

NOTICE TO THE BAR
TAX COURT TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC FILINGS

Effective immediately, attorneys are able to file documents electronically with the Tax Court through the Judiciary's eCourts system and view electronic case jackets for all local property tax matters. In order to file documents electronically and view electronic case jackets attorneys must first register with the Administrative Office of the Courts. Instructions on registration and using eCourts are available at njcourts.com/ecourts.

Effective immediately and until further order, the attached Supreme Court January 21, 2015 Order supplements and relaxes the New Jersey Rules of Court as they relate to the filing of any document through the electronic filing system for the Tax Court of New Jersey.

Except as otherwise provided in this Order, the provisions of the Rules of Court that are applicable to matters filed in the Tax Court shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated: 2/12/2015



Cheryl A. Ryan
Tax Court Clerk/Administrator

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rule 1:32-2A Electronic Court Systems, Electronic Records, Electronic Signatures, the Judiciary has developed an approved system for the purpose of electronic filing in the Tax Court of New Jersey;

IT IS ORDERED pursuant to N.J. Const. (1947), Art. VI, §2, par. 3, that effective immediately and until further order, the following New Jersey Rules of Court are supplemented and relaxed as they relate to the filing of any document through the use of the electronic filing system for the Tax Court of New Jersey:

1. Rule 1:4-9 (“Size, Weight and Format of Filed Papers”) so as to permit attorneys to file all Tax Court pleadings and other papers in an electronic format prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts that will produce, as needed, printed paper copies that meet the requirements of the rule.
2. Rule 1:5-6(c) (“Filing – Nonconforming Papers”) so as to permit the Tax Court Clerk to reject a document submitted for filing electronically if the document is not presented in accordance with the standards for filing prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts, and to permit the Tax Court Clerk to transmit information concerning that rejection for filing to the submitting attorney by electronic means.
3. Rule 1:6-2 (“Form of Motion; Hearing”) so as to permit attorneys to file, in electronic form, proofs of service of notice of motion as well as any other motion information prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts when the moving papers are filed electronically.
4. Rule 1:13-4 (“Transfer of Actions”) so as to provide that the papers filed in the incorrect forum and transferred to another court or agency may be printed paper copies of the documents that have been filed electronically.
5. Rule 1:37-2 (“Seal of Courts”) so as to permit the printed reproduction of the Tax Court’s seal on all papers required by the Rules of Court to contain a seal.
6. R. 4:3-4 (“Transfer and Removal of Actions”) so as to provide that the papers transferred to another court may be printed paper copies of the documents that have been filed electronically.
7. Rule 4:4-7 (“Return [of Service]”) so as to permit attorneys to file proofs of service in electronic form.

8. Rule 4:42-1(e) (“Form; Settlement – Submission and Filing of Orders and Judgments”) so as to permit judges to affix electronically a facsimile of the judge’s signature to an order or judgment, to permit the submission of the form of order or judgment electronically by an attorney, and to require the submission of only the original of the form of order or judgment if it is filed electronically. This rule is further relaxed and supplemented so as to dispense with the requirement that a self-addressed, stamped envelope be submitted by the attorney or party submitting the form of order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that consistent with the provisions of Rule 1:32-2A and in furtherance of the electronic filing system for the Tax Court of New Jersey, the Part VIII Rules are relaxed and supplemented as set forth below:

1. To permit the filing of all pleadings and other papers in an electronic format prescribed by the Administrative Director of the Courts.
2. To permit service of process in an electronic format using an approved electronic filing system pursuant to R. 1:32-2A(a) where that electronic filing system records that an automated notice of filing has been generated and transmitted.
3. That pursuant to R. 1:32-2A(c) an electronic signature shall have the same force and effect as an original handwritten signature.
4. To permit the Tax Court to issue notifications, orders, judgments and other documents in an electronic format using an approved electronic filing system pursuant to R. 1:32-2A(a).

For the Court



Chief Justice

Dated: January 21, 2015