

NYSCEF – EDDS – VEC

So many Acronyms

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Remote Access Tools

◆ NYSCEF

New York State Court's Electronic Filing

◆ EDDS

Electronic Document Delivery System

◆ VEC

Virtual Evidence Courtroom

The Digital Divide



- ◆ Lack of Equipment
- ◆ Not knowing how to operate the equipment
- ◆ Limited or no Internet Access
- ◆ Lack of proper training
- ◆ Hesitancy to Change

These are concerns for unrepresented parties
as well as for some Attorneys

Assistance is Available

- ◆ NYSCEF Resource Center Help Desk

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- ◆ Basic and advanced online training for both Attorneys and Unrepresented parties

- ◆ Self-Help Centers – Law Libraries

- ◆ [Help Screens](#), [Updated Forms](#) and [New Video Instructions](#)

- ◆ New Informational Site at:

<https://portal.nycourts.gov/>

NYSCEF

New York State Court's Electronic Filing

First Authorized in 1999

Statutes / Court [Rules](#) / Local Protocols

Today Over 3,400,000 matters e-filed

Mandatory - Consensual implemented in

60 Supreme Civil Courts - 62 Surrogate Courts

All Four Appellate Divisions - Court of Claims

NYC Civil Court (325d) - NYC Housing Court

◆ [Unrepresented party](#) – Must Choose to E-File

◆ STOP EFILING [Form](#)

◆ [Attorneys](#) – OPT Out

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EDDS

Electronic Document Delivery System

Created May 4, 2020

In Response to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Does not replace NYSCEF

Delivery of a document via EDDS does not constitute service on any other party and is not considered “Filed” unless and until the court accepts it for Filing.

Over 938,000 documents have been sent via EDDS

Available in over 320 non-EFile Courts

Access via NYSCEF page or NYCourts.gov main page

<https://iappscontent.courts.state.ny.us/NYSCEF/live/edds.htm>

VEC

Virtual Evidence Courtroom

Created to allow for easy submission of evidence electronically

Remote and In-Person Hearings

Currently only available for NYSCEF matters in Supreme Court

450 VEC's created to date

Documents are submitted in an orderly way

Kept in a separate and secure area of NYSCEF

Not part of the Case Record

Not available for public view

Future development – Any Court / Case type

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Future developments

- ◆ Additional Payment options (Venmo/PayPal...)
- ◆ New option for an unrepresented party to submit CPLR 1101 motion for fee waiver via NYSCEF
- ◆ Expanded use of Limited Notice of Appearance
 - > [Notice Terminating Limited Appearance](#)
- ◆ Additional Training for unrepresented as well as focused training for Agencies that assist unrepresented parties

Future developments

- ◆ Updated and more user-friendly instructions
- ◆ Additional video training modules
- ◆ NEW Live Chat and Text sessions with Resource Center Staff - Ask a NYSCEF Question [link](#)
- ◆ Hands on assistance with technology working with Partners in Community, Faith, and other district leaders.
- ◆ Integration with DIY Programs

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