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**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2026 2:50 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Unified Court System's e-filing

To whom it may concern,

I am the assistant supervisor for the actions and proceedings department at the Erie County Clerk's Office. Below are a few of the more frequently occurring concerns that seem to stem from how cases are displayed for Court Users in the NYSCEF system.

- Fee Waiver Status
  - Fee waiver applications have many different outcomes. While in the past the applications were typically approved or denied, there are now many other options. The status of the Fee waiver application often changes sometimes multiple times throughout a case. A field in the parties or representation status to identify the status of a party/filer's fee waiver application would be beneficial to both the Court Users and the litigants applying for the fee waiver.
- Restricted Document Titles
  - I have been unable to locate an available comprehensive list of restricted document titles. It can be difficult at times to readily identify documents that Court Users need to have access to but cannot be replicated for the public. Outside the NYSCEF system, these documents are marked appropriately by the filing clerk. However, NYSCEF has many document titles and none of the restricted titles are marked in any way.
- Restricted Case Types
  - I was able to obtain a list of restricted case types from NYSCEF. However, there is no indication in the NYSCEF system when a Court User is looking at the case of its public availability. The Court Users must rely strictly on memorizing the Case Types and who has access. It would be very helpful, particularly with turnover and training, if there was an indicator to the availability/access limitations of different case types. Ex: MATRIMONIAL / MENTAL HYGIENE
- Filing user on To-Do Item Steps
  - Many filing users take advantage of their user ID being acceptable as signature on an electronically filed document. However, most of the To Do Item Steps do not display who the filing user is. Beyond "Assign Index #" I am unaware of any steps that display the filing user on the To Do Item step. It would add transparency and save time if this information was displayed for all To Do Item Steps to avoid having to go into the User Group or Document List to identify the filer of a document.

I appreciate OCA taking the time to review these comments and help move forward with a comprehensive system that is transparent and user friendly to all.

-Aaron

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**From:** Abby McCormick-Foley <abby@akmf-law.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 7:53 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF Comments

Good evening,

The only comment I have is that it can be frustrating when uploading multiple documents, if one line is missed (for example, Exhibit title is blank), it resets everything and you have to reload rather than just error coding that you need to refill the blank spaces. Thank you!

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February 13, 2026

Mr. Christopher Gibson  
Director, OCA Division of E-Filing  
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**Re: 2026 NYSCEF Comment Letter**

Dear Mr. Gibson,

We write on behalf of the Managing Attorneys and Clerks Association, Inc. (“MACA”), in response to the January 13, 2026, notice to comment on New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program. MACA would like to submit our comment as to the integration of the eCourts and NYSCEF systems.

As you know, MACA is comprised of approximately 120 law firms with litigation practices (primarily large and mid-sized firms) and in-house law offices, as well as the New York State Attorney General’s Office. Managing attorneys’ and managing clerks’ positions within our respective firms and concomitant responsibilities afford us a breadth of understanding of the day-to-day operations of the various state and federal court e-filing systems. Our members have extensive experience as it relates to the electronic filing systems on both the state and federal levels throughout the nation. In the majority of our member firms, managing attorney or managing clerk staff perform the function of the electronic filing and retrieval of litigation papers in NYSCEF and in person. Furthermore, many of our member firms handle matters that fall

outside standard civil litigation, such as matrimonial actions, and proceedings in Family Court and Criminal Court.

### General Assessment

We continue to find NYSCEF to be extremely user friendly, advancing along with the ever-changing technology, and our membership is overall pleased with the service. We appreciate the ability to file larger documents due to the expansive PDF file size limit. We also find your staff to be knowledgeable and helpful as it relates to filing issues. Furthermore, the technology is extremely reliable. Our members report very little service disruption and, in this regard, NYSCEF compares favorably to the federal CM/ECF system and among other states' electronic filing systems.

In our experience, a substantial factor in NYSCEF's success is the Resource Center (a.k.a. the Statewide E-Filing Resource Center). Their staff operates an effective help desk that provides experienced e-filing problem-solving services. In addition, we are grateful that the OCA Division of E-Filing's leadership has been receptive to our feedback and suggestions throughout the years. It is always our goal to add valuable user input to the court system where possible. MACA is committed to the advancement of all collaborative efforts to support the advancement of the NYSCEF system.

### 2026 Comments and Suggestions

#### Integration of eCourts/eTrack

At present, there is no way to view future court appearances, such as, conferences, and motion return dates within NYSCEF. Instead, users must search for the case on eCourts in addition to pulling the case up on the NYSCEF system. We find this creates an unnecessary step that would be cured should information feed from eCourts to NYSCEF similarly to how information feeds from NYSCEF to eCourts. The image below shows a snippet retrieved from the eCourts system which illustrates how NYSCEF information is accessed via eCourts.



The above image highlights the user's ability to review and retrieve documents electronically filed within the NYSCEF system by clicking a button in eCourts. We respectfully request a similar feature be developed within the NYSCEF system that allows for the viewing of future court appearances at the click of a button. The systems are already interfacing in one direction, so it should be possible that the information flows both ways.

NYSCEF has robust document management capabilities, and we think this added feature would consolidate information in one place. Such improvements would streamline daily practices, reduce duplicative efforts, minimize scheduling confusion and enhance overall usability for attorneys, pro se litigants, and court staff.

MACA is generally quite satisfied with NYSCEF as an e-filing system. However, as mentioned, conspicuous by its absence on NYSCEF is any indication of future court dates and appearances. Many other court's e-filing systems include such information, but on the New York Courts website one must go to a separate location to obtain information on upcoming conferences, motion return dates, and court appearances in a particular matter.

Moreover, unlike alerts for new document filings, NYSCEF does not send out e-mail notifications when new court dates are scheduled. Instead, an attorney, litigant, or interested party must enroll in a separate service, eTrack, via the eCourts website for each particular case to receive such e-mails.

While MACA would ideally like to see full integration of eCourts /eTrack within NYSCEF, we believe that developing a button that allows for the viewing of calendared dates in NYSCEF would be a good first step to help reduce confusion about future court dates and appearances and add efficiency for litigants when viewing case information.

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Again, we are grateful for the opportunity to comment on NYSCEF. We are enthusiastic supporters of the system and eagerly look forward to the expansion of e-filing and improvements to NYSCEF functionality.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 4, 2026

*A PUBLIC COMMENT in regards to the request for public comment on e-filing, due February 13.*

To whom it concerns,

- May I bring to your attention that Uniform Rule “Maintenance of Files” allows clerks to scan hard paper filings onto the internet. Unrepresented parties receive a notice at some point informing them that the opposing party is filing by e-filing and that they can file in paper, but I reckon most who continue to file in paper do not understand that you’re actually scanning *their subsequent hard papers* to the internet. You’ve now just made all L/T actions e-filing, which means this high risk population of elderly/immigrant/voucher/harassed/low income/disabled/families with children, etc. parties may have no clue at the time (or never) that their papers are being posted on the internet. This is DANGEROUS.

*PLEASE EXPRESSLY INFORM THEM.*

- May the courts re-consider posting all court records on the internet, and instead adopt an approach that strikes a balance:
  - May the courts consider one single online system for all cases that requires a login and only seeing cases that you are party to that are currently active, requiring an official request for full copies of records, and perhaps what is posted on the internet is a version of the record that allows for benefit to the public but without any scanned documents (similar to WebCivil).
- I must ask why the public is not allowed to record in the public facing courthouse lobbies. I regret to inform you that, at the NYC locations at least, there is a problem with clerks and other staff bullying and mistreating members of the public.

You are posting all of our court cases on the internet anyway, so I must ask, whose privacy is it exactly that you are so concerned about.

-Anonymous member of the public

Feb. 4, 2026

Re: Seeking comments on the NYSCEF program

Dear Mr. Gibson,

As Shelley Rossoff Olsen, the former Special Master for NYCAL, mentioned twice, users should fill in the optional "Additional Information" field, which is just below the document type, when e-filing. Since not everybody does so, please consider making this a required field with relevant info. Some leave the field blank, while others type, "Answer" when they e-file an Answer. Everyone knows it is an Answer because the document type appears. What we do not know is the defendant name.

One example: Index # 190070-2025, the Heyman matter, doc # 62. A considerate/savvy user could have typed "American Optical Corp." in a Sticky Note one time (a feature in MS Windows) and copied/pasted the info to the "Additional Information" field with each successive American Optical Corp. filing. The time it takes to do this is negligible. Instead, the user left the field blank, and left other users wondering.

If a Plaintiff's firm uploads 100 Affidavits of Service, leaves the "Additional Info" field blank, and a client requests proof of service, it is an unpleasant chore to double-left click dozens of Affidavits of Service in search of the one relating to your client. A required field, something akin to "Additional Information-which party does this pertain to?" would be a great improvement to NYSCEF.

Secondly, if a person consents to represent a client, often they also need to file a document at the same time. A link on the consent page saying, "E-file to this matter" would save having to exit the consent screen, retyping the index number, and clicking on the matter.

The NYSCEF program is a huge improvement over the paper-filing procedure. I have appreciation for those that conceived, coded, and maintain this great system. My suggested tweaks/enhancements in no way reflect any dissatisfaction with NYSCEF, just an earnest attempt to suggest some possible changes.

Best regards

**From:** dewolfap  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:55 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** DCAJ-ALB  
**Subject:** Pro se litigant comments on Electronic Filing Program

Dear Christopher Gibson, Director, OCA Division of E-Filing, 25 Beaver Street, Room 926, New York NY 10004;

I write to you as a *pro se* litigant in Indexes 907201-23 and 912295-24 who has experienced major and severe issues with NYSCEF filing, especially by the Albany County Clerk, and I seek that you make major changes to the system.

I think there should be a special introduction/education video/tutorial for *pro se* litigants who are exposed for the 1<sup>st</sup> time to the system and need to figure out how to quickly navigate it. Instead, the system seems ONLY geared towards court employees and attorneys.

PLEASE educate ALL users on NY CPLR Section 101, 104, and 2101, 2102, 2103, and 5501. The Court clerks have been grossly violating CPLR 2102(a-c) and 22 NYCRR Section 202.5 by illegally and improperly rejecting *pro se* litigant filed papers in violation of law and the *Tilem & Campbell* settlement with the Chief Judge agreeing to resolve these issues. I have put multiple complaints in the the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Judges outside NYC and they keep ignoring me, telling me they lack jurisdiction, and I have to address these issues with the Judges presiding instead of fix the systemic issues.

PLEASE fix the issues around NOTICES of Entry under CPLR Article 55 especially at Sections 5512, 5513, and 5515. There SHOULD be a more clear and easy method in which users KNOW immediately whether a NYSCEF filed order from a Judge was entered by the Clerks, and then an easy method to create the Notice of Entry.

PLEASE fix the issues of HOW documents being filed into multiple motions are then put in as separate documents each with a NYSCEF Doc numbers separately. You can look in Index 912295-24 to see a perfect example of this problem and I seek there be a fix made so that gross duplication doesn't occur again.

Thank you for seeking such comments, I'm willing to talk to you and work with the programmers to improve the system for *pro se* litigants.

Sincerely;

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**From:** Brendan O'Sullivan  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2026 1:11 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Electronic filing comments

Greetings Director Gibson,

As a daily user, I wish to commend the entire New York State Courts Electronic Filing mechanism. I find the system well designed, user friendly, and supported by very knowledgeable staff. Thank you.

If any feature could please be added to aid bulk downloads (.zip) of an entire matter's pdfs, or entire motion sequences, that would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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**From:** Jonathan M. Borg, Esq.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 11:29 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF login comments

**Importance:** High

NYSCEF should fix the system kicking us out after a short period – signing in again is a pain, regardless of whether my password is saved. Make it a longer period of time if you don't just remove that function.

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**From:** Bruce Palmer <bbpalmer@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 10:31 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF

As a new, no-legal, user of NYSCEF, I couldn't more impressed about how easy it makes filing court papers. As a complete novice, one of the best parts is quickly getting instructions on how to proceed if something was not filed correctly.

Bruce Palmer

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**From:** Dana Randazzo <info@paralegalforyou.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 1:56 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** e-filing suggestion

When downloading documents from a case file, for instance a Motion with several exhibits, they have to be downloaded one at a time then combined once downloaded to make one complete document. If there is a way to select multiple documents at the same time to download all at once instead of individually that would be helpful.

Thank you.

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**From:** Dana Randazzo <info@paralegalforyou.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:37 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Suggestion for Efiling

Good Morning

Please add in an option in the drop down for non-motion filings for “Good Faith Letter” or “Good Faith letter to Counsel”

There is no option in the drop down menu to e-file a letter/correspondence to opposing counsel with outstanding discovery issues.

Thanks 😊

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**From:** glenn  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 3:03 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Recommendation for NYSCEF feature

Hello, I have a recommendation for a NYSCEF feature that I think would be very helpful for those using the system.

Right now, when logged in and looking at all of our cases, there are three tabs at the top. The first shows all cases, the second shows cases filed within the past seven days, and third shows appeals.

I think it would be extremely helpful, especially for those with a large number of cases, to have a fourth tab which shows all cases which have received new filings in the past seven days.

Occasionally we might miss an email notifying of a filing in a case that might be several years old, and the only way to double-check that nothing has been missed is to go through every open case and click through to see if there are recent filings.

A way to just click a tab and see everything with a new filing would be fantastic, would save a tremendous amount of time, and would ensure that nothing slips through the cracks.

It could even replace the second tab entirely, given that there's no real need to separate out cases filed within the past seven days given that it's possible to sort all cases by received date anyway and so any cases filed within the past seven days would be at the top of the list.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** Robert Sweeney <rpsesq@dslawny.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2026 5:44 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Robert Sweeney  
**Subject:** Comments regarding the efile system

This is an extremely efficient system that is well maintained and up to date. It is a huge benefit to any attorney who regularly practices in the New York Court system. It is easy to navigate and download documents. Some recommended improvements would be: easier transition between efile system and ecourts; bring local and Civil Courts of the City of New York into the digital age and have documents available to the public.

Thank you for this excellent system. It helps greatly in my practice.

Robert P. Sweeney, Esq.  
DeSena & Sweeney

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**From:** Elyse Siegel <elyse.siegel@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 12:11 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Electronic Filing Program: NYSCEF development concepts

Dear Mr. Gibson,

I noticed your call for feedback submissions regarding NYSCEF functionality on the platform. Below is a list of ideas that may be useful to you. I have spent over fifteen (15) years developing and managing content management systems. I was one of three primary stakeholders for developing the proprietary CMS and analytics platform at the Huffington Post and subsequently worked with the company's founding CTO at the CMS company he founded. Since then, I have advised companies in media and other industries on platform and data technology.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions. I hope my feedback is helpful to you.

Best,  
Elyse

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## CMS Functionality

### **1) Save in progress functionality**

Application: Ability to upload files, apply categories, exhibit letters, etc. and save it to file later.

Value: Efficiency given it takes significant time to file documentation with numerous files; if you get logged out or accidentally close the window, you have to start from the beginning

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Application: Ability to batch upload documents, then utilize drag-and-drop functionality to assign them to documents in a filing

Value: Efficiency

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Application: Exhibit field auto-populates with A, B, C, etc. or 1, 2, 3, etc.

Value: i) Efficiency, ii) reduced possibility for human error

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Application: Ability to reorder documents in a single filing through drag-and-drop

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Application: Add option to drop-down to sort by reverse chronological order

Value: i) Efficiency, ii) Practicality

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Value: i) Accountability, ii) Transparency

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**From:** Elyse Siegel <elyse.siegel@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 5, 2026 12:02 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Re: Electronic Filing Program: NYSCEF development concepts

Dear Mr. Gibson,

I hope you are having a nice night. I am writing to respectfully share three additional platform development concepts:

### **1) Batch download functionality**

Application: Ability to check boxes next to document numbers and download files with a single call-to-action (CTA)

Value: Efficiency

Further enhancement: Ability to send an email notification with the files directly from the platform

### **2) Automatically make the document number the file name when a file is downloaded (currently it reflects the url)**

Application: Automatic via backend development

Value: Efficiency

Further enhancement: Apply the same methodology to browser tabs, which currently reflect the url

### **3) “Select all” functionality for documents**

Application: Developing the general functionality would enable:

- i) Batch download of documents
- ii) Batch email of documents
- iii) Batch application of tags (if you were to pursue the development detailed below)
- iv) Batch favoriting (if you were to pursue the development detailed below)

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I hope these ideas are useful for your development of the NYSCEF platform.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Efiling for family court

Efiling for Family Court is too cumbersome.

A family court information form is required for every filing, even though those are not typically for custody cases.

I believe that cases should be organized under Family File Number rather than Docket Number. It is not uncommon, for example, for custody cases to have multiple dockets running together, and to have to file a document three times under each docket number.

Thank you,  
Jen

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**From:** Kathryn Weinberg <KWeinberg@gtdlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2026 3:16 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** E-filing for family court comments

Hello,

E-filing for Supreme Court cases is mostly an easy and efficient way to file documents. E-filing for Family Court cases, however, is burdensome and wholly frustrating. Below are two reasons why:

1. Filing a new petition on a family court case is much more time-consuming than it needs to be. When you go to file a new petition, you not only have to file the petition, but you also have to file a personal information form....that says right on it that the form is used for support and paternity, yet one has to be completed for other matters like custody and family offense. Furthermore, a notice of appearance must be filed, as well. If the attorney is filing the petition, that should count as a notice of appearance?
2. In supreme court cases, attorneys must simply click on the case, then click File to this Case if they want to file a document. In family court cases, however, they cannot do that, they must click on Family Court and search for the case, even though it is in their list of cases. It is counterintuitive and does not make sense.

Perhaps the above issues can be addresses and modified to make the process easier. Thank you.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comment on NYS Unified Court System E-Filing Program

Hi Mr. Gibson,

I wanted to reach out to submit a comment regarding the current Unified Court System's e-filing program.

A significant improvement that would massively enhance users' experience using the program would be the addition of the ability to bulk-download documents at once within a case. As it stands now, individuals who are reviewing or saving pleadings and other filings have to do so by clicking on each document individually. In cases that are older or have numerous filings, this can become quite onerous and time consuming.

To allow users to download multiple documents simultaneously would drastically improve efficiency for attorneys and staff-members who regularly rely on the e-filing system, and would make document management more practical.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the e-filing program.

Regards,

Shelby

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Julia Nezirovski  
**Subject:** Comment/Suggestion on NYSCEF System - Efile Program

Good afternoon: A suggestion for the system would be to add an option that allows users to download all related documents at once, rather than downloading each file individually. For example, a “Download All” button for a motion and its supporting documents would be extremely helpful.

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**From:** Henry Cernitz <hcernitz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 4:17 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** E Filing Comments

I would like to comment on E-Filing. E-Filing works well as long as it not abused by IAS Part Judges. For example, Justice Katsanos in Queens requires that two hard copies of a motion be delivered to his part prior to the motion date, and if not, the case is marked off. What is the purpose of E Filing if we have to deliver hard copies to chambers? The whole idea behind E Filing is to reduce the amount of paper involved in a case but if each Judge makes up his own rules for e-filing, it makes for a wild west of E Filing. We need consistent court rules for e-filing.

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**From:** Jason Tenenbaum <jason@JTNYLAW.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 11:51 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on e-filing

I write this comment to express my happiness about the rollout of e-filing to almost all Civil Supreme Court matters within the state. In this regard, I cannot remember the last time I had to send someone to a Civil Term Clerk's office to physically file or purchase anything.

I write because in light of the 2024 legislation that was passed allowing e-filing in *all* courts throughout the state, we still do *not* have consensual e-filing in all civil matters in the New York City Civil Courts, the Long Island District Courts or the statewide City Courts.

This lack of electronic filing hinders my law firm (and others) from filing matters in the lower courts because of the expense and inconvenience of paper filing and the inability to have an electronic record of the docket entries. As a consequence, it is more efficient and less expensive to file cases in the Supreme Court because of the lack of e-filing.

The other issue that is vexing is why the Appellate Terms *still* do not have e-filing since the 2024 legislation was passed. This actually does make the filing and perfecting of the appeals to the Appellate Terms more expensive and more arduous than filing appeals in the Appellate Divisions.

I would note that the other states in which I practice such as New Jersey, Florida, Texas and through the federal system allow electronic filings in all courts. I would ask that Office of Court Administration consider having systemwide consensual e-filing in all of the lower courts by the end of 2026.

Again, would this Court consider expediting e-filing in the Courts systemwide?

Jason Tenenbaum

**Best Regards,**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 11:56 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Robert Miletsky  
**Subject:** Comments on e-filing

Hi:

This Court's electronic filing system remains excellent. It is seamless and low stress – unlike the Federal system which is always a challenge and well nigh hopelessly complicated. I get pains just thinking about the Federal filing system.

Two suggestions if you do not mind:

1. Allow us to file more documents on each filing page. As of now, if I recall correctly, we can file 6 documents and then it goes to another page in order to file more documents. I recommend that we be able to file more documents before going to a new filing page, if possible.
2. Tie in the Court's electronic filing system with the E-Track system. I understand this is a challenge – I think I suggest this every year, but apparently it cannot be done. How about if I say please?

Thanks for your time.

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February 13, 2026

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Dear Mr. Gibson:

I am writing to submit Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's (LSHV's) comments about e-filing in response to your January 13, 2026 request.

E-filing is a significant time-saver in our fast-paced and high-volume practice, and it allows our office to devote more resources to substantive client work by decreasing our administrative burden. Having online access to documents and real-time updates to case status enhances our ability to track developments in our own cases and to investigate prospective clients' cases. As a legal services organization, increasing our efficiency allows us to serve more clients and fulfill our mission of expanding access to justice for as many individuals as possible.

LSHV supports expanding e-filing widely because of the benefits it brings to our office and our clients. In housing court, where cases move quickly and tenants seek assistance from our office when they are imminently at risk of eviction or have fast-approaching deadlines, being able to e-file papers quickly and efficiently could make a significant difference in our ability to preserve our clients' tenancies. Every efficiency we can build into our practice in all our practice areas improves outcomes for clients and allows us to expand our reach.

There are still changes that need to be made to improve the system. First, there are problems with the privacy protections that have been put in place for e-filing in family court. Because there can be more than one attorney in our office who needs to access clients' NYCEF files for purposes of supervision or coverage, limiting access to only the attorney who filed the notice of appearance is overly restrictive. There needs to be a mechanism by which other attorneys in a firm can access a client's file. In addition, we

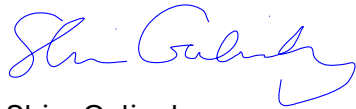
have had experiences where even the attorney who filed the notice of appearance has been unable to access a client's NYSCEF file. These problems need to be resolved.

Second, when a plaintiff commences an e-filed case in which an unrepresented party does hard copying filings, the unrepresented party should not be required to mail the papers and file an affidavit of service. The plaintiff receives the papers electronically after the court uploads them to the system, just as they would in two-party e-filed cases, so the mailing requirement is an unnecessary burden for the unrepresented litigant.

Third, given the ease of the e-filing system, the Court should e-file notices of entry for prevailing pro-se parties. Judges have discretion to do this, and this simple step would prevent losing parties from preserving the opportunity to appeal indefinitely due to an easily rectified procedural misstep by unrepresented litigants.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (914) 468-2156 or [sgalinsky@lshv.org](mailto:sgalinsky@lshv.org).

Sincerely,



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Director of Compliance

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 9:22 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program comments

- When filing RJl's if there is a mistake in an address, the system just says "incorrect zip", it doesn't tell you where it is. It should tell you where the error is.
- Increase the amount of documents when filing in Surrogate Court. We can only add one at a time having to hit "add" and therefore refreshing the page each time, Supreme allows at least 5 docs at a time.
- The system asks for a quantity when filing "Waiver and Consent". If I have 4 consents to settlement and 1 Tax Waiver, they get filed separately but both under "Waiver and Consent", I enter the quantity correctly, hit next and it changes for quantities to 4.

<a href="#">WAIVER AND CONSENT</a>	Consents to Settlement
<a href="#">WAIVER AND CONSENT</a>	NYS Tax Waiver

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- The timeframe from when I actually file a document and it is processed by the Clerk is entirely too long. I wait weeks for a processed, indexed, filed version of a Summons and Complaints, amended pleadings etc.

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**From:** Maria Rosa <mr1mr2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 18, 2026 1:34 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Access

A lawyer who wants access as a litigant has to deny being an attorney. There should be one more option for an **attorney as a litigant in their own case.**

## **Create Account**

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**From:** Marlene T. Dominguez  
**Sent:** Friday, February 6, 2026 1:46 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** comment about NYSCEF as a court user

Good Afternoon,

First, I would like to say how much NYSCEF is a time saver and easy to use for court personnel.

However, if it's allowed, I would like to suggest the following. Hopefully I can explain it clearly.

When there is a party on NYSCEF who decides to opt out of e-filing but has an email address, is there is a way to have their email address automatically populated when an email is sent to the parties that consented on NYSCEF?

Thank you,  
Marlene Dominguez

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**From:** Ramona Miller <rmiller@mynylawfirm.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 1:18 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** E-Filing Comments

Dear Christopher Gibson:

Please expand E-Filing to the Appellate Terms. The current protocol is so weird (SharePoint portal drop?) and the accompanying rules are tedious and ought to mirror the Appellate Division practices.

Thank you!!

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

Mr. Gibson:

I write this email in response to the Memo regarding the New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program.

First, I would like to say that NYSCEF is a wonderful tool and allows attorneys to save time which equates to money. The ability to file papers from the comfort of my desk is wonderful. No more making several copies, going to the courthouse, waiting in line or sending documents to my process server and encountering a delay in receiving an index number. For these reasons, and many others, thank you.

Going forward, I would like to see NYSCEF expanded to include Civil Court matters other than No Fault, Landlord Tenant or Consumer Credit Transactions. Although most of my litigation is in Supreme Court, I do have a few cases in several. It would therefore be beneficial to the bar as a whole to enlarge the program to include Civil Court actions, other than those listed here, and for the same reasons as stated above.

*Sincerely*

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*Re: Comments for the OCA Annual Electronic Filing Report*

Dear Director Gibson:

Mobilization for Justice, Inc. (“MFJ”) envisions a society in which there is equal justice for all. Our mission is to achieve social justice, prioritizing the needs of people who are low-income, disenfranchised, or have disabilities. We do this through providing the highest quality direct civil legal assistance, community education, entering into partnerships, engaging in policy advocacy, and bringing impact litigation. MFJ assists more than 25,000 New Yorkers each year.

MFJ’s Kinship Caregiver Law Project (“KCLP”) represents grandparents and other kinship caregivers raising children who are not their biological children in adoption, custody and guardianship proceedings. The project also assists these families in obtaining public benefits and immigration status, among other legal matters. Our goal is to help stabilize families, promote greater permanency for children, and prevent children from entering the foster care system.

MFJ appreciates the opportunity to share comments with the OCA Division of E-Filing on electronic filing and the NYSCEF system.

**We outline here several advantages of expanding e-filing authorization to include adoption cases in the five boroughs of New York City and beyond, based on the experience of our staff attorneys working within KCLP and our clients:**

#### **I. Centralized Communication**

The ability to file the adoption petition and related papers via NYSCEF would provide a centralized digital version of these papers for the attorney retained by the adoptive parent(s), the Adoption Clerk, Court Attorney and Judge. Currently, communication between these actors involves managing a paper file, mailed letters and emails, and at least two submissions in every case, given that each case involves the resubmission of an updated OCA Attorney’s Affirmation once the Docket Number for the proceeding is assigned, along with any other revised documents.

With an expansion of e-filing, comments and corrections to documents could be communicated through the NYSCEF portal, preserving a record of the communication and document histories, and allowing for easy and ordered resubmission of documents. Where original documents are required, they could be mailed to Court. Alternatively, the Court could accept, as in other types of cases through the NYSCEF system, the attorney's affirmation of their originality.

## **II. Efficiency**

Filing adoptions via NYSCEF would also facilitate quicker communication between all actors, including communicating the docketing and calendaring of cases, instead of relying on Docketing Letters through the mail and separate email correspondence.

Moreover, this would allow for information about the stage of proceedings to be more specific, similar to the *Purpose* provided in Notices to Appear as currently sent through NYSCEF in other types of cases.

Electronic filings for adoptions would also save attorneys time, as they would not have to travel to the Court to file. This is time that can be spent instead working with clients to advance their cases.

## **III. Standardized Requests**

Standardized, formal requests through the NYSCEF system are very useful, especially, as in the case of interpreter requests, where they are automatically prompted as part of the submission process. The NYSCEF system facilitates a wide range of such requests and could, more importantly, advance goals of accessibility. Notably, requests are currently made through the Family Court general email addresses or covering letters, where they may be missed or delayed due to human error.

For example, a large portion of KCLP's clients are elderly and have a legitimate fear of falling down or mobility issues (as highlighted with recent weather events), many are in immigration proceedings and/or have disabilities, and all of our clients are managing the Court process alongside caregiving responsibilities. All of these clients are aided by the potential for virtual hearings, and this could be facilitated by a drop-down menu option, among others, to request a virtual appearance when filing a case.

## **IV. Contact Information**

Thank you for affording MFJ the opportunity to offer comments on electronic filing and the NYSCEF system.

For any questions or further information, please contact [dnewton@mfjlegal.org](mailto:dnewton@mfjlegal.org).

Sincerely,

KCLP Managing and Staff Attorneys



February 12, 2026

***By Email***

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**Re: New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program**

Dear Mr. Gibson:

We write to provide comments in response to the Office of Court Administration's Request for Comments regarding the 2026 Annual Report on the New York State Courts Filing Program (NYSCEF).

The New York City Bar Association's Family Court & Family Law Committee, State Courts of Superior Jurisdiction Committee, Litigation Committee, and Consumer Affairs Committee have considered and discussed the New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the continued expansion of electronic filing across the Unified Court System and offer the following recommendations based on observations by practitioners and court users.

**I. SYSTEM ACCESS, INTEGRATION, AND USER EXPERIENCE**

- Integrate NYSCEF with WebCivil, eTrack, court calendars, and other UCS platforms to create a unified portal.
- Expand NYSCEF to cover all civil courts and all case types statewide.
- Enable bulk filing functionality, particularly for high-volume consumer matters.
- Improve search capabilities, including filtering by document type, motion sequence, etc. which is needed for voluminous dockets.
- Increase session time-out limits and improve overall technical stability.
- Permit paralegals and trained legal staff to file documents as authorized agents.

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## **II. FILING PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT**

- Standardize filing requirements across counties, including consistent rules for Notices of Appearance and multi-document submissions.
- Simplify the document-type selection process and adopt a category → subcategory structure similar to federal ECF.
- Add additional document-type options such as correspondence, witness/exhibit lists, summations, and a general catchall category.
- Increase the number of documents that may be uploaded at once; if one document is rejected, allow the rest to stand.
- Allow filers to reference previously filed documents rather than re-uploading identical materials for each motion.
- Ensure clerks review filings in full before returning them, reducing repeated rounds of correction.

## **III. SEALED MATERIALS**

- Create a mechanism that allows nonparties with court-ordered access to sealed documents to view those materials in NYSCEF.
- In cases where portions of amended pleadings need to be filed under seal, allow complaints and answers to be filed in “Request to Seal” status, consistent with the options currently available for certain exhibits and memoranda.

## **IV. IMPROVING ACCESS FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS AND COURT COMMUNICATION**

- Encourage and simplify NYSCEF enrollment for pro se litigants where e-filing is available.
- Offer optional SMS and email notifications for all parties regarding filings, hearing dates, orders, and other updates.
- Integrate NYSCEF with virtual proceedings, enabling remote pretrials, hearings, and mediations, particularly in consumer debt cases.
- Allow electronic filing of exemption claims in garnishment and execution matters.
- Convert reopened pre-e-filed cases into e-filed status to ensure consistent modernization across all active matters.
- When converting an existing matter to NYSCEF, ensure that all associated docket numbers are converted at once.

- Provide consistent and comprehensive training for clerks, court staff, and Appellate Division personnel.

## V. FAMILY COURT–SPECIFIC ISSUES

- Streamline the workflow after recording NYSCEF consent so that attorneys are not required to log into the case again to continue with a filing.
- Standardize protocols across counties to reduce unnecessary rejections, particularly in multidocket cases involving multiple children.
- Streamline and shorten Personal Information Sheets required for each Petition, as much of the information requested duplicates what is already included in the Petition.
- When looking to consent/represent, enable attorneys to enter the File Number, instead of the Docket Number, to allow consent to all existing NYSCEF cases at the same time.
- Clarify and harmonize filing expectations for specialized matters such as SIJS filings.
- Include Consent to Change Attorney option.

Thank you for considering our consolidated comments. We welcome the opportunity to discuss these recommendations further and to continue supporting efforts to make electronic filing more consistent, efficient, and accessible for all court users.

Respectfully,

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*Re: New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program*

Dear Director Gibson:

On behalf of the New York State Bar Association, I write in response to the Office of Court Administration's request for comments in connection with the preparation of its 2026 Annual Report on the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF).

NYSBA appreciates OCA's continued leadership in expanding electronic filing across the Unified Court System. Your initiative is modernizing court operations and improving administrative efficiency statewide.

In 2007, NYSBA's *Task Force on the Electronic Filing of Court Documents* issued a comprehensive report and endorsed statewide electronic filing and recognized that implementing an e-filing system increased efficiency, reduced costs, improved access to court records, and enhanced uniformity of practice. Our report emphasized that successful implementation depends on phased expansion, adequate resources, training for court personnel and attorneys, and continued engagement with stakeholders as e-filing programs evolve.<sup>1</sup> OCA's current request for comment is fully consistent with those recommendations and reflects an appropriately iterative approach to modernization.

More recently in June of 2023, the *Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Modernization of Criminal Practice*, in part examined electronic filing in criminal matters,

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<sup>1</sup> Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Electronic Filing of Court Documents. Approved by the House of Delegates on Jan. 26, 2007 ([https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/EfilingReport\\_Mar312007.pdf](https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/EfilingReport_Mar312007.pdf))

concluded that expanded e-filing is a critical component of a modern criminal justice system—if implementation is thoughtful, adequately resourced, and attentive to access-to-justice concerns.<sup>2</sup>

The 2023 Report recommended that New York move toward a more uniform and comprehensive e-filing framework, supported by explicit statutory authorization, sustained state funding, robust cybersecurity protections, and comprehensive training for judges, court staff, and practitioners.<sup>3</sup> Importantly, the report emphasized that any expansion of e-filing must include clear accommodation and exemption for unrepresented litigants and individuals who lack access to the necessary technology, as well as alternative filing protocols for confidential, sealed, or sensitive materials.<sup>4</sup>

The 2023 Report cautioned that in criminal practice there are additional important considerations, especially with respect to discovery, attorney-client privilege, access to materials by incarcerated and *pro se* defendants.<sup>5</sup>

The report also highlighted persistent disparities in technological infrastructure and broadband access, especially in rural and upstate communities, and cautioned that modernization efforts could exacerbate existing inequities in access to justice. We know that you will keep these considerations as OCA moves forward with broader implementation.

Thank you for inviting your comments. We stand ready to assist OCA by sharing member feedback and further policy guidance as the criminal e-filing pilot progresses.

Please contact me or NYSBA's General Counsel, David P. Miranda, via email at [dmiranda@nysba.org](mailto:dmiranda@nysba.org) or via telephone at 518-487-5524 if we can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,



Kathleen M. Sweet  
President

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<sup>2</sup> Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on the Modernization of Criminal Practice. 60-62. Approved by the House of Delegates on June 10, 2023 (<https://nysba.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/final-report-Task-Force-on-Modernization-of-Criminal-Practice-June-2023.pdf>)

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 61-62

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 61

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 53-60

**From:** Greg Bougopoulos  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 8:31 AM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** re: Notice seeking comments on electronic filing system

I have some comments on the current state of efilng. While there is a note that efilng is mandatory in most supreme courts, that for some reason does not even include optional efilng use for the appellate terms (1<sup>st</sup> and 2d departments).

At least for appellate term, 2<sup>nd</sup> department, there is an online portal documents can be filed with. However, it seems odd that NYSCEF can be used for landlord-tenant cases in NYC (for instance) but not appellate matters for those cases

For the appellate term, 1<sup>st</sup> department, there is *no* option for electronic filing. All papers must be filed by overnight, mail or in person. In 2026, this is a burden on the parties, particularly if the party's attorneys are outside NYC (as our office is).

I think the legislature should create the option for NYSCEF use for appellate term matters. If the legislature and the courts are concerned about pro se use, then the use of NYSCEF need not be made mandatory.

Thank you,

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I love the system

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**From:** Harper, Bonnie <Bonnie.Harper@nyct.com>  
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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** General Litigation in NYC Civil Court

Why isn't Civil Court fully on NYSECF? I don't handle No Fault or Landlord Tennant and it is very difficult to continue with EDDS. It just requires too many extra steps. Please bring Civil Court into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Thank you.

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February 10, 2026

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**VIA EMAIL**

**RE : The Appellate Courts Committee of the New York County Lawyers Association's Response to the Office of Court Administration's Public Notice Seeking Commentary on NYSCEF.**

Dear Mr. Gibson,

The Appellate Courts Committee (the “Committee”) of the New York County Lawyers Association (“NYCLA”) supports robust expansion of the NYSCEF filing system throughout all of New York State’s courts. In response to the Office of Court Administration’s recent request for public comment on NYSCEF (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/rules/efiling/index.shtml>), we write to express the Committee’s hope that NYSCEF will be expanded to the Appellate Terms in the First and Second Departments.<sup>1</sup>

The Appellate Term courts hear appeals addressing issues at the heart of access to justice that are important to the public, such as those arising in landlord-tenant and criminal cases. The Committee is dedicated to the efficient and efficacious administration of New York State’s appellate courts, and our membership includes appellate practitioners and jurists. And our

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<sup>1</sup> This letter was approved for dissemination by NYCLA’s President as a Committee statement. This statement has not been approved by the NYCLA Board of Directors and does not necessarily represent the views of the Board.

members, as well as judges who have spoken before our committee, have highlighted the challenges raised by the lack of E-Filing in the Appellate Term courts.

With E-Filing implemented in the Appellate Divisions, there is no sound reason to exclude the Appellate Term courts from E-Filing. Expansion of NYSCEF to the Appellate Term courts will only enhance those courts' agility and precision, greatly benefiting those who practice and appear before them. Online access to briefs and records in the Appellate Term courts would provide clear benefits, including the following:

1. It would give hardworking appellate jurists and their staff, and attorneys and their clients who appear before the court, as well as members of the public interested in these courts' important work, greater ability to review records and filings; and
2. It would increase the conformity of record-access and filing procedures across New York State courts, mending an otherwise fractured system that would require knowing one set of procedures for Appellate Division practice and another, distinct set for the Appellate Term courts.

It is time to expand NYSCEF to the Appellate Term courts.<sup>2</sup>

Respectfully,

Steven Benathen, Scott Henney, and Cynthia Carlson  
Co-Chairs and Vice-Chair (respectively) of the NYCLA Appellate Courts Committee

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<sup>2</sup> While not addressed in this letter, we recognize that E-Filing must be implemented thoughtfully in the Appellate Term so that individuals who do not have ready access to computers or the internet continue to have robust access to case filings and records.

**From:** Henchy, Brian <Brian.Henchy@ag.ny.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 2:53 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** 1/13/26 Notice for comments

Good afternoon,

I saw the notice seeking comments on the NYSCEF login page. I have a suggestion / comment on the technical side of things.

When a document relating to multiple motions is filed, the NYSCEF docket automatically adds multiple versions of the same filing to the docket, which causes confusion from time to time and almost always requires added effort from litigants and the court/clerk. If possible, I suggest changing this to avoid duplicative filings as they have no apparent purpose.

I see this most often in Article 78 proceedings. For a specific example, please see the docket for *Smith v. New York State Education Department* (911712-24 - Albany County Supreme Court) which has duplicative Decisions/Orders in several instances.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 5:46 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comment on NYSCEF program

Hello,

I am leaving a comment in regard to the notice on the NYSCEF landing page. I think it would be helpful to be able to download filings from the documents in chunks as opposed to individual downloads --even if that only pertained to motions. Having a "select" box where individuals can choose files they'd like downloaded would make saving documents very efficient.

Thank you!

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**From:** Loree Chow  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 3:16 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF Comments

Good Afternoon,

Please allow for the public to view the comments section of a docket. As appellate printers, we rely on that to confirm Court-granted due dates.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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**From:** Robert I. Miller <Robert.Miller@rhclaw.com>  
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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF

1-28-26

I really like using NYSCEF.

I wish that it was available in Nassau and Suffolk counties. The Clerks there say that they will never adopt NYSCEF. Why is that? Seems ridiculous.

Thanks.

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**From:** Steven B. Salcedo, Esq. <steven@salcedoappeals.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 1:45 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on e-Filing System

To Director Christopher Gibson,

I am an appellate attorney licensed to practice law in New York State. I strongly support the state courts' e-filing system, NYSCEF. NYSCEF makes it easy for me to view documents filed in a case and to assemble an appellate record. Filing on NYSCEF is easier than paper filing and paper service, which reduces the cost of litigation. Also, the fact that using NYSCEF is free of charge is critical. In this regard and others, NYSCEF is superior to its federal counterpart, CM/ECF. I cannot imagine practicing law in New York without NYSCEF.

I support the expansion of NYSCEF, including to Family Court cases.

Sincerely,

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## **Response to Call for Comment: NYSCEF Issues reported at the Legal Center, Sanctuary for Families**

**January 27, 2026**

### **Issues with different dockets on the same case**

1. Often, family court cases have multiple separate docket numbers that are all part of the same case with the same parties. NYSCEF separates those dockets as separate “cases” in which to file, and as separate cases in the attorney’s case list. This is not reflective of family law practice and not intuitive, as one motion or filing should properly be linked to multiple docket numbers.
2. As a consequence to (1), we are unable to file new petitions (e.g. violation petitions) on existing dockets/cases. NYSCEF requires the user to file the new petition as a brand-new case, and then after submitting it states “pending” for a long time, sometimes indefinitely, leading attorneys to refile in person instead to ensure it is processed and uploaded to UCMS.
3. Similarly, due to the setup described in (1), NYSCEF does not allow filing multiple initial petitions at once while logged in as a pro se client. We are often trying to help pro se litigants file a family offense petition and a second petition, such as custody or child support petition, at the same time, but NYSCEF does not allow that. The user has to file one petition, wait for it to be processed (which takes multiple days) and then file a second petition.

### **Technical issues**

1. Every new filing on NYSCEF requires the person filing to select whether an interpreter is necessary in order to continue and file. However, not all languages are included as options, only the most common ones (e.g. Spanish, Arabic, French.) When filing a petition for a case that has less common language needs, this forces the person filing to select “no interpreter” in order to proceed. The first appearance is then often inefficiently spent requesting an interpreter and adjourning, especially as these less common languages require interpreters to be arranged in advance. A button for “other languages” could easily resolve this.
2. The Family Law cover sheet is not fillable on Adobe and does not pre-populate (unlike when filing on NYSCEF in Civil Supreme.) This is onerous.
3. SIJS orders are being filed as confidential on NYSCEF, meaning attorneys can’t see or print them from NYSCEF. These orders are essential to filing a SIJS immigration petition. Currently, practitioners have to email the part to get a copy, which is cumbersome.

### **Delays and processing issues**

1. After filing an initial petition, summons are frequently not issued, requiring us to file again in person to move the case forward.
2. When filing Orders to Show Cause, processing time is not quicker than for a normal filing. It does not seem to be on a separate emergency track, so we end up filing in person to ensure things move expeditiously.

**From:** Sandra Gumerove <smg@smgesq.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026 3:12 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments on e-filing

Thank you for the opportunity to address some issues facing E-file users. I have two major comments:

1. With respect to Guardianship matters in Surrogate's Court:

- a. Attorneys who represent consenting parties should be able to see all filings. After all they are the attorneys representing parties to the case. Permitting attorneys to see all documents would obviate the need for a call to the Court to determine if something was filed or an order issued after the attorney has received notice from E-file that something had been filed in the matter.
  
- b. Attorneys on a matter should be able to remove themselves or attorneys who have left their firm from a matter.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Samantha Cuffy <SCuffy@SMSM.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2026 12:24 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** in re: Notice Seeking Comments on Electronic Filing Program

Good afternoon,

I use NYSCEF almost daily to assist my attorneys. Two things I think could be improved:

- When uploading a motion and a PDF is rejected, the system should advise which of the attachments is denied. Many times, the PDF checker says a PDF should be able to be uploaded and it still gets rejected by the system. If you're uploading five documents at once, it can be difficult to parse which one is the troubled one, and it takes a lot of time to investigate.
- There should be an option to download all the papers associated with a single filing at once. I, like many others working in litigation, save motions as one document instead of separating it by document type. I have motions that have upwards of 30 documents and they are tedious to save. NJ eCourts has an option where you can select which documents you'd like to download together, and I think that would work well here.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** NYSCEF Filing other Courts

As the local NY Civil Courts have now gone to NYSCEF filing (Landlord/Tenant and "consumer credit"), there should be no reason that the "Civil Part" - **NOT** consumer credit is not yet available for filing. A regular "civil" case would be the same as filing in Supreme, to include payment of the index #, note of Trial, etc., and Plaintiff will enter the pertinent information to establish the type of case, parties' names, addresses, etc.

Also, if the Local City Courts are still requiring that we file matters on EDDS, why not have the City Courts adopt NYSCEF to expedite filing matters in the Court. It would save all telephone calls and visits to see if the matter was filed, affidavits of service filings, etc. Moreover, it's the Plaintiff entering and establishing the type of matter, parties' names, addresses, payment of Index # and other fees, etc.

Thank you.

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**From:** Stephen Rossini  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 29, 2026 3:04 PM  
**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Cc:** Stephen Rossini  
**Subject:** Requests

Good afternoon,

If possible, I would really appreciate the following enhancements if they are feasible:

1. The ability to create “personal” or subordinate to-do lists. We use to-do lists for uncontested matrimonial files and in those situations where a file must be rejected due to errors, it would be a great help if we could move the rejected file to a different list so they rejected files are not interspersed within the newly assigned files.
2. The ability to sort files in a to-do list so that I can list the files in descending order from oldest to newest to ensure that as new assignments are added, we can address the oldest matrimonials first (the old first in-first out method). Similarly, when answering questions from internal customers or outside requests, sometimes only the name is available so sorting alphabetically would help in those situations.
3. To have the program stop logging me out while I am working. This rears its head when trying to enter a court notice and getting it bounced as a “duplicate entry” requiring a re-log in to be able to enter the notice.
4. To synchronize the “filed date” and “received date” so there is only one date we can point to as the filing date of record. There are times when the dates are a week or more apart.
5. (Not sure if even the clerks can do this) The ability for me to change a motion number next to the document title (Ex: the one that appears in this format (Motion #1)). There are times that a filer incorrectly denotes which motion a particular document references - - this happens frequently for discovery motions in CCP I am reviewing. If I could correct it, it would make my court attorneys’ lives a little easier when they are drafting the discovery orders.

Thanks and all the best.  
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**From:** Christopher DelliCarpini  
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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Informational Statement As A Web Form

I suggest that NYSCEF replace the current PDF Informational Statement in civil appeals with a web-based form, or at least offer the option, similar to the current option for Requests for Judicial Intervention.

The current informational statement is infamous for its awkward attempt to cram all possible relevant information onto four pages. Often party names are shrunk to near-unreadable size in the fixed boxes of the PDF. The page for counsel contact information seems almost designed to mislead users in what to enter where. And almost all of the information in the Informational Statement is either already in NYSCEF from the trial court action or separately entered when litigants record the initial case information.

As with RJIs, NYSCEF could at least give litigants the option of either submitting the PDF or completing a web form. It could automatically populate with information already in NYSCEF and let parties add information when registering the appeal. Then all parties would need to upload is the notice of appeal. Assuming that every notice of appeal already attaches the order appealed from, this would eliminate the need to create a combined PDF for filing when registering the appeal.

Thanks very much for inviting comments.

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**To:** eFiling Comments  
**Subject:** Comments re NYSCEF e-filing system

Dear Sirs:

The NYSCEF e-filing system has a convenient interface, is easy to use and is indispensable for pro se defendants, especially if pro se defendants are, like myself and my husband, co-owners of properties as tenants by the entirety, need to sue together as necessary parties and may not serve, by law, each other's papers.

We have encountered difficulties though this past year with a particular judge in Delaware County Supreme Court who used the "working copy" requirements in a punitive manner during my husband's disability after my husband criticized the judge specifically for not providing to my husband disability accommodations that resulted in loss of rights.

The point of e-filing is to make e-filed documents readily available to parties and judges alike without need for paper copies to be additionally sent to the chambers by mail where they are - as the judge's use of the old address not used on those working copies demonstrated - discarded without being read.

Please, introduce policies or rule forbidding the "working copy" requirements, which is nonsensical considering ready availability of documents, with zooming and search options, through NYSCEF.

The next issue is that Delaware County digitized court records from 2007 to 2024, destroyed originals without notice to parties involved or opportunity to be heard in opposition before such originals were destroyed, did not put digitized court records on NYSCEF, did not provide navigable online dockets of the destroyed court cases, and instead introduced a double paywall for access to such records - one paywall to even view records before being able to determine what the record is about, and the second fee chargeable for a copy of the court document per page.

At the same time, NYSCEF records in the currently e-filed court cases are downloadable by parties, counsel and public from any location in the world for free, creating disparity of access and putting a price on access to the parties' own file, where such an inspection fee did not exist to inspect the now destroyed paper original records.

Such a disparity is especially burdensome for my husband and I who are elderly, disabled and reside a long distance outside of the state of New York where online access is the only way to get the needed court documents to prepare non-frivolous motions and lawsuits.

I request the court system to look into it and make county custodians of court records within New York State to put digitized court records fully on NYSCEF for access on equal grounds with newly e-filed cases.

Thank you,

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 13, 2026

**From:** Alexandra Shookhoff, Director of Post-Conviction Legal Operations, Criminal Appeals Bureau, The Legal Aid Society

**To:** Christopher Gibson, Director, OCA Division of E-Filing

**Re:** New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

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The Criminal Appeals Bureau of The Legal Aid Society thanks the Office of Court Administration (OCA) for the opportunity to provide comments on electronic filing and the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF).

As a long-time user of NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department, we welcome the continuing expansion of NYSCEF across the New York State Unified Court System. The Criminal Appeals Bureau practices at all levels, from the trial court up to the Court of Appeals, including four intermediate appellate courts. As a result of our broad-ranging practice and the current lack of a unified, statewide filing system, we must use six different filing methods:

1. EDDS (NYC trial courts);
2. Email (Appellate Term, First Department);
3. Appellate Term, Second Department SharePoint Portal;
4. Appellate Division, Second Department SharePoint Portal;
5. NYSCEF (Appellate Division, First Department and Kings County Supreme Court); and
6. Court of Appeals Companion Upload Portal.

In addition, as discussed in greater detail below, there are variations within the use of NYSCEF from court to court. A truly unified electronic filing and docketing system from the trial level to the Court of Appeals will create significant efficiencies for practitioners and the courts alike.

While we would welcome a broader conversation with OCA about record collection and retention practices in the digital era, below we offer some specific suggestions for electronic filing based on our experiences with NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department and Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term.

### **Appellate Division, First Department**

The Criminal Appeals Bureau has been using NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department for many years. Overall, NYSCEF has been a welcome addition to our practice, streamlining filing and service procedures, and we look forward to its expansion throughout the state. Below we note a few challenges with the system and offer suggestions for ways to create even greater efficiencies for the courts and practitioners.

#### *i. Orders Should be Regularly Uploaded to NYSCEF*

While NYSCEF is intended to serve as a centralized platform to file and access all case documents, we have found that orders deciding the motions we file on NYSCEF are not routinely uploaded to the system. This most commonly occurs with orders deciding one of the most critical motions of our practice: one enlarging the time to perfect an appeal. The failure to consistently upload these orders can lead to inadvertently missed deadlines, as our attorneys have come to expect an email notification with the rendering of the decision.

This inconsistency runs counter to the core functions of NYSCEF. The goals, as we understand it and which we laud, is to streamline procedures and create a docket which is electronically accessible.<sup>1</sup> For such a platform to fulfill its intended purpose, NYSCEF should uniformly be the place where decisions are filed and the parties should be able to rely on it with certainty.

#### *ii. Expansion of NYSCEF Fields to Accurately Encompass a Greater Range of Filings*

At times, the fields required for initiating a case or uploading a document to NYSCEF are underinclusive of what we regularly file. It would increase the efficiency of the platform to broaden the available categories (ideally after consulting the appellate providers) to encompass other routine but less common filings.

For example, when initiating a criminal appellate case, the platform requires the inclusion of information that is simply not implicated for every appeal, creating tedium and confusion. A simple solution would be for the court to expand its “Case Type” dropdown menu, and then tailor the fields

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1. The FAQ’s on the NYSCEF website note that the benefits of NYSCEF include that “[t]he system provides immediate e-mail notice of all filings, including filing of all orders, judgments, and decisions, which will be available online. The docket is clear and easy to work with.” (<https://iappscontent.courts.state.ny.us/NYSCEF/live/faq.htm>)

to the chosen case type (*e.g.*, CPL § 460.15 motion, SORA appeal) rather than retaining the same set of static fields for all cases. This would ensure that the most accurate information is recorded at the outset and save the clerks from correcting inapplicable or potentially misleading information that was entered into irrelevant, but required, fields.

Similarly, when filing documents, the Document Type dropdown menu lacks a generic option such as “Other.” As a result, when filing routine but less common documents where there is no relevant choice, we lack an option to describe the document and our filings are often rejected. This could be avoided if the dropdown menu included an “Other” option or more generic categories for common documents, such as a simple as “Letter to the Court.”

Expanding the range of documents encompassed by the categories and fields available on NYSCEF would save litigants and clerk time and increase the efficiency of NYSCEF.

### *iii. Improvements to Filing Agent Process*

The ability to use filing agents in NYSCEF is a great benefit to our attorneys and operates to move cases through the courts expeditiously and effectively, but we would offer a few suggestions to make the system even more efficient.<sup>2</sup>

Most notably, there is currently no mechanism for a filing agent to refile a document that has been returned for correction. When an attorney files and has a document returned for correction, filing agents do not have access to the “Refile” link sent to the filing attorney. The only option for the filing agent is to file the corrected document as if it were a new document or for the attorney to refile, undermining the purpose of the filing agent. Similarly, despite being authorized by the court as a filing agent, they are required to file an authorization form in each case that they file. Filing agents also lack access to a history of the cases they have filed for, similar to the “My Cases” section for attorneys (perhaps “History”).

Rectifying these issues by broadening filing agent access would streamline the filing agent process and bolster their role in facilitating efficient and timely filings on NYSCEF. Naturally, for institutional providers with high caseloads, expanded filing agent roles would allow attorneys to more heavily rely on their paralegals and administrative staff to handle administrative tasks, leaving them with more time to focus on their legal work.

### **Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term**

Our office was pleased at the effective implementation of NYSCEF in Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term. The Clerks have been enormously helpful and collaborative while

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2. NYSCEF allows paralegals to obtain their own Filing Agent User ID and password so that they can file documents on behalf of attorneys. When filing documents, a filing agent logs in under their own NYSCEF account and files to an existing case assigned to our office. The filing agent is required to upload an authorization form every time they file to a new case and receives their own notifications emails after the filing is accepted or returned for correction.

troubleshooting minor issues related to the transition. While the rollout was generally seamless and successful, we offer the suggestions below.

*i. Two Separate Processes for Using Filing Agents in Kings County and the Appellate Division, First Department*

One issue we encountered with the Kings County pilot program relates to the use of filing agents. Kings County NYSCEF has implemented a separate and distinct process for filing agents than is used on NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, First Department. If, as we hope, the entire court system is to be moving toward the NYSCEF platform, it would be more efficient to have uniformity across all courts.

In the Appellate Division, First Department, a filing agent files to an attorney's case under the attorney's bar number-associated NYSCEF account. The agent logs into NYSCEF with their filing agent ID, selects the case that they will be filing to and the attorney for whom they will be filing. They can search for an attorney by bar number or choose from a list of recent attorneys for whom they have filed. The agent then uploads their document(s) along with their agency's authorization letter and files.

An entirely different process is employed for criminal cases in Kings County Supreme Court. There, a filing agent cannot file using their normal filing agent account, and an attorney is not able to use their bar number-associated NYSCEF account. Rather, the system requires the filing agent and attorney to create NYSCEF accounts which are then linked together by the NYSCEF clerk. When the filing agent files, they are only able to file on behalf of a closed universe of attorneys whose NYSCEF accounts have been linked to the agent's account. As a result, our attorneys and paralegals practicing in both the First Department and Kings County have two separate NYSCEF accounts: one for filing in the First Department and one for filing in Kings County.<sup>3</sup> Surely it is counterproductive to the goal of a single, unified filing system to require its users to create separate accounts for each of the courts they practice in.

*ii. Connect Related Cases and Allow Filing to Multiple Cases at One Time*

To make NYSCEF more efficient and effective, we also suggest that the system allow filing a single document to multiple cases. For example, when we file a Notice of Appeal from a single Supreme Court judgement that covers more than one indictment, we prepare one Notice of Appeal that identifies each indictment number included in that judgement. In the past, we would file that Notice of Appeal just once with the court to cover all of the indictments. Now, on NYSCEF, we must file that one Notice of Appeal (listing each of the indictment numbers) on every one of the cases on NYSCEF, amounting to multiple filings to ensure that it covers each of the indictments in the judgement—a time-consuming redundancy.<sup>4</sup>

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3. Relying on the clerks to link attorney and filing agent accounts also creates an unnecessary administrative burden for the clerks as new attorneys join a practice and other attorneys depart.

4. We encounter this same issue in the Appellate Division, First Department where a motion or brief resolving multiple cases must be filed separately in each case.

Moreover, while it is too early in the pilot to know for certain, we caution that filing multiple Notices of Appeal may result in multiple appeals being docketed in the already overburdened appellate courts when in the past just one appellate case would be opened. The many appeals would then have to be consolidated either administratively by the clerks or through motion practice by the litigants leading to additional and unnecessary work and delays.

*iii. Youthful Offender Adjudications*

Another area that we hope OCA will address is the publicly available information relating to Youthful Offender adjudications. Currently, anyone is allowed to access the NYSCEF website and “Search as Guest.” When a search is conducted for a case in which one of our clients received a Youthful Offender adjudication, and is thus sealed to the public, our client’s full name is listed on NYSCEF and available to the public, rather than only their last initial. This is something that should be corrected, particularly as NYSCEF expands to the trial courts.

*iv. Overly Rigid Search Function*

We also suggest that OCA loosen the search parameters when someone searches for a case by case number. At the moment, the search function appears to be case sensitive—often returning no cases if you search lowercase “ind” instead of capital “IND”— and sometimes returning no results unless you include the defendant number at the end of the indictment number (*e.g.*, /001 or /002).

This issue is particularly problematic for both the court and our office when we need to file post-conviction motions. We must first determine whether the case is already on NYSCEF and, if so, file directly to that case. If not, we must initiate the conversion process. We have already encountered several circumstances where an attorney has searched for a case, not found it on NYSCEF, and attempted to convert the case to an electronic filing, only to find out from the clerk that the case is already on NYSCEF. It simply did not appear in the search results due to the rigidity of the current search function.

While seemingly small, such a change would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the platform, saving time for the court as well as the litigants.

*iv. Appellate Record Collection*

Finally, as NYSCEF expands to the trial court level, we urge OCA to consider how the record on appeal will be collected and provided to institutional appellate providers. As a general matter, though the process varies slightly among the counties, the court file is collected by the clerks and furnished to the institutional providers either in electronic or hard-copy form.

With the advent of trial-level filings through EDDS during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have found that, in some counties, the clerks are not including those electronic filings in the court file, leaving both providers and the appellate courts with incomplete records. Based on discussions with court clerks, we understand that it is difficult for them to obtain the necessary filings unless they

have the exact filing date and then they must pull the filings individually, which is of course extremely burdensome and time-consuming.

So as not to replicate that issue with NYSCEF, we suggest that OCA develop functionality within NYSCEF to allow the courts or the appellate providers to download all filings and decisions in a given case with the click of a button as has been implemented in other states.

In the interim, we ask that OCA confer with the clerks to create a system that ensures the record on appeal will be provided to institutional providers in its entirety, regardless of whether documents are filed in paper, via EDDS, or on NYSCEF.

### Conclusion

Given the effectiveness of NYSCEF and its benefits to both the courts and the litigants, we would enthusiastically welcome the adoption of NYSCEF in the Appellate Division, Second Department, as well as the Appellate Terms that cover New York City. We hope that, while doing so, OCA will consider our feedback and implement critical improvements. We appreciate the opportunity to comment and eagerly await the opportunity for additional conversations.

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When I access the NYSEF website, under “My Cases”, there are now scores of cases listed – some of which carry 2012 index numbers and have been closed for more than 10 years.

Does the NYSEF system have a way to remove a case from the “My Cases” list? If so, I don’t see where the procedure is described anyway. [I once called the Toll Free number and was told that there was no way that an old case can be removed.] If not, can a procedure be implemented?

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