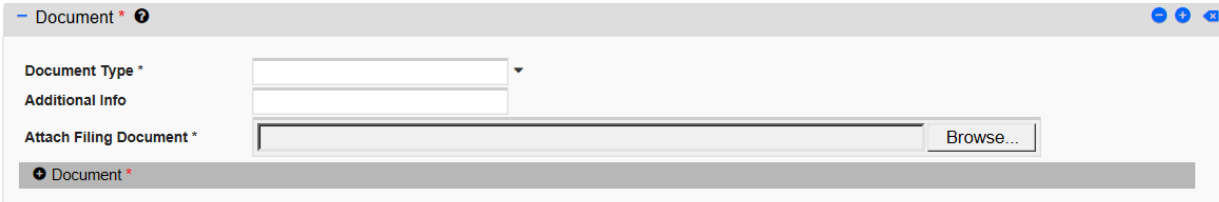
The screenshot displays a web form with three main sections, each with a title bar and a close button (X):

- Defendant Information ***: Contains five input fields for Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Name Suffix (with a dropdown arrow), and Company Name.
- Address**: Contains seven input fields for Address Type *, Street Address *, Unit/Suite #, Zip *, Zip 4, City *, and State *. A small question mark icon is next to the Zip * field. Below the fields is a grey bar with a plus icon and the text "Address".
- Also Known As/Doing Business As**: Contains seven input fields for Type *, Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Name Suffix (with a dropdown arrow), and Company Name. Below the fields is a grey bar with a plus icon and the text "Also Known As/Doing Business As".

- As with the Plaintiff/Petitioner, continue to add as many panels as necessary until all Defendants/Respondents have been added.

- The Document panel is where the user will select the type of document(s) to be filed.
- Enter any additional information about that document in the Additional Info Field, if needed.
- Each document must be entered individually and in PDF format.

(Example: Civil Case Cover Sheet, Complaint and Summons are 3 documents so there should be 3 separate document panels.)



The screenshot shows a web application interface for adding a document. The panel is titled "Document" with a red asterisk and a help icon. It contains three input fields: "Document Type *" (a dropdown menu), "Additional Info" (a text field), and "Attach Filing Document *" (a text field with a "Browse..." button). Below these fields is a grey bar with a plus sign and the text "Document *". A blue arrow points to this plus sign, indicating that clicking it will add a new document panel.

- If there are multiple documents the user will click on the plus sign(+) at the bottom of the Document panel to add the additional document panels.

- Once all of the information for the case has been entered the user will click the Proceed button located at the bottom of the screen.

Document * ?

Document Type *

Additional Info

Attach Filing Document * Browse...

Document *

Proceed

- From the information entered the system will calculate the fees to be paid.
- In addition to the filing fee(s), there is a \$10 convenience fee for filing via the web portal.

Your form is submitted. The reference Number for your submission is : 824

Process Payment

▼ Filing Information

Reference No	Title	Document	Fees	Paid	Balance
824	Williams vs Mayer	425110 - Complaint	\$ 435.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 435.00
824	Williams vs Mayer	199131 - Convenience Fee - Portal	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
Total			\$ 445.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 445.00

▼ Payment


Choose the payment option:

☒ ePayment by Credit Card

☐ ePayment by Debit Card

Continue

- Once the user clicks the Continue button they are taken to the secure payment gateway used by the court (*authorize.net*) This is an independent vendor. The court does not store or maintain any credit/debit card information. The form is generic and used by various companies therefore, there are fields that are not necessary for the user to completed.
- Enter the credit/debit card number along with the expiration date

Order Information	* Required Fields
Invoice Number: 694	
Description: Williams vs Mayer.	
Total: US \$445.00	
Payment Information	
	
Card Number:	<input type="text"/> * (enter number without spaces or dashes)
Expiration Date:	<input type="text"/> * (mmyy)

- Enter the First and Last name of the card holder (*as it appears on the card*) as well as the billing Address for the card holder.

- Enter the First and Last name of the card holder (*as it appears on the card*) as well as the billing Address for the card holder.
- Enter an Email address where the receipt should be sent.

Billing Information

Customer ID:

First Name:

Last Name:

Company:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Email:

Phone:

Fax:

- Shipping information is not necessary.
- Once the user has entered the necessary information described above, click the Pay Now button.

Shipping Information

☐ Copy Billing Information to Shipping Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Company:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Pay Now

- The user will receive the following information:

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Thank You For Your Payment.

Receipt

Superior Court

Filing Information

Reference No	Title	Document	Fees	Paid	Balance
824	Williams vs Mayer	425110 - Complaint	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 0.00
824	Williams vs Mayer	199131 - Convenience Fee - Portal	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 0.00
Total			\$ 445.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 0.00

Payment Information

Date: 2014-09-17 09:23:34

Amount: 445.00

Payor: James Wainwright

Payment Type: Credit Card

Card Type: AMEX

Payment Transaction ID: 2219960765

Authorization Code: 7VCLVP

- This is actually from the payment vendor.

- The user will also receive an email with the following information IF they provided a valid email address at the time of receipt.

Thank you for your order!

Order Information

Merchant: Greg Roemer
Description: Williams vs Mayer.
Invoice Number: 694

Billing Information

James Wainwright
vmiller@tulare.courts.ca.gov

Shipping Information

Total: US \$445.00

American Express

Date/Time: 17-Sep-2014 9:23:31 PDT
Transaction ID: 2219960765

- At this point, the court has received the case and receipt information and the user will receive a confirming email. It is still not considered filed at this point, only received.

Your filing, Williams vs Mayer, has been submitted to Superior Court of California - County of Tulare. Here are the details of your submission:

Submission Date: 09-17-2014 09:23:37 am

Title: Williams vs Mayer

Documents Submitted: 8241368_ComplaintPIPDWD.pdf

Payment Information

Payment Date: 09-17-2014 09:23:34 am

Amount: \$ 445.00

Payor: James Wainwright

CardType: American Express

CardNumber: 0002

Expiration: -1/-1

Authorization Code: 7VCLVP

Thank you for your submission.

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- Once the court has verified the documents, endorsed them properly and issued the summons the court user will **Approve** the filing. This action generates an email to the filing party notifying them that the case has been filed. The user is provided the case number and receipt number.

Your filing is approved for Williams, Tina vs. Mayer, John - case number VCU257914. Your receipt number is 30724W.

To view your case, you can log on to <https://efiling.tulare.courts.ca.gov/> with your username and password and click on My Account and then on My Cases.

Thank you.

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- The user/filer can now go back to **My Cases** open and view the case information as well as print the conformed documents for serving on the other party.

VCU257914

Williams, Tina vs. Mayer, John

Civil: Unlimited-Visalia

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Filed	Description	Filed By	Tracking Date	View
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- Click the icon under the View field to view the document and print it.

- If the case is rejected, the user will receive an email similar to the one below:

Your recent efile for case number VCU257911 has been rejected. Your fees will be refunded to you within 2 to 7 business days. If you decide to refile via the web portal you will be assigned a new case number. If you have any further questions please contact the court location you filed in: Porterville 559-782-3700 or Visalia 559-730-5000. Thank you.

Rejection Reason: The wrong documents were filed for this case type.

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