

Oregon eCourt Implementation

The Oregon Supreme Court has recently adopted amendments to the Uniform Trial Court Rules and the Oregon Rules of Appellate Procedure to permit electronic filing. These rules are part of a five-year plan to implement voluntary electronic filing, service, payment, records access, and content management in all Oregon courts. No Oregon circuit court currently has an electronic filing system. The appellate courts will go online first, followed by a staged rollout to the trial courts, the Office of the State Court Administrator, and the Tax Court.

(See UTCR Chapter 21, Filing and Service by Electronic Means, effective August 1, 2008, adopted pursuant to ORS 1.002, as amended by Chapter 129, Oregon Laws 2007, Section 1; ORAP Chapter 16, Filing by Electronic Means, effective July 14, 2008, adopted pursuant to ORAP 1.10(2)).

In late August 2008, the Oregon Supreme Court will begin accepting voluntary electronic filing of all court documents by Oregon practitioners. Attorneys who want to use the e-filing system must (1) have a valid e-mail address on file with the OSB, (2) register to obtain a username, and (3) complete either an online tutorial or in-person training.

The Oregon Supreme Court Web site, www.ojd.state.or.us/courts/supreme/electronicFilingInfo.htm, contains information about technical support, hardware and software requirements, and FAQ. For general questions related to electronic filing in the appellate courts, e-mail appellateOReCourt@ojd.state.or.us. For information on training related to electronic filing, e-mail OETO@ojd.state.or.us.

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