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Mandatory eFiling for 2021 in Criminal Cases in Superior Court

PHOENIX – Beginning January 4, 2021, the Arizona Supreme Court will require attorneys to electronically file in superior court criminal cases in 13 of Arizona's 15 counties. Criminal cases will continue to be initiated on paper by prosecuting agencies, but all documents subsequently filed by attorneys must be filed electronically. Self-represented parties may file on paper or electronically through eFileAZ: https://efile.azcourts.gov/.

The Superior Court in Maricopa and Pima Counties currently have local practices that will continue, outside the January 4 mandates for the other 13 counties. For Maricopa County criminal eFiling information, see http://efiling.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov/eFileUsersManualCriminal.pdf. Pima County uses the eFileAZ system for criminal eFiling, but mandated eFiling in criminal cases will take place in Pima County later in 2021.

The criminal eFiling mandate is described in Arizona Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-176. That order states that procedural requirements for eFiling in criminal cases will follow those described in Administrative Order 2020-125. eFiling will take place through the eFileAZ platform. For information on how to use the eFileAZ system, including "How to" instructions and videos, visit: https://www.azcourts.gov/efilinginformation/Training. For online training, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/o/arizona-supreme-court-administrative-office-of-the-courts-6860891393. Filers may also contact the Administrative Office of the Courts' Support Center at 602-452-3519 or 800-720-7743.

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