

Trial Court E-Filing

Information Technology
Advisory Committee (ITAC)

E-Filing Workstream



JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA







Our Charge

- Explore e-filing alternatives for California trial courts.
- Recommend an implementation approach.
- Develop/Implement a solution.

The Workstream

- Contra Costa
- Los Angeles
- Monterey
- Orange
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Joaquin
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Judicial Council Staff

E-Filing at 50,000 Feet

Filer	EFSP	EFM	Court
<p>Lawyer, para-legal, self-represented litigant, government agency, etc.</p>	<p>E-filing Service Provider (EFSP)</p>	<p>E-filing Manager (EFM)</p>	<p>Case Management, Document Management</p>
			
<p>Initiates the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data entry - Document upload - Commit to pay 	<p>Helps gather data, documents and money to complete an e-filing transaction; trains and provides support to filer.</p>	<p>Organizes filings for clerical review. Prepares data for CMS and documents for DMS.</p>	<p>Accept/Reject. Store data in CMS. Store document in DMS. Settle charges.</p>



E-Filing Options

- ✓ Statewide / Vendor Solution
 - Statewide JCC Solution
 - Local Trial Court Solution



Recommendations

E-Filing Statewide Policies

1. Establish NIEM/ECF as California E-Filing technical standard.
2. (a) Allow individual courts to retain authority as to which e-filing manager (EFM) they will use.
(b) Select more than one statewide EFM.



Recommendations

3. High-level Functional Requirements

- (a) Support all case types.
- (b) Integrate with core four statewide case management systems (CMS).
- (c) Describe an approach for “non-standard” CMSs, including a free-standing e-delivery option.



Recommendations (cont'd)

- (d) Integrate with Judicial Council approved financial gateway vendors, if directed.
- (e) Multiple electronic payment types.
- (f) Zero cost e-filing option for indigent and government filers.



Recommendations (cont'd)

- (g) Clearly disclose all costs and services to the e-filing service provider (EFSP) community.
- (h) Support electronic service of court generated documents.
- (i) EFSPs must integrate with all "statewide" EFMs in all participating counties.



Recommendations (cont'd)

4. Direct ITAC to manage the vendor selection process for a statewide trial court e-filing solution.



Questions?

