



# **Firm and Criminal Filing Filer User Guide**

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated release number to match the current software release</li> <li>• Added browser support for Microsoft® Edge® to the “System Requirements” section</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.7	Seventh	December 2020	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added a note to the envelope details section regarding newly-added parties for subsequent filings</li> <li>• Added a note in all existing case topics indicating that the <b>Add Party</b> button is configurable for subsequent filings</li> <li>• Added a new screen shot for the <i>File into Existing Case</i> window when the <b>Party Name</b> search option is not displayed. Information was added to the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Orientation</li> <li>– Dashboard Page</li> <li>– Filing into an Existing Case from the Case Search Page</li> <li>– Filing into an Existing Case from the Dashboard Page</li> <li>– Filing into a Non-Indexed Case</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Added a section describing the new Zendesk Help icon</li> <li>• Changed the document numbering to reflect new standards</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.8	Eighth	December 2020	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the screen shot for the <i>Reports</i> page</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added the document security option to the “Creating a Service Only Filing” topic</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.9	Ninth	February 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added information regarding the new <i>Start Filing</i> page</li> <li>Added information about the new Mail Service fees</li> <li>Added information about tracking certified mail for a filing on the <i>Envelope Details</i> page</li> <li>Updated the Service Contacts section to include information about the service method drop-down list on the <i>Service</i> page</li> <li>Updated the “Creating a Service Only Filing” topic</li> <li>Updated the “Filing into an Existing Case from the Dashboard Page” topic</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.10	Tenth	March 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reordered chapters to better represent normal usage during a case filing</li> <li>Updated the <i>Upload Documents</i> page to include all document types that are now supported for uploading</li> <li>Added the case level address feature</li> <li>Revised the “Viewing the Envelope Details” topic</li> <li>Created separate topic for viewing mail service fees in the envelope details</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.11	Eleventh	May 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added bulk filing to this release</li> <li>Added the ability to add a service contact that is not associated with any party</li> </ul>

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			<p>on the case to an initial filing</p>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.12	Twelfth	July 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added the vacation letter (or leave of absence) feature</li> <li>• Added the capability to collect additional data on the <i>Case Information</i> page. The data that is collected is then transferred to forms used in civil and family cases.</li> <li>• Added the Service of Process feature. The data that is collected is then transferred to forms used in civil and family cases.</li> <li>• Updated the case search sections to include the use of the ENTER button for case searches</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.13	Thirteenth	October 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Documents</b> tab has been changed to the <b>Preload Documents</b> tab.</li> <li>• The Upload Documents pane on the <i>Filings</i> page has been changed to the Documents pane. The <b>Add Documents</b> button in the Documents pane has been changed to the <b>Select Documents</b> button.</li> <li>• The <i>Envelope Submitting</i> window has been added at the end of the filing process. After filers click the <b>Submit</b> button, the <i>Envelope Submitting</i> window is displayed with three options for the filer's next step. The options include the following: return to the <i>Dashboard</i> page, view the receipt, or start a new envelope.</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.14	Fourteenth	November 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added the ability to view service contact history</li> <li>• Added the ability to view the case judicial officer from specified pages in the application</li> <li>• Added the ability to search and filter specified drop-down menus</li> <li>• Updated the Support and Feedback sections</li> <li>• Added the ability to view the Return Date and Out of State indicator in the envelope details</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.15	Fifteenth	November 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated the “Redaction” chapter to include the addition of the transactional redaction feature</li> <li>• Updated the <i>Filings</i> page sections to include the required optional services feature</li> <li>• Added descriptions of the additional fields on the <i>Parties</i> page in the <b>Additional Identifiers</b> tab</li> <li>• Added a section for the new keyboard shortcuts, available through the <b>Help</b> drop-down list</li> <li>• Updated the “Support and Feedback” chapter to include the revised <b>Help</b> drop-down list</li> <li>• Added the “Manage Account” chapter</li> <li>• Revised “Changing the User Password” and moved the section to the “Manage Account” chapter</li> <li>• Added a description of the new <i>Profile</i> page</li> <li>• Added a description of the new <i>Email Notifications</i> page</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised the “Signing Out” section</li> <li>• Removed <b>Account Settings</b> from the Dashboard menu. Also removed the <b>Account Settings</b> description from the “Orientation” section.</li> <li>• Added a chapter to describe how to access re: Search from Odyssey File &amp; Serve</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.16	Sixteenth	December 2021	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removed the <i>Preload Documents</i> page and replaced all screen shots where the <b>Preload Documents</b> tab was previously displayed</li> <li>• Replaced the <i>Start Filing</i> page throughout the document, reflecting the removal of the <b>Location</b> drop-down list</li> <li>• On the <i>Filings</i> page, changed the Documents pane to the Upload Documents pane. Also changed “Component” to “Type” in the Upload Documents pane headers</li> <li>• Replaced screen shots to reflect the new page headers for the following pages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Change Password</li> <li>– Profile</li> <li>– Email Notifications</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reordered some of the sections in the “Case Information” chapter</li> <li>• Removed the “Uploading Documents for a New Case Filing” section</li> <li>• Removed the “Uploading Documents for a Bulk Filing” section</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed the Unused Documents message from the <i>Summary</i> page</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.17	Seventeenth	January 2022	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changed the <i>Start Filing</i> page throughout the document</li> <li>Added envelope-level information to the <i>Case Information</i> page, the <i>Summary</i> page, and the envelope details</li> <li>Updated the “File into an Existing Case” chapter</li> <li>Removed the topic “Filing into an Existing Case from the Case Search Page” and included the information in other topics</li> <li>Updated screen shots to reflect the addition of the <b>Filter</b> option on the <i>Templates</i> pages</li> <li>Changed the example screen shot of the public service contacts list to show the addition of the firm name associated with each service contact</li> </ul>
ESO-FS-200-4495 v.18	Eighteenth	June 2022	<p>The following changes were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated all screen shots to reflect the new user interface</li> <li>Revised steps in applicable sections to reflect changes to the filing flow</li> <li>Added information about adding the current filer as a service contact in a case filing</li> <li>Added information on the Merge Document feature</li> </ul>

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## About This Guide

The purpose of this user guide is to provide users with details on how to use a product or a feature or functionality within the product.

User guides may include the following elements:

- User interface (dialog boxes and pages)
- Reports
- Tools

### Audience

This document is intended for the following personas:

- Clients
- Tyler Client Services





### Documentation Conventions

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Text Style	Description	Example
<b>Bold</b>	Shorthand notation for a menu, menu item, optional cascading menu, or selected tab  Objects to click or select, including buttons, check boxes, options in a drop-down list, elements, fields, and section header name	On the Main Menu, click <b>Tools</b> → <b>Options</b> → <b>Forms</b> .  Click <b>License Key Editor</b> .
Fixed-Width	User interface (UI) input typed exactly as shown  Server names, file names, path names, application programming interface (API) names, XML settings in configuration files, databases, command names, system calls, and data structures and types	Type the value <code>Boston</code> in the <b>City</b> field.  Run the <code>tables.sql</code> script for the <code>jcpBasketB</code> database.
<i>Italics</i>	Page and dialog box names  Document titles  Variable data to be replaced by an appropriate value	Return to the <i>Home</i> page.  Refer to the <i>Navigation Guide</i> .  Type the <i>filename</i> .
“Quotation marks”	Chapter within a document  Rights on a role  Job tasks within a job definition	Refer to the “Logic Rules” chapter.  Feature requires the “Print the Event Listing Report” right.

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	<b>Note</b>	Notes provide extra details about a topic or step.
	<b>Caution</b>	Caution messages indicate that a specific action could cause an error in the system.
	<b>Warning</b>	Warning messages indicate that a specific action could cause an interruption of service.
	<b>Danger</b>	Danger messages indicate that a specific action could damage the database infrastructure or hardware.





# 1 System Overview

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Capabilities
- ◆ Release 2022.2, 2022.3, 2022.4, and 2022.5 Enhancements

The Odyssey® File & Serve™ application enables registered users to file documents with the court anytime, anywhere, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This highly automated, scalable system provides clients the opportunity to transition from an inefficient, paper-based process to a streamlined, technology-based electronic filing (e-filing) system.

## Capabilities

The File & Serve functionality allows filers to do the following:

- Create and submit filings at any time
- Check the status of draft filings, as well as filings that are stored in the filing history
- Search for a case that was previously submitted
- File into an existing case to create a subsequent filing
- Bookmark a case to return to it at a later time
- Create and save a template that you can use to quickly create future filings
- Create and store payment accounts for use in your future filings
- Create and manage service contacts for use in your future filings
- Generate reports for a specified time frame and export them to a Microsoft Excel file, which you can then download

## Release 2022.2, 2022.3, 2022.4, and 2022.5 Enhancements

The following enhancements have been made to File & Serve for Release 2022.2, 2022.3, 2022.4, and 2022.5.

Feature/Update	Description/Location in Document
The user interface for File & Serve has been changed.	Throughout the document, all screen shots for the application have been replaced.
The filing flow has been changed to improve the user experience when the user is creating a case filing.	Throughout the document, the steps in procedures have been changed to reflect changes in the filing flow.
The ability to add the current filer as a service contact in a case filing has been added.	<a href="#">Adding Yourself as a Service Contact to a Filing, page 146</a>
The Merge Document feature has been added.	<a href="#">Merging Documents for File Upload in a Case Filing, page 60</a>

# 2 Before You Begin

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ System Requirements and Recommendations
- ◆ Page Navigation
- ◆ Keyboard Shortcuts
- ◆ Drop-Down Lists
- ◆ Error Messages
- ◆ Orientation

This guide is intended for firm users.

### Firm Users

Only Firm Administrators can add and manage firm users. Contact your Firm Administrator to request any changes.

### Payment Accounts

Only Firm Administrators can add and manage payment accounts. Contact your Firm Administrator to request any changes.

### Attorneys

Only Firm Administrators can add and manage firm attorneys. Contact your Firm Administrator to request any changes.

### Setup

Before you begin, review this information to successfully use the software.

**Note:** Depending on your setup, all features may not be available. As a result, your screen may vary from what is shown in this document.

## System Requirements and Recommendations

The system requirements and recommendations are as follows:

- Browser Requirements—The system supports Chrome™; Mozilla® Firefox®; Microsoft® Edge®; or Safari® application programs. If your browser does not meet these minimum requirements, please contact your network administrator.  
**Note:** Internet Explorer® is not a supported browser and may not work as expected.
- Operating Systems—The system supports Microsoft® Windows®, Linux®, Chrome OS™, Android™, iOS, and OS X® desktop class operating system software.
- Minimum Hardware Requirements—The system supports the following hardware:
  - Intel® Core™ Duo processors or Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD) processors manufactured in 2012 or later
  - 2 gigabytes (GB) of random-access memory (RAM)
  - 1366 x 768 resolution screens for desktop computers, or 1280 x 720 resolution screens for mobile devices

- Recommended Hardware—Tyler recommends the following hardware:
  - Intel® Core™ i3 or AMD A6 processors with at least a 2.0 GHz clock speed
  - 4 GB of RAM
  - 1920 x 1080 resolution for both desktop computers and mobile devices
- Connection Recommendation—A high-speed Internet connection is recommended.
- Document Format—The following document formats are supported:
  - Adobe® PDF
  - Adobe TIFF
  - Microsoft Windows Media Video (WMV)
  - Microsoft Word (DOCX, DOC)
  - MPEG (MPG)
  - WordPerfect® (WPD)
  - XML

## Page Navigation

This section describes how to navigate through File & Serve and populate data fields throughout the filing process.

### Using the Mouse

You can use the mouse to move from field to field on a page, as well as to make selections from drop-down lists in a field. When you have completed the required fields on a specified page, you can save your entries and move to the next page by clicking the navigation button in the lower right corner of the page. If you skipped a required field on that page, the system prompts you to enter data in that field before moving to the next page.

### Using the Keyboard

As you complete the pages for your filing, you can navigate from one field to the next by pressing TAB. When you have completed the required fields on a specified page, you can save your entries and move to the next page by pressing TAB after the last field.

## Keyboard Shortcuts

You can access the keyboard shortcuts from the **Help** drop-down list.

To access keyboard shortcuts:

1. Click  in the eFile header.  
The **Help** drop-down list is displayed.

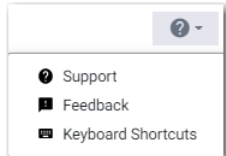


Figure 2.1 – Help Drop-Down List

2. Click **Keyboard Shortcuts**.

The *Keyboard Shortcuts* window is displayed.

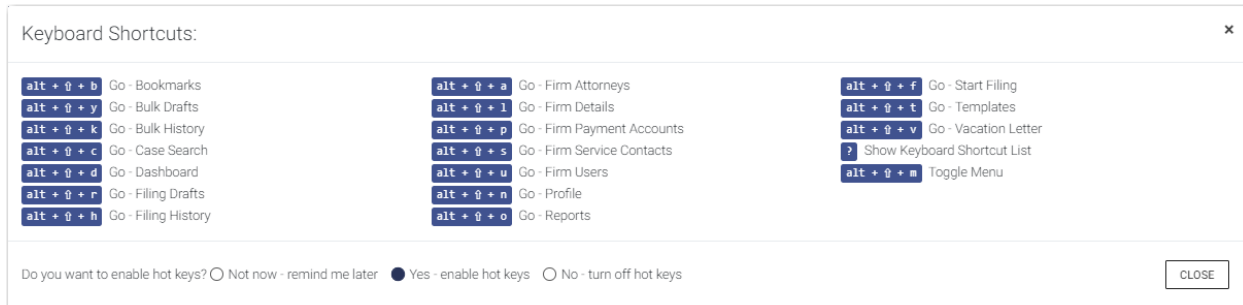


Figure 2.2 – Keyboard Shortcuts Window

3. Select the option that you want. You can turn hot keys on or off, or you can set a reminder to enable the hot keys at a later time.

## Drop-Down Lists

The application allows you to search and filter various drop-down lists to quickly find the selection that you want.

The search function allows you to type the name of the item that you want to locate in the search field. The search function can be used in the following drop-down lists:

- **Court Location** field on the *Case Information* page
- **Location** field on the *Case Search* page
- **Case Category** field
- **Case Type** field
- **Party Type** field
- **Filing Code** field
- **Payment Account** field on the *Fees* page
- **Filing Attorney** field on the *Fees* page

**Note:** The **Filing Attorney** field may not be available for some users.

## Error Messages

File & Serve displays several error messages to alert you when you have not entered required information or you have entered invalid information.

### Enter Data in Required Fields

Required fields are indicated by a red asterisk. If you have not entered information in the required fields, you will receive error messages when you try to advance to the next page.

**Note:** Required fields may vary in different sections.

## Orientation

When you sign in to File & Serve, the *Dashboard* page is displayed. From here, you can select various filing options.

### Dashboard Page

From the *Dashboard* page, you can start a filing, access your filing history, access your draft filings, perform a case search, access the cases you have bookmarked, and access your saved templates.

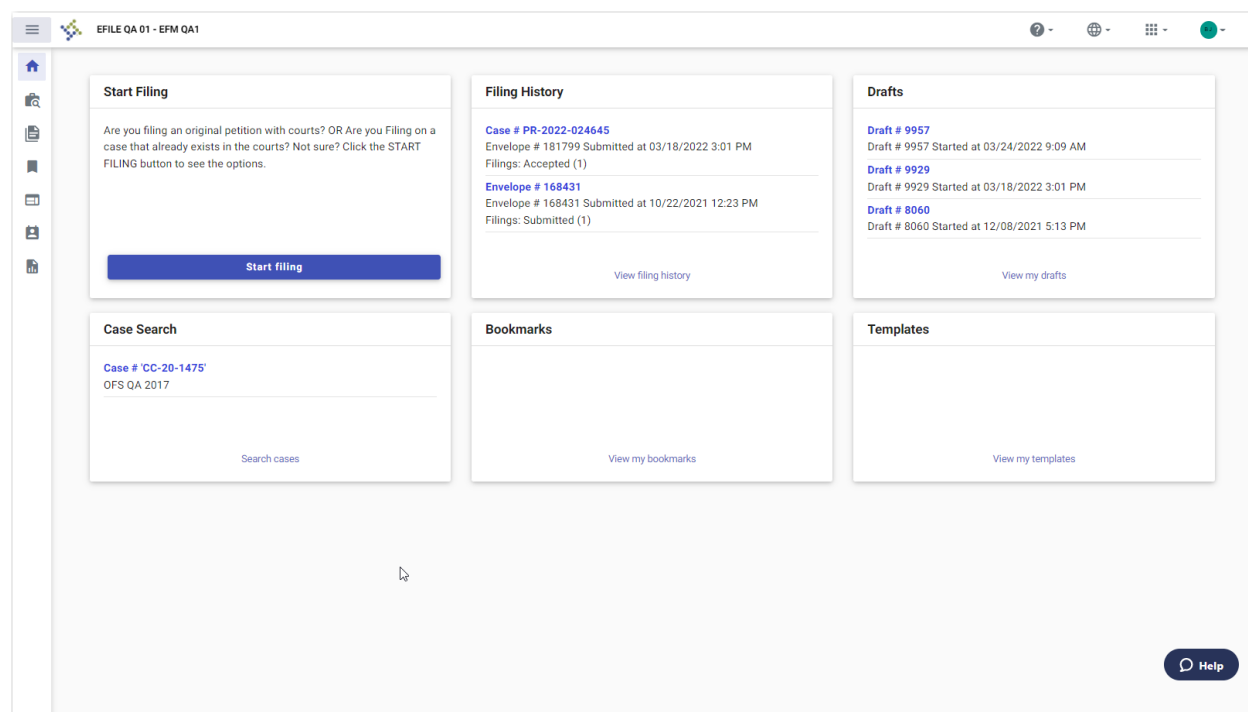


Figure 2.3 – Dashboard Page

### Case Search

On the Dashboard menu, click **Case Search**. From here, you can search for an existing case or file into an existing case. Advanced search features are available if you search by either a party name or a business name.

Figure 2.4 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

**Note:** Your system may be configured to search only by case number. With this optional configuration, the Party Name option is not displayed.

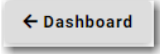
If your search does not produce any results, click  to return to the *Dashboard* page.

Figure 2.5 – Case Search Page with No Search Results Displayed

### Filing History

On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**. From here, you can view your filing history. You can also view the details for a specified case, file into an existing case, or view the service contacts attached to the case.

The screenshot displays the 'Filing History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of filings under 'Filing History' and 'Filing Drafts' tabs. The list includes:

- Envelope # 183760**: Submitted 04/04/2022 3:51 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Status: Submitted, Filing Code: Abstract Of Judgment, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-20-1475**: Julia Reedv.Sam Muir. Envelope # 182443 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:46 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Status: Submitted, Filing Code: Addendum, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Envelope # 182442**: Envelope # 182442 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:45 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Status: UnderReview, Filing Code: Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum), Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Envelope # 182441**: Envelope # 182441 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:40 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Status: UnderReview, Filing Code: Appointment, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-15-1813**: \*\*\*\*\*. Envelope # 182438 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:25 AM on behalf of Tim Andrews by Lauren Groswald. Filing Status: Submitted, Filing Code: Action - Subsequent Only, Filing Type: eFile and Serve.

Each filing entry includes a table with columns for Filing Status, Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, and Client Ref #. Action icons (print, refresh, search, etc.) are available for each entry. A 'Help' button is located at the bottom right of the page.

Figure 2.6 – Filing History Page

### Filing Drafts

On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing Drafts**. From here, you can view a list of your draft filings, resume a draft filing, delete a draft filing, or file into an existing case.

The screenshot displays the 'Filing Drafts' page. On the left is a 'Filing Drafts Filter' sidebar with options for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Draft Number' (Case Number, Draft Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of drafts: Draft # 10047, Draft # 10043, Draft # 10042, Draft # 10027, Draft # 10026, Case # CC-21-3319 (James Smith v. John Doe), Draft # 10017, Draft # 10015, and Draft # 10008. Each draft entry includes a play button, a trash icon, and a menu icon. Below the draft list is a table with the following columns: Filing Status, Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, and Client Ref #. The table contains two rows of draft data. At the bottom right, there is a 'Help' button.

Figure 2.7 – Filing Drafts Page

### Bookmarks

On the Dashboard menu, click **Bookmarks**. From here, you can access the cases that you have bookmarked. You can file into an existing case, view the service contacts attached to the case, file into the case with a template, or remove the bookmark from the case.



The screenshot displays a web interface for managing bookmarks. On the left, there is a 'Bookmark Filter' section with the following fields: 'Case Location' (set to 'Any Location'), 'Case Number' (set to 'Case Number'), and 'Case Description' (set to 'Case Description'). Below these fields are 'Reset' and 'Filter' buttons. The main area shows a list of six bookmarked cases, each with a 'Case #', 'Location', and 'Case Description'. Each case entry includes a set of four icons: a folder, a document, a magnifying glass, and a vertical ellipsis. The cases listed are:

Case #	Location	Case Description
CC-20-1475	OFS QA 2017	Julia Reedv.Sam Muir
CC-21-2477		
CC-21-2479	OFS QA 2017	
CC-21-2499	OFS QA 2017	Henry Ford vs Jane Doe
CC-21-493	OFS QA 2014	Fran Klinv.Henderson and Associates
CV-2021-019900	OFS MockCMS	Henry Doe vs Maria Jones

At the bottom of the list, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' navigation buttons, with '1' highlighted. In the top right corner, it says '6 Result(s) Page 1 of 1'. A 'Help' button is located in the bottom right corner.

Figure 2.8 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

## Templates

On the Dashboard menu, click **Templates**. From here, you can access the templates that you previously created. You can create a new case filing, edit an existing template, copy a template, or delete a template.

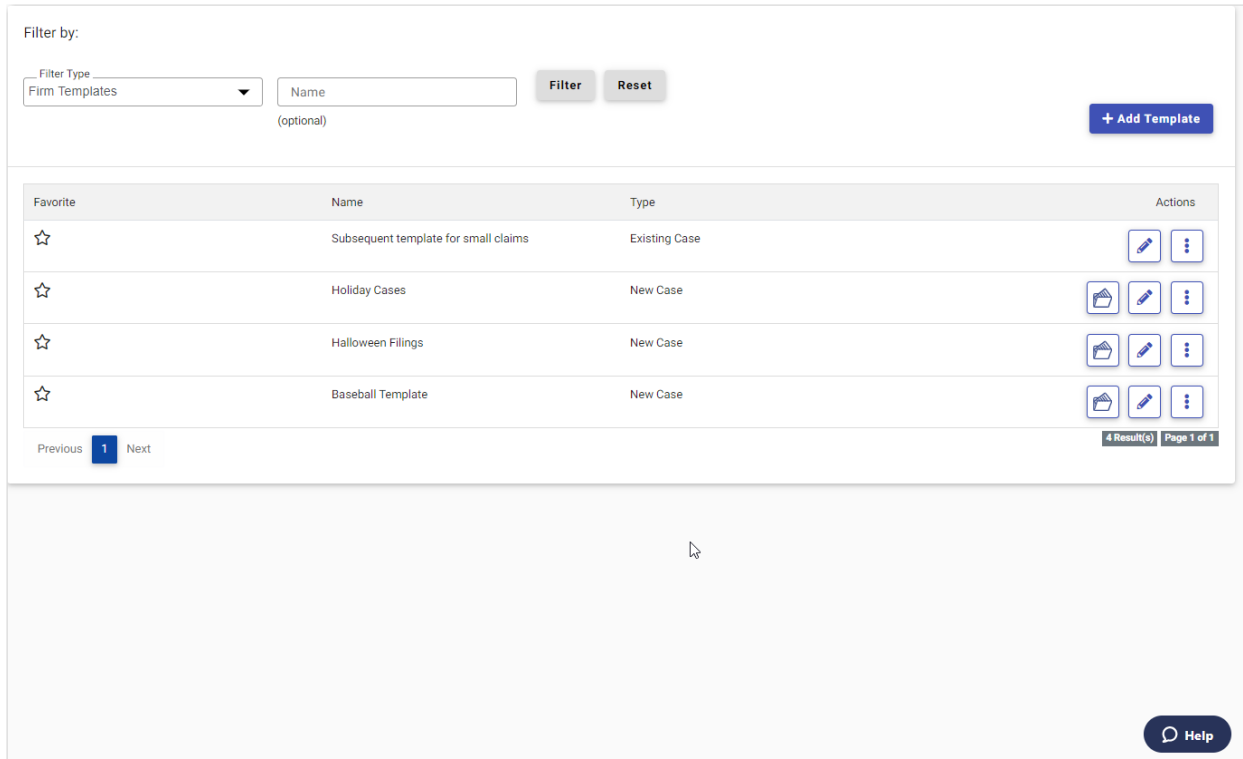


Figure 2.9 – Templates Page

### Firm Service Contacts

On the Dashboard menu, click **Firm Service Contacts**. From here, you can view your firm’s service contacts, add a new service contact, edit an existing service contact, view the attached cases for a specified service contact, or delete a service contact.

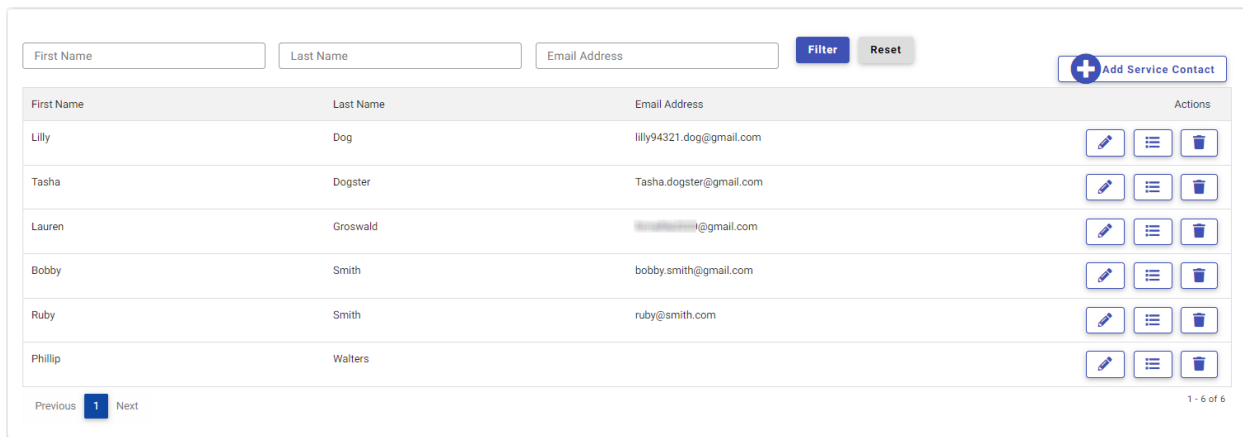


Figure 2.10 – Service Contacts Page

### Reports

On the Dashboard menu, click **Reports**. From here, you can generate a report that can be used to reconcile financial transactions for envelopes and filings that you or a member of your firm submitted.


Reports


Useful when reconciling financial transactions against envelopes submitted during a selectable time frame up to 60 days. \* Provides envelope and filing level information specific to fees. \* Delivered in an Excel spreadsheet to allow for filtering and searching.

Created By  
 My Filings  
 My Firm

Location  
 All **Select**

Status  
 All Statuses  
 Accepted  
 Cancelled  
 Receipted  
 Returned  
 Reviewed  
 Served  
 Submission Failed  
 Submitted

Date From\*    
*Date From is Required.*

Date To\*    
*Date To is Required.*

**Cancel** **Download Report**

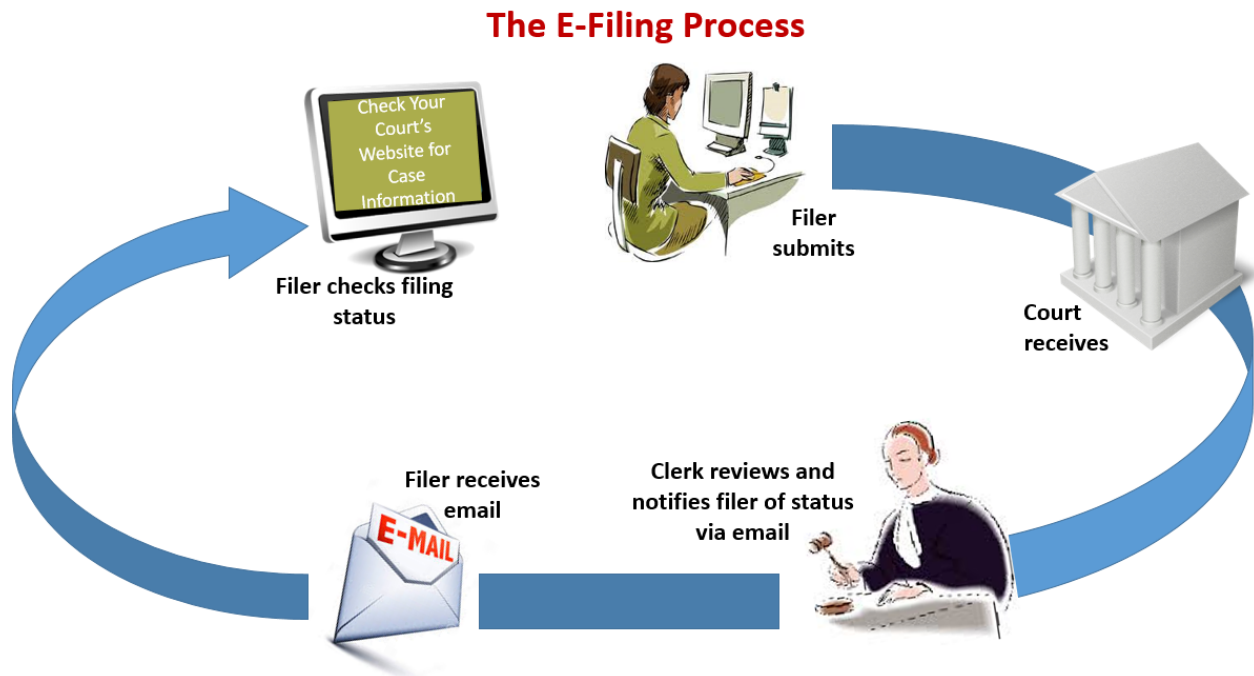
Figure 2.11 – Reports Page

# 3 E-Filing Overview

## Topics covered in this chapter

### ◆ Filing Queue Status

This chapter describes the e-filing process.



**Figure 3.1 – The E-Filing Process**

Once a user has registered to use ® File & Serve™, he or she can electronically submit documents (referred to as “filings”) to the court. When the user submits the filing, the filing is electronically delivered to the clerk’s inbox. The clerk then reviews the filing and either accepts, rejects, or returns the filing.

If the clerk accepts the filing, the case is docketed and set to appear in the clerk’s case management system. The clerk sends an email to the filer with the case status, along with any pertinent information regarding the case. If the option for service was selected during the filing, service is electronically sent to the contacts on the case.

If the filing is rejected, the clerk sends an email to the filer with a reason for the rejection. In addition, a status of Rejected is displayed on the *Filing History* page.

If the filer has questions regarding the filing or the case, it is recommended that the filer contact the local court.

## Filing Queue Status

The filing queue status lets you know where you are in the e-filing process. The filing status key represents the status listed for your filing.

The following filing status key table describes the status associated with each filing type.

**Note: EFO means EFile Only, EFS means EfileAndServe, and SO means Service Only.**

Status	Filing Type	Definition
Draft	EFO, EFS, SO	The filer has entered full or partial filing data, but has not yet submitted the filing.
Submitting	EFO, EFS, SO	The filer has submitted the filing, and all of the data is being verified.
Submitted	EFO, EFS, SO	The filing was submitted successfully and is in the Review Queue, but the clerk has not yet started the review. The filer can cancel one or more filings that are in this status.
Court Processing	EFO, EFS, SO	Some additional action needs to be taken by the court.
Under Review	EFO, EFS	A clerk reviewer has selected a filing from a queue.  <b>Note: Once a filing reaches the Under Review status, it cannot return to the Submitted status. Selecting the End Review option retains the Under Review status and returns the filing to the queue.</b>
Received	EFO, EFS	The filing has been acknowledged by the court as received, but it is not being transmitted to the case management system to become part of the court record. The filing may or may not be part of the proposed order workflow.
Accepted	EFO, EFS	The reviewer has reviewed the filing and accepted it.
Rejected	EFO, EFS	The reviewer has reviewed the filing and rejected it.
Returned	EFO, EFS	The reviewer has reviewed and returned the filing because the filer must take additional action.
Served	SO	Service Only (SO) filings are completed.

Status	Filing Type	Definition
Service Incomplete (Service Only filings)	SO	One or more servings failed; the service was incomplete. Example: The email or domain was rejected.
Canceled	EFO, EFS, SO	The filer has canceled the filing. The filer can cancel only draft and submitted filings.
Submission Failed	EFO, EFS	A file format or billing error has occurred when the filer submitted the filing. Failure specifics are available on the <i>Details</i> page, and the filer is notified of the specifics through email.

# 4 Landing Page

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Registering as a Firm User
- ◆ Resetting a Forgotten Password

The *Landing* page serves as the gateway to File & Serve. From this page, you can register or sign in to File & Serve.

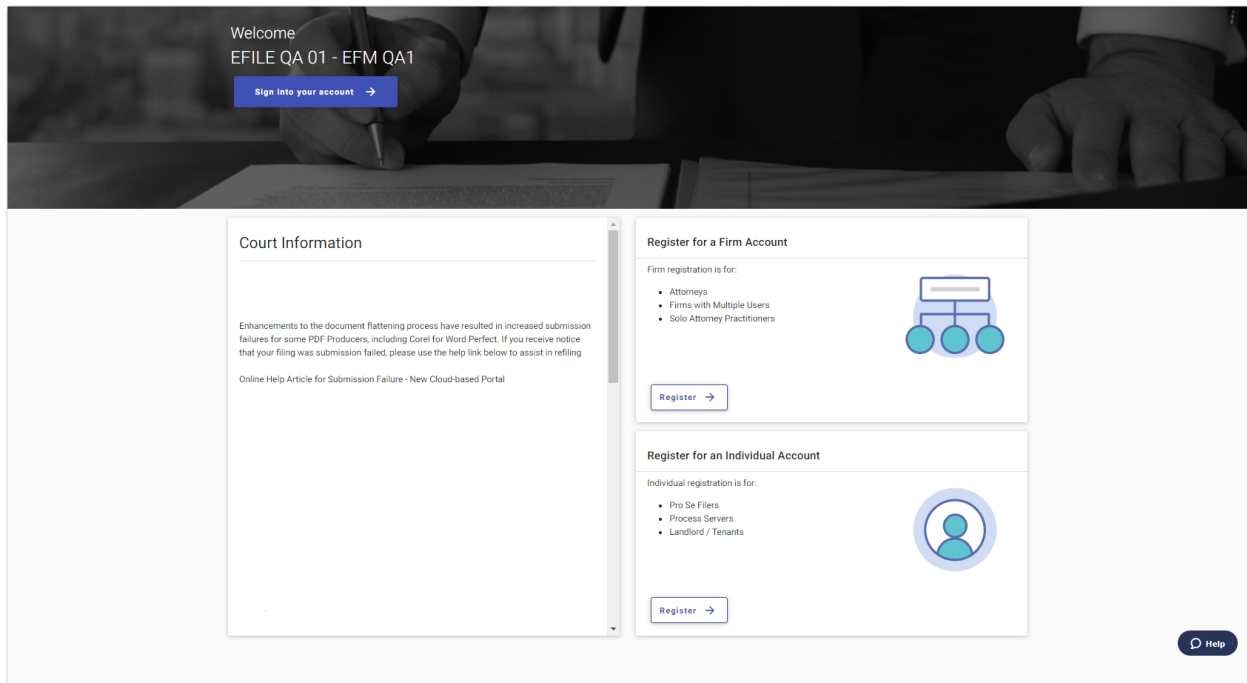


Figure 4.1 – Example of an eFile Landing Page

## Registering as a Firm User

You can register as a firm user after you have been invited to join the firm.

**Note:** If you would like to have an account with File & Serve, contact your Firm Administrator. Your Firm Administrator can invite you to join the firm through an email. Follow the link provided in the email, and then join the firm in File & Serve.

**Note:** There is no fee to sign up for e-filing.

To register as a firm user:

1. Click the **Activate Account** link in the invitation email.

A sign-in page is displayed.

**Note:** If you do not have an invitation email, request one from your Firm Administrator.

2. Type your email address and temporary password on the sign-in page.

A window is displayed, indicating that your account was activated successfully.

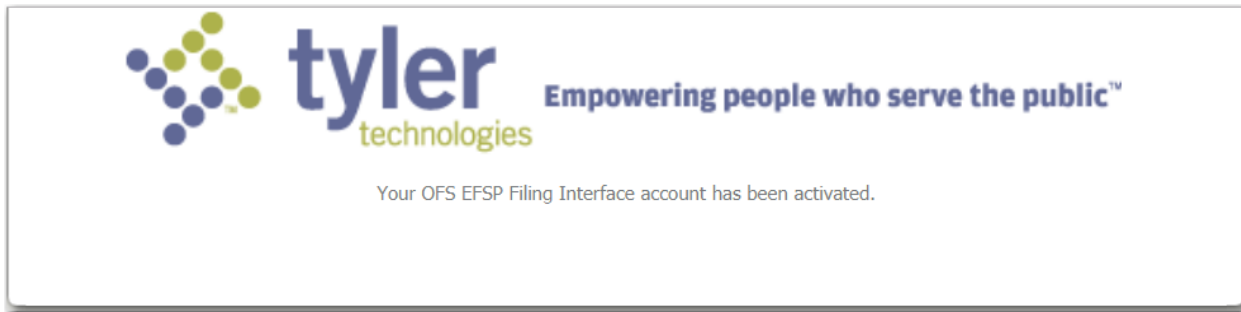



Figure 4.2 – Successful Activation Window

**Note:** Tyler recommends that you change the temporary password to another password that you create. Your password is case sensitive and must be at least eight characters in length with at least one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, and one number or symbol.

## Resetting a Forgotten Password

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it from the *Sign In* page.

To reset your password:

1. On the *Sign In* page, click .

The *Reset Password* window is displayed.

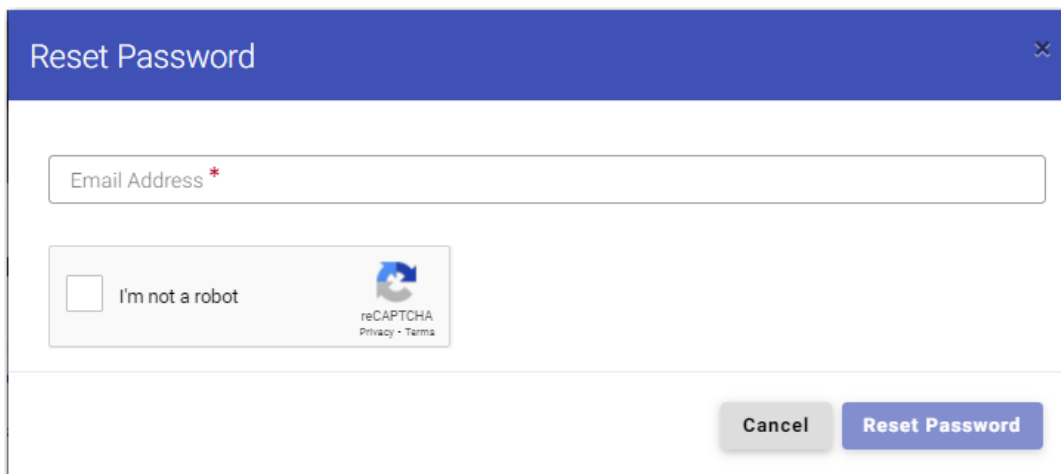


Figure 4.3 – Reset Password Window

2. Type the email address that you provided during the registration process in the **Email Address** field.
3. Select the **I'm not a robot** check box.

A window is displayed from which you must select specified images.

**Note:** Depending on your browser, you may not see the images.



- Click the requested images, and then click

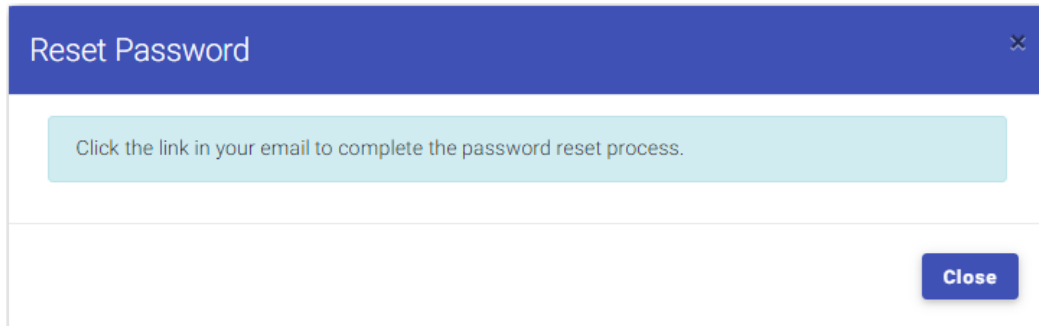


**Note:** If you do not select the correct images, a new window is displayed, from which you can try again.

- After selecting the correct images, click

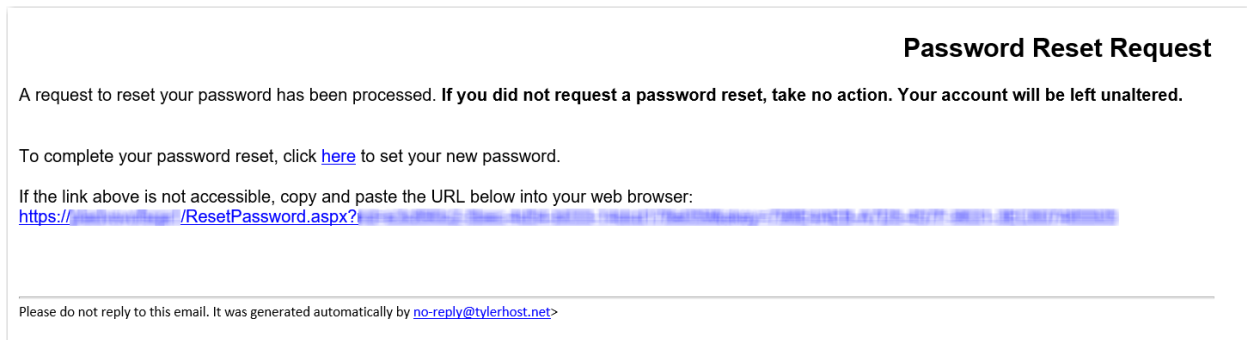


A new *Reset Password* window is displayed, directing you to check your email to complete the password reset process.



**Figure 4.4 – Reset Password Window—Complete Reset Process**

- Check your email inbox.
- Locate the email from File & Serve.



**Figure 4.5 – Example of the Password Reset Request Email**

- Click **here** to reset your password.

You are prompted to create a new password.

- Type a new password in the **New Password** field.

**Note:** Your password is case-sensitive and must be at least eight characters in length with at least one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, and one number or symbol.

- Retype your new password in the **Repeat New Password** field.

- Click **Change Password**.

A confirmation page displays the following message: Your password has been changed successfully.

# 5 Sign In and Sign Out

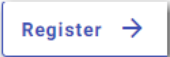
## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Signing In
- ◆ Signing Out

All users are required to sign in to File & Serve to be able to e-file and e-serve documents or to check the status of an existing filing. It is also a best practice for users to sign out after they have completed their transactions.

## Signing In

Sign in to the application by using the email address and password that you provided during the registration process. You must sign in to be able to e-file or e-serve documents.

**Note:** Click  to register if you have not registered before.

To sign in to the application:

1. Navigate to the File & Serve *Landing* page.

2. Click .

3. Type your email address and password (which is case-sensitive).

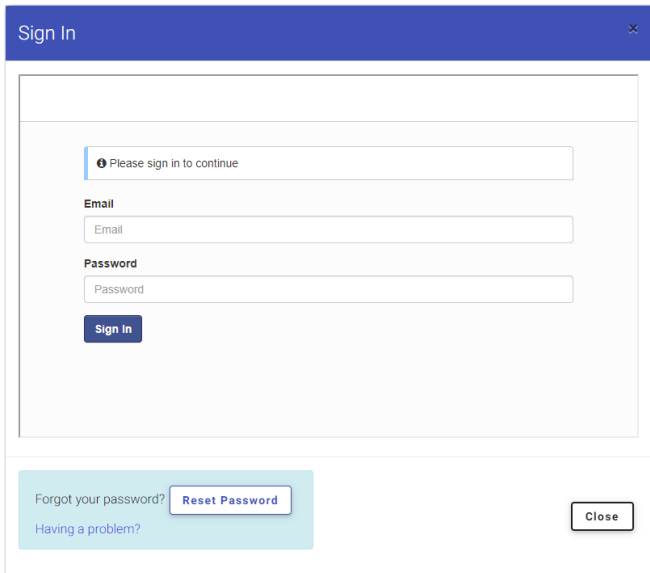


Figure 5.1 – Example of a Sign In Page

4. Click .

**Note:** After you make several failed attempts to sign in to the system, your account is locked. You can unlock your account by clicking [Forgot your password?](#)

Once you have successfully signed in, you can begin to e-file and e-serve documents.

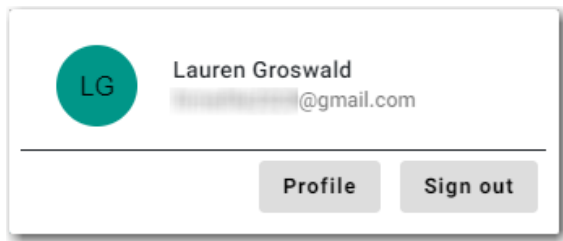
## Signing Out

This section describes how to sign out of File & Serve.

To sign out of the application:

1. Click the drop-down arrow at the top right of the header next to your initials.

The *Manage Account* window is displayed.



**Figure 5.2 – Manage Account Window**

2. Click  .

You are now signed out of the application.

# 6 Manage Account

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Changing Your User Password
- ◆ Updating the User Profile
- ◆ Updating Preferences
- ◆ Selecting Email Notifications

You can manage some of your account settings when you are signed in to File & Serve.

You can perform the following actions:

- Change your password
- Update your user profile
- Update your preferences for the following features:
  - Enabling or disabling hot keys in File & Serve
  - Enabling or disabling the Document Merge feature
- Select your email notifications regarding your case filings

## Changing Your User Password

You can change your password on the *Change Password* page.

To change your password:

1. Click the drop-down arrow at the top right of the header next to your initials.

The *Manage Account* window is displayed.

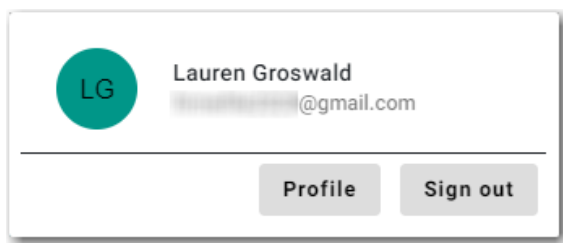


Figure 6.1 – Manage Account Window

2. Click .

The *Profile* page is displayed.

3. Click **Change Password**.

The *Change Password* page is displayed.

The screenshot shows a web interface for changing a password. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four tabs: 'Change Password' (highlighted in blue), 'Profile', 'Preferences', and 'Email Notifications'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled 'Change Password'. It contains three text input fields: 'Old Password \*', 'New Password \*', and 'Re-enter New Password (optional)'. A blue 'Save' button is positioned at the bottom right of the form area.

Figure 6.2 – Change Password Page

4. Type the old password in the **Old Password** field.
5. Type the new password in the **New Password** field.

**Note:** Your password is case-sensitive and must be at least eight characters in length with at least one lowercase letter, one uppercase letter, and one number or symbol.

6. Retype the new password in the **Re-enter New Password** field.

7. Click .

Your password is changed.

## Updating the User Profile

You can update your user profile on the *Profile* page.

To update your user profile:

1. Click the drop-down arrow at the top right of the header next to your initials.

The *Manage Account* window is displayed.

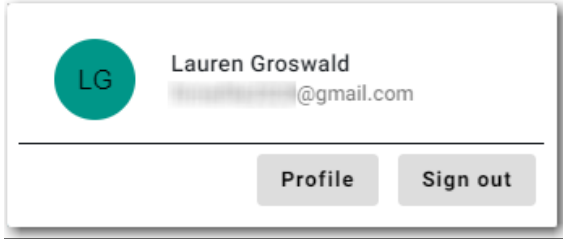


Figure 6.3 – Manage Account Window

2. Click .

The *Profile* page is displayed.

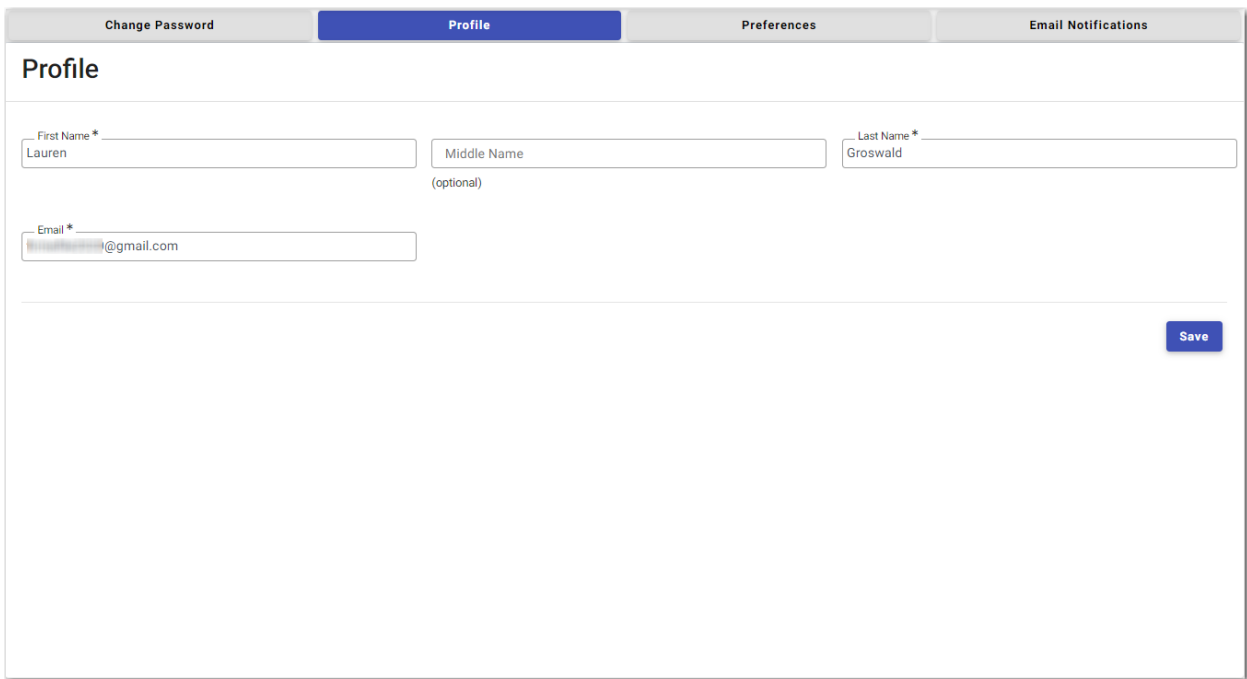



Figure 6.4 – Profile Page

3. Verify that your name is displayed correctly, and make changes, if needed.
4. Verify that your email address is correct, and make changes, if needed.
5. Click .

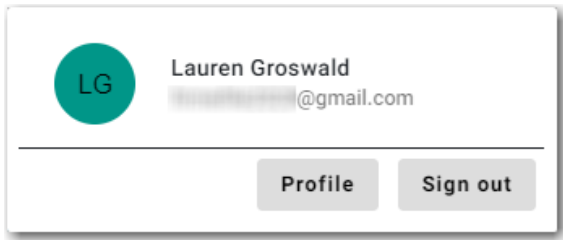
## Updating Preferences

You can update your preferences for Hot Keys and the Document Merge feature on the *Profile* page.

To update your preferences:

1. Click the drop-down arrow at the top right of the header next to your initials.

The *Manage Account* window is displayed.



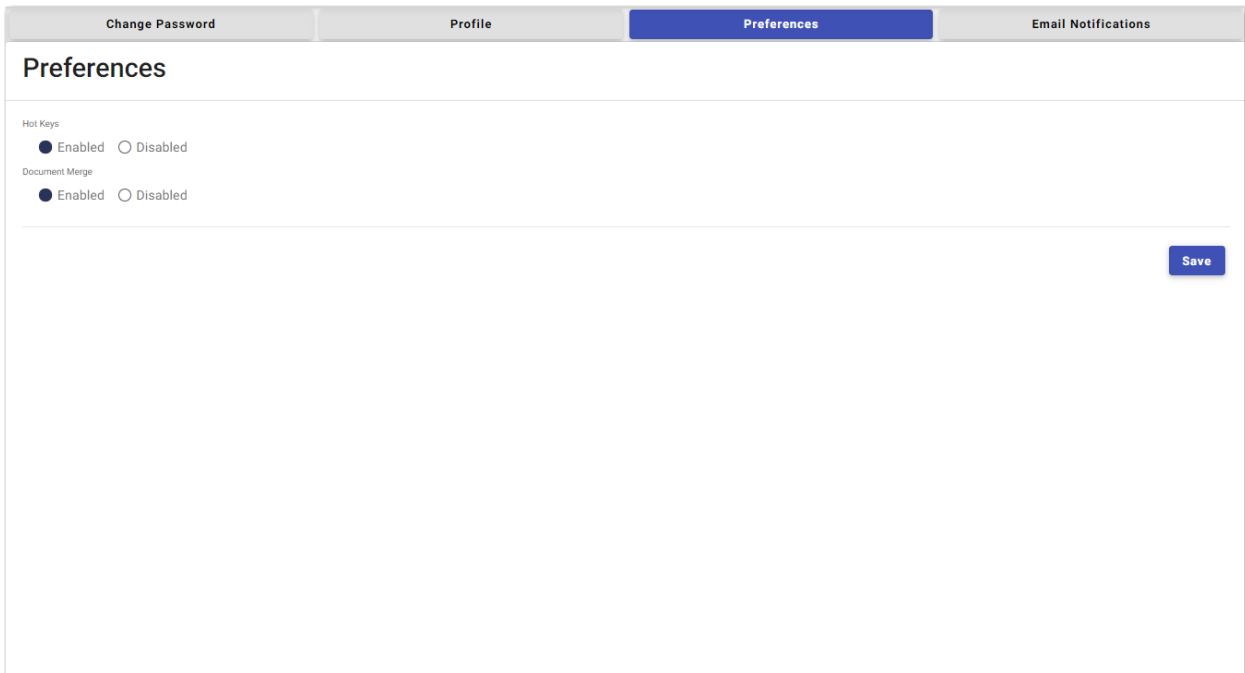
**Figure 6.5 – Manage Account Window**

2. Click  .

The *Profile* page is displayed.

3. Click **Preferences**.

The *Preferences* page is displayed.



**Figure 6.6 – Preferences Page**

4. Select either the **Enabled** option or the **Disabled** option for Hot Keys.
5. Select either the **Enabled** option or the **Disabled** option for the Document Merge feature.

6. Click  .

## Selecting Email Notifications

You can select the email notifications that you want to receive for case filings on the *Email Notifications* page.

To select your email notifications:

1. Click the drop-down arrow at the top right of the header next to your initials.

The *Manage Account* window is displayed.

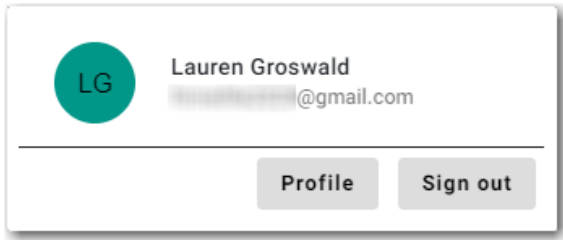


Figure 6.7 – Manage Account Window

2. Click .

The *Profile* page is displayed.

3. Click **Email Notifications**.

The *Email Notifications* page is displayed.

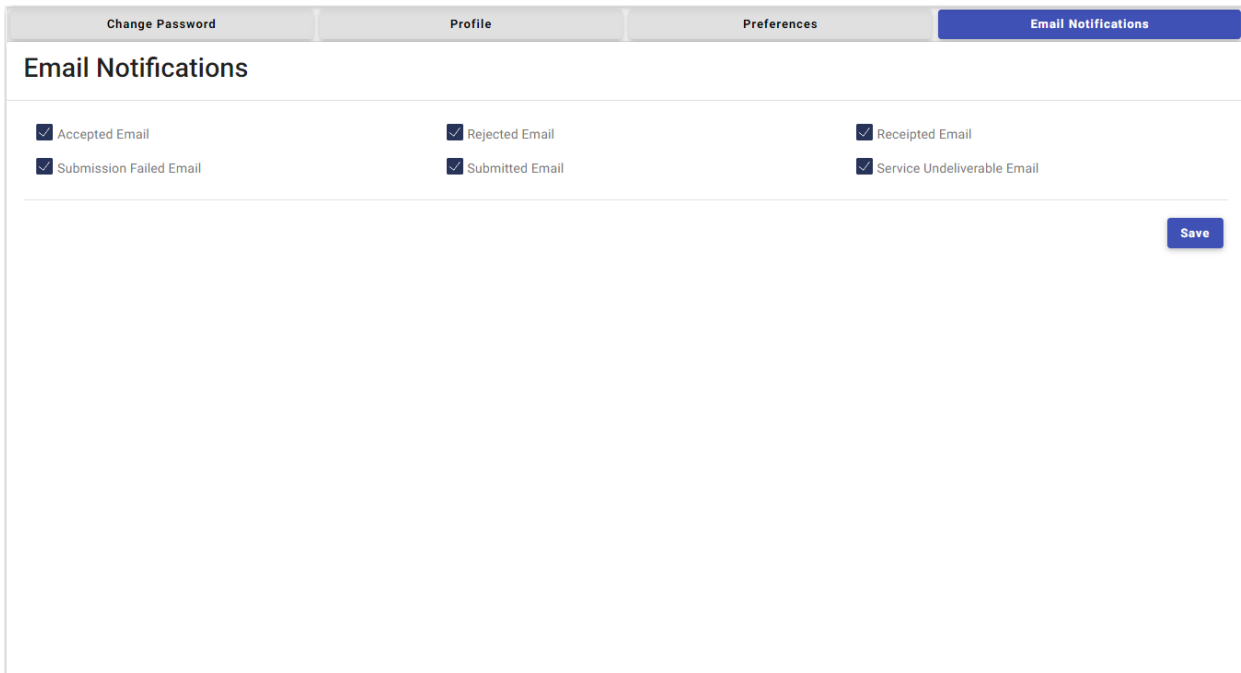


Figure 6.8 – Email Notifications Page

4. Select the check box for each type of email notification that you want to receive for your case filings.



5. Click

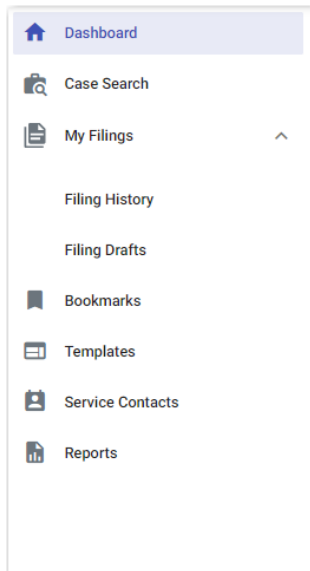


# 7 Dashboard

## Topics covered in this chapter

### ◆ Dashboard Page

The Dashboard provides a drop-down list for firm user actions.



**Figure 7.1 – Dashboard**

From the Dashboard, you can perform the following actions:

- Access the *Dashboard* page to start a filing, perform a case search, view your filing history, view your draft filings, access the cases you have bookmarked, and access the templates you have created.
- File into an existing case on the *Case Search* page.
- Access the *Filing History* page to view a list of your case filings.
- Access the *Filing Drafts* page to view a list of your draft filings.
- Access the *Bookmarks* page to view a list of cases that you have bookmarked for quick access.
- Access the *Templates* page to locate an existing template and quickly begin a new case filing.
- Access the *Firm Service Contacts* page to add and manage the firm's service contacts list.
- Access the *Reports* page to generate reports for envelopes and filings that you or your firm submitted.

# Dashboard Page

From the *Dashboard* page, you can start a filing, perform a case search, view the firm's filing history, view the firm's draft filings, view cases that you or another firm user have bookmarked, and locate an existing template or create a new template to use in a new case filing.

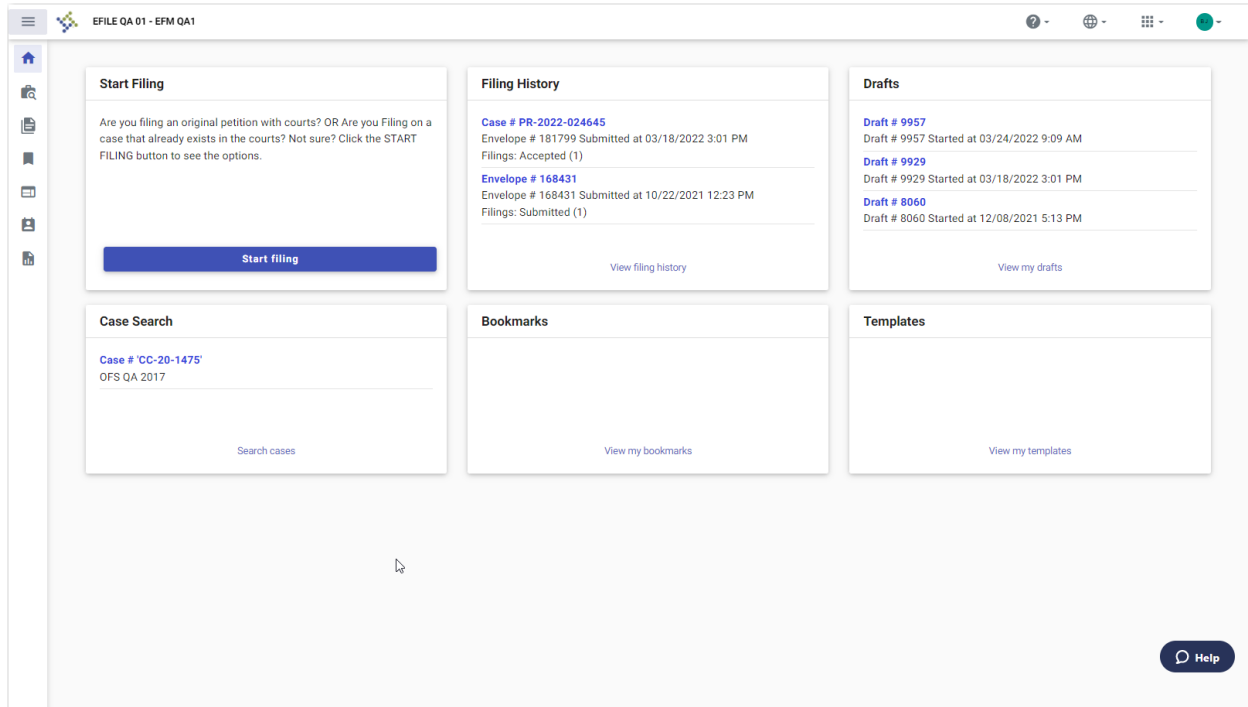
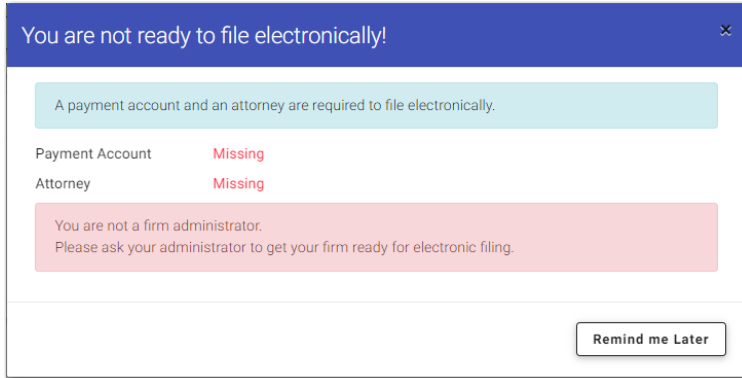


Figure 7.2 – Dashboard Page

## Account Setup

The first time that you access the *Dashboard* page, you may receive a warning message if your Firm Administrator has not yet created payment accounts and a list of attorneys. If you see the warning message, contact your Firm Administrator.

**Note:** You cannot continue with your electronic filing until your Firm Administrator has created payment accounts and a list of attorneys for the firm to use.



**Figure 7.3 – Warning Message**

### Start Filing

Click  to start a new case filing or to file into an existing case.

### Filing History

Click **View Filing History** to access the *Filing History* page. From here, you can view the status of the firm's filings, check the filing type, get a document description, see the number assigned to cases, review the details of cases, view the service contacts attached to a case, and cancel a filing.

Filing History Filter

Created By

My Filings  
 My Firm

Status

All Statuses  
 Accepted  
 Cancelled  
 Received  
 Served  
 Returned  
 Submitted  
 Submitting

Location

Any Location

Case / Envelope Number

Case Number

Envelope Number

Sort By

Newest to Oldest

Date Range

Anytime  
 Last Month  
 Last Week  
 Last Two Days  
 Today  
 Pick a Custom Range

From Date

**Filing History**
**Filing Drafts**
48 Result(s) Page 1 of 3

**Envelope # 183760**

Envelope # 183760 Submitted 04/04/2022 3:51 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		

**Case # CC-20-1475**

Julia Reedv.Sam Muir

Envelope # 182443 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:46 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		

**Envelope # 182442**

Envelope # 182442 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:45 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		

**Envelope # 182441**

Envelope # 182441 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:40 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		

**Case # CC-15-1813**

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Envelope # 182438 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:25 AM on behalf of Tim Andrews by Lauren Groswald

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 7.4 – Filing History Page

### Drafts

Click **View My Drafts** to access the *Filing Drafts* page. From here, you can view the firm's draft filings, resume a filing, or delete a draft filing.

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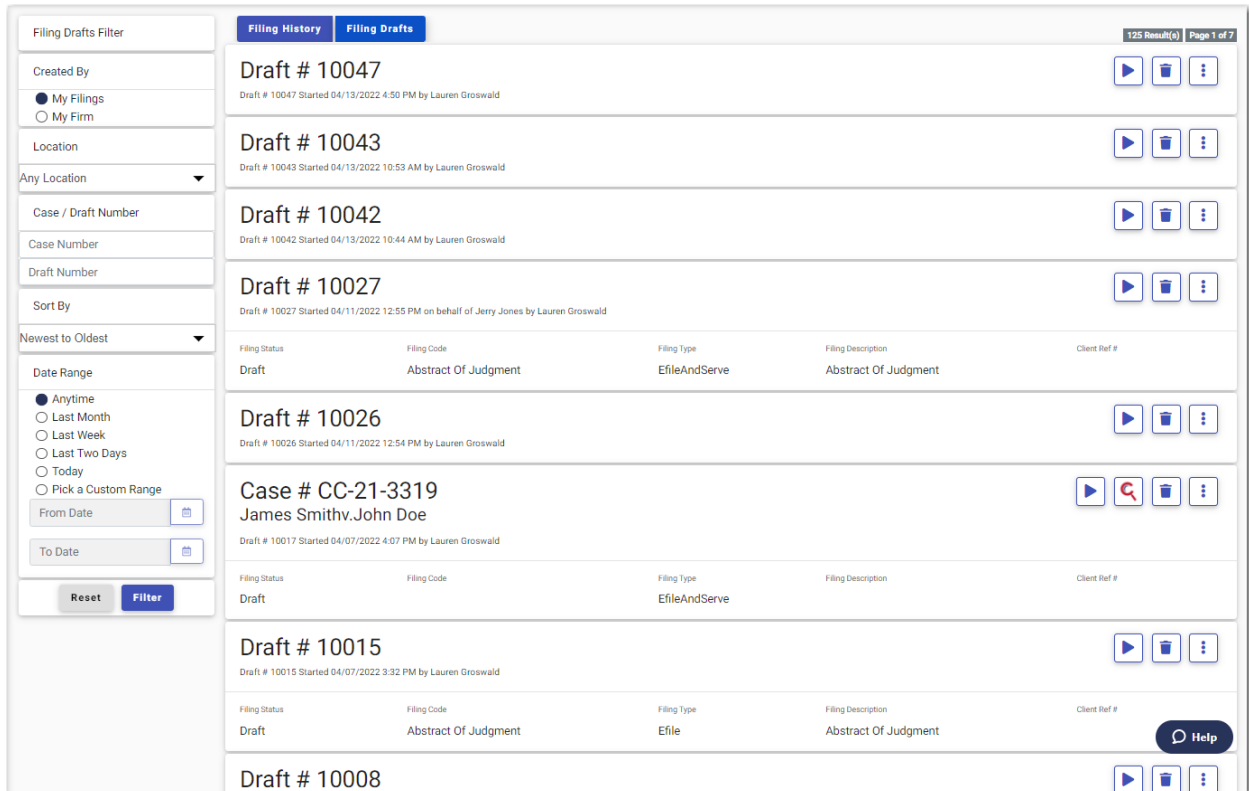


Figure 7.5 – Filing Drafts Page

### Case Search

Click **Search Cases** to search for a case in the system. From here, you can search for an existing case or file into an existing case. Advanced search features are available if you search by either a party name or a business name.

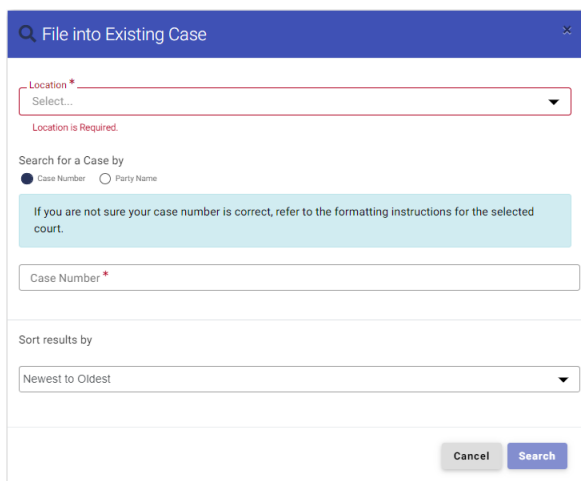



Figure 7.6 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

**Note:** Your system may be configured to search only by case number. With this optional configuration, the Party Name option is not displayed.

If your search does not produce any results, click  to return to the *Dashboard* page.

Location: **OFS MockCMS** Case Number: **CC-22-4567**

No results found. Select 'Refine Search' to change the search criteria.


























[Refine Search](#)

**Figure 7.7 – Case Search Page with No Search Results Displayed**

## Bookmarks

Click **View My Bookmarks** to access a list of cases that you have bookmarked for quick access.

6 Result(s) | Page 1 of 1

Bookmark Filter	Case #	Location	
Case Location	CC-20-1475	OFS QA 2017	   
Any Location	Case Description Julia Reedv.Sam Muir		
Case Number	CC-21-2477	Location	   
Case Description	CC-21-2479	OFS QA 2017	   
Case Description	CC-21-2499	OFS QA 2017	   
	Case Description Henry Ford vs Jane Doe		
<a href="#">Reset</a> <a href="#">Filter</a>	CC-21-493	OFS QA 2014	   
	Case Description Fran Klinv.Henderson and Associates		
	CV-2021-019900	OFS MockCMS	   
	Case Description Henry Doe vs Maria Jones		

Previous 1 Next
6 Result(s) | Page 1 of 1

[Help](#)

**Figure 7.8 – Example of a Bookmarks Page**

## Templates

Click **View My Templates** to locate a template to use in your case filing or to create a new template for future use.

Filter by:

Filter Type: Firm Templates (optional) Name:  Filter Reset + Add Template

Favorite	Name	Type	Actions
☆	Subsequent template for small claims	Existing Case	
☆	Holiday Cases	New Case	
☆	Halloween Filings	New Case	
☆	Baseball Template	New Case	

Previous 1 Next 4 Result(s) Page 1 of 1

Help

Figure 7.9 – Templates Page

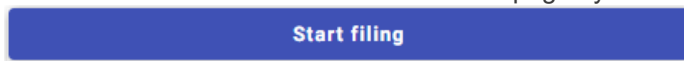


# 8 Case Initiation

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Starting a New Case Filing
- ◆ Entering Case Information (Firm Filer)
- ◆ Entering Case Information (Criminal Filing Filer)
- ◆ Charges Page
- ◆ Adding Envelope Level Comments to a Case Filing
- ◆ Collecting Address Information at the Case Level
- ◆ Entering Case Information for a Civil Case
- ◆ Filing a New Case with Case Cross References
- ◆ Filing a New Case with a Will Filed Date
- ◆ Entering Party Details (Firm Filer)
- ◆ Entering Party Details (Criminal Filing Filer)
- ◆ Entering Date of Death on the Parties Page
- ◆ Entering Filing Details
- ◆ Merging Documents for File Upload in a Case Filing
- ◆ Entering a Filing with an Ad Damnum Amount
- ◆ Entering a Filing with a Motion Type Code
- ◆ Entering a Filing with a Claim Amount
- ◆ Entering a Filing with an Estate Value
- ◆ Entering Payment Information
- ◆ Capability for Filing a Return Date
- ◆ Selecting a Return Date for a Case Filing
- ◆ Reverify the Return Date
- ◆ Reverifying a Return Date
- ◆ Submission Agreements
- ◆ Viewing the Envelope Summary
- ◆ Viewing Case Address Information on the Summary Page
- ◆ View Case Judicial Officer
- ◆ Capability for Hearing Dates
- ◆ Scheduling a Hearing Date for a New Case Filing
- ◆ Scheduling a Hearing for an Existing Case Filing

You can initiate a case from the *Dashboard* page by clicking



. This action begins the case initiation process for e-filing. From here, you can start a new case or file into an existing case.

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

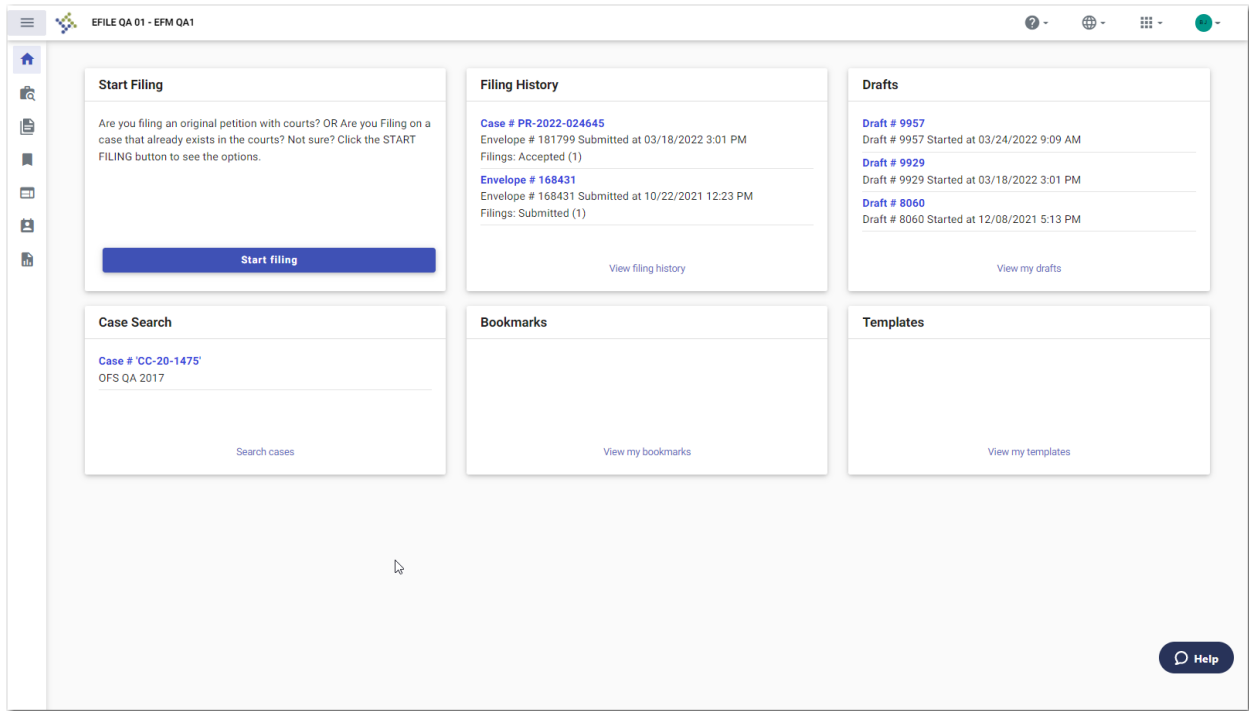


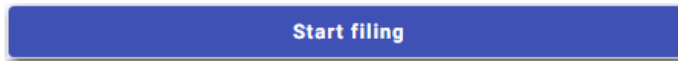
Figure 8.1 – Dashboard Page

## Starting a New Case Filing

Start a new case filing from the *Dashboard* page.

To start a new case filing:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click



The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

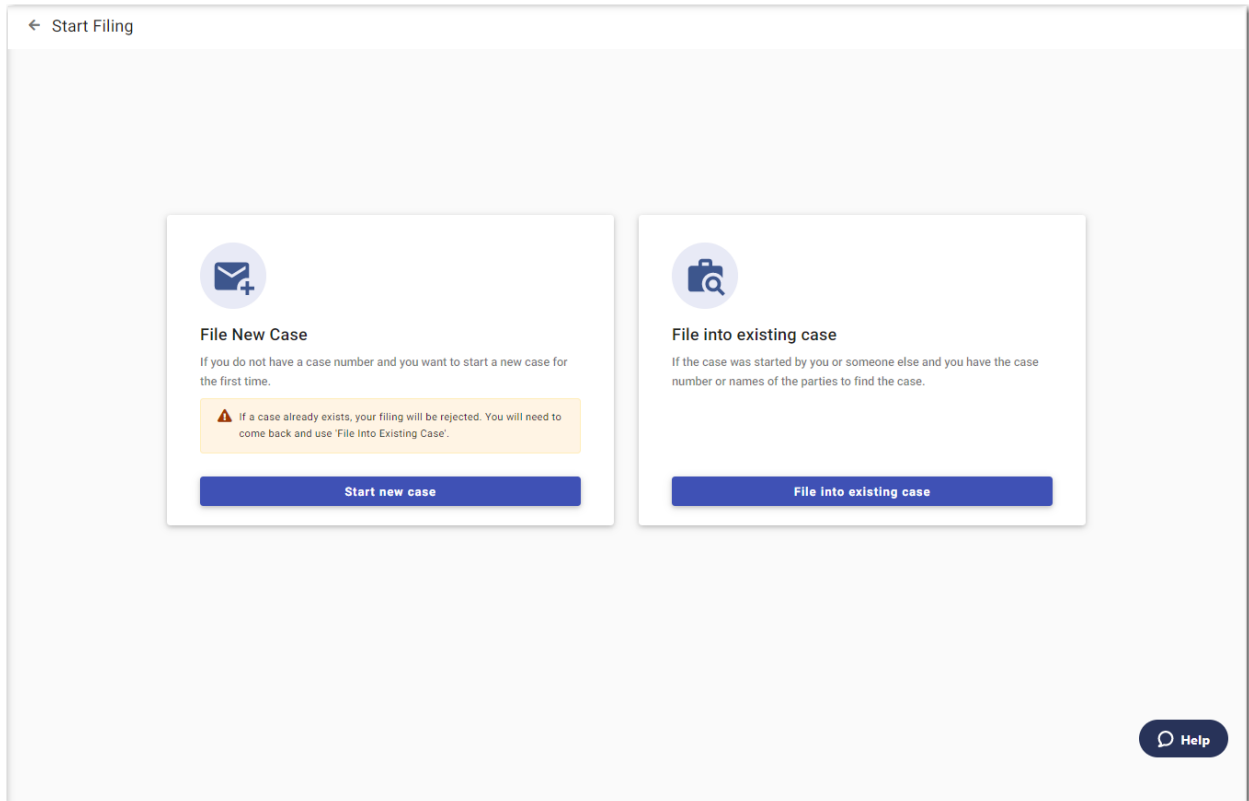


Figure 8.2 – Start Filing Page

2. Click .

The *Case Information* page is displayed.

## Entering Case Information (Firm Filer)

**Note:** This section is intended for firm filers who do not have the **Criminal Filing Filer** role assigned to them.

**Note:** Your firm must have a payment account created before you can complete your filing.


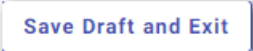
Figure 8.3 – Case Information Page

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter case information:

1. On the *Case Information* page, select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select the case category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
3. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. Select the case subtype, if applicable, from the **Case Sub Type** drop-down list.

**Note:** The **Case Sub Type** field is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

5. Click  to save your work and continue, or click  to save your filing and continue it at another time.

# Entering Case Information (Criminal Filing Filer)

**Note:** This section is intended for users who have the Criminal Filing Filer role assigned to them.

**Note:** Your firm must have a payment account created before you can complete your filing.

### Case Information

**Court location \***  
 x ▼

This is the court where you are filing your case.  
[https://www.collincountytx.gov/district\\_courts/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/Pages/default.aspx)

**Case category \***  
 x ▼

This is the type of case you are filing (Family, Probate, or Civil).

**Case type \***  
 x ▼

If you can't find your case type, change the case category to see other case types.

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### Question and Answer

Is this an indicted case where the defendant is not in custody or under bond (Tex. Code Crim. Proc. Art. 20.22(b))?  
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Is this a type of case that should remain confidential or have restricted online access?  
 ▼

**Figure 8.4 – Example of a Case Information Pane**


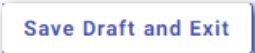
**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter case information:

1. On the *Case Information* page, select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select **Criminal** from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
3. Select the appropriate case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. Select an answer from the drop-down list for the first security question.

**Note:** The criminal security questions are configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

5. Select an answer from the drop-down list for the second security question.

6. Click  to save your work and to continue, or click  to save your filing and to continue it at another time.

## Charges Page

The *Charges* page contains the following two tabs for entering charge information related to a criminal case filing:

- **Details** tab
- **Arrest** tab

### Entering Information on the Details Tab of the Charges Page

The **Details** tab on the *Charges* page includes the details of the charges associated with a criminal case filing.

**Note:** You must have the Criminal Filing Filer role assigned to you to perform this procedure.

**Note:** You must select Criminal for the case type for the *Charges* page and its tabs to be displayed.

**Note:** A red asterisk after a field name indicates that the field is required.

The screenshot shows the 'New Case Filing' interface with the 'Charges' tab selected. The 'Details' sub-tab is active, showing a charge entry for 'ABUSE OF OFFICIAL CAPACITY' (Code 7731). The form includes the following fields and options:

- Charge Phase:** Select...
- Charge Description:** ABUSE OF OFFICIAL CAPACITY
- Offense Code:** 7731
- Statute:** [Empty field]
- Degree:** Select...
- General Offense Character:** Select...
- Date of Offense (From):** MM/DD/YYYY
- Offense On Or About:**
- Time of Offense (From):** HH:MM AM
- Offense At Or About:**
- Bond Amount:** ex: 500.00

At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'Add Additional Statute', 'Add Charge', and 'Go to Arrest'. The interface also shows a progress bar at the top with steps: Case Information, Charges (selected), Parties, Filings, Service, Fees, Summary, and Hearing. The draft number is 10107.

Figure 8.5 – Example of a Details Tab on the Charges Page

To enter information on the **Details** tab:

1. Select a charge in the *Charges* window, or type a word or two and then click .

**Note:** The *Charges* window is displayed immediately after you move to the Charges page.

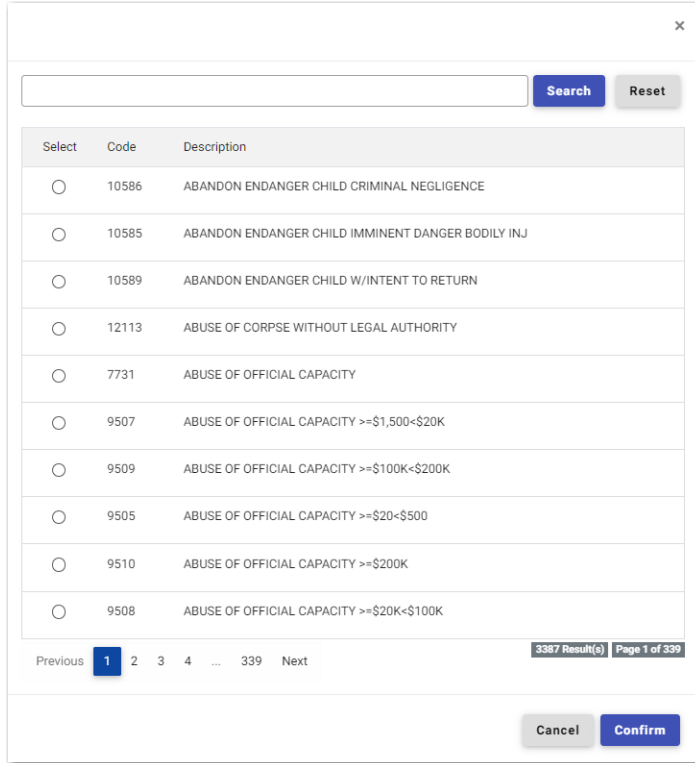


Figure 8.6 – Example of a Charges Window

If you search for an offense, another window is displayed, listing the possible offenses that match your search. Select the appropriate offense.

2. Click  .

The code for the offense that you selected is displayed, along with a description of the offense.

**Note: You can add verbiage to the description if you want.**

3. Select the charge phase from the **Charge Phase** drop-down list.
4. Verify that the description of the charge is correct in the **Charge Description** field.

**Note: The charge description is auto-filled from the offense that you previously selected.**


5. Type the Tracking Number (TRN) in the **TRN** field.
6. Type the Tracking Sequence (TRS) in the **TRS** field.
7. Verify that the offense code is correct in the **Offense Code** field.

**Note: The offense code is auto-filled from the offense that you previously selected.**

8. Type the number of the statute in the **Statute** field.

This field is a free-text field to accommodate the many statutes that are possible.

9. Select the degree of the offense from the **Degree** drop-down list.
10. Select the offense character that you want from the **General Offense Character** drop-down list.
11. Do one of the following:

- If you know the date of the offense, type it in the **Date of Offense (From)** field, or click  to select a date from the calendar. The calendar is displayed.
- If you do not know the exact date of the offense, select the **Offense On Or About** check box. When you select this check box, the **Date of Offense (To)** field is displayed. Type the date range in the specified fields.

12. Do one of the following:

- If you know the time of the offense, type it in the **Time of Offense (From)** field, and then click **AM** or **PM**.
- If you do not know the exact time of the offense, select the **Offense At Or About** check box. When you select this check box, the **Time of Offense (To)** field is displayed. Type the time range in the specified fields.

13. Type the amount of the bond the arrestee is posting in the **Bond Amount** field. Use the format in the example (that is, two decimal points).

14. If you want to add another offense code, click



The **Charges** window is displayed. Follow the same steps to add another offense code for the arrestee.

15. If you have additional statutes to enter for the arrestee, click



The **Charges** window is displayed.

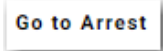
16. Select a charge in the **Charges** window.

17. Click



The code for the offense that you selected is displayed, along with a description of the offense.

18. After you have completed all of the fields and entered the statutes and charges in the **Details** tab, click



to enter information regarding the arrest, or click



## Entering Information on the Arrest Tab of the Charges Page

The **Arrest** tab on the **Charges** page includes information regarding the arrest that is associated with a criminal case filing.

**Note:** You must have the **Criminal Filing Filer** role assigned to you to perform this procedure.

**Note:** You must select **Criminal** for the case type for the **Charges** page and its tabs to be displayed.



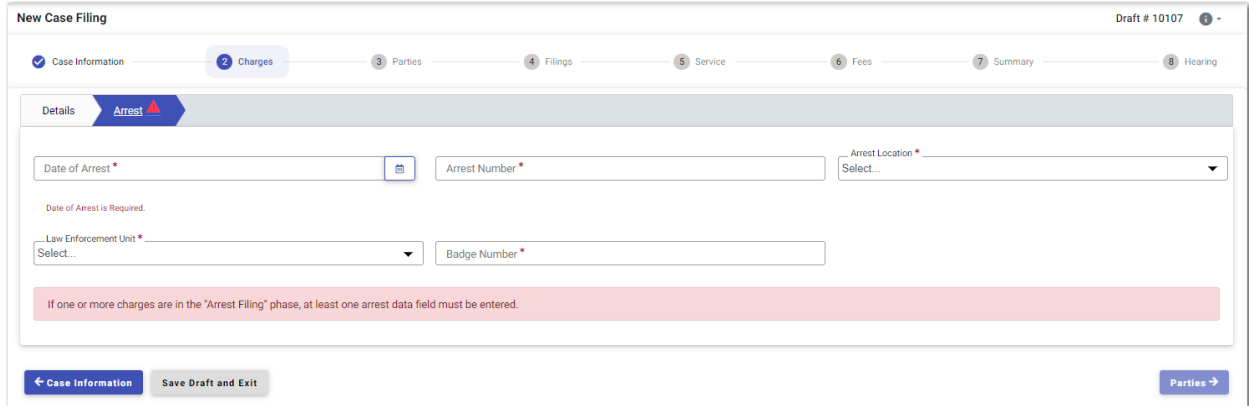




Figure 8.7 – Example of an Arrest Tab on the Charges Page

To enter information on the **Arrest** tab:

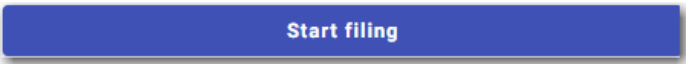

1. Type the date of arrest in the **Date of Arrest** field, or click  to select a date from the calendar.
2. Type the arrest number in the **Arrest Number** field.
3. Select the location of the arrest from the **Arrest Location** drop-down list.
4. Select the law enforcement unit that made the arrest from the **Law Enforcement Unit** drop-down list.
5. Type the badge number of the arresting officer in the **Badge Number** field.
6. After you have completed all of the fields on the **Arrest** tab, click .

## Adding Envelope Level Comments to a Case Filing

You can add envelope level comments on the *Case Information* page during filing creation. The comments are then displayed on the *Summary* page, in the print preview, and in the envelope details.

**Note:** The envelope level comments feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To add envelope level comments to a case filing:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click .  
The *Start Filing* page is displayed.
2. Click .  
The *Case Information* page is displayed.

**Figure 8.8 – Example of a Case Information Page**

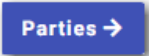
3. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
4. Select the case category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
5. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
6. Select the amount of damages you are seeking from the **Damage Amount** drop-down list.

**Note: The Damage Amount feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

7. Select the appropriate procedures or remedies from the **Procedure/Remedies** drop-down list.

**Note: The Procedure/Remedies feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

8. In the Envelope Level Information pane, in the **Envelope Comments** field, type the comments that you want to attach to the case filing.

9. Click  to continue with your case filing.

## Collecting Address Information at the Case Level

When filers create certain types of cases, they can provide address information in the case filing.

**Note: The case address feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**New Case Filing** Draft # 10383

Case Information | Parties | Filings | Service | Fees | Summary

### Case Information

Court location \*  
OFS QA 2017

This is the court where you are filing your case.  
<https://www.hcdistrictclerk.com/Common/Civil/Efiling.aspx>

Case category \*  
Civil

This is the type of case you are filing (Family, Probate, or Civil).

Case type \*  
Notice Of Removal

If you can't find your case type, change the case category to see other case types.

**Damage Amount**  
Damage Amount  
Select...

**Procedure/Remedies**  
Select all that apply  
Select

**Case Address**  
Country \*  
United States

Address Line 1 \*

City \* State \*  
Select... Zip Code \*

County \*

**Figure 8.9 – Example of a Case Information Page—Blank Case Address Pane**



**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.


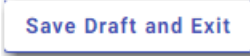
To collect address information at the case level:

1. On the *Case Information* page, select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select the case category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
3. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. In the Case Address pane, complete all of the required address fields.

The screenshot shows a web application interface for filing a new case. At the top, there's a navigation bar with tabs: Case Information (active), Parties, Filings, Service, Fees, and Summary. The 'Case Information' pane is the main focus, containing several sections:
 

- Court location**: A dropdown menu with 'OFS QA 2017' selected.
- Case category**: A dropdown menu with 'Civil' selected.
- Case type**: A dropdown menu with 'Notice Of Removal' selected.
- Damage Amount**: A dropdown menu with 'Select...' selected.
- Procedure/Remedies**: A dropdown menu with 'Select' selected.
- Case Address**: A section with multiple fields:
  - Country**: A dropdown menu with 'United States' selected.
  - Address Line 1**: A text input field containing '555 Main Street'.
  - City**: A text input field containing 'Dallas'.
  - State**: A dropdown menu with 'Texas' selected.
  - Zip Code**: A text input field containing '75231'.
  - County**: A text input field containing 'Dallas'.

Figure 8.10 – Example of a Case Information Page—Completed Case Address Pane

5. Click  to save your work and continue, or click  to save your work and exit the filing.

## Entering Case Information for a Civil Case

**Note:** The Procedures/Remedies feature and the Damage Amount feature are configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.


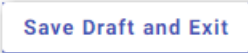
To enter case information:

1. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select **Civil** from the **Case Category** drop-down list.

Figure 8.11 – Example of a Case Information Page

3. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. Select the amount of damages you are seeking from the **Damage Amount** drop-down list.
5. Select the appropriate procedures or remedies from the **Procedure/Remedies** drop-down list.

Figure 8.12 – Example of a Completed Case Information Page

6. Click  to save your work and continue, or click  to save your work and exit the filing.

## Filing a New Case with Case Cross References

You can include case cross references in your case filing if the Case Cross Reference Number feature is configured on your node.

**Note: The Case Cross Reference Number feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Figure 8.13 – Example of a Case Information Page with the Case Cross Reference Section Displayed**

To file a new case that uses case cross references:

1. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select **Civil** from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
3. Select the appropriate case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. Select the case subtype, if applicable, from the **Case Sub Type** drop-down list.
5. Select the damages amount, if applicable, from the **Damage Amount** drop-down list.
6. In the Case Cross Reference pane, type the case cross reference number in the **Case cross reference Id** field.

**Note: Some case cross reference types require a six-digit number. Other types may require a four-digit number.**

7. If you have additional case cross reference numbers to add, click

**+ Add More**

Another row for case cross references is displayed.

8. Continue adding case cross reference numbers until you are done.

The screenshot shows a web application titled "New Case Filing" with a progress bar at the top containing steps: Case Information, Parties, Filings, Service, Fees, and Summary. The "Case Information" step is active. The main content area is titled "Case Information" and contains several sections:

- Court location \***: A dropdown menu with "OFS QA 2017" selected. Below it is a URL: <https://www.hcdistrictclerk.com/Common/Civil/Efiling.aspx>.
- Case category \***: A dropdown menu with "Civil" selected. Below it is a note: "This is the type of case you are filing (Family, Probate, or Civil)."
- Case type \***: A dropdown menu with "City Ordinance Cases - \$10.00" selected. Below it is a note: "If you can't find your case type, change the case category to see other case types."
- Damage Amount**: A dropdown menu with "Select..." selected.
- Procedure/Remedies**: A dropdown menu with "Select" selected.
- Case Cross Reference**: A section with three rows of data. Each row has a "Case cross reference type" dropdown and a "Case reference ID" text input.
 

Case cross reference type	Case reference ID
Case Cross Reference Number	1234
Warrant Number (CM)	123456
Case Cross Reference Number	4567

Figure 8.14 – Example of a Case Information Page with Case Cross Reference Numbers Added

9. Click **Parties →** to save your work and continue, or click **Save Draft and Exit** to save your work and exit the filing.

## Filing a New Case with a Will Filed Date

You can file a new case and enter the date on which a will was filed with the court.

**Note: The Will Filed Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To file a new case and enter the date on which a will was filed:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click **Start filing**.  
The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

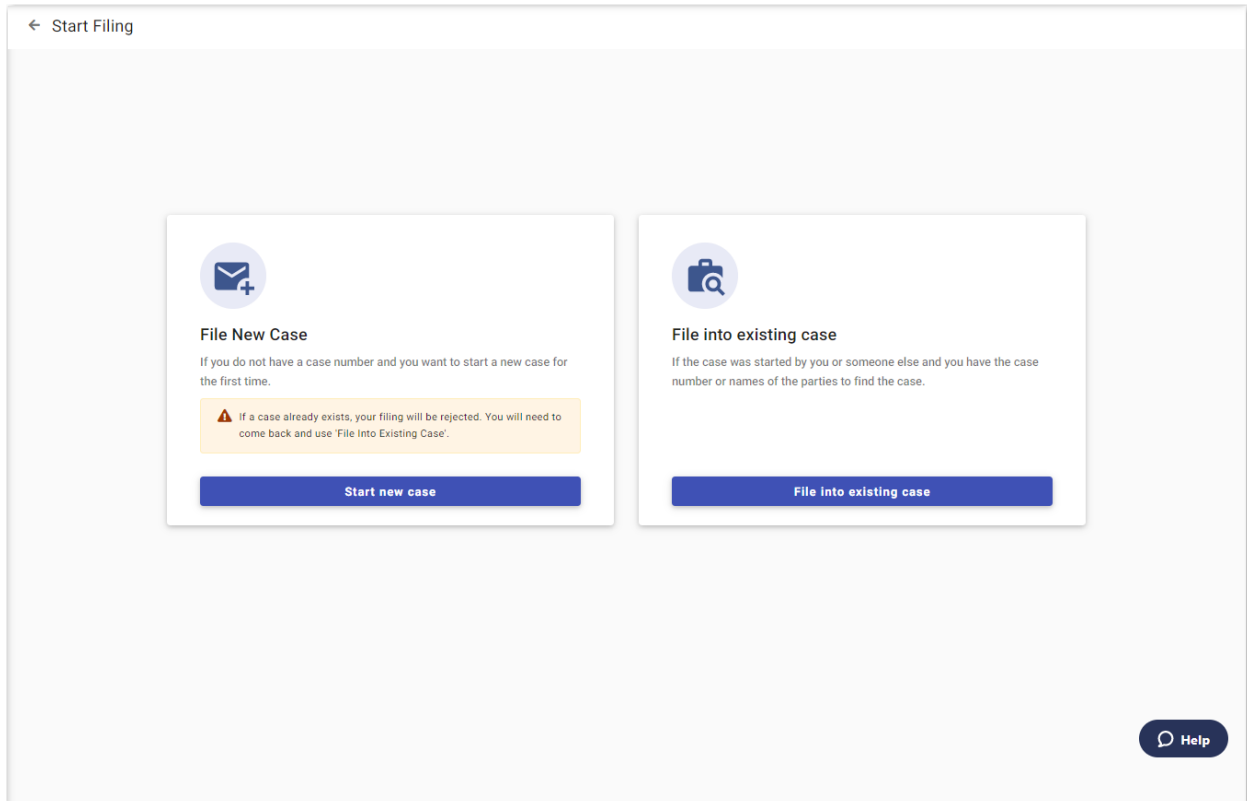


Figure 8.15 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .

The *Case Information* page is displayed.



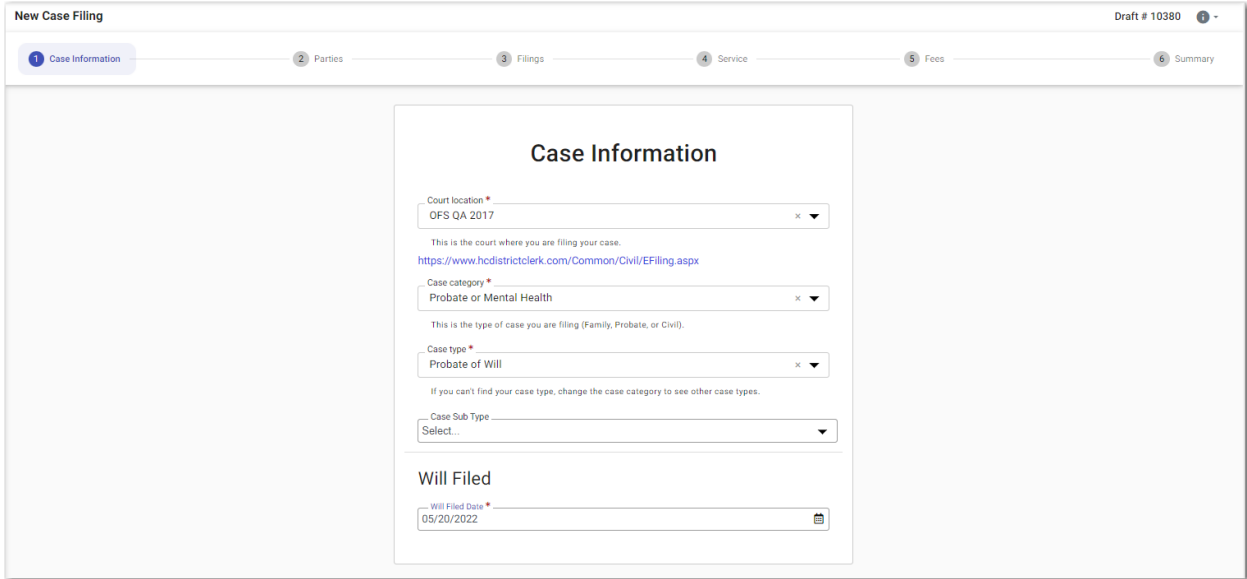

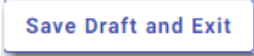


Figure 8.16 – Example of the Will Filed Field on the Case Information Page

3. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
4. Select the category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.  
**Note: In the example, “Probate or Mental Health” is selected.**
5. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.  
**Note: In the example, “Probate of Will” is selected.**  
**Note: The category and case type that you select determine which fields will be displayed next.**
6. Select the case subtype from the **Case Sub Type** drop-down list.  
**Note: The items in this list are determined by the case type you selected.**
7. Type a date in the **Will Filed Date** field, or click the calendar to select a date from the calendar.  
**Note: The Will Filed Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

8. Click  to save your work and continue, or click  to save your work and exit the filing.

## Entering Party Details (Firm Filer)

Each case requires a party type.

**Note: This section is intended for firm filers who do not have the Criminal Filing Filer role assigned to them.**

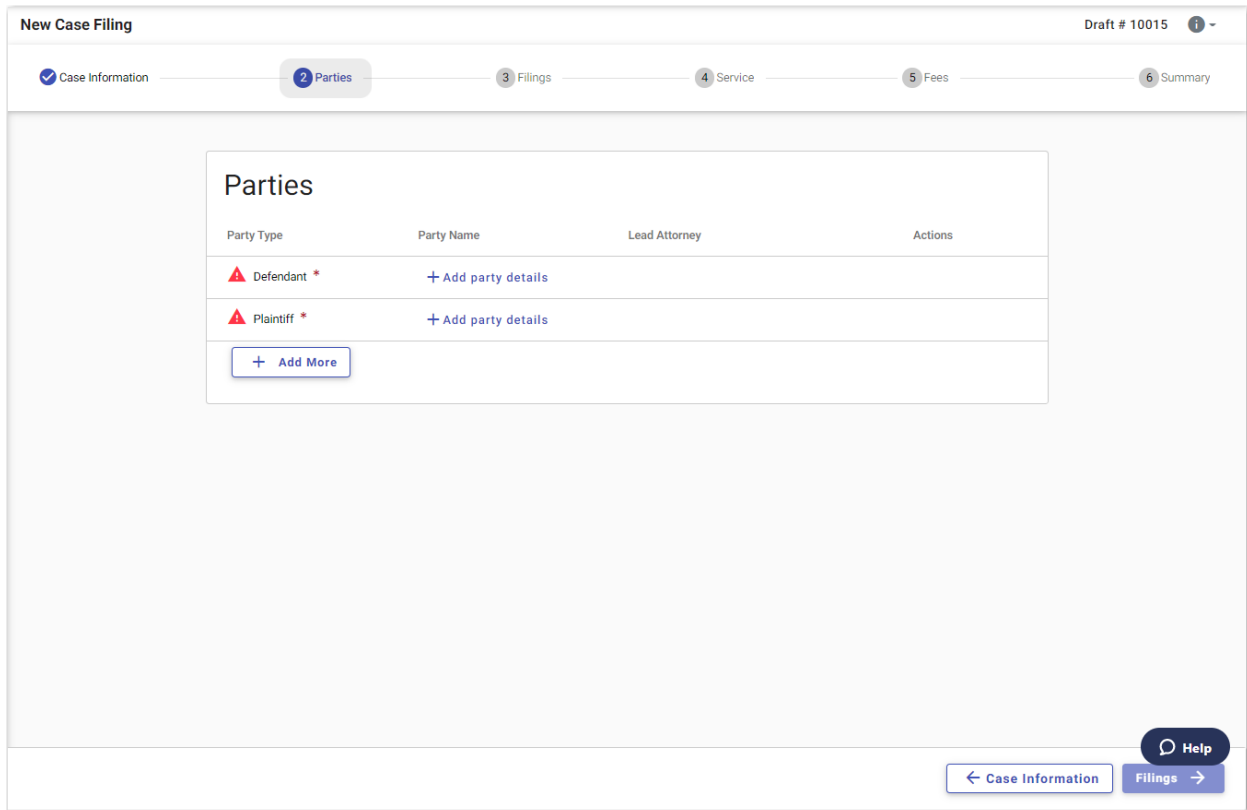
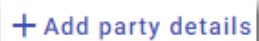


Figure 8.17 – Example of a Parties Page

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter the details for the parties involved in the case:

1. On the *Parties* page, select the party type that you want to begin to describe, and then click




The *Edit Party Details* window for the specified party is displayed.

Figure 8.18 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window


2. Click either  or .

**Note: The following steps describe the fields that are displayed if you select “Person.”**

3. In the Party Information pane, complete the **First Name**, **Middle Name** (if applicable), and **Last Name** fields. Also, if appropriate, select the party’s suffix from the **Suffix** drop-down list.
4. Type the party’s date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
5. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
6. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
7. Select the type of driver’s license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
8. Select the state where the driver’s license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
9. Type the party’s driver’s license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
10. Type the party’s Social Security number in the **Social Security Number** field.

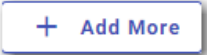
**Note: After you type the Social Security number, asterisks are displayed to hide the number.**


11. Select the party’s gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
12. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, and phone number for the specified party.
13. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select the filing attorney.
14. From the next field that is displayed, select additional attorneys, if any, that you want to add to the case.

15. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click .

16. On the *Parties* page, complete the party information for the next party.

 + Add More

17. If you have another party to add to the case, click , and complete the party information for the additional party. Continue to add parties until all of the parties have been added to the case.

 Filings →

18. Click  to save your work and continue.

## Entering Party Details (Criminal Filing Filer)

Each case requires a party type.

**Note: This section is intended for users who have the Criminal Filing Filer role assigned to them.**

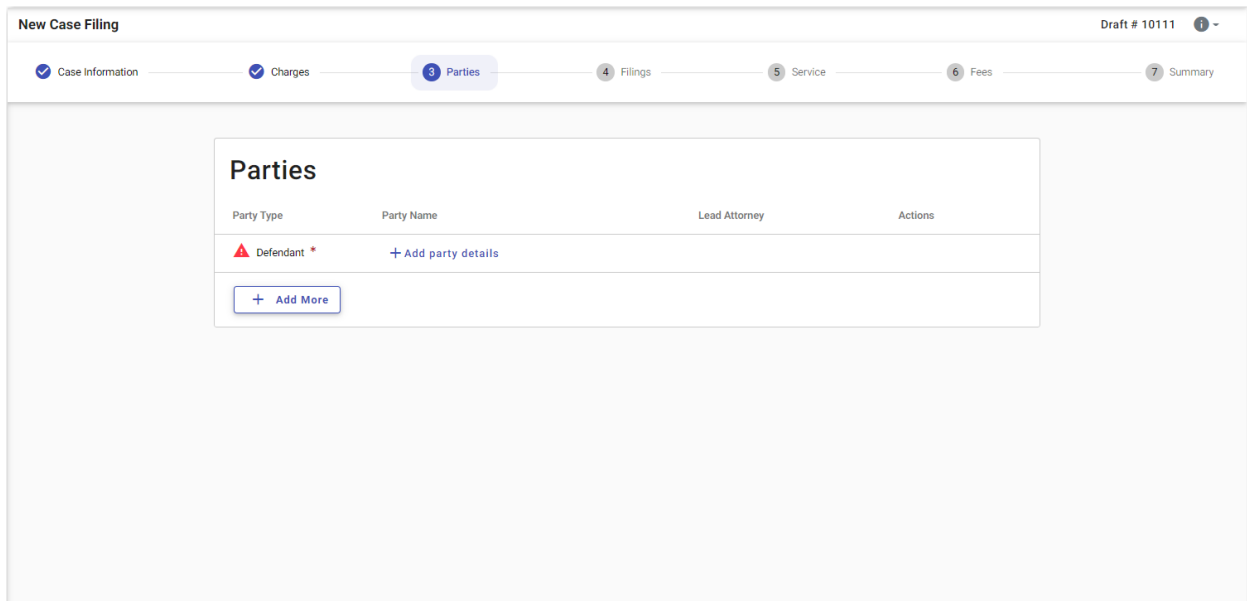
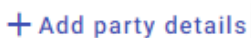


Figure 8.19 – Example of a Parties Page

**Note: While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.**

To enter the details for the parties involved in a criminal case filing:

1. On the *Parties* page, select the party type that you want to begin to describe, and then click


 + Add party details

The *Edit Party Details* window for the specified party is displayed.

Figure 8.20 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window

2. Click either  or .

**Note: The following steps describe the fields that are displayed if you select “Person.”**

3. In the Party Information pane, complete the **First Name**, **Middle Name** (if applicable), and **Last Name** fields. Also, if appropriate, select the party’s suffix from the **Suffix** drop-down list.
4. Type the party’s date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
5. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
6. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
7. Type the party’s State Identification (SID) number in the **SID Number** field.
8. Type the party’s Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) number in the **FBI Number** field.
9. Select the type of driver’s license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
10. Select the state where the driver’s license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
11. Type the party’s driver’s license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
12. Type the party’s Social Security number in the **Social Security Number** field.

**Note: After you type the Social Security number, asterisks are displayed to hide the number.**

13. Select the party’s gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
14. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, email address, and phone number for the specified party.
15. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select the filing attorney.

16. From the next field that is displayed, select additional attorneys, if any, that you want to add to the case.
17. In the Demographics pane, select the party's country of citizenship from the **Country of Citizenship** drop-down list.
18. Select the party's ethnicity from the **Ethnicity** drop-down list.
19. Select the party's race from the **Race** drop-down list.
20. Type the party's height in feet in the **Height (Feet)** field.
21. Type the party's height in inches in the **Height (Inches)** field.
22. Type the party's weight in the **Weight** field.
23. Select the party's eye color from the **Eye Color** drop-down list.
24. Select the party's hair color from the **Hair Color** drop-down list.



25. If the party has a special physical feature, click

Another pane is displayed.

26. Select the physical feature from the **Feature** drop-down list.
27. Type a description of the feature in the **Description** field.



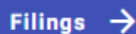
28. To continue adding physical features, click . Then, complete the fields that are displayed.



29. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click



30. If you have another party to add to the case, click , and complete the party information for the additional party. Continue to add parties until all of the parties have been added to the case.



31. Click to save your work and continue.

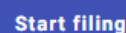
## Entering Date of Death on the Parties Page

You can enter the date of death for a party when the Date of Death feature is configured on your system.

**Note: The Date of Death feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Note: Your screens may vary from the examples provided.**

To enter the date of death on the *Parties* page:



1. On the *Dashboard* page, click

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

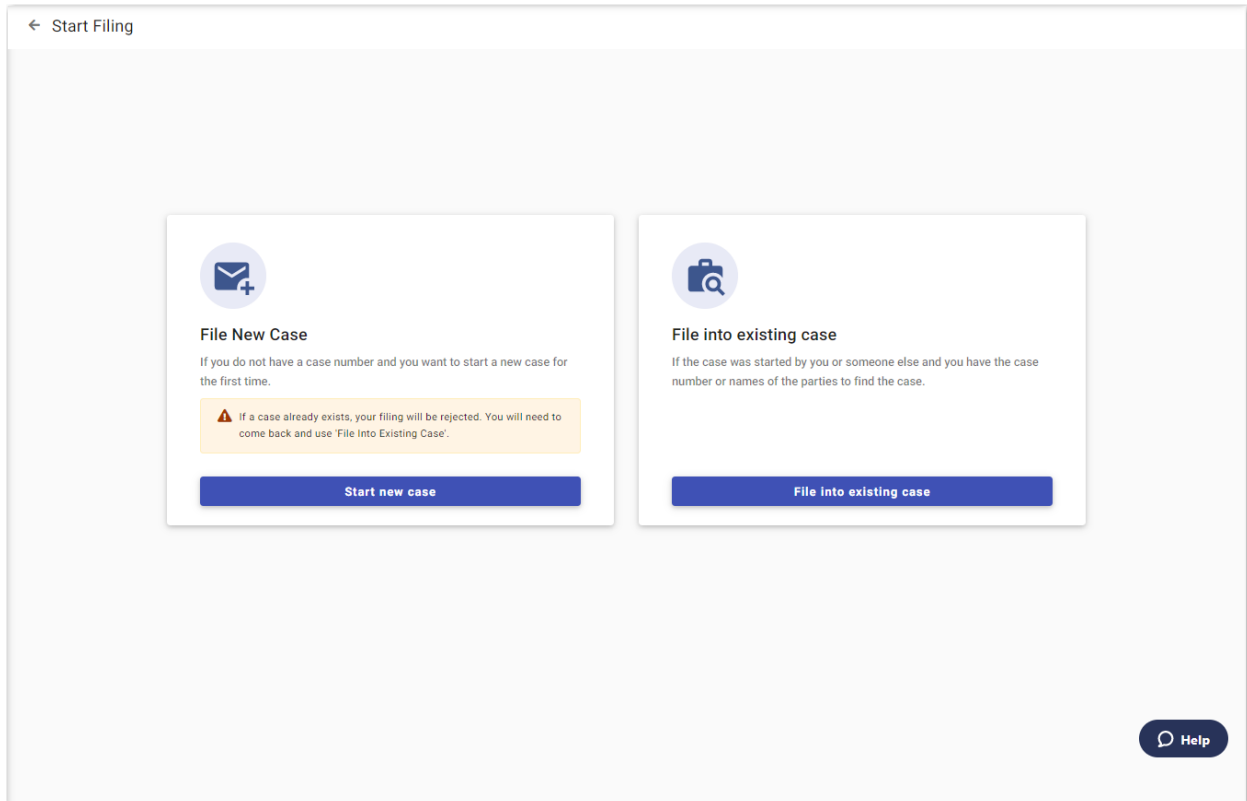



Figure 8.21 – Start Filing Page

2. Click .

The *Case Information* page is displayed.

3. Complete the required sections on the *Case Information* page, and then click .

The *Parties* page is displayed.

4. On the *Parties* page, select the party type that you want to begin to describe, and then click .

The *Edit Party Details* window for the specified party is displayed.


Figure 8.22 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window

5. Click either  or .


**Note:** The following steps describe the fields that are displayed if you select “Person.”

**Note:** If Tyler has configured the Date of Death feature on your system, you may have the Decedent and Deceased options available in the Party Type drop-down list.

6. In the Party Information pane, complete the **First Name**, **Middle Name** (if applicable), and **Last Name** fields. Also, if appropriate, select the party’s suffix from the **Suffix** drop-down list.


7. Type the deceased party’s birth date in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
8. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
9. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
10. Select the type of driver’s license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
11. Select the state where the driver’s license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
12. Type the party’s driver’s license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
13. Type the party’s Social Security number in the **Social Security Number** field.


**Note:** After you type the Social Security number, asterisks are displayed to hide the number.

14. Select the deceased party’s gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
15. Type the deceased party’s date of death in the **Date of Death** field, or click  to select a date from the calendar.
16. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, and phone number for the specified party.



- 17. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select the filing attorney.
- 18. From the next field that is displayed, select additional attorneys, if any, that you want to add to the case.

19. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click .

20. On the *Parties* page, if you have another party to add to the case, click . Then, complete the party information for the next party.

21. Continue to add parties until all of the parties have been added to the case.

22. Click 

to save your work and continue.

## Entering Filing Details

You can enter the filing details on the *Filings* page.

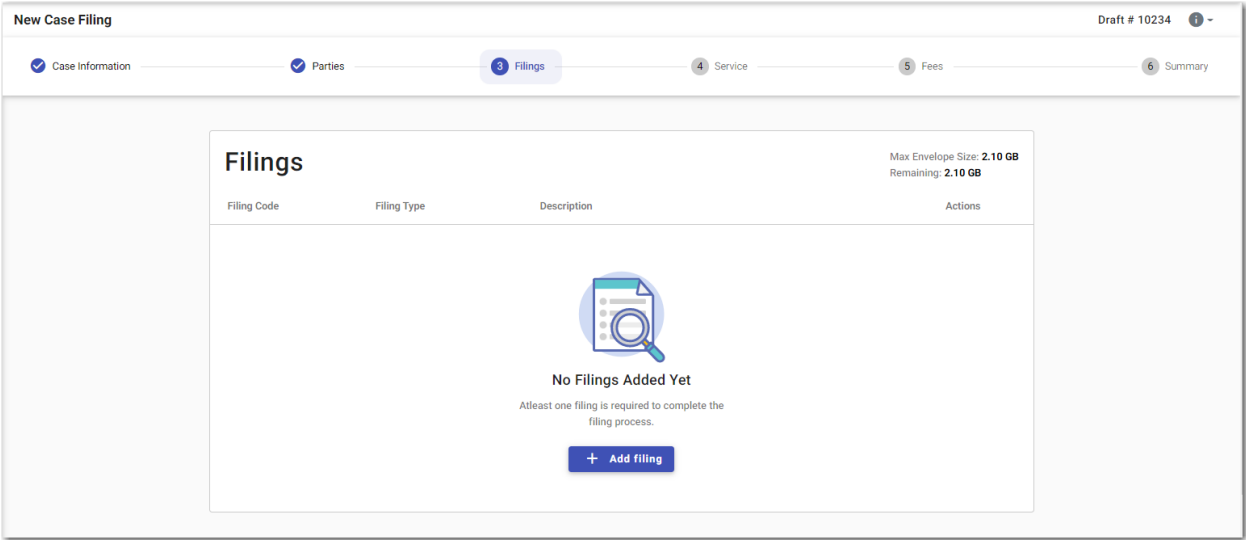



Figure 8.23 – Filings Page

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter the filing details:

1. On the *Filings* page, click .

The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

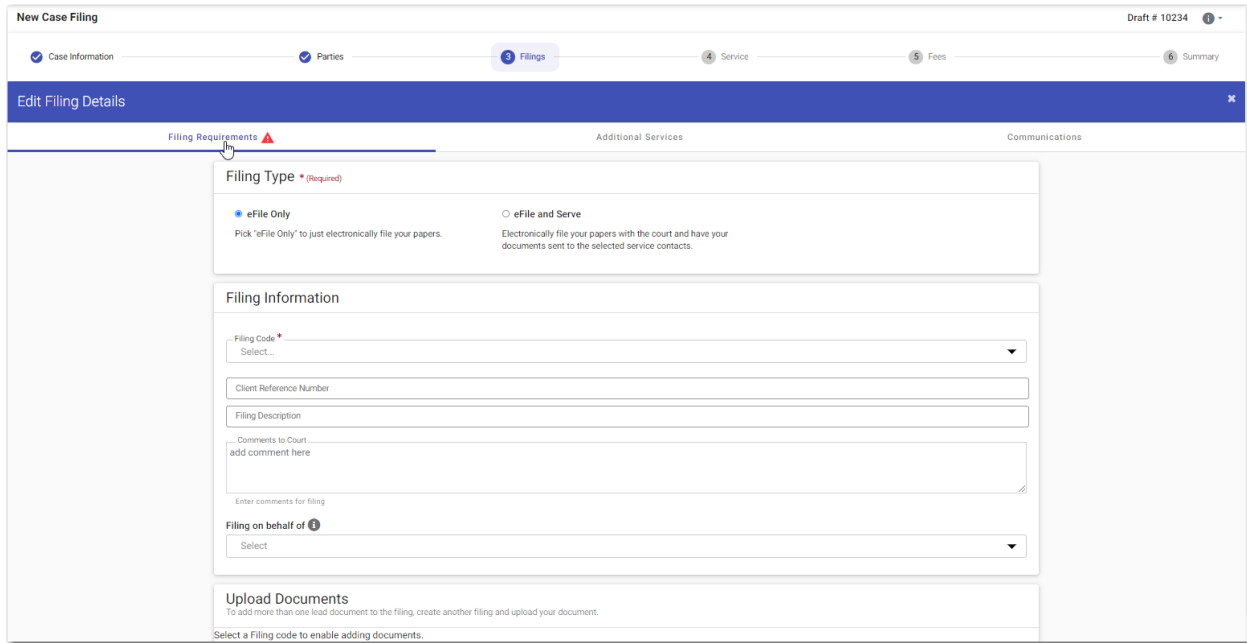
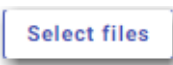
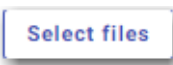


Figure 8.24 – Edit Filing Details Page

2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select the filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
4. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
5. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
6. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
7. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.



8. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”

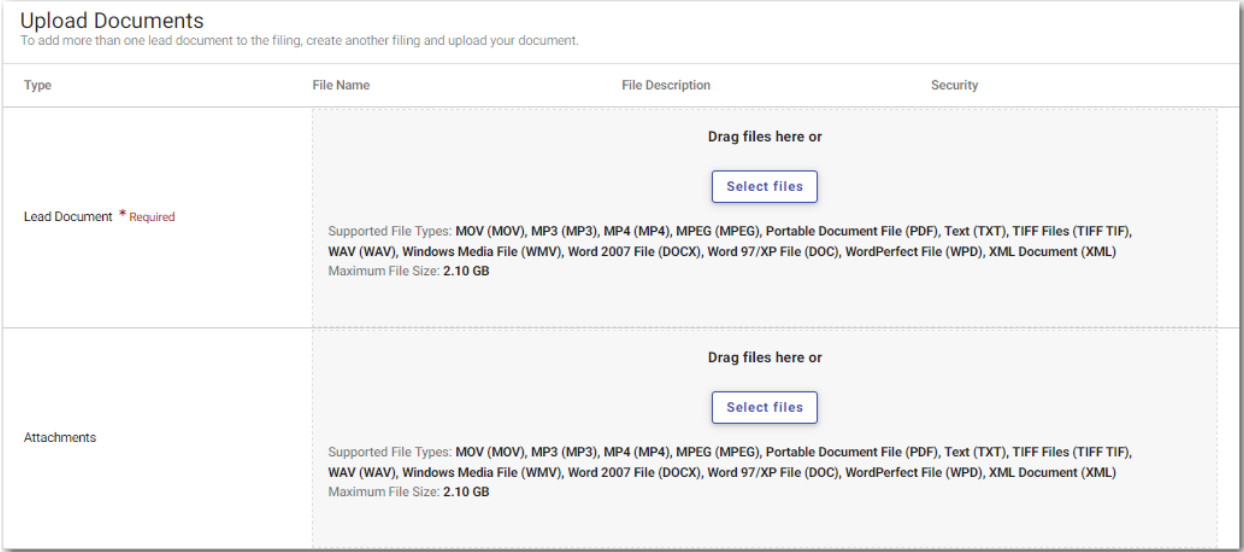



Figure 8.25 – Upload Documents Pane

- 9. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
- 10. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
- 11. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

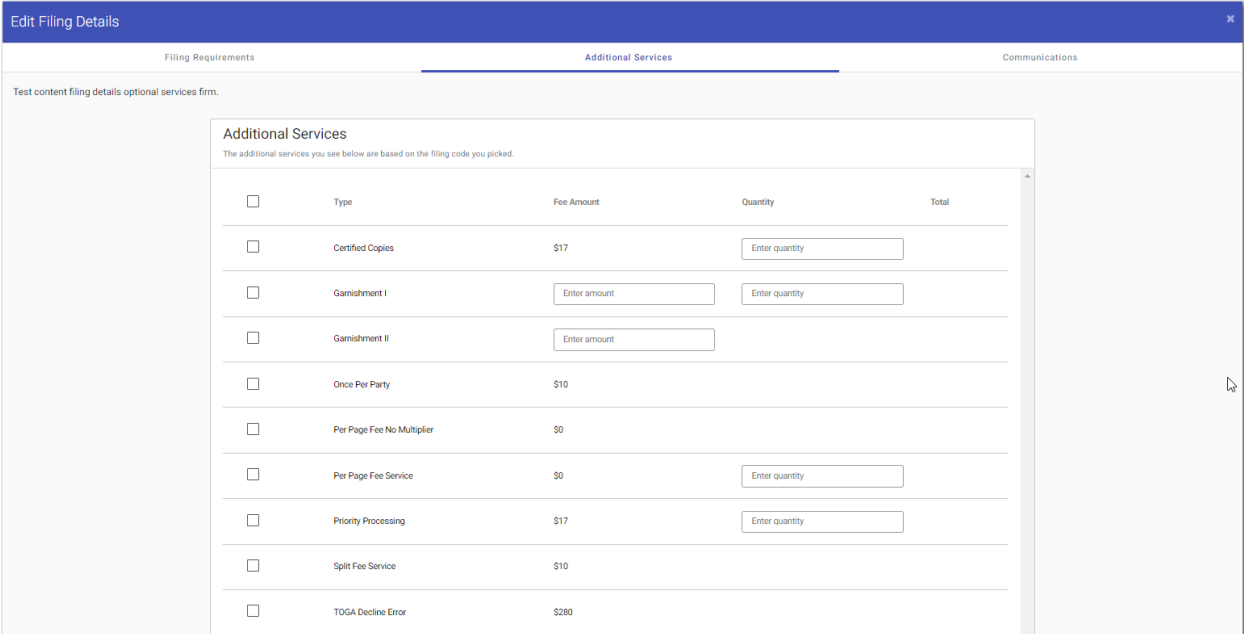
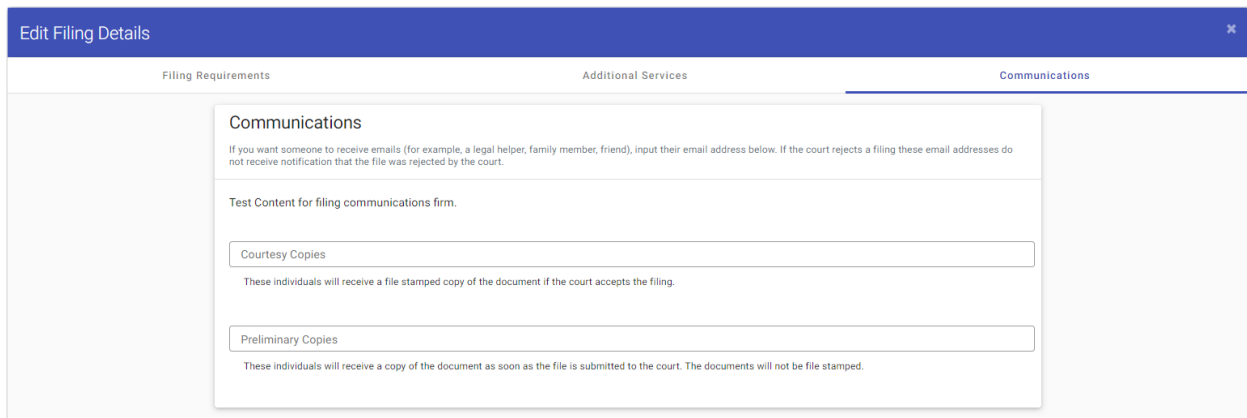


Figure 8.26 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

- 12. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.

13. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.



**Figure 8.27 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page**

14. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

15. Click **Save**.

16. If you want to add another filing, on the *Filings* page, click **+ Add More**. Then, repeat the same steps for the next filing.

17. After you have added all of the filings, click **Service →**.

## Merging Documents for File Upload in a Case Filing

You can merge multiple documents into one file before uploading the file in a case filing.

**Note: The Merge Documents feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To merge multiple documents for file upload:

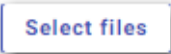

1. Navigate to the *Filings* page.
2. Complete the fields pertaining to the case filing.
3. In the Upload Documents pane, click **Merge documents**.

Upload Documents	
To add more than one lead document to the filing, create another filing and upload your document.	
Type	File Name      File Description      Security
Lead Document * Required	<p style="text-align: center;">Drag files here or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Select files</a></p> <p>Supported File Types: <b>MOV (MOV), MP3 (MP3), MP4 (MP4), MPEG (MPEG), Portable Document File (PDF), Text (TXT), TIFF Files (TIFF TIF), WAV (WAV), Windows Media File (WMV), Word 2007 File (DOCX), Word 97/XP File (DOC), WordPerfect File (WPD), XML Document (XML)</b>                      Maximum File Size: <b>2.10 GB</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Merge documents</a></p>
Attachments	<p style="text-align: center;">Drag files here or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Select files</a></p> <p>Supported File Types: <b>MOV (MOV), MP3 (MP3), MP4 (MP4), MPEG (MPEG), Portable Document File (PDF), Text (TXT), TIFF Files (TIFF TIF), WAV (WAV), Windows Media File (WMV), Word 2007 File (DOCX), Word 97/XP File (DOC), WordPerfect File (WPD), XML Document (XML)</b>                      Maximum File Size: <b>2.10 GB</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Merge documents</a></p>

Figure 8.28 – Example of the Upload Documents Pane

The *Merge Documents* window is displayed.

**Figure 8.29 – Merge Documents Window**

4. Click , and then select the files that you want to merge.
5. If you want to change the order of the files after you have added them, use the up and down arrows to reorder the files.
6. Type a name for the merged file in the **Name your merged file** field.
7. If you want to add a separator page to the files, select **Add a Separator Page**.
8. When you have added all of your files, reordered them if necessary, and named the merged file, click .
9. Proceed with the rest of your filing.

## Entering a Filing with an Ad Damnum Amount

You can enter an Ad Damnum (damage) amount when that amount has been specified by the court. The **Ad Damnum** field is displayed on the *Fees* page. You can enter the amount of damages in the **Ad Damnum** field. When the Ad Damnum amount is set, an appropriate fee will be applied.

**Note:** The Ad Damnum feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

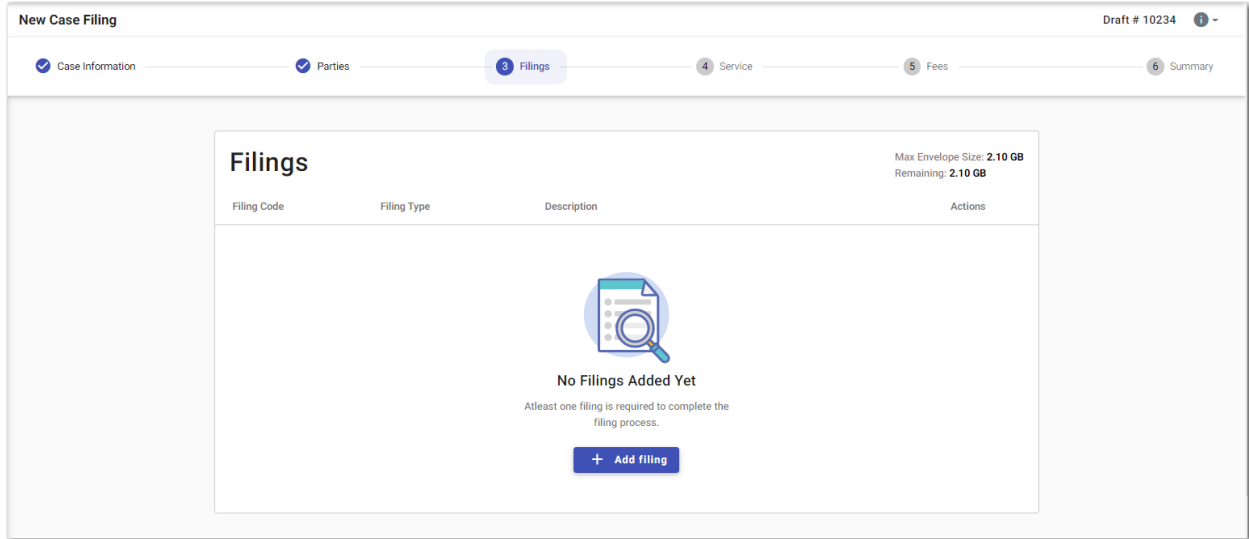



Figure 8.30 – Filings Page

To enter the filing details:



1. On the *Filings* page, click . The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

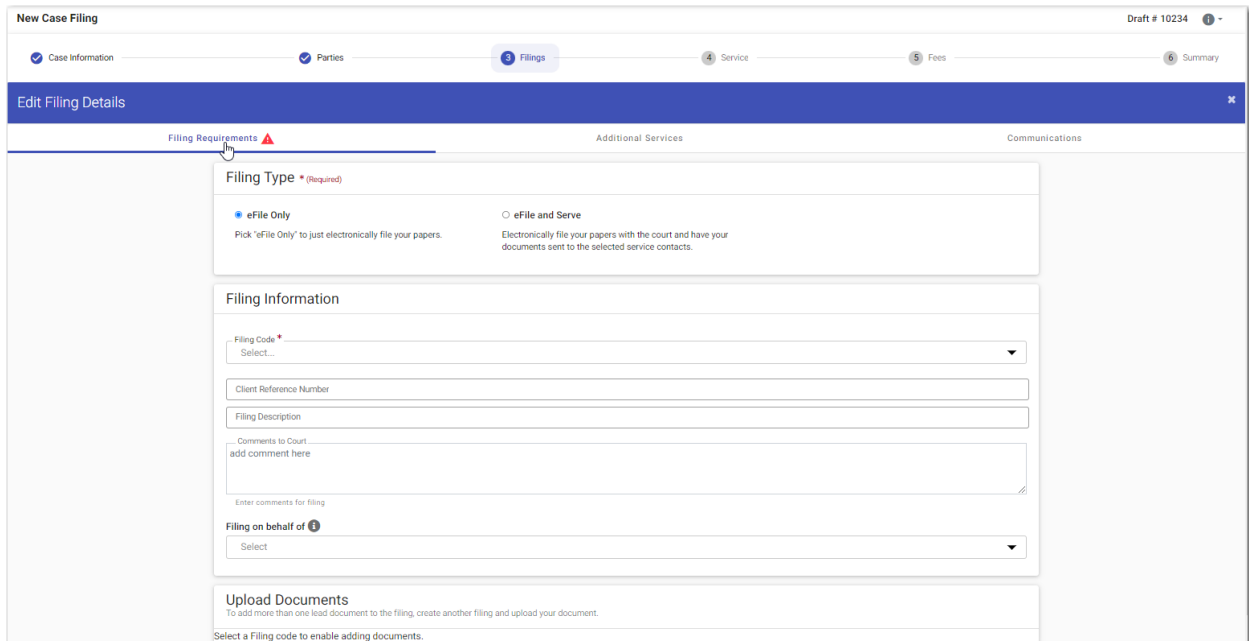


Figure 8.31 – Edit Filing Details Page

2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select the appropriate filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
4. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.

5. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
6. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
7. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.

**Select files**

8. In the Upload Documents pane, click **Select files**. Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note: The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”**

Type	File Name	File Description	Security
Lead Document * Required	Drag files here or <input type="button" value="Select files"/>		
	Supported File Types: MOV (MOV), MP3 (MP3), MP4 (MP4), MPEG (MPEG), Portable Document File (PDF), Text (TXT), TIFF Files (TIFF TIF), WAV (WAV), Windows Media File (WMV), Word 2007 File (DOCX), Word 97/XP File (DOC), WordPerfect File (WPD), XML Document (XML) Maximum File Size: 2.10 GB		
Attachments	Drag files here or <input type="button" value="Select files"/>		
	Supported File Types: MOV (MOV), MP3 (MP3), MP4 (MP4), MPEG (MPEG), Portable Document File (PDF), Text (TXT), TIFF Files (TIFF TIF), WAV (WAV), Windows Media File (WMV), Word 2007 File (DOCX), Word 97/XP File (DOC), WordPerfect File (WPD), XML Document (XML) Maximum File Size: 2.10 GB		

**Figure 8.32 – Upload Documents Pane**

**Select files**

9. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click **Select files** in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
10. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
11. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.



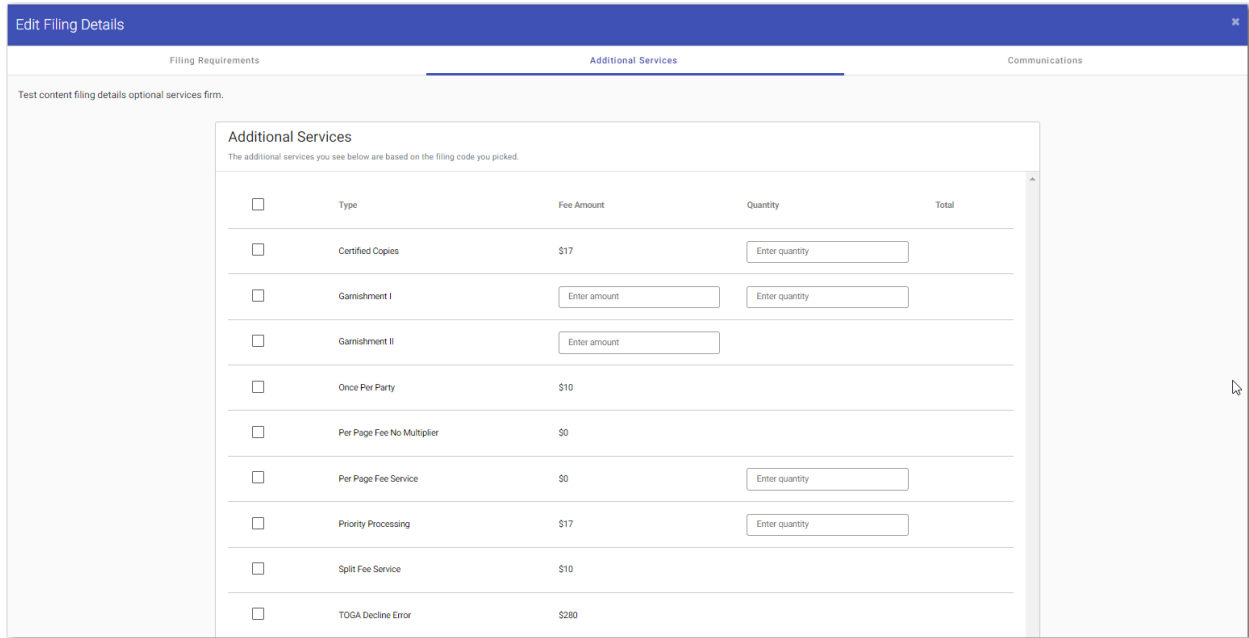


Figure 8.33 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

12. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.

**Go to Communication**

13. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.

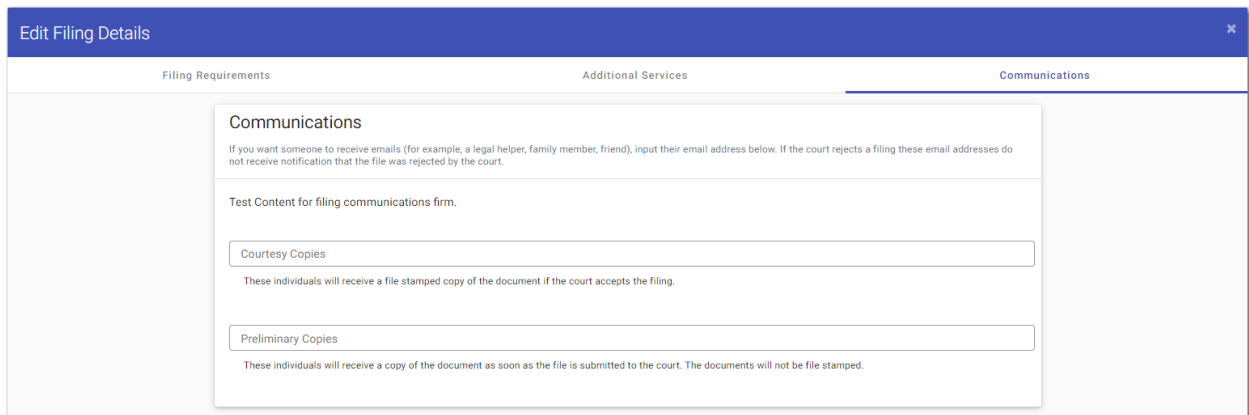


Figure 8.34 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

14. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

**Save**

15. Click **Save**.

**Service →**

16. Click **Service →**.

The *Service* page is displayed.

17. Select the service contacts, and then click

A blue rectangular button with the text "Fees" in white and a white right-pointing arrow.

The *Fees* page is displayed.

**Note: Your firm must have a payment account created before you can complete your filing.**

18. On the *Fees* page, type the amount of damages for the case in the **Ad Damnum** field.

19. Select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.

20. Select the party that is responsible for paying the fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

21. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.

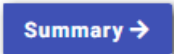
22. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

23. Click

A white rectangular button with a blue circular refresh icon on the left and the text "Calculate Fees" in blue.

The fees for the filing are displayed.

24. Click

A blue rectangular button with the text "Summary" in white and a white right-pointing arrow.

to review and complete your filing.

## Entering a Filing with a Motion Type Code

You can enter a filing for a specific motion type.

**Note: The Motion Type feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

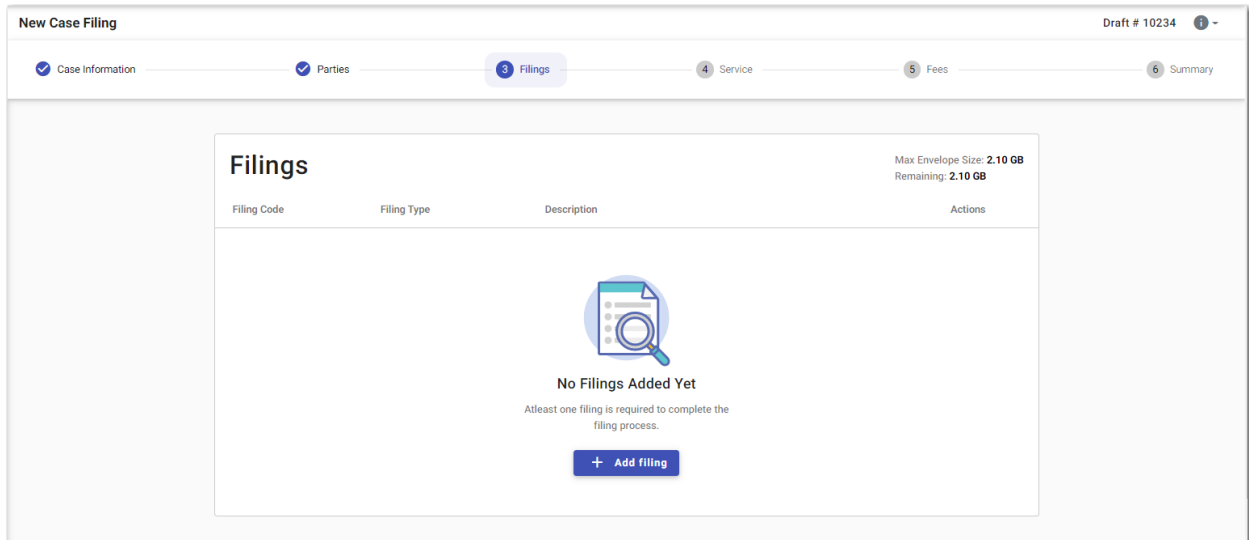



Figure 8.35 – Filings Page

To enter a filing with a Motion Type code:



1. On the *Filings* page, click . The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

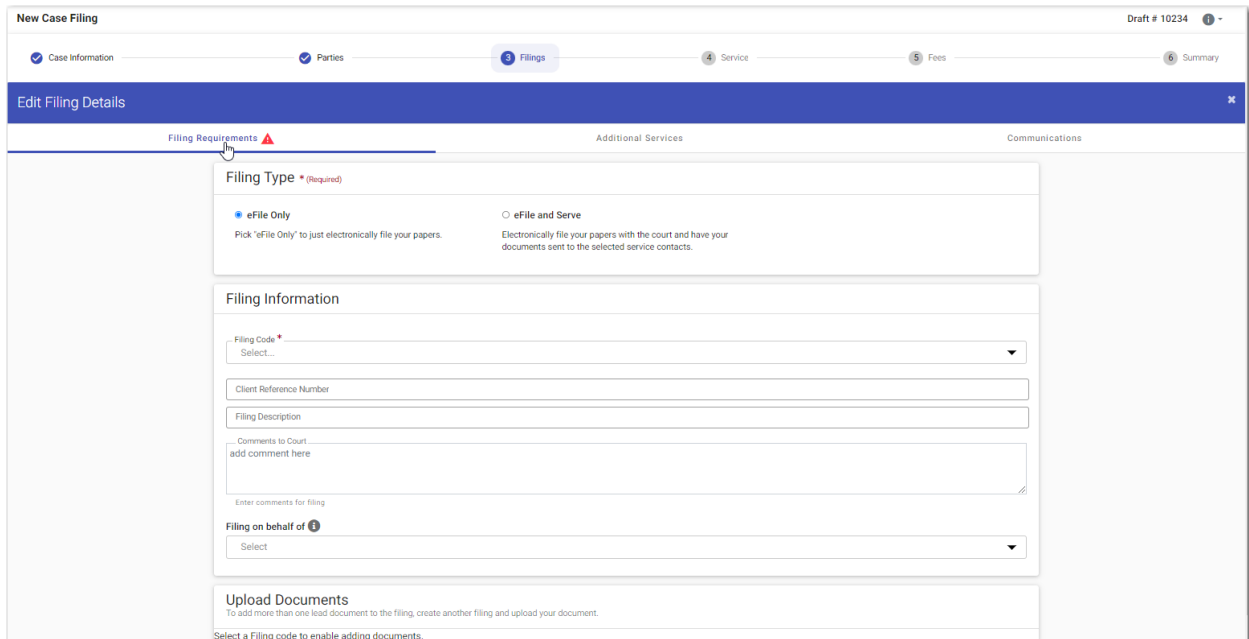
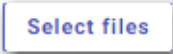


Figure 8.36 – Edit Filing Details Page



2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select a Motion filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list. The **Motion Type** drop-down list is displayed with a list of applicable motion types.

4. Select the appropriate motion type from the drop-down list.
5. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
6. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
7. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
8. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.

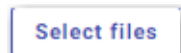


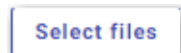
9. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note: The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”**

Type	File Name	File Description	Security
Lead Document * Required	<p>Drag files here or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Supported File Types: MOV (MOV), MP3 (MP3), MP4 (MP4), MPEG (MPEG), Portable Document File (PDF), Text (TXT), TIFF Files (TIFF TIF), WAV (WAV), Windows Media File (WMV), Word 2007 File (DOCX), Word 97/XP File (DOC), WordPerfect File (WPD), XML Document (XML) Maximum File Size: 2.10 GB</p>		
Attachments	<p>Drag files here or</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Supported File Types: MOV (MOV), MP3 (MP3), MP4 (MP4), MPEG (MPEG), Portable Document File (PDF), Text (TXT), TIFF Files (TIFF TIF), WAV (WAV), Windows Media File (WMV), Word 2007 File (DOCX), Word 97/XP File (DOC), WordPerfect File (WPD), XML Document (XML) Maximum File Size: 2.10 GB</p>		

**Figure 8.37 – Upload Documents Pane**



10. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
11. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
12. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

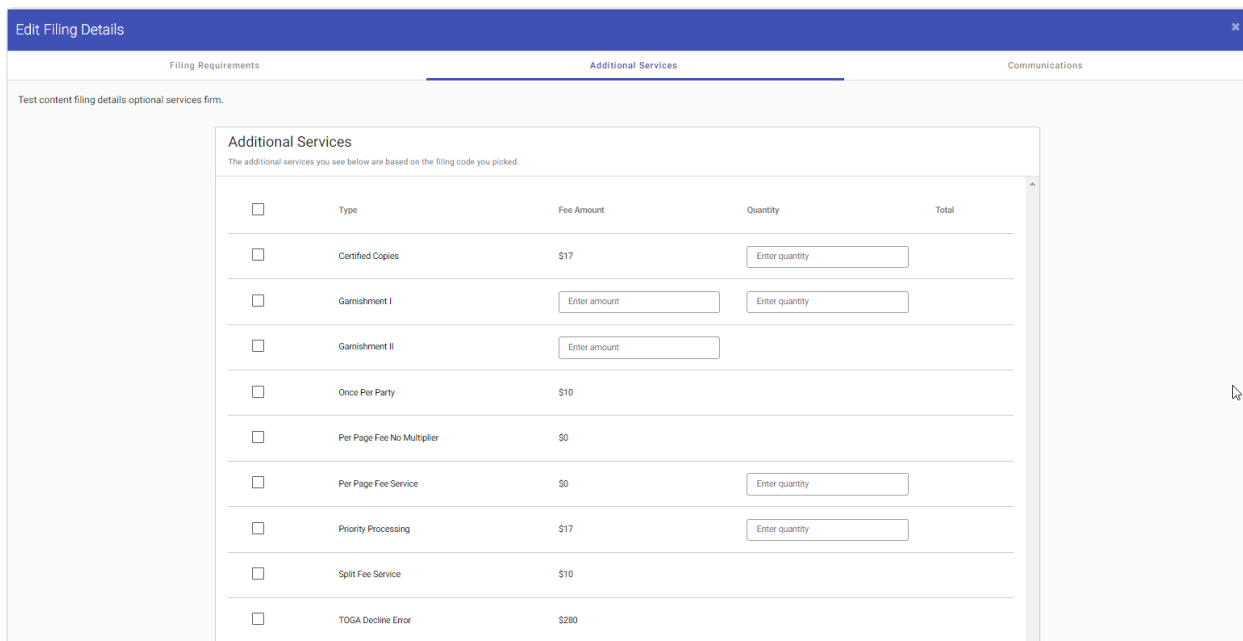


Figure 8.38 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

13. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.

**Go to Communication**

14. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.

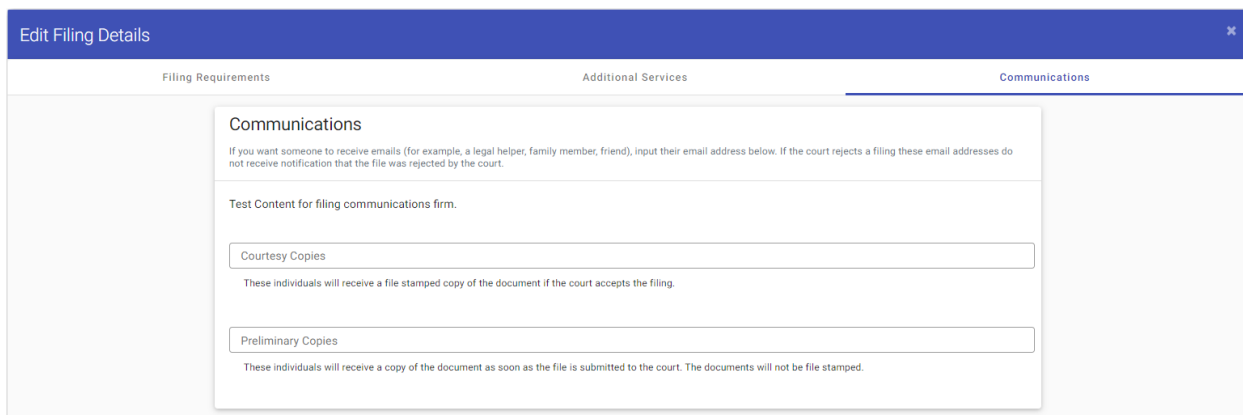


Figure 8.39 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

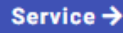
15. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

**Save**

16. Click **Save**.

**+ Add More**

17. If you want to add another filing, on the *Filings* page, click **+ Add More**. Then, repeat the same steps for the next filing.

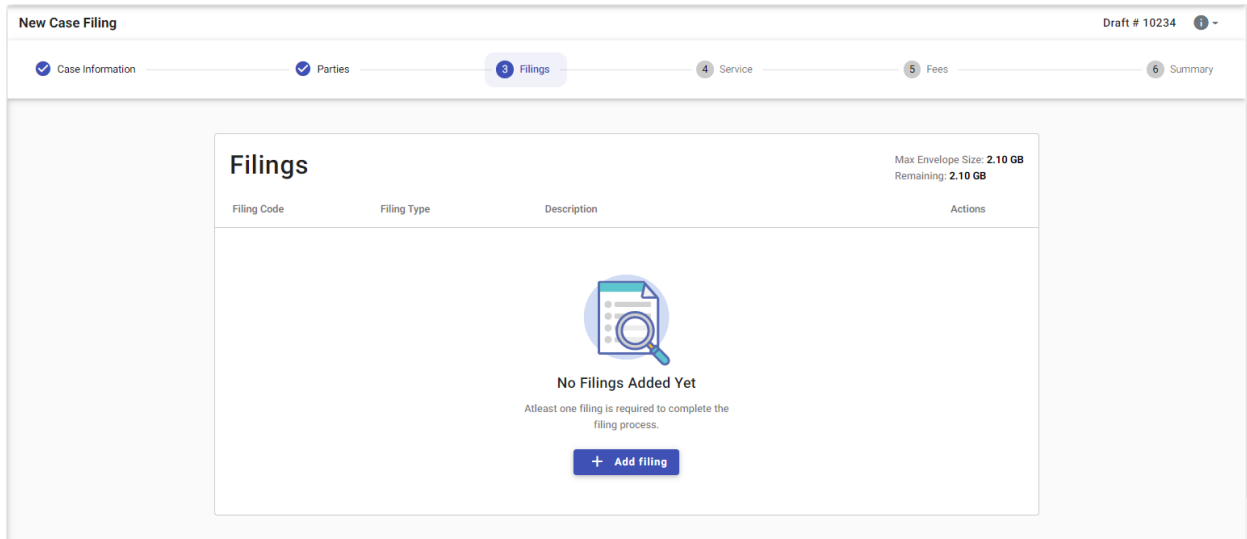


18. After you have added all of the filings, click

## Entering a Filing with a Claim Amount

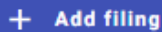
Filers can enter the Claim Amount when that amount has been specified by the court. The **Claim Amount** field is displayed on the *Fees* page. Filers can enter the amount in the **Claim Amount** field. When the Claim Amount is set, an appropriate fee will be applied.

**Note: The Claim Amount feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**



**Figure 8.40 – Filings Page**

To enter the filing details:



1. On the *Filings* page, click

The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

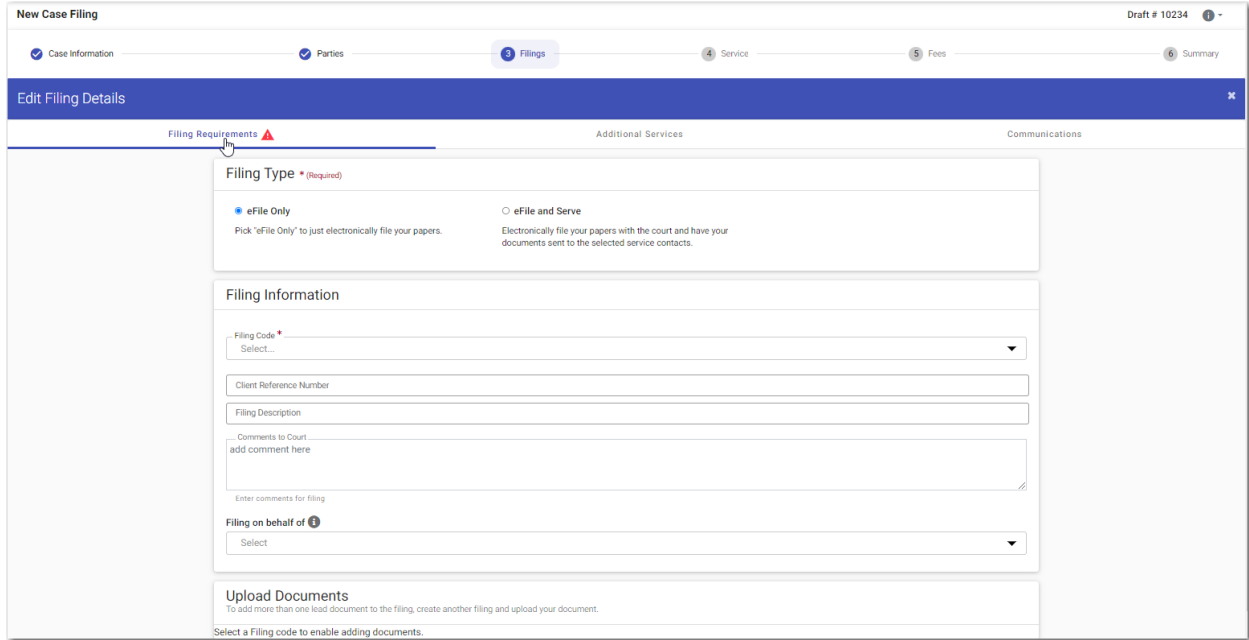
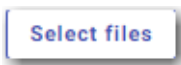


Figure 8.41 – Edit Filing Details Page

2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select the appropriate filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
4. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
5. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
6. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
7. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.



8. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”

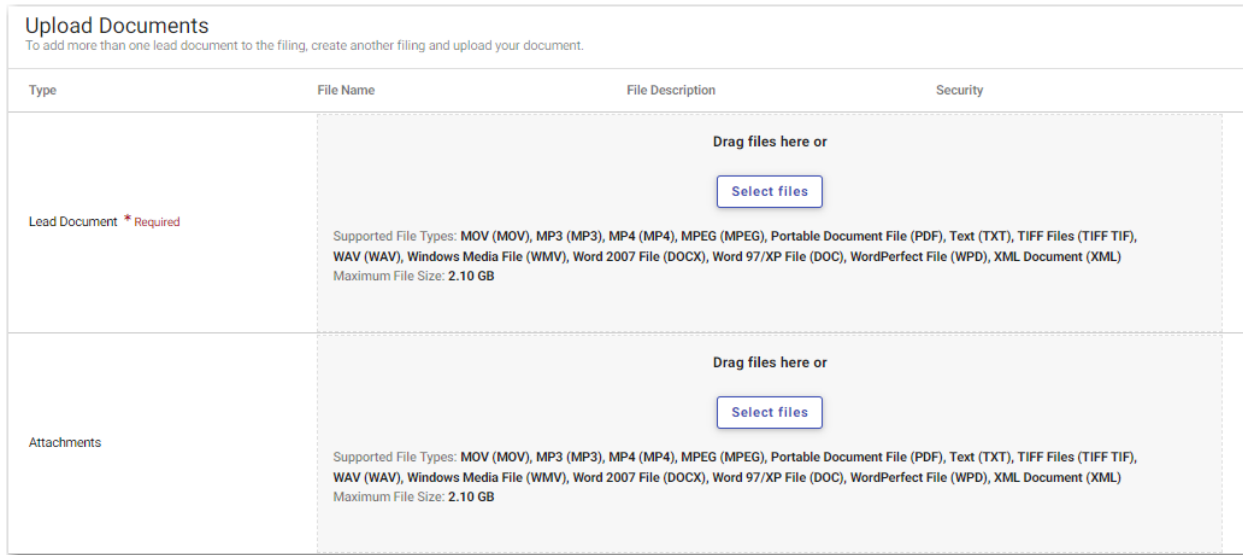
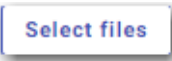


Figure 8.42 – Upload Documents Pane

9. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
10. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
11. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

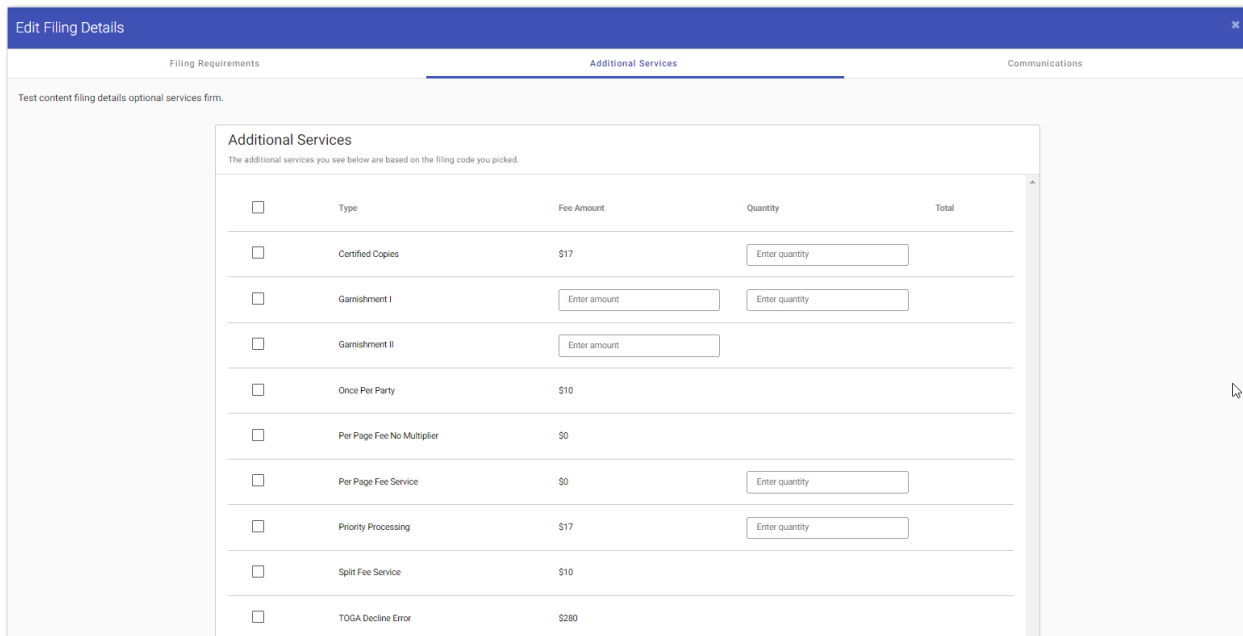


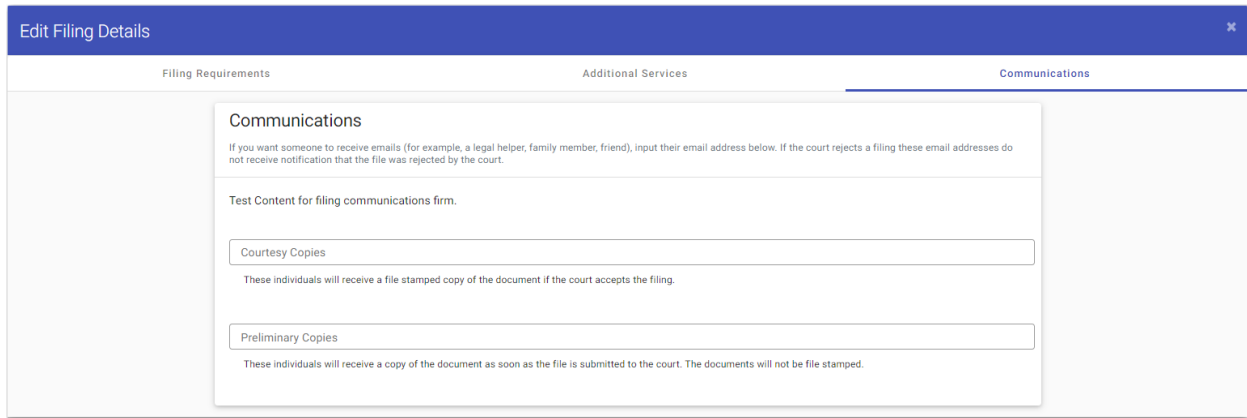
Figure 8.43 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

12. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.



13. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.



**Figure 8.44 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page**

14. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

15. Click **Save**.

16. Click **Service →**.

The *Service* page is displayed.

17. Select the service contacts, and then click **Fees →**.

The *Fees* page is displayed.

**Note: Your firm must have a payment account created before you can complete your filing.**

18. On the *Fees* page, type the Claim Amount in the **Claim Amount** field.  
 19. Select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.  
 20. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.  
 21. Select the party that is responsible for paying the fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

22. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

23. Click **Calculate Fees**.

The fees for the filing are displayed.

24. Click **Summary →** to review and complete your filing.

## Entering a Filing with an Estate Value

You can enter the Estate Value when that amount has been specified by the court. The Estate Value is the valued amount of an estate in probate cases. The **Estate Value** field is displayed on the *Fees* page. You can enter the amount in the **Estate Value** field. When the Estate Value is set, an appropriate fee will be applied.

**Note:** The Estate Value feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

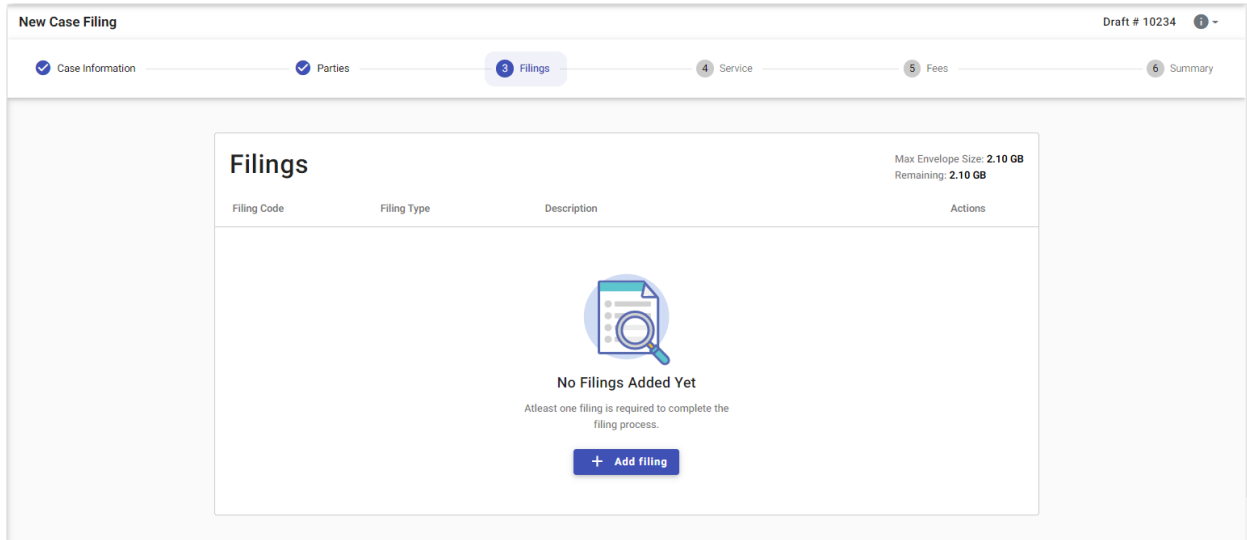



Figure 8.45 – Filings Page

To enter the filing details:

1. On the *Filings* page, click  .

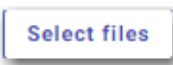
The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

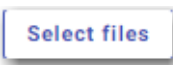
The screenshot shows the 'Edit Filing Details' page. At the top, there's a progress bar with steps: Case Information, Parties, Filings (active), Service, Fees, and Summary. Below the progress bar, there's a blue header for 'Edit Filing Details'. The main content area is divided into three tabs: 'Filing Requirements' (active), 'Additional Services', and 'Communications'. Under 'Filing Requirements', there are four sections:
 

- Filing Type \* (Required)**: Two radio buttons. 'eFile Only' is selected. Below it, text says 'Pick "eFile Only" to just electronically file your papers.' The other option is 'eFile and Serve' with text: 'Electronically file your papers with the court and have your documents sent to the selected service contacts.'
- Filing Information**: A 'Filing Code \*' dropdown menu with 'Select...' below it. Below that are text input fields for 'Client Reference Number' and 'Filing Description'. A 'Comments to Court' section with a text area and a note 'add comment here'. Below that, a note 'Enter comments for filing'. Finally, a 'Filing on behalf of' dropdown menu with 'Select' below it.
- Upload Documents**: Text input field with a note: 'To add more than one lead document to the filing, create another filing and upload your document.' Below that, a note: 'Select a Filing code to enable adding documents.'

Figure 8.46 – Edit Filing Details Page

2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select the appropriate filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
4. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
5. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
6. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
7. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.



8. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”

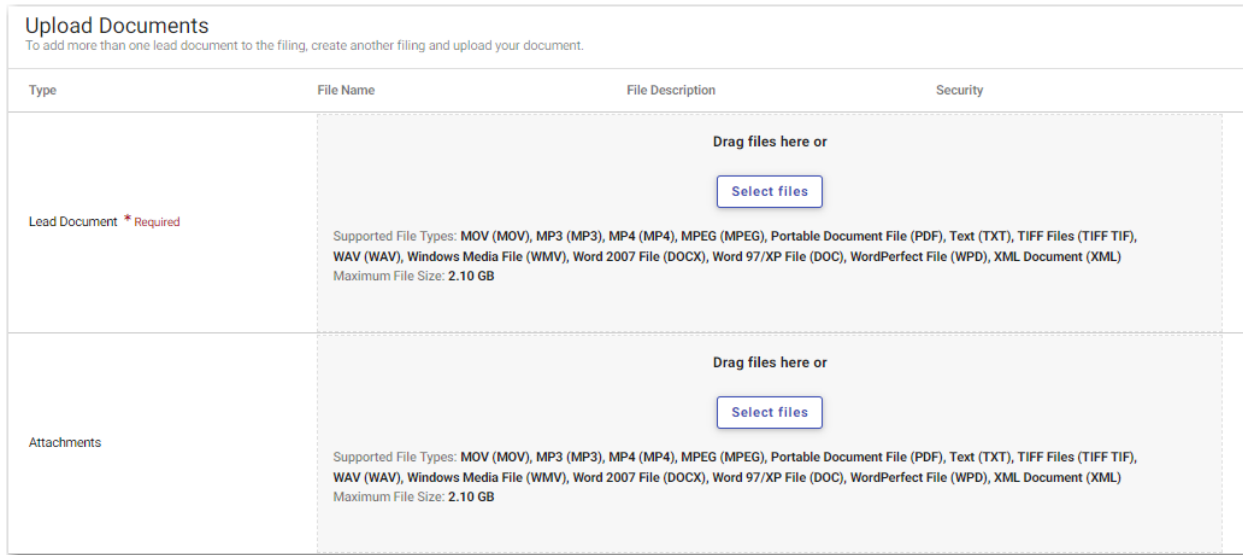
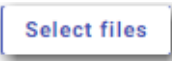


Figure 8.47 – Upload Documents Pane

9. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
10. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
11. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

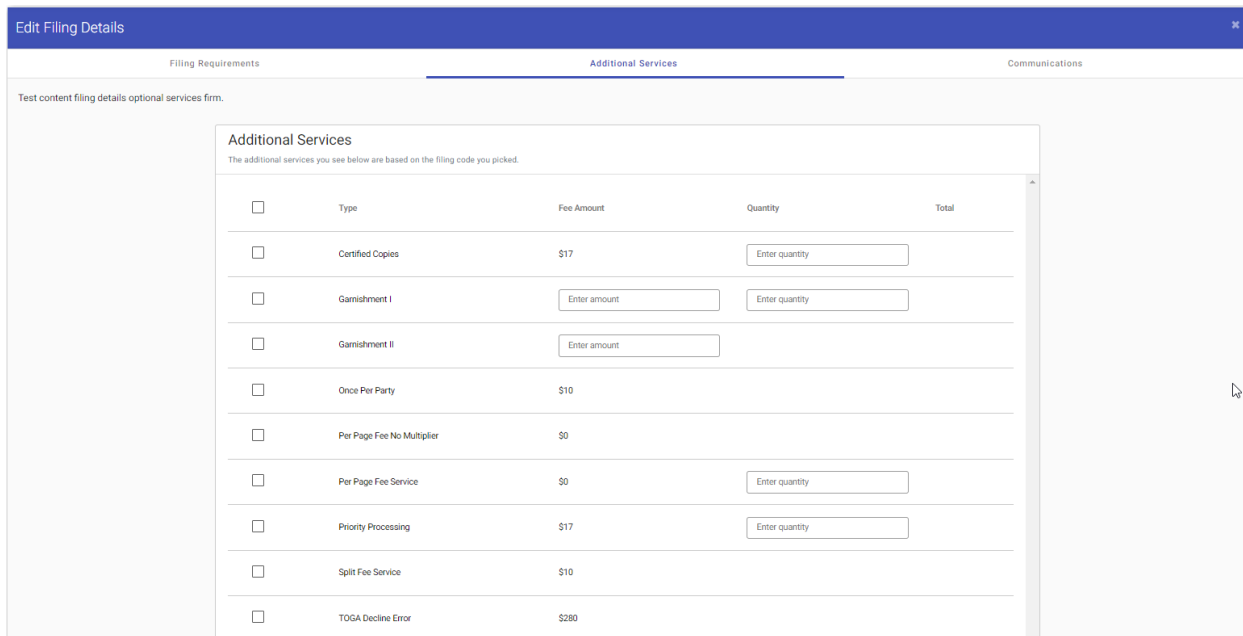
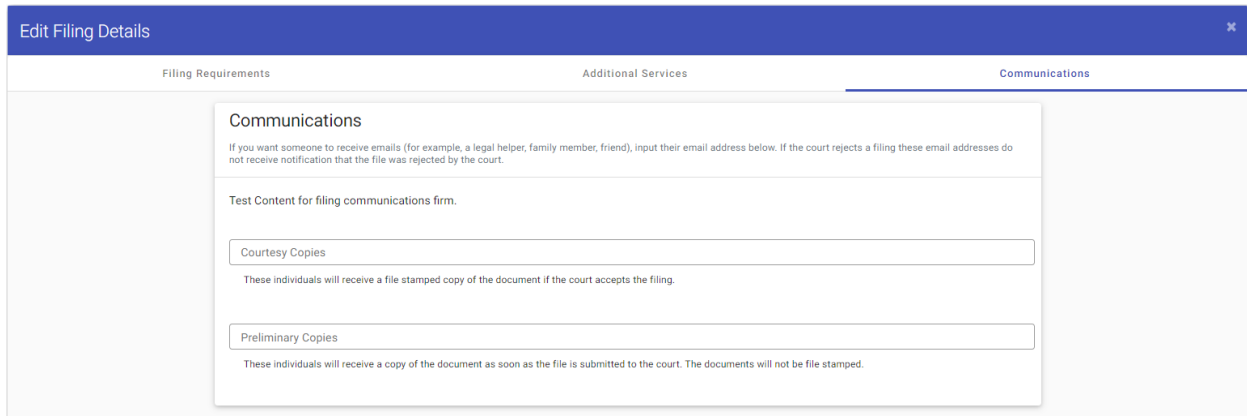


Figure 8.48 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

12. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.

13. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.



**Figure 8.49 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page**

14. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

15. Click **Save**.

16. Click **Service →**.

The *Service* page is displayed.

17. Select the service contacts, and then click **Fees →**.

The *Fees* page is displayed.

18. On the *Fees* page, type the Estate Value in the **Estate Value** field.

19. Select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.

20. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.

21. Select the party that is responsible for paying the fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

22. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

23. Click **Calculate Fees**.

The fees for the filing are displayed.

24. Click **Summary →** to review and complete your filing.

## Entering Payment Information

Enter the payment information for your filing on the *Fees* page.

**Note: Your firm must have a payment account created before you can complete your filing.**

The screenshot shows the 'New Case Filing' interface. At the top, there is a progress bar with six steps: Case Information, Parties, Filings, Service, Fees (highlighted in blue), and Summary. The 'Fees' section is active and contains a form with the following fields:

- Payment Account \***: A dropdown menu with 'Select...' as the placeholder.
- Party Responsible for Fees \***: A dropdown menu with 'Select...' as the placeholder. A 'Search' button is located to the left of this dropdown.
- Filing Attorney \***: A dropdown menu with 'Select...' as the placeholder.
- Filer Type**: A dropdown menu with 'Select...' as the placeholder.

To the right of the form is a 'Fee Breakdown' section. It contains the text: 'Once you've picked your payment account, click the button below to see the total fees'. Below this text is a blue button labeled 'Calculate Fees'.

**Figure 8.50 – Example of a Fees Page**

To enter the payment information for your filing:

1. Select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.
2. Select the party responsible for fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list. Click

**Search**

if you want to search for a party.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

3. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.
4. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

5. Click

**Calculate Fees**

The fees for the filing are displayed.

**New Case Filing** Draft # 10562

Case Information  Parties  Filings  Service  **5 Fees**  6 Summary

### Fees

You must select a payment account even if there are no fees.

Payment Account \*  
  x ▼

Party Responsible for Fees \*  
 ▼

Filing Attorney \* ⓘ  
 x ▼

Filer Type  
 ▼

### Fee Breakdown

[Calculate Fees](#)

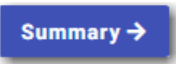
Case Initiation Fee	
Other Civil	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Abstract Of Judgment	\$5.00
Service Fees	
Total Service Fees	\$1.00
Convenience Fee	\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>

Figure 8.51 – Example of a Fees Page with the Filing Fees Displayed

If you selected mail service for your filing, the mail service fees are displayed on the *Fees* page.

**Note: The Mail Service feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

6. Review the filing fees, and then click



## Capability for Filing a Return Date


Filers can select a date by which the respondent must respond to the filing. Filers select the return date on the *Summary* page of a case filing.

**Note: The Return Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**



The screenshot shows a form titled "Return Date" with a sub-label "Out Of State Service" and an unchecked checkbox. Below is a date input field with a calendar icon and a "Verify" button. A red error message at the bottom states "Return date must be verified."

Figure 8.52 – Example of the Return Date Pane

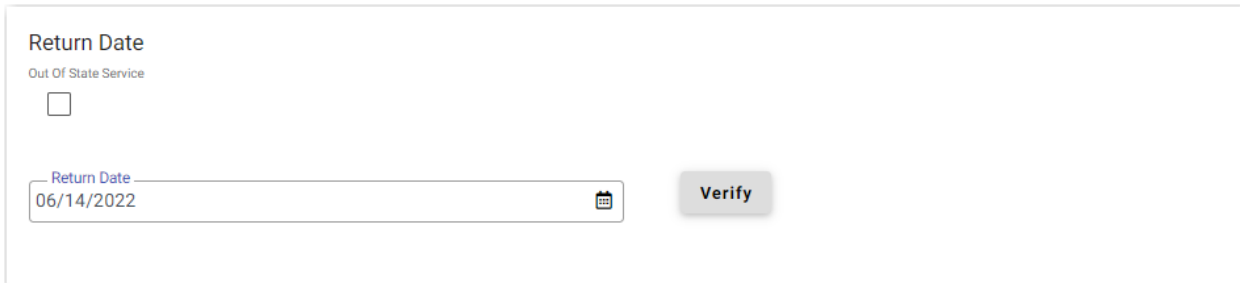
After selecting a return date, click  to check whether the selected date is available. If the selected date is verified, a confirmation message is displayed.

**Note:** You cannot proceed until you verify the selected date.



Figure 8.53 – Return Date Verified Message

If the selected date is not verified, the system may change the date. If the date is changed, the new date will be displayed.



The screenshot shows the same "Return Date" form as Figure 8.52, but the date input field now contains "06/14/2022" and has a blue border, indicating it is a valid date. The "Verify" button remains to the right.

Figure 8.54 – Example of the Return Date Pane with a Valid Date Displayed

If you select an invalid return date, the invalid date is displayed with a red border, indicating an error. You cannot proceed until you select a valid date.



**Return Date**

Out Of State Service

Return Date  
05/31/2022 Verify

**Figure 8.55 – Example of the Return Date Pane with an Error in the Return Date Field**

After you complete your filing, the return date is displayed in the envelope details. If you requested out-of-state service, that information is also displayed in the envelope details.

Details - Envelope # 187677 Print Close

Envelope			
Envelope ID 187677	Submitted by Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com	
Case Information			
Case Location OFS MockCMS	Case Type *****	Case Category *****	
Hearing			
Hearing Start Date 06/04/2022	Hearing Start Time 8:00 AM	Hearing End Time 9:00 AM	
Return Date			
Return Date 06/14/2022			
Parties			
Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney	
Defendant	John Doe	Abby Carmichael	
Plaintiff	Sally Smith	Perry Mason	
Filings			
Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment			▼
Service Contacts			
Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts	
Defendant	John Doe	0  ▼	
Plaintiff	Sally Smith	0  ▼	
Other Service Contacts		0  ▼	
Fees			
Payment account Firm's New CC 11202020	Party responsible John Doe	Filing attorney	
Filer Type Default	Order ID 000187677-0	Transaction Response Transaction Amount \$8.00	Transaction ID 158938

**Figure 8.56 – Example of the Return Date in the Envelope Details**

## Selecting a Return Date for a Case Filing

**Note:** The Return Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To select a return date for a case filing:

1. From the *Dashboard* page, click

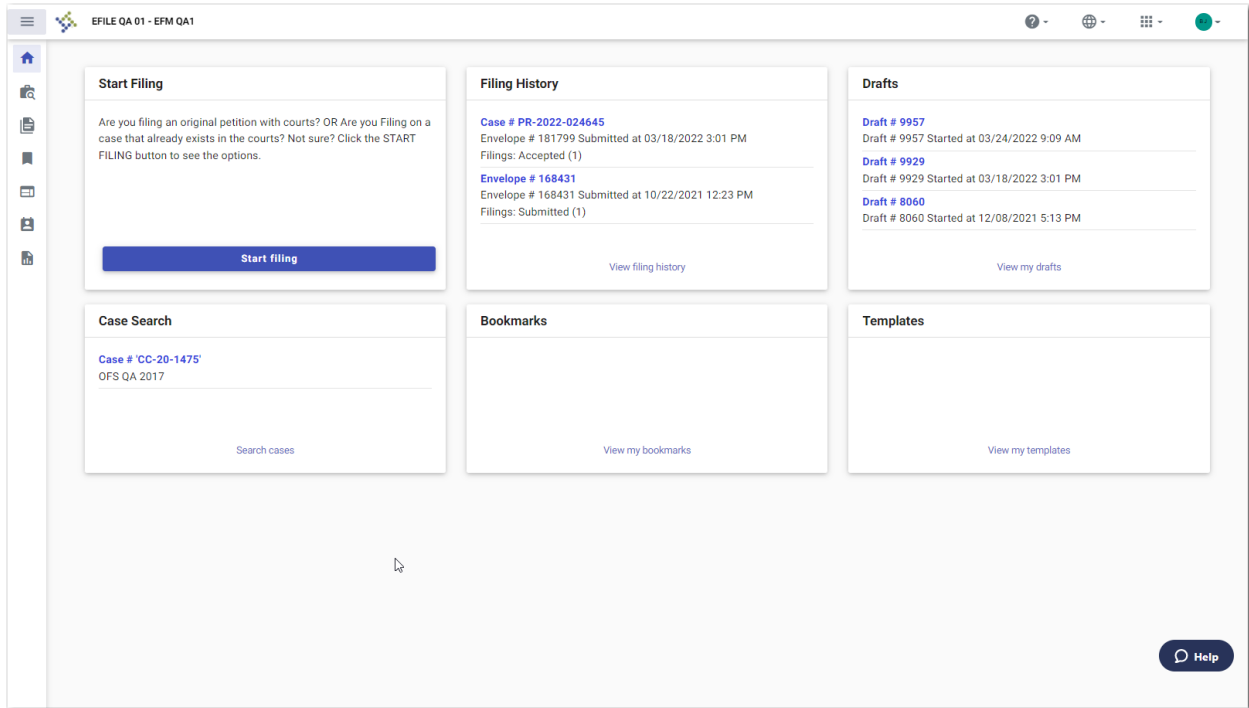
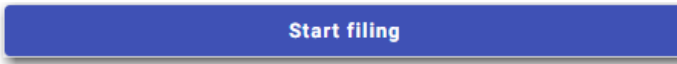


Figure 8.57 – Dashboard Page

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

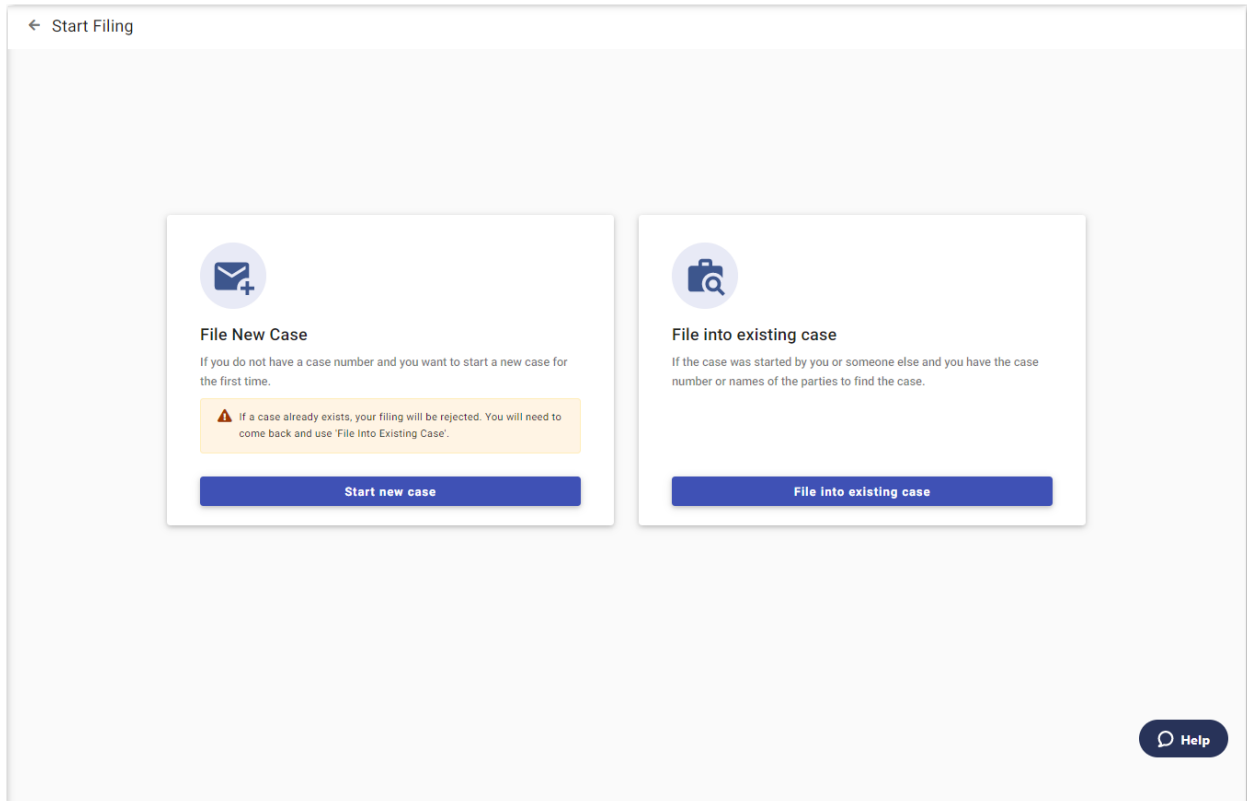
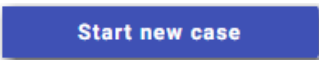

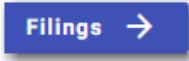





Figure 8.58 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .  
The *Case Information* page is displayed.
3. Complete the details for the case by completing the fields on the *Case Information* page, and then click  .  
The *Parties* page is displayed.
4. Complete the fields on the *Parties* page, and then click  .  
The *Filings* page is displayed.
5. Complete the fields on the *Filings* page, and then click  .  
The *Service* page is displayed.
6. Select the service contacts, and then click  .  
The *Fees* page is displayed.
7. Complete the fields on the *Fees* page, and then click  .

The *Summary* page is displayed.

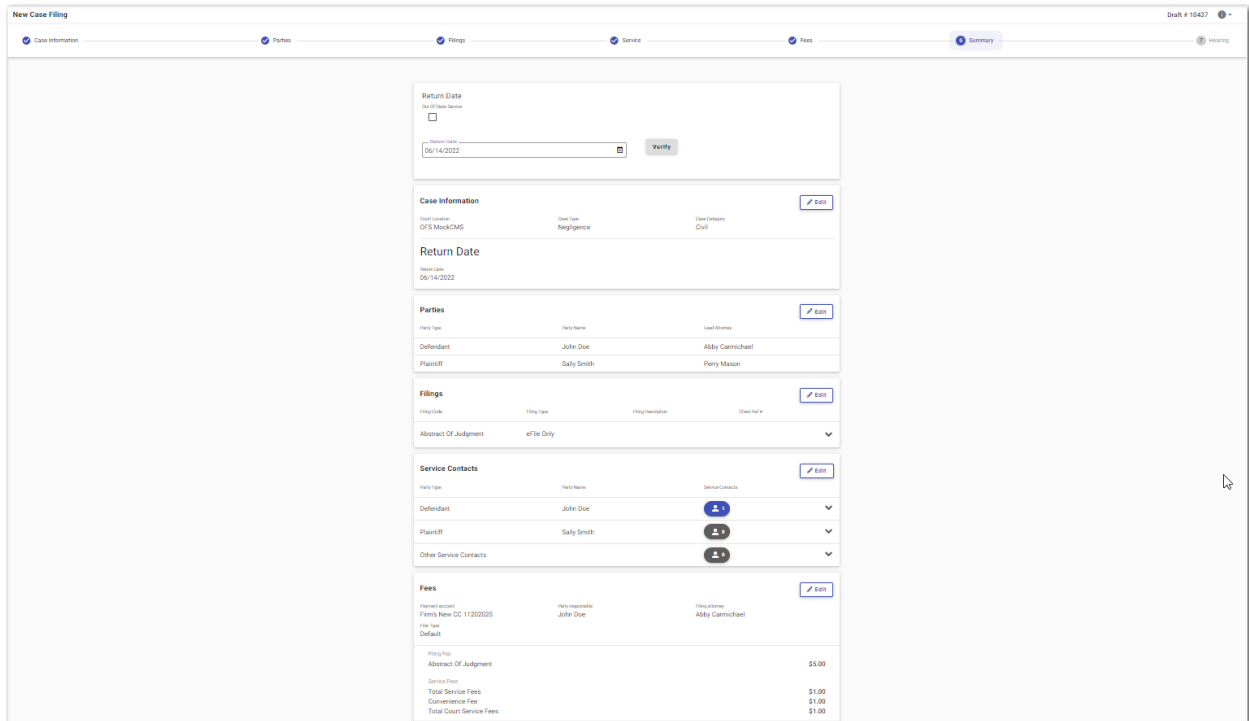


Figure 8.59 – Return Date Pane on the Summary Page

8. On the *Summary* page, to select a return date:
  - a. If the respondent is located out of state, select the **Out of State Service** check box.

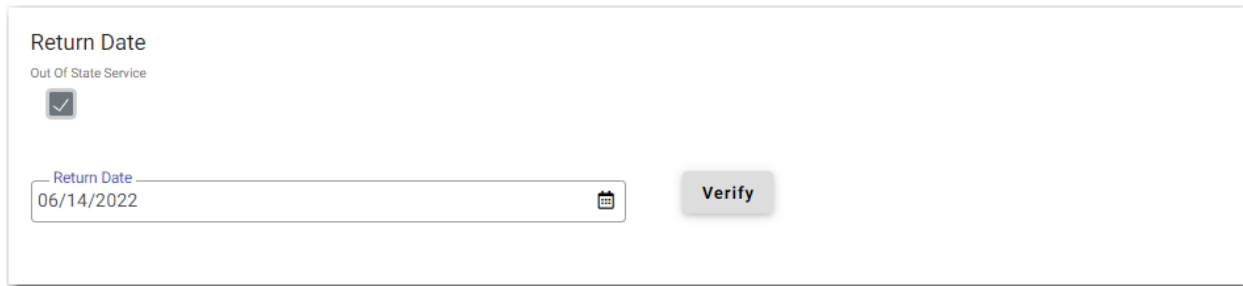

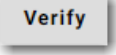
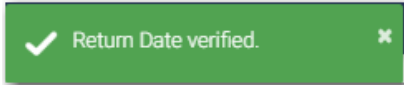


Figure 8.60 – Out of State Service Check Box Selected in the Return Date Pane

- b. Type a date in the **Return Date** field, or click  to select a date from the calendar.

- c. Click .

If the selected date is verified, a confirmation message is displayed.



**Figure 8.61 – Return Date Verified Message**

If the selected date is not verified, the system may change the date. If the date is changed, the new date will be displayed in the **Return Date** field.

**Figure 8.62 – Example of a Return Date Pane with Valid Date Displayed**

9. Verify the rest of the information on the *Summary* page, and then submit your filing.

## Reverify the Return Date

The system forces you to reverify the return date if you navigate away from the *Summary* page before submitting the filing. When you return to the *Summary* page, you must reverify the return date before the filing can be submitted.

**Note: The Return Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

## Reverifying a Return Date

**Note: The Return Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

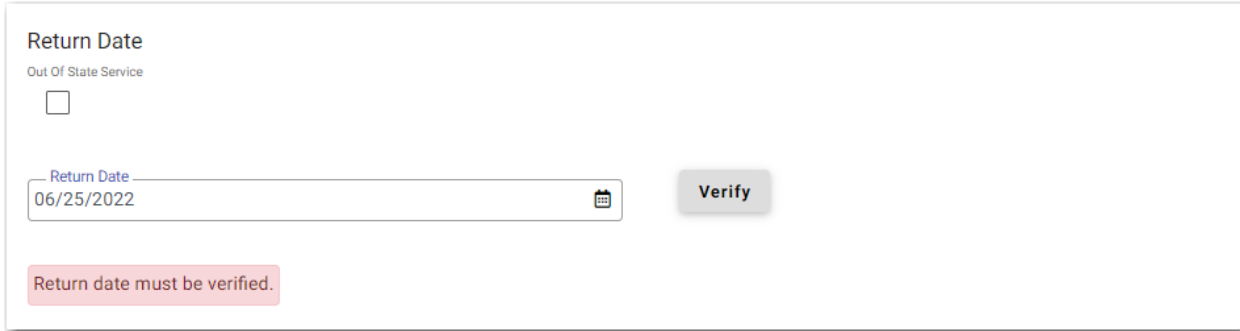
To reverify the return date:

1. After making changes in your case filing, navigate to the *Summary* page.




**Note: You must reverify the return date that you previously selected.**

If the date you previously selected is still available, the date is displayed in the **Return Date** field.

If the date you previously selected is no longer available, a new date is displayed in the **Return Date** field.



**Figure 8.63 – Return Date Pane**

2. Click  to verify the date that is displayed, or type a new date, and then click .
3. When all of the information on the *Summary* page is correct, click .

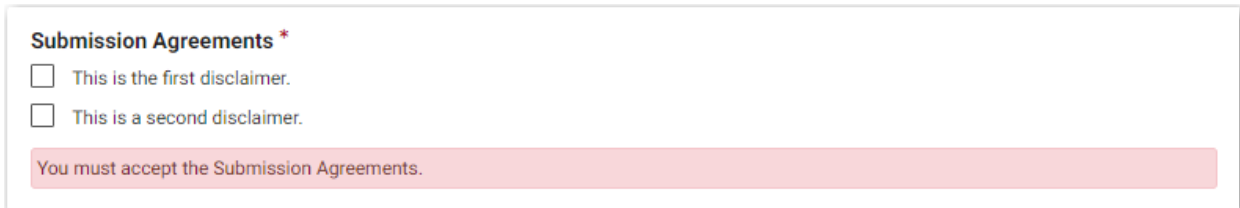
## Submission Agreements

The court may elect to have a submission agreement that is specific to the terms of the e-filing rules. In this case, you must select the appropriate check boxes before continuing with your filing.

**Note: Submission agreements are configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

The Submission Agreements pane is displayed on the *Summary* page. If submission agreements are configured by your court, you must select the check boxes in the Submission Agreements pane to complete your filing.

Your court may be configured with one disclaimer or with more than one disclaimer. The specific wording of each disclaimer is configured by Tyler at the court’s request.



**Figure 8.64 – Example of a Submission Agreements Pane with Two Disclaimers**



**Figure 8.65 – Example of a Submission Agreements Pane with the Check Boxes Selected for Two Disclaimers**

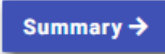
If no submission agreements are required by your court, the Submission Agreements pane is displayed with no options to select.

# Viewing the Envelope Summary

The envelope summary provides a summary of case information, such as the location of the filing, the parties involved in the case, filing details, fees, and payments for the case.

The party, filings, and fees information must be complete before you can view the envelope summary.

To view the envelope summary:

1. Complete the required information on the *Case Information*, *Parties*, *Filings* and *Fees* pages.
2. After you have completed the fields in each section, from the *Fees* page, click  .

The *Summary* page is displayed.

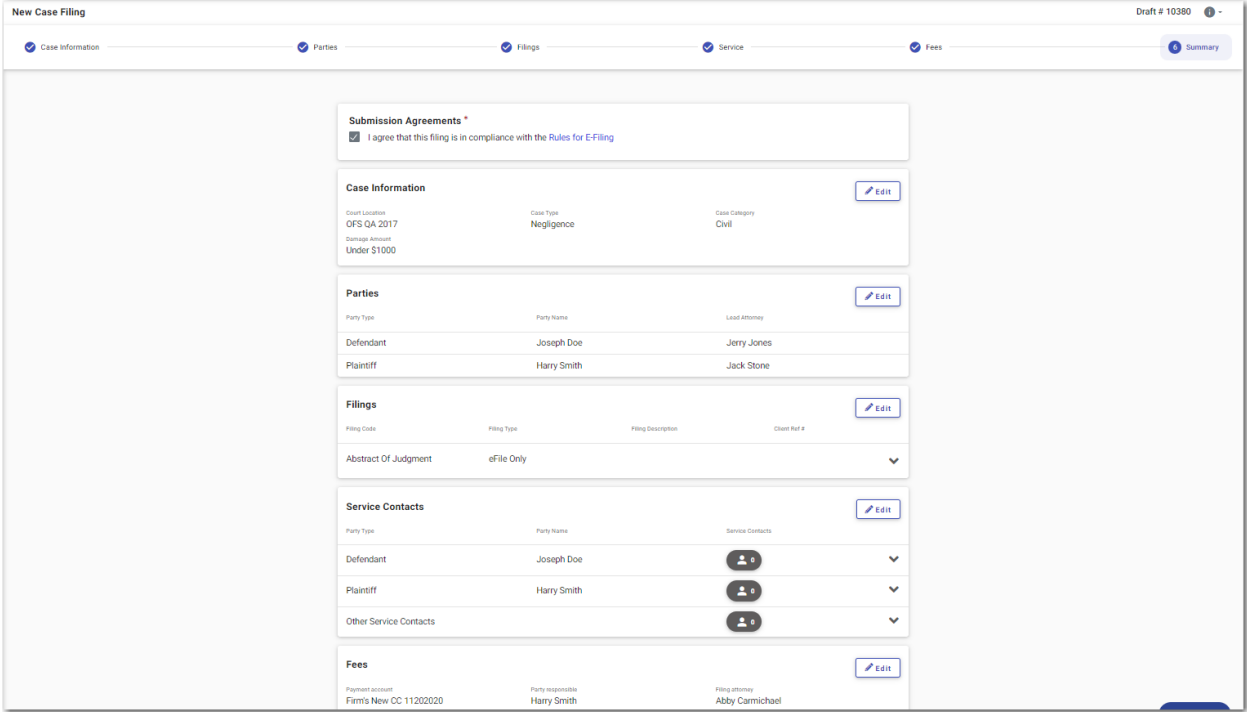


Figure 8.66 – Example of a Summary Page

If you selected mail service for your filing, the mail service fees are displayed in the Fees pane on the *Summary* page.

**Note:** The Mail Service feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

The screenshot shows a 'New Case Filing' summary page with the following sections:

- Submission Agreements:** A checked box indicating agreement with the Rules for E-Filing.
- Case Information:** Court Location (OFS 0A 2017), Case Type (City Ordinance Cases), Case Category (Civil).
- Parties:** Party Type (Defendant), Party Name (Julia Childs), Lead Attorney (Charles Henderson).
- Filings:** Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, Checklist.
- Appointment:** eFile and Serve.
- Service Contacts:** Party Type (Defendant), Party Name (Julia Childs), Service Contacts (Charles Henderson).
- Fees:** A table listing various fees and their amounts.

Item	Amount
Case Initiation Fee	
City Ordinance Cases	\$10.00
Filing Fee	
Appointment	\$5.00
Mail Service Fees	
Total Mail Service Fees	\$6.00
Service Fees	
Total Service Fees	\$1.00
Convenience Fee	\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>

Figure 8.67 – Example of a Summary Page with Mail Service Fees Displayed

If envelope comments are configured on your system, the comments are displayed in the Case pane on the *Summary* page.

**Note:** The Envelope Comments feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.



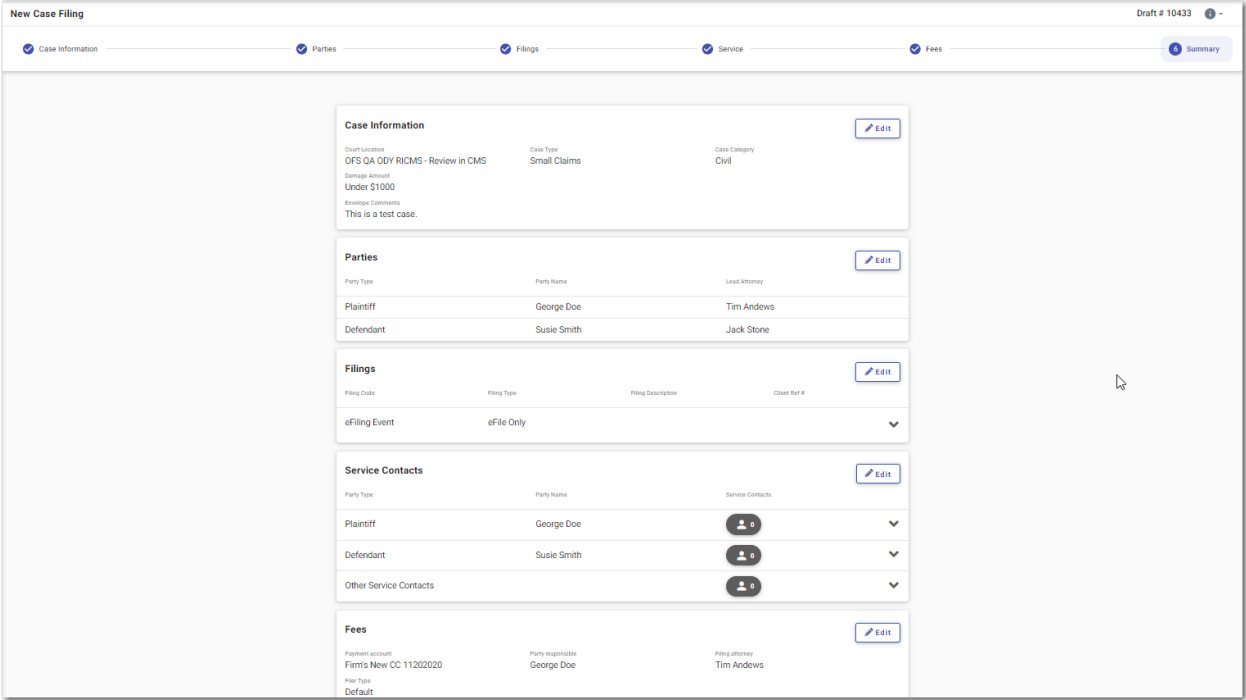


Figure 8.68 – Example of a Summary Page with Envelope Comments Displayed

- 3. If there are submission agreements for your filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
- 4. Review the summary of the case filing. If you want to change any information on the page, click



in the pane in which you want to change the information.



- 5. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click .  
The *Envelope Submitted* window is displayed.

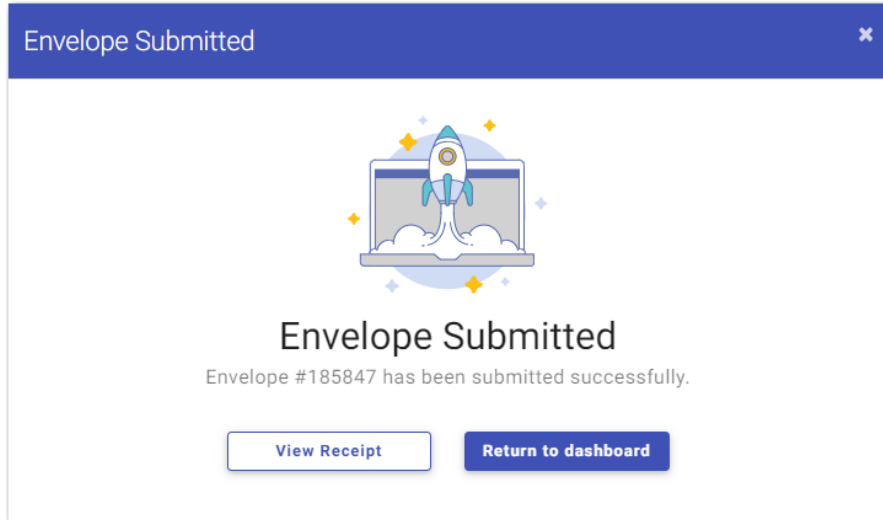




Figure 8.69 – Envelope Submitted Window

6. In the *Envelope Submitted* window, do one of the following:

- Click . The *Printable Envelope Details* page is displayed in a separate tab. View the envelope details, and then close the tab.
- Click  to return to the *Dashboard* page.
- Click **x** to close the *Envelope Submitted* window. The *Dashboard* page is displayed.


## Viewing Case Address Information on the Summary Page

The envelope summary provides a summary of case information, such as the location of the filing, the parties involved in the case, filing details, fees, and payments for the case.

**Note: The Case Address feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

The party, filings, and fees information must be complete before you can view the envelope summary.

To view the case address information in the envelope summary:

1. Complete the required information on the *Case Information* page, the *Parties* page, the *Filings* page, and the *Fees* page.
2. After you have completed the fields in each section, from the *Fees* page, click . The *Summary* page is displayed.

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Case Information Parties Filings Service Fees Summary

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**Submission Agreements \***

I agree that this filing is in compliance with the Rules for E-Filing

**Case Information** [Edit](#)

Court Location: OFS GA 2017      Case Type: Notice Of Removal      Case Category: Civil

Case Address: 555 Main Street, Dallas, TX 75221 US, Dallas

**Parties** [Edit](#)

Party Type:      Party Name:      Lead Attorney:

Defendant: John Smith      Perry Mason

**Filings** [Edit](#)

Filing Code:      Filing Type:      Filing Description:      Court Fee:

Abstract Of Judgment: eFile Only

**Service Contacts** [Edit](#)

Party Type:      Party Name:      Service Contacts:

Defendant: John Smith +

Other Service Contacts: +

**Fees** [Edit](#)

Payment Account: Florida Now CC 11202020      Party responsible: John Smith      Filings/Case: Perry Mason

Fee type: Default

Filing Fee	\$0.00
Abstract Of Judgment	\$0.00
Service Fee	\$1.00
Total Service Fees	\$1.00
Convenience Fee	\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>

Figure 8.70 – Case Address Information on the Summary Page

3. If there are submission agreements for your filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
4. Review the summary of the case filing. If you want to change any information on the page, click



in the pane in which you want to change the information.

**Submit**

5. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click

The *Envelope Submitted* window is displayed.

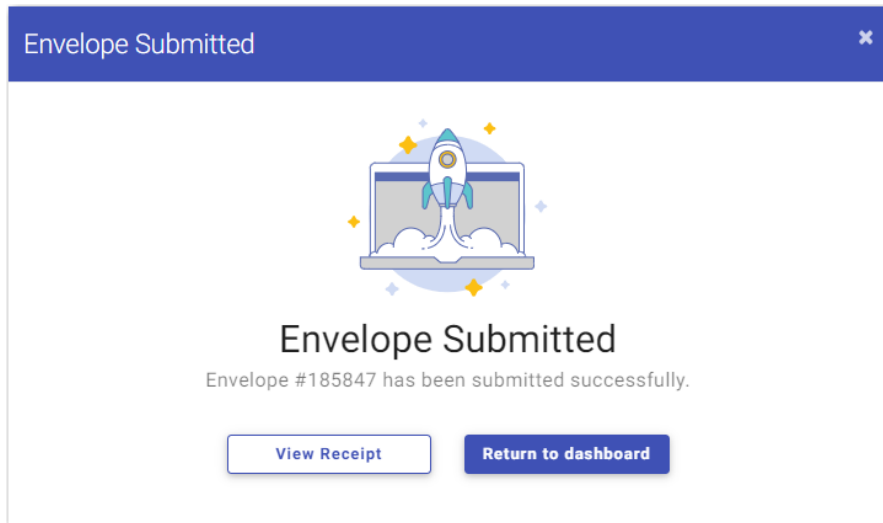




Figure 8.71 – Envelope Submitted Window

6. In the *Envelope Submitted* window, do one of the following:

- Click . The *Printable Envelope Details* page is displayed in a separate tab. View the envelope details, and then close the tab.
- Click  to return to the *Dashboard* page.
- Click **x** to close the *Envelope Submitted* window. The *Dashboard* page is displayed.

## View Case Judicial Officer

You can view the judicial officer who is assigned to a case from several locations in File & Serve.

**Note: The Case Judicial Officer feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

The case judicial officer information is available on the following pages:

- *Envelope Details* page for initial and subsequent filings

**Envelope Details** Print X

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**Envelope**

Envelope ID 187799	Submitted by Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com
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**Case Information**

Court Location OFS GA 2017 Judge Hammond, Don	Case Type Breach Of Contract	Case Category Civil
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**Parties**

Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney
Plaintiff	Jane Doe	
Defendant	John Doe	

**Filings**

Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment			

**Service Contacts**

Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts
Plaintiff	Jane Doe	  ▼
Defendant	John Doe	  ▼
Other Service Contacts		 1 ▼

**Fees**

Payment amount Firm's New CC 11202020 Filer Type Default	Party responsible John Doe	Filing attorney	
Order ID 000187799-0	Transaction Response	Transaction Amount \$8.00	Transaction ID 159069
Filing Fee Abstract Of Judgment			\$5.00
Service Fees			
Convenience Fee			\$1.00
Total Filing & Service Fees			\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees			\$1.00

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Figure 8.72 – Example of the Judge Information on the Envelope Details Page

- Summary page for subsequent filings

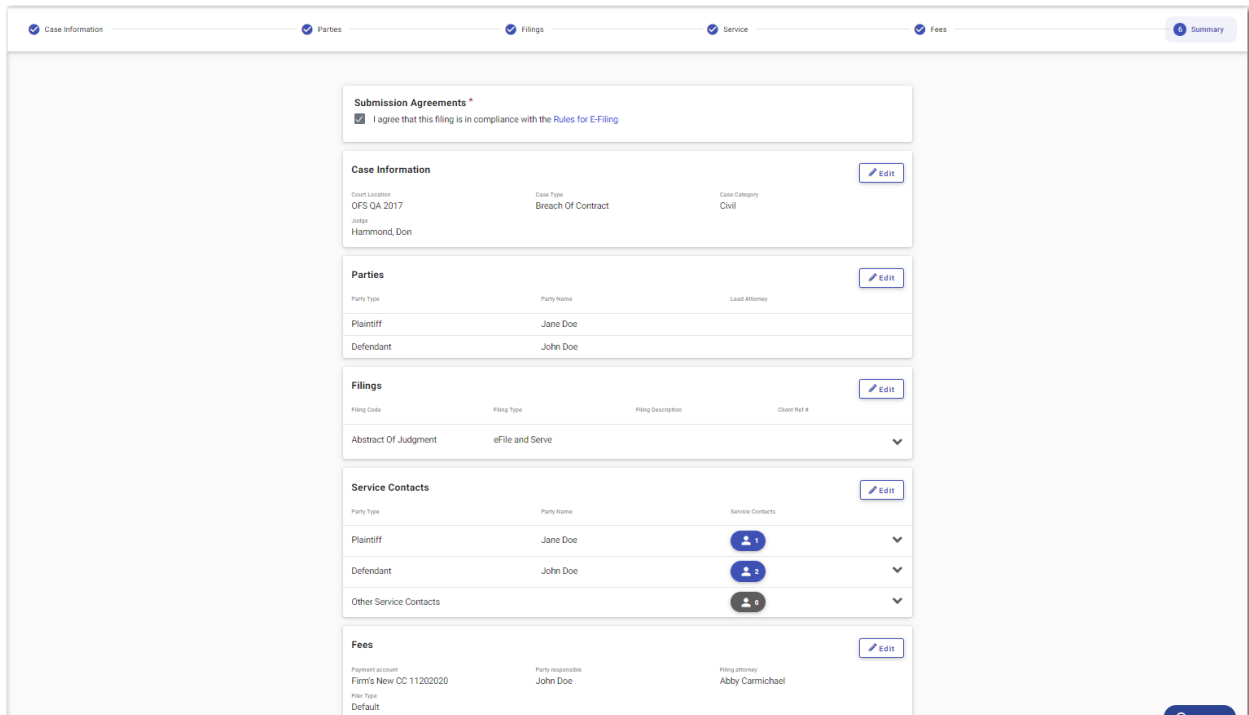


Figure 8.73 – Example of the Judge Information on the Summary Page

- *Case Information* page for subsequent filings

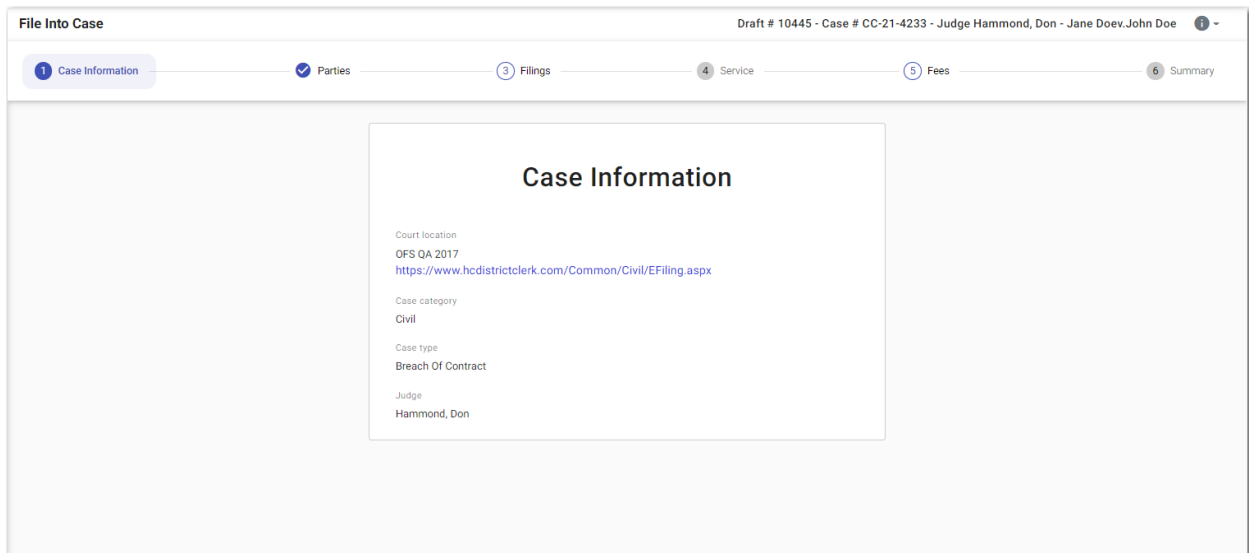


Figure 8.74 – Example of the Judge Information on the Case Information Page

- *Bookmarks* page for subsequent filings

































Bookmark Filter	31 - 42 of 42		
Case Location	Case #	Location	
Any Location	CC-21-3013	OFS QA 2017	   
Case Number	Case Description		
Case Number	Jane Doe, IIIv. John Smith, III		
Case Description	Case #	Location	
Case Description	CC-21-3102	OFS QA 2017 - Court at Law	Judge Hammond, Don
<input type="button" value="Reset"/>	<input type="button" value="Filter"/>		   
	Case #	Location	
	CC-21-3181	OFS QA 2017	   
	Case Description		
	Linda Gregoryv. Aureole Lainey		
	Case #	Location	
	CC-21-3321	OFS QA 2017	   
	Case Description		
	James Beardv. Emma Thomas		
	Case #	Location	
	CC-21-452	OFS QA 2014	   
	Case #	Location	
	CC-21-655	OFS QA 2017	   
	Case #	Location	
	CC-21-663	OFS QA 2018 - Court at Law 1	   
	Case #	Location	
	CC-21-668	OFS QA 2017	   
	Case Description		
	Frank AndersonVS. Julian Smith		

Figure 8.75 – Example of the Judge Information on the Bookmarks Page

## Capability for Hearing Dates

Filers can search for available hearing dates and then select a specified date. The hearing date is reserved in the system.

**Note: The Hearing Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

Filers can select a hearing date in a couple of ways:

- The filer completes a case filing and then submits it. Then the filer is prompted to select a hearing date and time.
- After a filing has been submitted, if a hearing was not previously scheduled, the filer can view the envelope details and then select a hearing date and time.

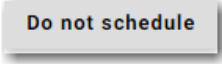
The filer schedules a hearing date and time on the *Schedule Hearing* page.

Schedule Hearing for Envelope #185887

Select	Date	Start	End
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/07/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM

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Figure 8.76 – Example of a Schedule Hearing Page



If the filer does not want to schedule a hearing at this time, the filer can click

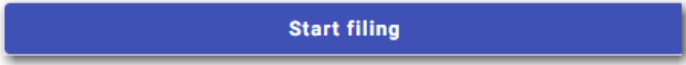
## Scheduling a Hearing Date for a New Case Filing

You can schedule a hearing after completing all of the fields in a case filing and then submitting your filing.

**Note: The Hearing Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Note: The example screen shots may differ from the screens displayed in your system.**

To schedule a hearing for a new case filing:



1. From the *Dashboard* page, click



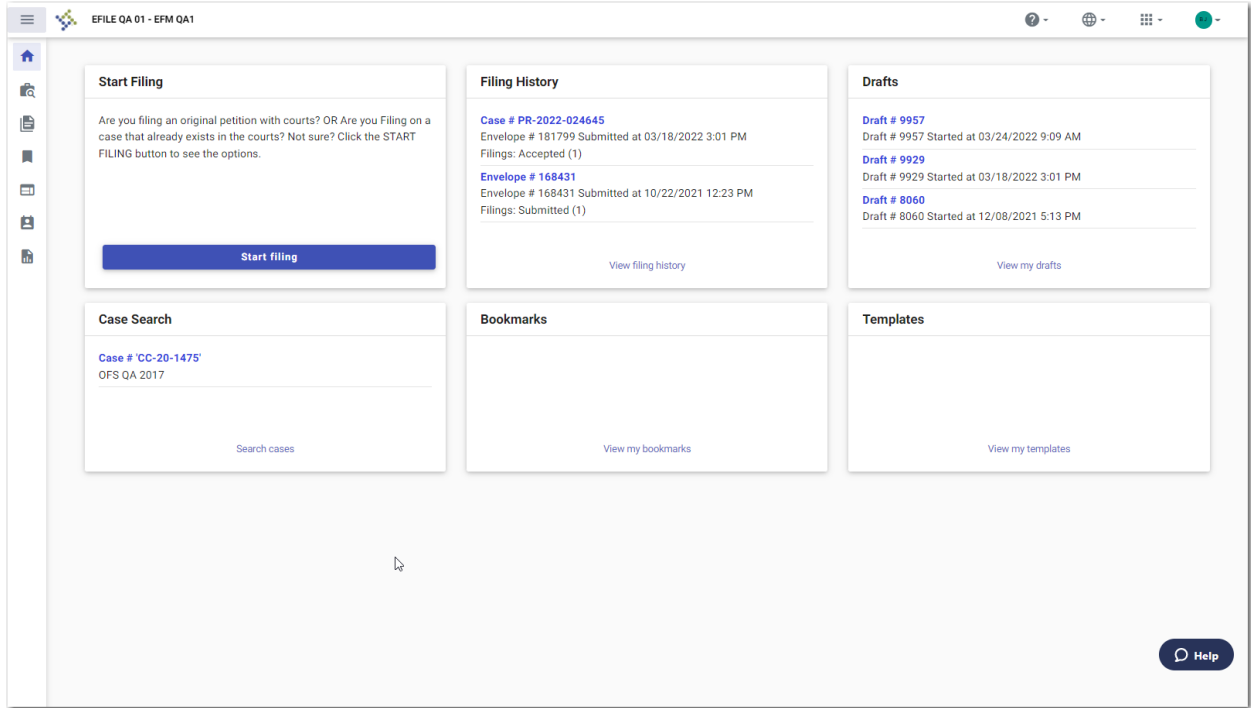


Figure 8.77 – Dashboard Page

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

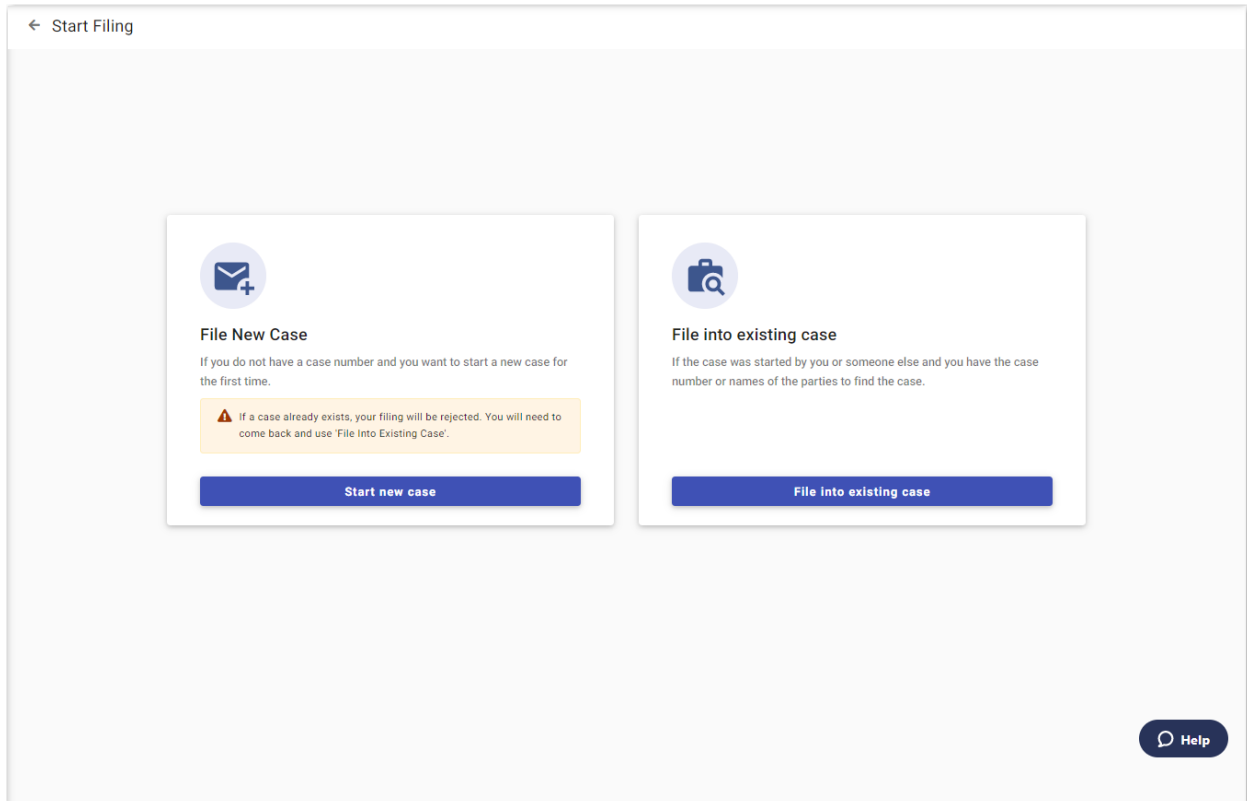


Figure 8.78 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .

The *Case Information* page is displayed.

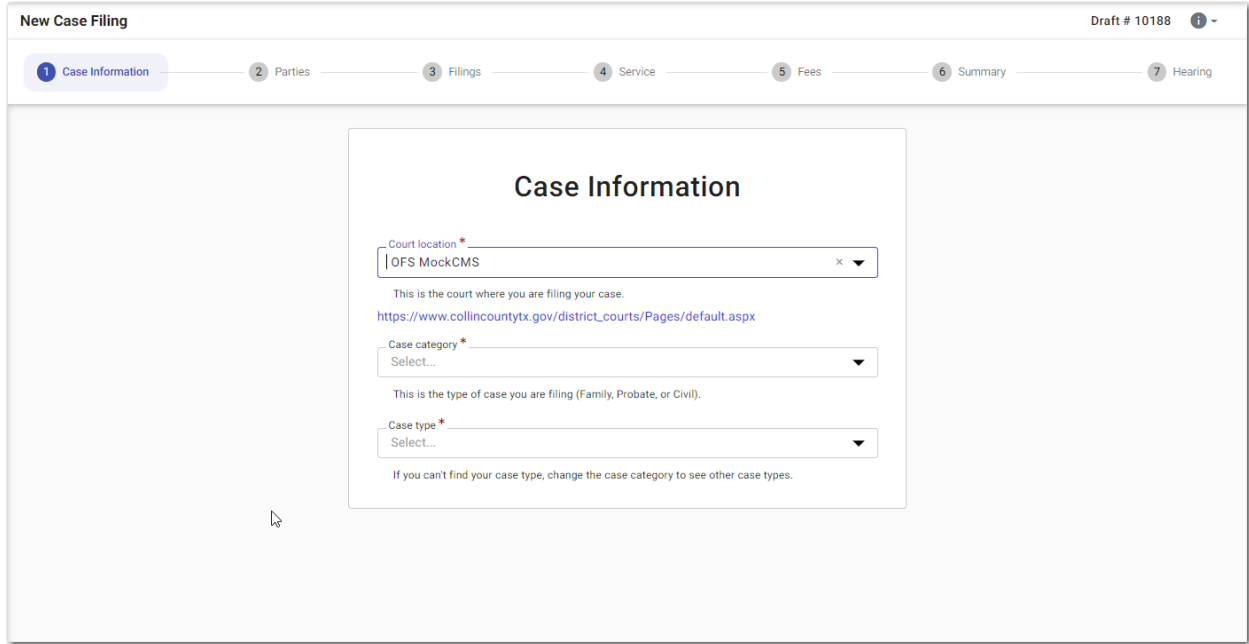
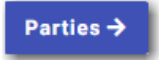


Figure 8.79 – Case Information Page

3. Complete the details for the case by completing the fields on the *Case Information* page, and then click



The *Parties* page is displayed.

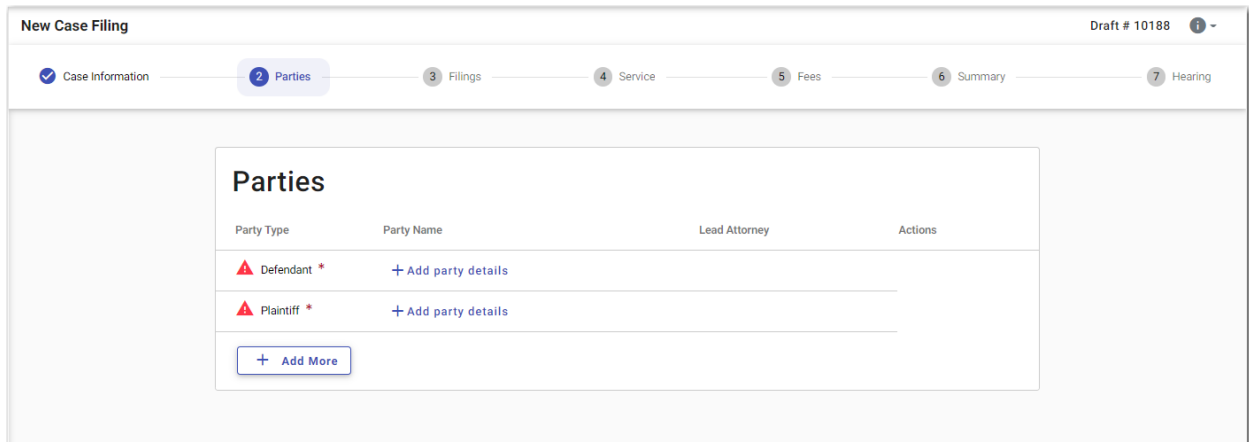
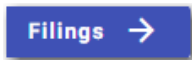


Figure 8.80 – Parties Page

4. Complete the fields on the *Parties* page, and then click



The *Filings* page is displayed.

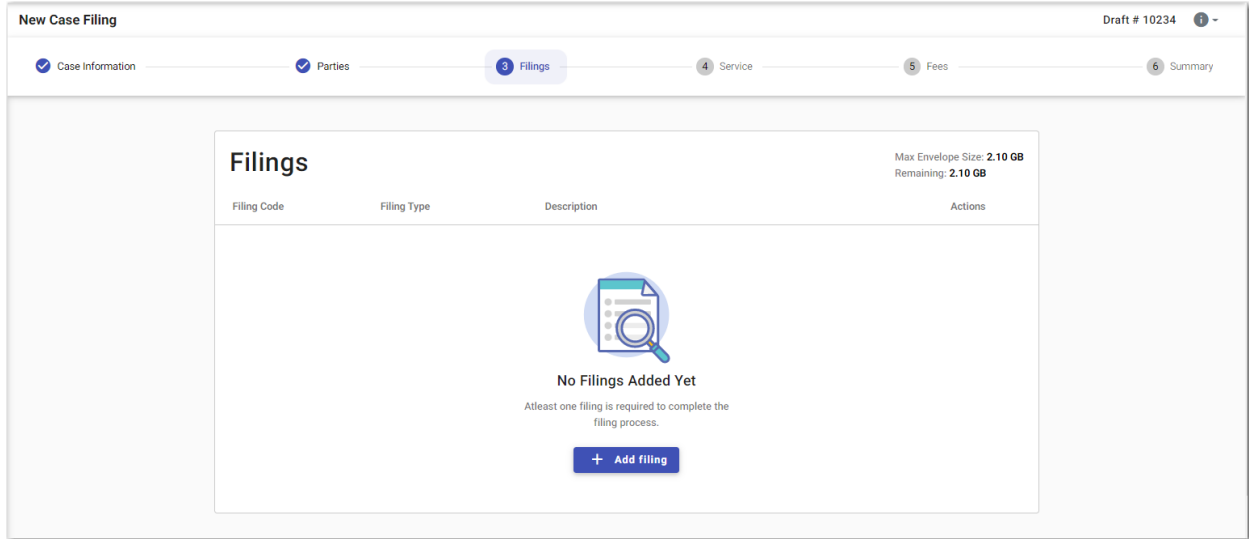


Figure 8.81 – Filings Page

5. On the *Filings* page, click **+ Add filing**. Then complete the required fields, as applicable.
6. Click **Service →**.  
The *Service* page is displayed.
7. Select the service contacts, and then click **Fees →**.  
The *Fees* page is displayed.
8. Complete the fields on the *Fees* page, and then click **Summary →**.  
The *Summary* page is displayed.

**New Case Filing** Dash # 10457

Case Information   Parties   Filings   Service   Fees   **Summary**   Hearing

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**Return Date**  
 No Of Date Service  
 Return Date: 06/14/2022

**Case Information**

Case Number: QPS MockCMS	Case Type: Negligence	Case Category: Civil
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**Return Date**  
 Return Date: 06/14/2022

**Parties**

Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney
Defendant	John Doe	Abby Carmichael
Plaintiff	Sally Smith	Perry Mason

**Filings**

Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Case Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment	efile Only		

**Service Contacts**

Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts
Defendant	John Doe	<input type="button" value="Add"/>
Plaintiff	Sally Smith	<input type="button" value="Add"/>
Other Service Contacts		<input type="button" value="Add"/>

**Fees**

Payment account: Firm's New CC: 11202020	Party responsible: John Doe	Filing attorney: Abby Carmichael
Fee type: Default		

Filing Fee		
Abstract Of Judgment		\$5.00
Service Fees		
Total Service Fees		\$1.00
Convenience Fee		\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees		\$1.00

Figure 8.82 – Example of a Summary Page

9. Complete any required fields on the *Summary* page, and verify all of the information. Then, click



The *Schedule Hearing* page is displayed.

Schedule Hearing for Envelope #185887

Select	Date	Start	End
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/07/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM

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Figure 8.83 – Example of a Schedule Hearing Page

10. Select the hearing date and time that you want from the options listed, and then click  .

A confirmation message is displayed, and then the *Dashboard* page is displayed.

**Note:** You can view the scheduled hearing date in the envelope details.

**Note:** If you want to schedule your hearing at another time, click  .

## Scheduling a Hearing for an Existing Case Filing

You can schedule a hearing for a case filing for which no hearing was previously scheduled, and for which the court has not yet reviewed the envelope.

**Note:** The Hearing Date feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To schedule a hearing for an existing case filing:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot displays a web interface for managing filings. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of filings under 'Filing History' and 'Filing Drafts' tabs. Each filing entry includes a title (e.g., 'Envelope # 183760'), a brief description, and a table with columns for 'Filing Status', 'Filing Code', 'Filing Type', 'Filing Description', and 'Client Ref #'. Action icons (print, download, refresh, search, etc.) are present for each entry. A 'Help' button is located at the bottom right of the interface.

Figure 8.84 – Example of a Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to schedule a hearing.

3. Click  .

The envelope details are displayed.

Details - Envelope # 187678

[Print](#)
[Schedule Hearing](#)
[Close](#)

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**Envelope**

Envelope ID 187678	Submitted By Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com
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**Case Information**

Court Location OFS MockCMS	Case Type *****	Case Category *****
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**Return Date**

Return Date  
06/24/2022

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**Parties**

Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney
Defendant	Peter Pan	Jerry Jones
Plaintiff	Molly Jones	Abby Carmichael

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**Filings**

Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Court Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment			

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**Service Contacts**

Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts
Defendant	Peter Pan	<span style="float: right;">▼</span>
Plaintiff	Molly Jones	<span style="float: right;">▼</span>
Other Service Contacts		<span style="float: right;">▼</span>

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**Fees**

Payment Method Fee CC 01.04	Party responsible Peter Pan	Filing attorney
Filer Type Default		
Order ID 000187678-0	Transaction Reference	Transaction Amount \$8.00
		Transaction ID 158939

Filing Fee	\$5.00
Abstract Of Judgment	
Service Fees	
Convenience Fee	\$1.00
Total Filing & Service Fees	\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>

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[Schedule Hearing](#)
[Close](#)

Figure 8.85 – Example of an Envelope Details Page

4. Click

The *Schedule Hearing* page is displayed.




Schedule Hearing for Envelope #185887

Select	Date	Start	End
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/06/2022	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
<input type="radio"/>	05/07/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM

Previous **1** 2 3 4 5 Next 45 Result(s) Page 1 of 5

**Figure 8.86 – Example of a Schedule Hearing Page**

5. Select the hearing date and time that you want from the options listed, and then click .

A confirmation message is displayed, and then the *Dashboard* page is displayed.

**Note:** You can view the scheduled hearing date in the envelope details.

# 9 Auto Generated Documents

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Collecting Additional Data on the Case Information Page
- ◆ Entering Service of Process Information on the Parties Page
- ◆ Entering Filing Details for Service of Process Cases
- ◆ Entering Payment Information
- ◆ Viewing the Envelope Summary for Service of Process Cases
- ◆ Viewing the Envelope Details for Service of Process Cases

File & Serve automatically generates some case-related documents based on configuration. When auto generation of documents is configured, you can enter additional data for an initial filing on the *Case Information* page. Also, you can select Service of Process options on the *Parties* page.

**Note: The Auto Generated Documents feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Note: The Auto Generated Documents feature is generally used when the case category is for a civil or family case.**

After you complete the additional fields on the *Case Information* page, and complete all of the required fields for your filing, documents containing the additional information are generated. You can view the completed documents on the *Summary* page and in the envelope details.

## Collecting Additional Data on the Case Information Page

When the Civil Domestic Information feature is configured, you can enter additional data for an initial filing on the *Case Information* page.

**Note: The Civil Domestic Information feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system. In addition, some of the fields described in this section may not be displayed on your system.**

**Note: The Civil Domestic Information feature is used when the case category is for a civil or family case.**

### Case Information

**Court location\***  
 x ▼

This is the court where you are filing your case.  
[https://www.collincountytx.gov/district\\_courts/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/Pages/default.aspx)

**Case category\***  
 x ▼

This is the type of case you are filing (Family, Probate, or Civil).

**Case type\***  
 x ▼

If you can't find your case type, change the case category to see other case types.

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**Damage Amount**  
 Damage Amount

**Procedure/Remedies**  
 Select all that apply

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**Civil Domestic Information**

If the action is related to another action(s) pending or previously pending in this court involving some or all the same parties, subject matter, or factual issues, enter the related case numbers:

I hereby certify that the documents in this filing, including attachments and exhibits, satisfy the requirements for redaction of personal or confidential information in OCGA § 9-11-7.1.

Do you or your client need any disability accommodations? If so, please describe the accommodation request.

**Figure 9.1 – Civil Domestic Information Section on the Case Information Page**



**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To collect additional data on the *Case Information* page:

1. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select the case category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
 

**Note:** The case category that you select must be **Civil** or **Family**.
3. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. In the **Damage Amount** section, if applicable, select the damages amount from the **Damage Amount** drop-down list.
5. In the **Procedure/Remedies** section, select the appropriate procedures or remedies from the drop-down list.
6. In the **Civil Domestic Information** section, enter any related case numbers in the **Related case** field.
7. Enter additional related case numbers in the **Additional related case** field.
8. Select each check box that is applicable.

- If there is a disability accommodation to note, describe the accommodation in the **Accommodation request** field.



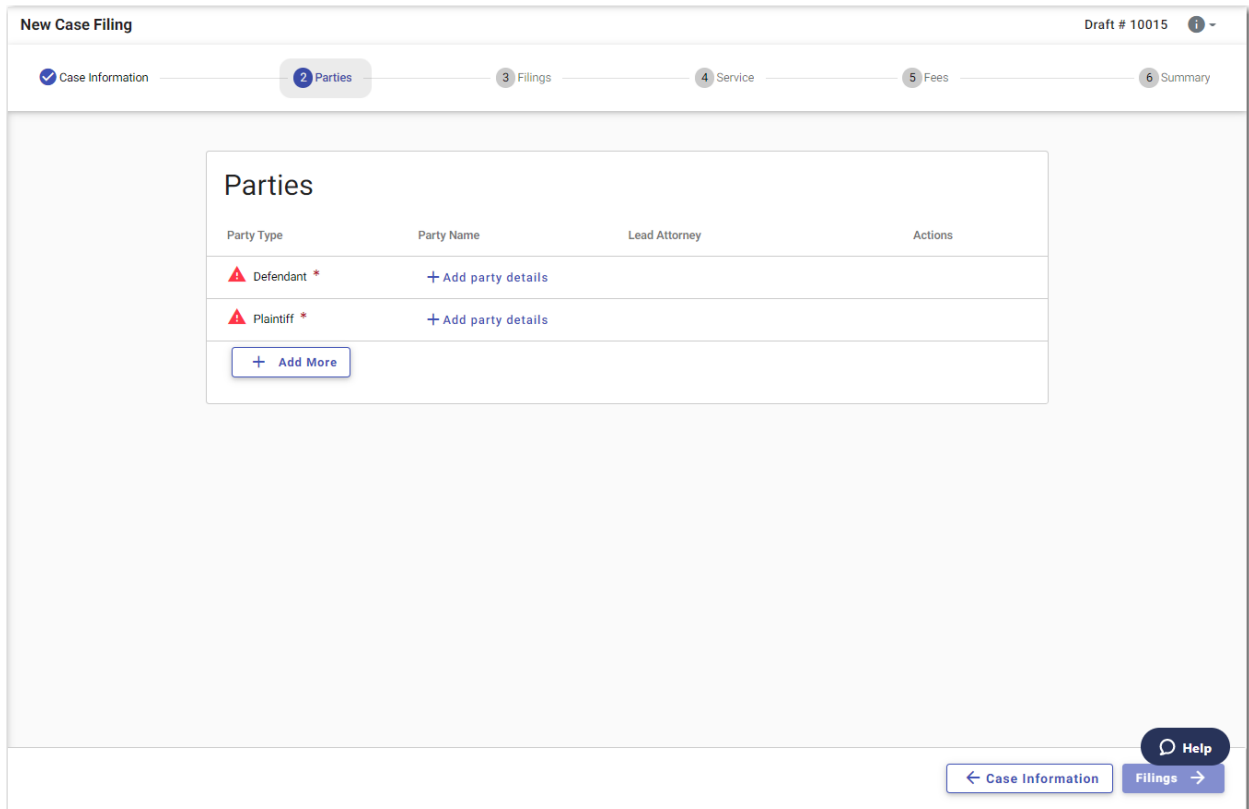
- Click  to save your work and continue.

## Entering Service of Process Information on the Parties Page

After you have collected additional information on the *Case Information* page, you must enter the Service of Process information on the *Parties* page.

**Note: The Service of Process feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Note: The Service of Process feature is used when the case category is for a civil or family case.**



**Figure 9.2 – Example of a Parties Page**

To enter Service of Process information on the *Parties* page:


- On the *Parties* page, select the party type that you want to begin to describe, and then click



The *Edit Party Details* window for the specified party is displayed.


2. Click either  or .

**Note: The following steps describe the fields that are displayed if you select “Person.”**

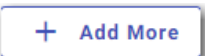
3. In the Party Information pane, complete the **First Name**, **Middle Name** (if applicable), and **Last Name** fields. Also, if appropriate, select the party’s suffix from the **Suffix** drop-down list.
4. Type the party’s date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
5. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
6. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
7. Select the type of driver’s license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
8. Select the state where the driver’s license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
9. Type the party’s driver’s license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
10. Type the party’s Social Security number in the **Social Security Number** field.


**Note: After you type the Social Security number, asterisks are displayed to hide the number.**

11. Select the party’s gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
12. If available, select an option from the **Service of Process** drop-down list.
13. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, and phone number for the specified party.
14. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select the filing attorney.
15. From the next field that is displayed, select additional attorneys, if any, that you want to add to the case.

16. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click .

17. On the *Parties* page, complete the party information for the next party.

18. If you have another party to add to the case, click , and complete the party information for the additional party. Continue to add parties until all of the parties have been added to the case.

19. Click  to save your work and continue.

## Entering Filing Details for Service of Process Cases

You can enter the filing details on the *Filings* page. When you have entered additional information on the *Case Information* page, the auto-generated documents associated with your filing are displayed in the Auto Generated Filings pane on the *Filings* page.

**Note: The Auto Generated Documents feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

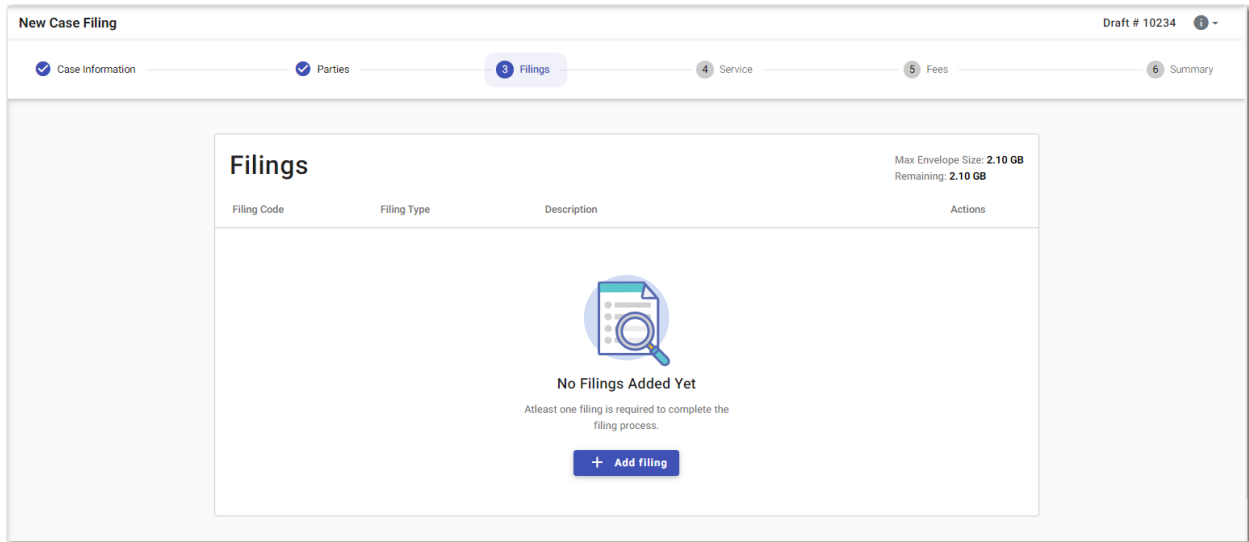


Figure 9.3 – Filings Page

**Auto Generated Filings**  
The following filings and documents were automatically generated.

Filing Code	Filing Description	Document Name
⚡ Action - Initial Only	Case Information	Civil Domestic Filing Form1.pdf
⚡ Abstract Of Judgment	Sheriff's Entry of Service for James Doe	SheriffsEntryOfService for James Doe.pdf
⚡ Petition (Open Case)	Summons for James Doe	SUMMONS for James Doe.pdf

Figure 9.4 – Example of an Auto Generated Filings Pane

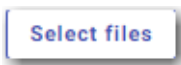
**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter the filing details:

1. On the *Filings* page, click  .  
The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

Figure 9.5 – Edit Filing Details Page

2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select the filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
4. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
5. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
6. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
7. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.



8. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”

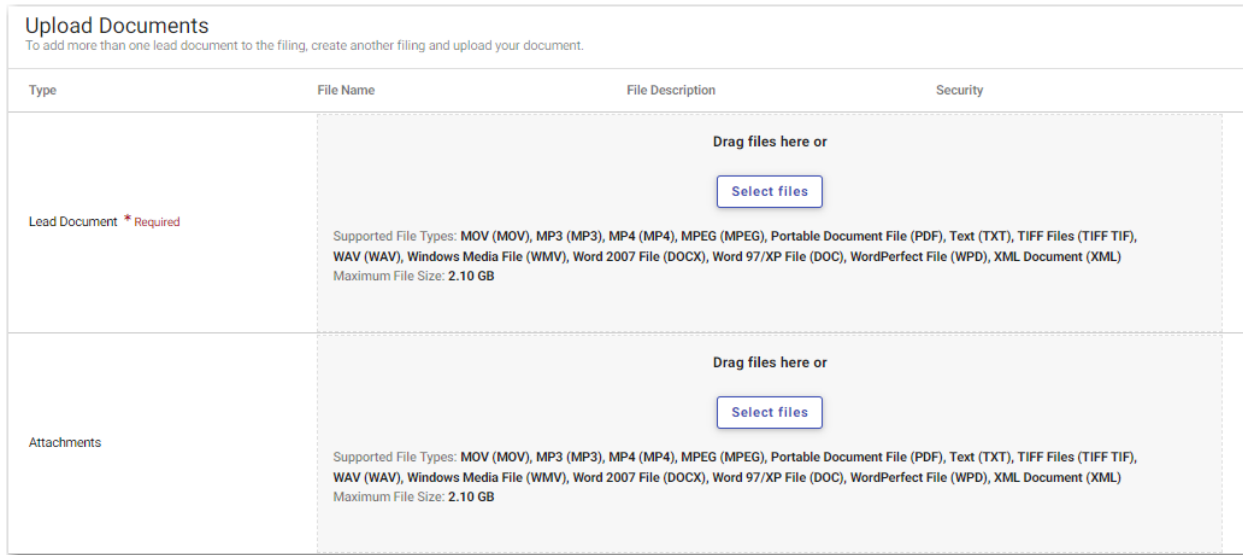
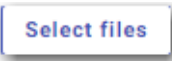


Figure 9.6 – Upload Documents Pane

9. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
10. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
11. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

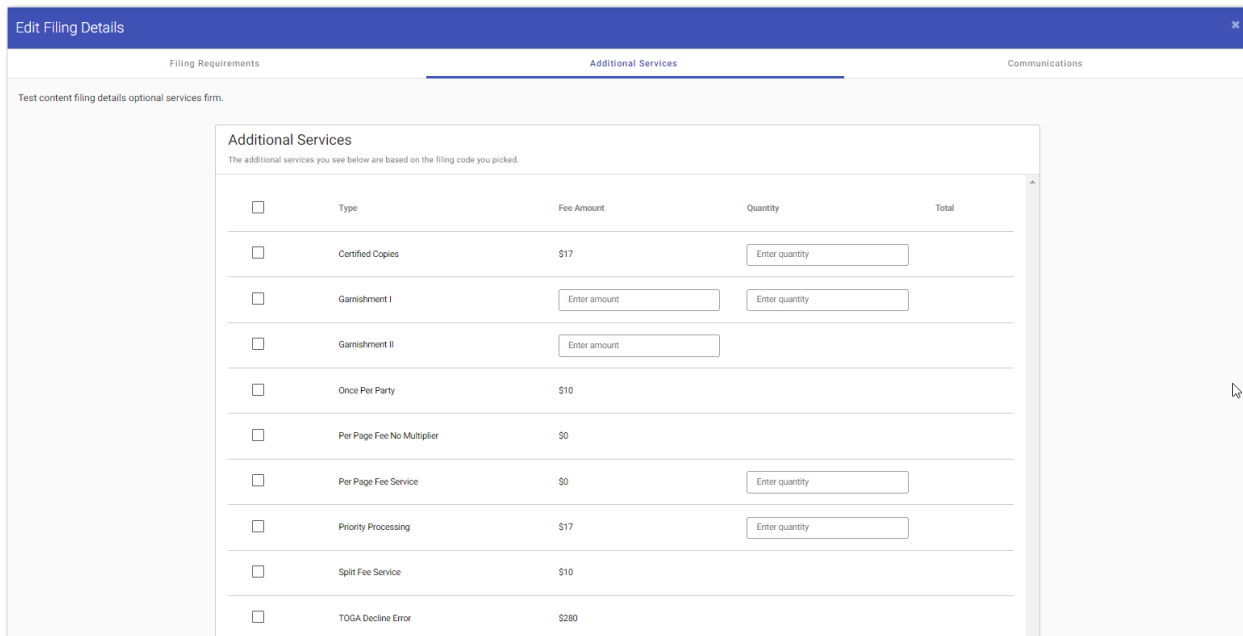


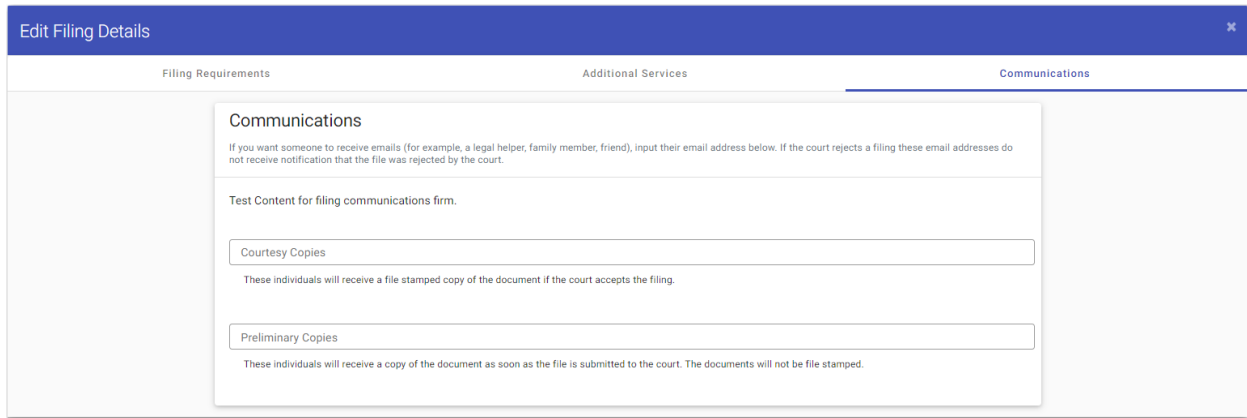
Figure 9.7 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

12. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.



13. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.



**Figure 9.8 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page**

14. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

15. Click **Save**.

16. If you want to add another filing, on the *Filings* page, click **+ Add More**. Then, repeat the same steps for the next filing.

17. After you have added all of the filings, click **Service →**.

## Entering Payment Information

Enter the payment information for your filing on the *Fees* page.

**Note:** Your firm must have a payment account created before you can complete your filing.

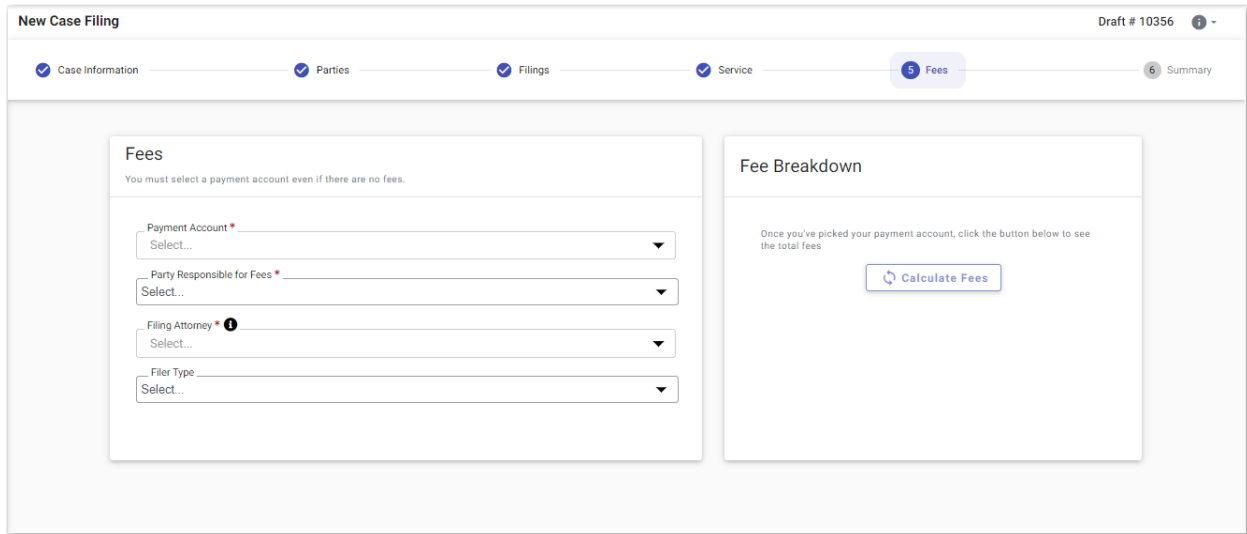
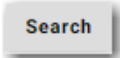


Figure 9.9 – Example of a Fees Page

To enter the payment information for your filing:

1. Select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.
2. Select the party responsible for fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list. Click



if you want to search for a party.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

3. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.
4. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.



5. Click .

The fees for the filing are displayed.

**New Case Filing** Draft # 10562

Case Information Parties Filings Service 5 Fees 6 Summary

### Fees

You must select a payment account even if there are no fees.

Payment Account \*  
Firm's New CC 11202020 Credit Card x

Party Responsible for Fees \*  
Jane Doe

Filing Attorney \* !  
Perry Mason x

Filer Type  
Default

### Fee Breakdown

[Calculate Fees](#)

Case Initiation Fee	\$5.00
Other Civil	\$5.00
Filing Fee	\$5.00
Abstract Of Judgment	\$5.00
Service Fees	\$1.00
Total Service Fees	\$1.00
Convenience Fee	\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>

**Figure 9.10 – Example of a Fees Page with the Filing Fees Displayed**

If you selected mail service for your filing, the mail service fees are displayed on the *Fees* page.

**Note: The Mail Service feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

6. Review the filing fees, and then click

Summary →

## Viewing the Envelope Summary for Service of Process Cases

The envelope summary provides a summary of case information, such as the location of the filing, the parties involved in the case, filing details, the auto-generated filings for the case, fees, and payments for the case.

**Note: The Service of Process feature and the Auto Generated Documents feature are configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

The party, filings, and fees information must be complete before you can view the envelope summary.

To view the envelope summary:

1. Complete the required information on the *Case Information* page, the *Parties* page, the *Filings* page, and the *Fees* page.

2. After you have completed the fields in each section, from the *Fees* page, click

Summary →

The *Summary* page is displayed.

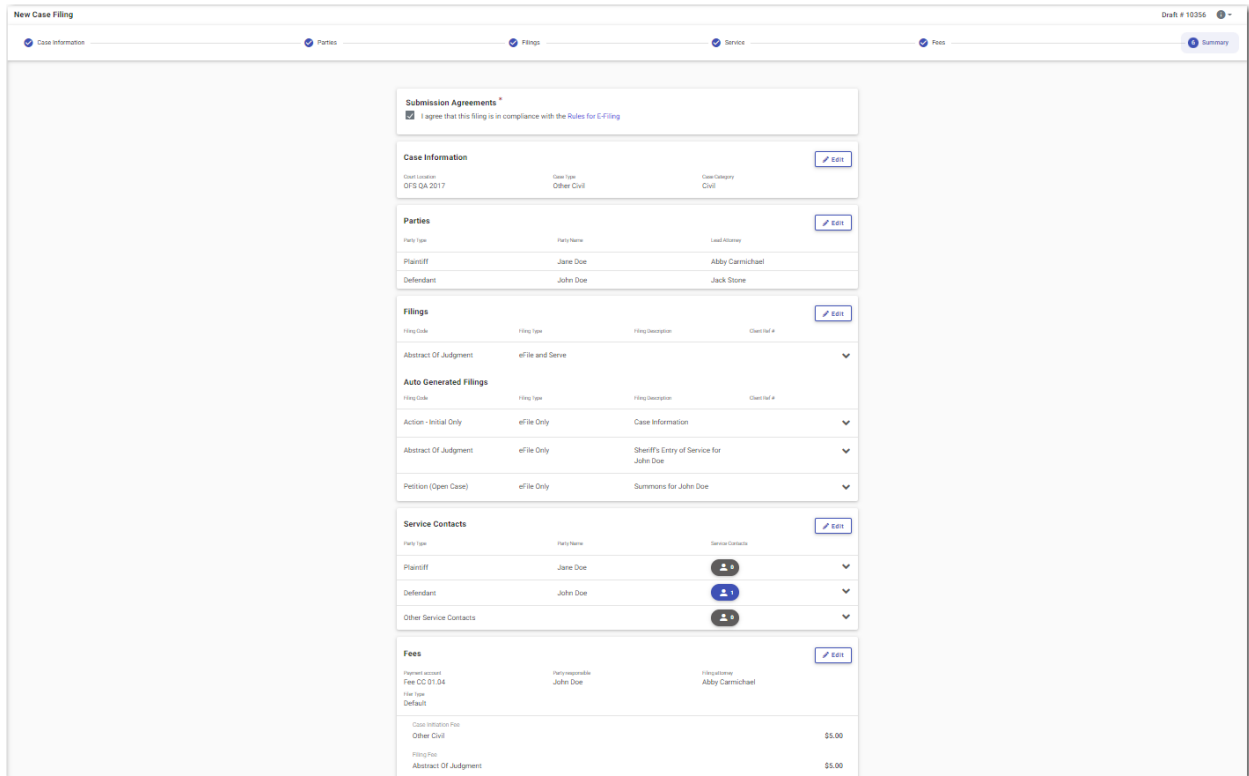


Figure 9.11 – Example of a Summary Page

3. If there are submission agreements for your filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
4. Review the summary of the case filing. If you want to change any information on the page, click



in the pane in which you want to change the information.

5. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click



The *Envelope Submitted* window is displayed.

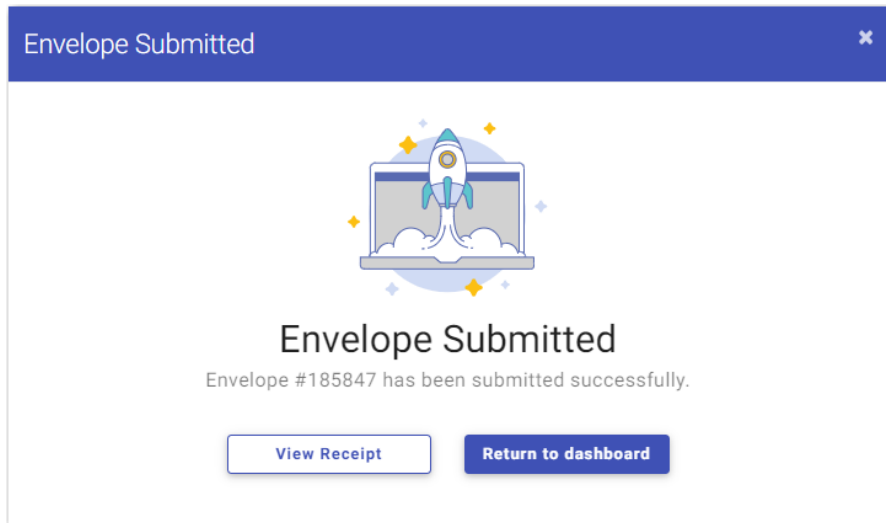




Figure 9.12 – Envelope Submitted Window

6. In the *Envelope Submitted* window, do one of the following:

- Click . The *Printable Envelope Details* page is displayed in a separate tab. View the envelope details, and then close the tab.
- Click  to return to the *Dashboard* page.
- Click **x** to close the *Envelope Submitted* window. The *Dashboard* page is displayed.

## Viewing the Envelope Details for Service of Process Cases

You can view the details of an envelope on the *Filing History* page.

**Note: The Service of Process feature and the Auto Generated Documents feature are configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To view the envelope details:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Filing History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location, Case / Envelope Number, Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area has tabs for 'Filing History' and 'Filing Drafts'. It displays a list of filings with columns for Filing Status, Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, and Client Ref #. Five filings are shown, each with a document icon and a menu icon. The filings are: Envelope # 183760 (Submitted, Abstract Of Judgment, eFile Only), Case # CC-20-1475 (Submitted, Addendum, eFile Only), Envelope # 182442 (UnderReview, Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum), eFile Only), Envelope # 182441 (UnderReview, Appointment, eFile Only), and Case # CC-15-1813 (Submitted, Action - Subsequent Only, eFile and Serve). A 'Help' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

Figure 9.13 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to view the envelope details.

3. Click  .

The envelope details are displayed.

Envelope Details
Print x

Envelope			
Envelope ID 187789	Submitted by Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com	
Case Information			
Court Location OFS QA 2017	Case Type Other Civil	Case Category Civil	
Parties			
Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney	
Defendant	Sherry Doe	Perry Mason	
Plaintiff	John Doe	Jack Stone	
Filings			
Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Case Ref #
	Action - Initial Only		▼
	Abstract Of Judgment		▼
	Petition (Open Case)		▼
	Abstract Of Judgment		▼
Service Contacts			
Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts	
Defendant	Sherry Doe	[User Icon] ▼	
Plaintiff	John Doe	[User Icon] ▼	
Other Service Contacts		[User Icon] ▼	
Fees			
Payment account Firms New CC 11202020	Party responsible Sherry Doe	Filing attorney	
Filer Type Default			
Order ID 000187789-0	Transaction Response	Transaction Amount \$23.00	Transaction ID 159057
Total Court Case Fees Other Civil			\$5.00

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Figure 9.14 – Example of an Envelope Details Page

- Click Print to print a copy of the envelope details.

# 10 Redaction Feature

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Entering a Filing with Redacted Documents
- ◆ Deleting a Redaction
- ◆ Working with an Existing Redaction
- ◆ Redaction Editor Toolbar

File & Serve supports the Redaction feature. Redaction refers to the removal or obscuring of sensitive information, such as Social Security numbers. Filers can redact a document, view the redacted document, and then make modifications, if necessary, before uploading the redacted document to the case management system.

**Note: The Redaction feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Note: You can perform redactions by using the Redaction Editor (which is displayed as the *Tyler Content Manager* window). This window opens in a separate tab in your browser. You must enable pop-ups in your browser settings to view the Redaction Editor and to perform redactions. The icons that are visible in the Redaction Editor may differ slightly from the screen shots shown in this document.**

Depending on your configuration, a transactional redaction fee may be applied to each document in your envelope. If a fee is applied, the amount is displayed on the *Filings* page, on the *Fees* page, on the *Summary* page, and in the envelope details.

The following data is automatically redacted from documents:

- Social Security numbers
- Tax ID numbers (EINs)
- Passport numbers
- Credit card numbers
- Driver's license numbers
- Account numbers
- Government ID numbers
- Names of minors listed as parties on the case
- Dates of birth of minors
- Addresses of minors listed on the case



## Entering a Filing with Redacted Documents

You can enter a filing in which you upload a lead document (and attachments, if applicable) and then redact the documents that you uploaded.

**Note: The Redaction feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

**Note: Your court may charge a transactional redaction fee for each document that you redact.**

To enter a filing with redacted documents:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click  .

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

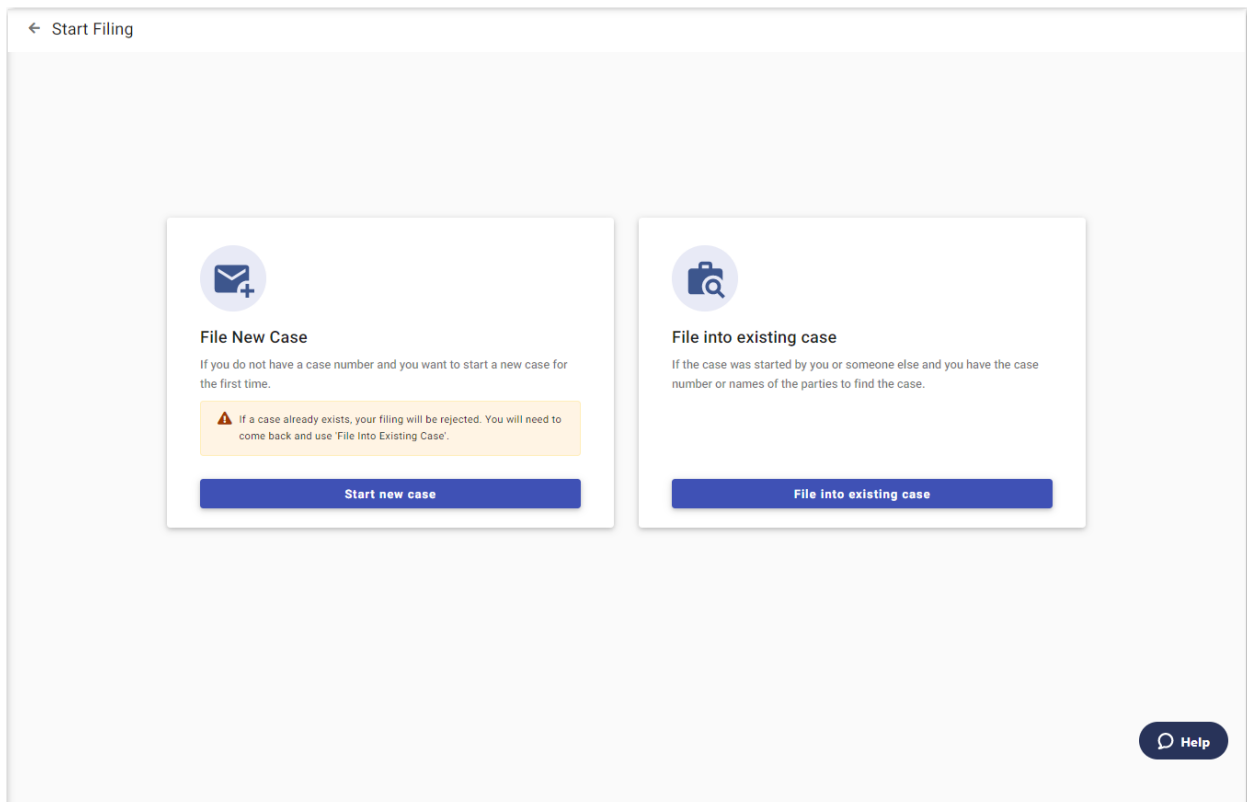



Figure 10.1 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .


The *Case Information* page is displayed.

3. Complete the required fields on the *Case Information* page, and then click  .

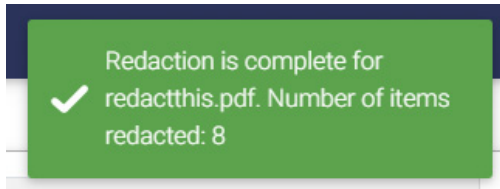
The *Parties* page is displayed.

4. Complete the required fields on the *Parties* page, and then click  .


The *Filings* page is displayed.

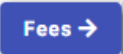
5. On the *Filings* page, complete the required fields. Upload a lead document and attachments, if applicable. Click .

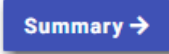
**Note:** When your document has successfully been redacted, a green message is displayed, indicating that the redaction was completed. The message also indicates how many redactions were performed.




**Figure 10.2 – Example of a Message for a Completed Redaction**

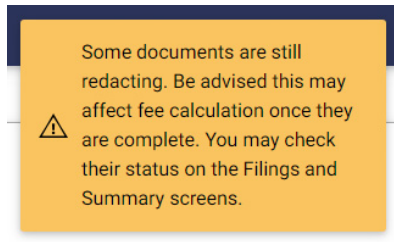
6. After you have completed all of the required fields on the *Filings* page and uploaded the applicable documents, click .  
The *Service* page is displayed.

7. Complete the required fields on the *Service* page, and then click .  
The *Fees* page is displayed.



8. Complete the required fields on the *Fees* page, and then click .  
The *Summary* page is displayed.


9. Review the envelope summary. If you want to edit the redacted document, click .  
The Redaction Editor opens in a new tab in your browser.

**Note:** If the redaction of your document is not complete, an amber message is displayed, indicating that you cannot yet complete your filing. You must wait until the redaction is complete, and then a green message is displayed, informing you of the completion.



**Figure 10.3 – Example of a Message with Redaction in Progress**

10. Perform the necessary edits in the Redaction Editor, and then click  to save your changes, or click  to save your changes and close the viewer.

11. When you are done reviewing the envelope summary and have selected the check boxes for the submission agreements (if applicable), click .

**Note:** After submission, you can view the redaction fees on the *Envelope Details* page.

## Deleting a Redaction

After you mark a section to be redacted and before you close the Redaction Editor, you can delete the specified redaction.

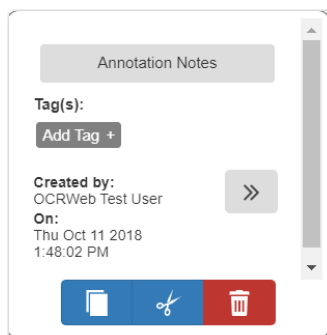
**Note:** The Redaction feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

**Note:** You must enable pop-ups in your browser settings to view the Redaction Editor.

To delete a redaction in a document before you have closed the Redaction Editor:

1. Right-click the specified redaction.

The *Annotation Notes* dialog box is displayed.



**Figure 10.4 – Annotation Notes Dialog Box**

**Note:** On the *Annotation Notes* dialog box, you can annotate the redaction, copy the redaction, or cut the redaction and paste it in another part of the document. You can also view a detailed

history of the redactions that were performed in the document. Click  to view the detailed history.

2. Click  to delete the redaction.

The *Delete Annotation* dialog box is displayed.

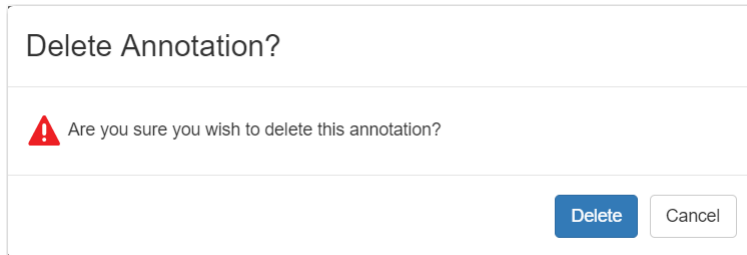
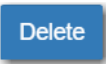


Figure 10.5 – Delete Annotation? Dialog Box

3. Click  to delete the specified redaction.




## Working with an Existing Redaction

You can resize or move an existing redaction in the Redaction Editor.

**Note:** The Redaction feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

**Note:** You must enable pop-ups in your browser settings to view the Redaction Editor.

To work with an existing redaction:

















1. Turn off the manual redaction capability by clicking .
2. Locate the existing redaction that you want to resize or move, and then click the block of text.
3. Resize the redaction, or move the redaction to another location in the document.
4. When you are done, click  to save your changes, or click  to save your changes and close the viewer.






## Redaction Editor Toolbar

You can use icons to navigate in the Redaction Editor.

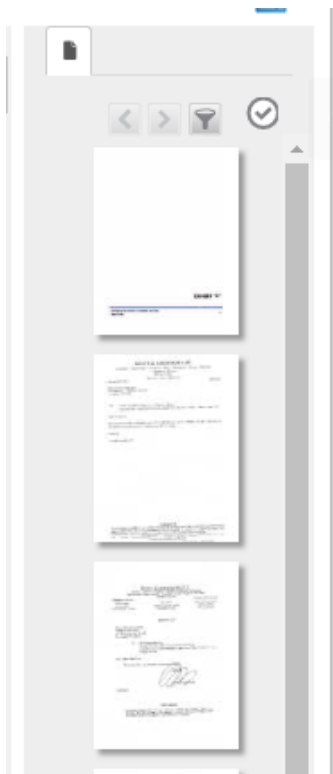
**Note:** The icons that are visible in the Redaction Editor may differ slightly from the screen shots contained in this document.

The following table describes the icons in the Redaction Editor.

Icon	Description
	Click this icon to begin performing a redaction.
	Click this icon to stop performing a redaction.
	Click this icon to save the document.
	Click this icon to save and close the document.
	Click this icon to close the Tyler Content Manager (TCM) viewer.
	Click this icon to zoom in to a particular place in the document.
	Click this icon to zoom out.
	Click this icon to draw a border around an area of the document in which you want to zoom.
	Click this icon to magnify an area of the document.
	Click this icon to fit the document to the window.
	Click this icon to fit the document to the height of the window.
	Click this icon to fit the document to the width of the window.
	Click this icon to view the first page of the document.
	Click this icon to view the previous page of the document.
	Use this window to view the current page of the document and the length of the document.
	Click this icon to view the next page of the document.





Icon	Description
	Click this icon to view the last page of the document.
	Click this icon to rotate the document to the right.
	Click this icon to rotate the document to the left.
	Click this icon to download the document. <b>Note: You will be prompted to save the document before you download it.</b>
	Click this icon to display the thumbnail pane, where you can then navigate through the pages of the document. <b>Note: Click the icon again to close the thumbnail pane.</b>

When the thumbnail pane is displayed, additional document options become available.



**Figure 10.6 – Example of a Thumbnail Pane**

The following table describes the icons in the thumbnail pane.

Icon	Description
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to view the pages of the document in the Redaction Editor.
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to display the previous annotation page.
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to display the next annotation page.
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to view only the pages that have a redaction on them.

# 11 File into an Existing Case

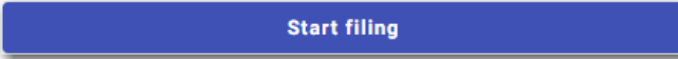
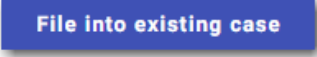
## Topics covered in this chapter


- ◆ Filing into an Existing Case from the Dashboard Page
- ◆ Filing into an Existing Case from the Filing History Page
- ◆ Filing into a Non-Indexed Case
- ◆ Creating a Service Only Filing

Once a court has created a new case, you can file into the existing case.

There are various ways to file into an existing case, as follows:

- On the *Dashboard* page, select one of the following methods to access the *File into Existing Case* window:

- Click . On the *Start Filing* page that is displayed, click .
- Click .

When the *File into Existing Case* window is displayed, enter the search criteria for the case that you want to file into. Then, click  or press ENTER.

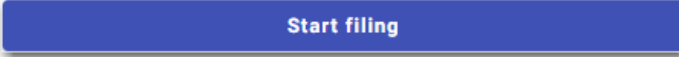
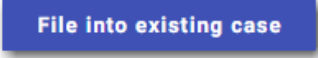

- On the *Filing History* page, locate the case that you want to file into, and then click .

## Filing into an Existing Case from the Dashboard Page

You can file into an existing case from the *Dashboard* page by using any one of several methods.

To file into an existing case from the *Dashboard* page:

1. From the *Dashboard* page, select one of the following methods to begin:


- Click . On the *Start Filing* page that is displayed, click .
- Click .

The *File into Existing Case* window is displayed.



Figure 11.1 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

**Note:** Your system may be configured to search only by case number. With this optional configuration, the Party Name option is not displayed.

2. Type the search criteria in the window, and then click  or press ENTER.

**Note:** You can search by case number or party name. You must know the location of the existing case to complete your search.

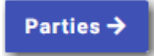
The case that matches your search criteria is displayed.

Figure 11.2 – Case Search Results

3. Click  to file into the case.

The *Case Information* page of the specified case is displayed.


4. Verify the information on the *Case Information* page. Make any changes, if applicable. Then, click



The *Parties* page is displayed.

5. Add additional parties to the case if you want.

**Note:** The ability to add a new party to an existing case is configured by Tyler. If your system is configured with this capability,  is displayed on the *Parties* page.

6. Click .

The *Filings* page is displayed.

7. On the *Filings* page, click .

The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

8. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.

9. Select the filing type from the **Filing Type** drop-down list.


10. In the Filing Information pane, select the filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.

11. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.

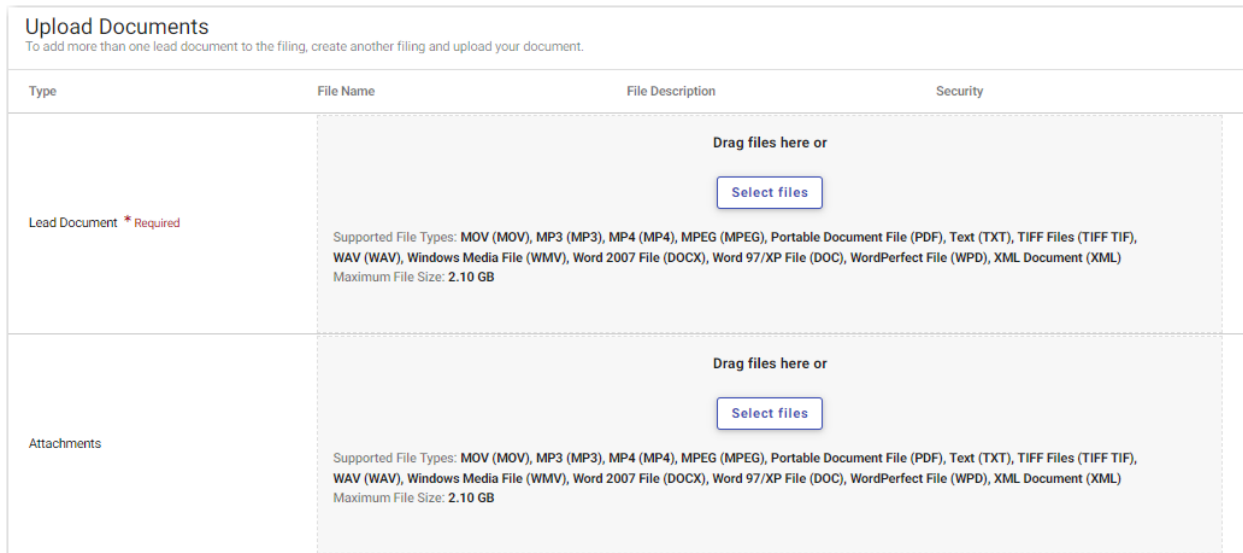
12. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.

13. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.

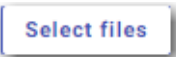
14. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.

15. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”



**Figure 11.3 – Upload Documents Pane**

16. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.

17. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
18. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

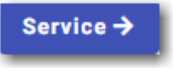
19. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.

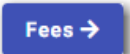
20. Click  , or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.

21. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

22. Click  .

23. After you have added all of the filings, click  .

24. On the *Service* page, add service contacts if applicable. Then, click  .

25. On the *Fees* page, select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.

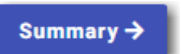
26. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.

27. Select the party responsible for fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list.


**Note:** If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the **Party Responsible for Fees** field.

28. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

29. Click  if you want to view the fee total.

30. Click  .


31. Review the summary. If applicable, select the **Submission Agreements** check box.

32. When you are satisfied with your filing, click  .

## Filing into an Existing Case from the Filing History Page

Once a new case has been created by the courts, you can file into the existing case.

To file into an existing case from the *Filing History* page:

1. On the *Filing History* page, click  .

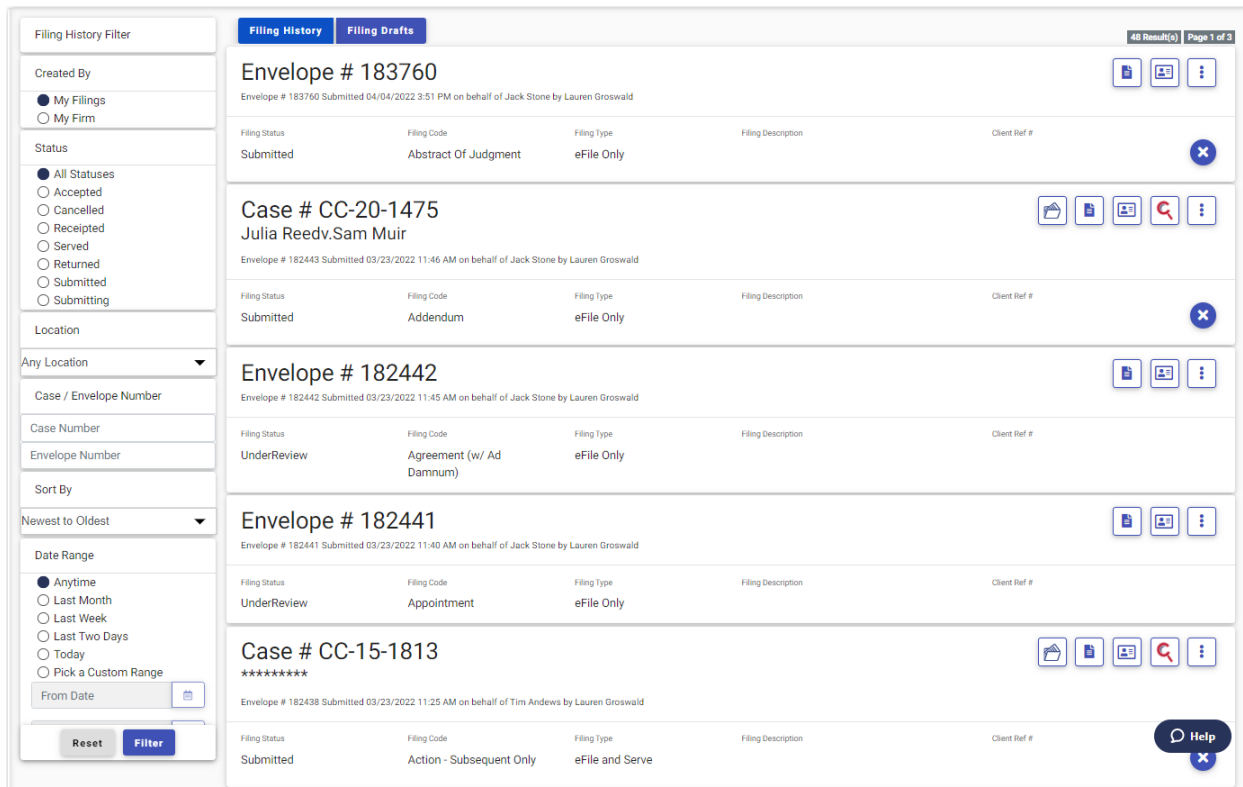


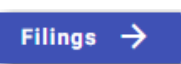
Figure 11.4 – Filing History Page

The *Case Information* page of the specified case is displayed.

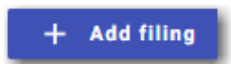
2. Click  .

The *Parties* page is displayed.

3. Verify the party information. You can add another party to the filing if you want.

4. Click  to continue with your filing.

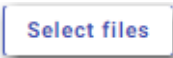
The *Filings* page is displayed.

5. On the *Filings* page, click  .

The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

6. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
7. Select the filing type from the **Filing Type** drop-down list.
8. In the Filing Information pane, select the filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
9. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
10. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
11. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.

12. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.



13. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note: The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”**

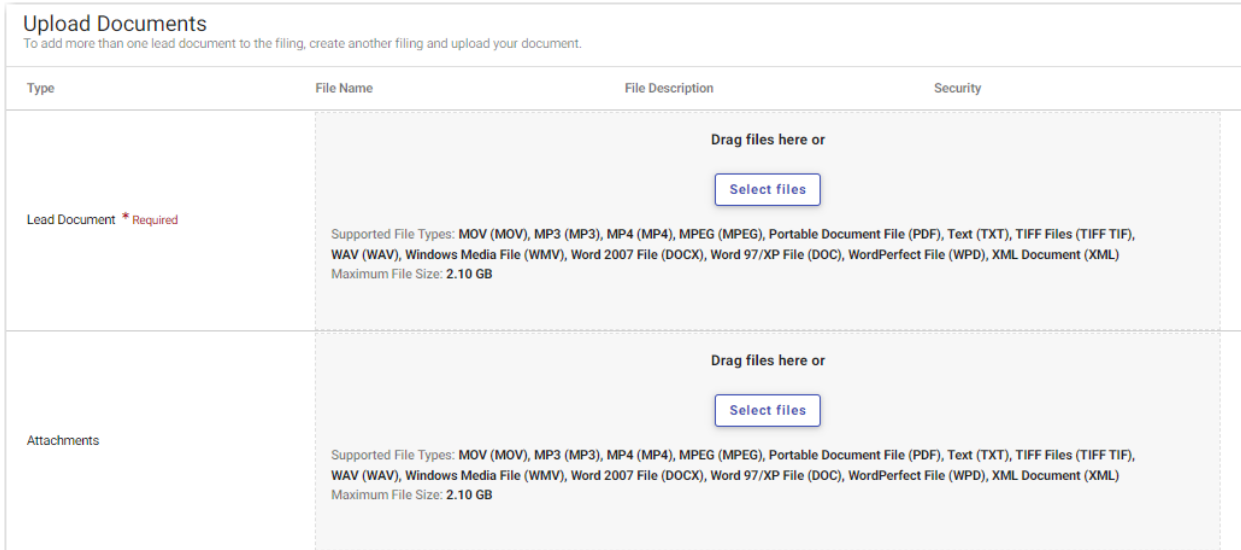


Figure 11.5 – Upload Documents Pane

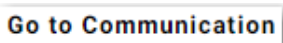
14. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.

15. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.

16. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

17. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.



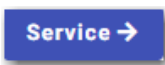
18. Click , or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

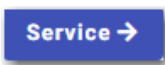
The Communications pane is displayed.

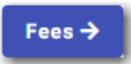
19. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.



20. Click .



21. After you have added all of the filings, click .



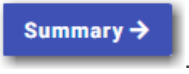
22. On the *Service* page, add service contacts, if applicable. Then, click .

23. On the *Fees* page, select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list.
24. Select the filing attorney from the **Filing Attorney** drop-down list.
25. Select the party responsible for fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list.


**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

26. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

27. Click  if you want to view the fee total.

28. Click .

29. Review the summary. If applicable, select the **Submission Agreements** check box.

30. When you are satisfied with your filing, click .

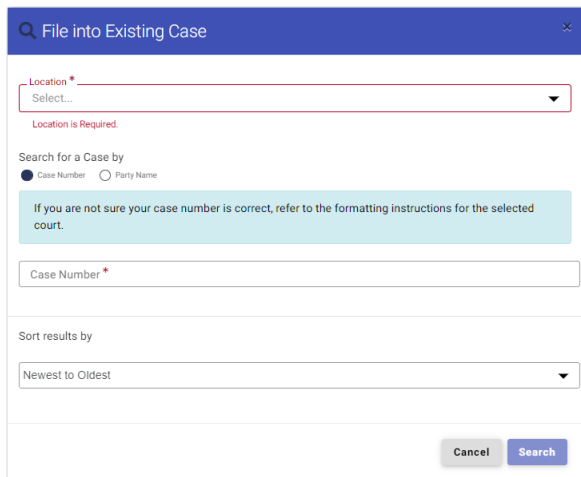
## Filing into a Non-Indexed Case

You can file into a case that does not exist in the case management system.

To file into a non-indexed case:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Case Search**.

The *File into Existing Case* window is displayed.



**Figure 11.6 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window**

**Note: Your system may be configured to search only by case number. With this optional configuration, the Party Name option is not displayed.**

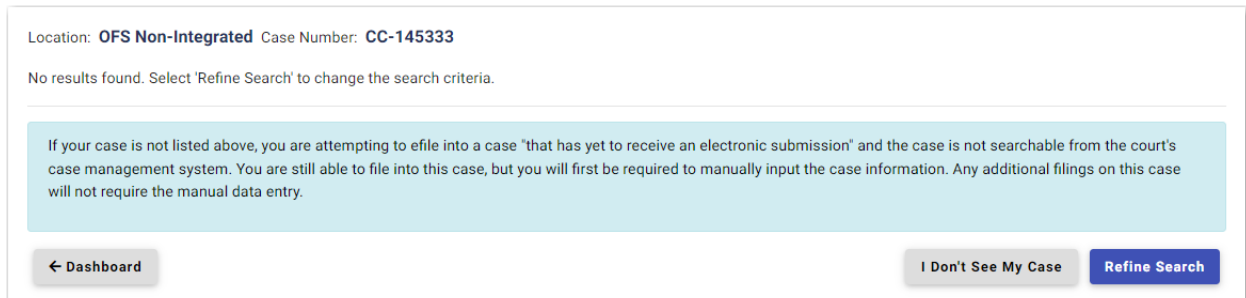
2. Select the location from the **Location** drop-down list.

**Note: The location you select must be a non-integrated or non-indexed node.**

3. Select the **Case Number** option (which may be the only option that is displayed), and then type the case number in the **Case Number** field.

4. Click  or press ENTER.

A message is displayed, stating that the case number you entered could not be found.



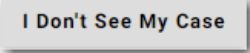
Location: **OFS Non-Integrated** Case Number: **CC-145333**

No results found. Select 'Refine Search' to change the search criteria.

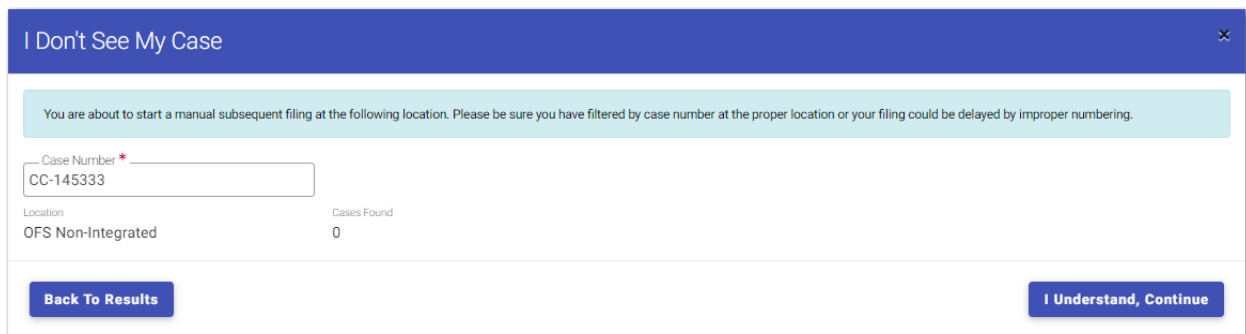
If your case is not listed above, you are attempting to efile into a case "that has yet to receive an electronic submission" and the case is not searchable from the court's case management system. You are still able to file into this case, but you will first be required to manually input the case information. Any additional filings on this case will not require the manual data entry.

[← Dashboard](#) [I Don't See My Case](#) [Refine Search](#)

**Figure 11.7 – Case Search Window with No Results Found**

5. To continue, click .

The *I Don't See My Case* window is displayed.



I Don't See My Case

You are about to start a manual subsequent filing at the following location. Please be sure you have filtered by case number at the proper location or your filing could be delayed by improper numbering.

Case Number \*  
CC-145333

Location: OFS Non-Integrated Cases Found: 0

[Back To Results](#) [I Understand, Continue](#)

**Figure 11.8 – I Don't See My Case Window**

6. Click  to continue filing into the case.

The *Case Information* page is displayed. The location and case number are auto-filled on the page.

**New Case Filing** Draft # 10189 - Case # CC-145333

1 Case Information 2 Parties 3 Filings 4 Service 5 Fees 6 Summary

### Case Information

Case Number\*  
CC-145333

Court location\*  
OFS Non-Integrated x

This is the court where you are filing your case.

Case category\*  
Select...

This is the type of case you are filing (Family, Probate, or Civil).

Case type\*  
Select...

If you can't find your case type, change the case category to see other case types.

Help  
Parties →

**Figure 11.9 – Case Information Page**

7. Select the case category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
8. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
9. Select the case subtype, if applicable, from the **Case Sub Type** drop-down list.
10. Click **Parties →** to save your work and continue.
11. Continue entering case information on the following pages until you reach the *Summary* page.
12. Review your filing. When you are satisfied with the information you have entered, click **Submit**.

## Creating a Service Only Filing

To create a Service Only filing:

1. Select an existing case that you want to file into.
2. Follow one of the methods for filing into an existing case (that is, from the *Filing History* page, from the *Case Search* page, or from the *Dashboard* page).

**Note:** The *Case Information* page and the *Parties* page are already populated since this is an existing case.

3. On the *Filings* page, click **+ Add filing**.



The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

**Figure 11.10 – Example of the Edit Filing Details Page—Service Only Filing**

4. In the Filing Type pane, select **Service Only**.
5. In the Filing Information pane, enter information, if applicable.

**Note:** The **Service Only** filing code is selected by default.

6. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”

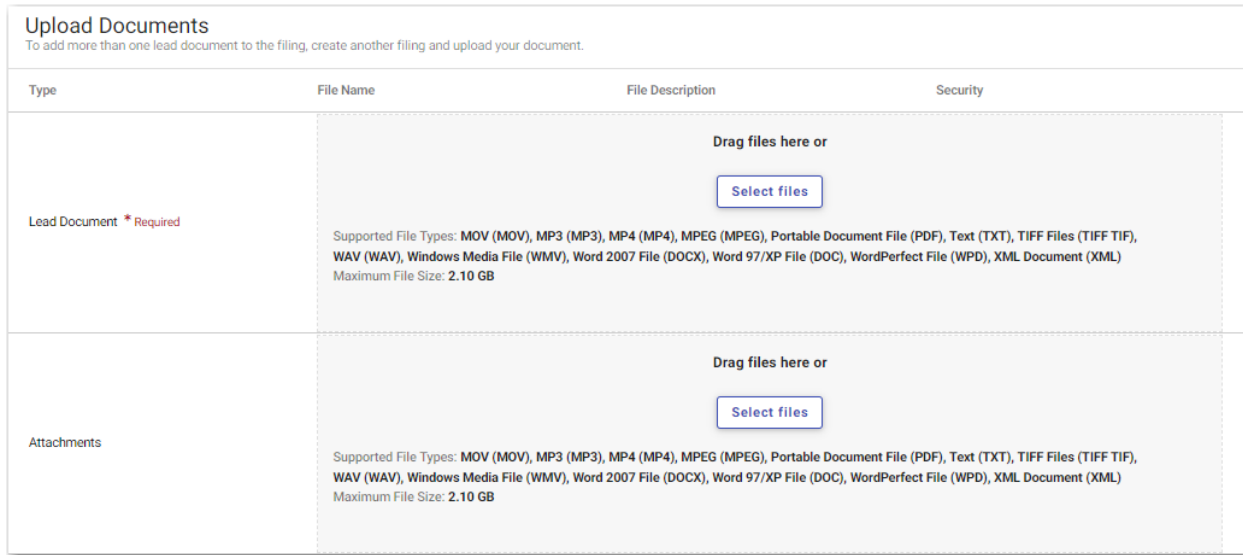





Figure 11.11 – Upload Documents Pane

7. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
8. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.

9. Click  to save your entries and to continue.

10. On the *Service* page, add the service contacts that you want to receive a Service Only filing.

11. Click  to save your entries and to continue.

12. Complete the required fields on the *Fees* page, and then click .



13. Select the check boxes for the submission agreements, if applicable.

14. Review the information on the *Summary* page, and then click .

# 12 Access re:Search®

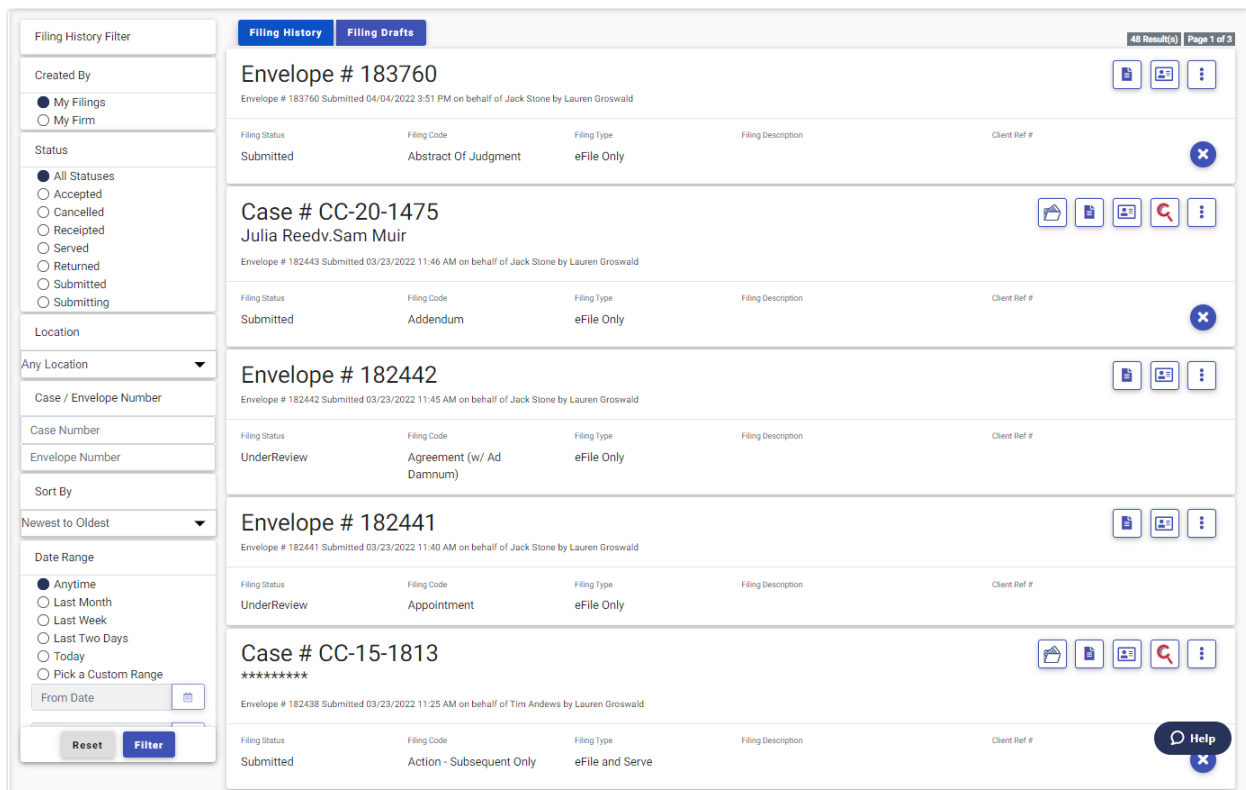
While you are working in File & Serve, you can access re:Search® from several locations in the system.

**Note: The ability to access re:Search from File & Serve is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system. You also must have an existing account in re:Search to access it from File & Serve.**

A case that is available in re:Search is indicated by an icon (  ). Click  to access a specified case in re:Search. re:Search opens in a new tab in your browser, and the specified case details are displayed. You can view past and future hearing dates for the case if it is available in re:Search.

You can access re:Search from the following locations in File & Serve:

- *Filing History* page



Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 12.1 – re:Search Icon on the Filing History Page

- *Filing Drafts* page

The screenshot shows the 'Filing Drafts' page. On the left is a 'Filing Drafts Filter' sidebar with options for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Draft Number', 'Case Number', 'Draft Number', 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area displays a list of drafts and one case. Each entry includes a draft number, start time, and user. A table below the case entry shows filing details. A magnifying glass icon is present on the entry for Case # CC-21-3319. The top right shows '125 Result(s) Page 1 of 7'.

Figure 12.2 – re:Search Icon on the Filing Drafts Page

- Case Search page

The screenshot shows the 'Case Search' page. At the top, it displays 'Location: OFS QA 2017 Case Number: CC-21-3102'. Below this is a card for 'Case #CC-21-3102' with details: Location (OFS QA 2017 - Court at Law), Case Category (Civil), and Case Type (City Ordinance Cases). A magnifying glass icon is visible in the top right of the case card. Below the card are navigation links for 'Previous' and 'Next', and a 'Refine Search' button. The bottom left has a 'Dashboard' link. The bottom right shows '1 Result(s) Page 1 of 1'.

Figure 12.3 – re:Search Icon on the Case Search Page

- Bookmarks page

The screenshot displays the re:Search interface. On the left is a 'Bookmark Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Case Location' (containing a dropdown for 'Any Location'), 'Case Number' (with two input fields), and 'Case Description' (with one input field). Below these are 'Reset' and 'Filter' buttons. The main area shows a list of 6 results on page 1 of 1. Each result row contains the Case #, Location, Case Description, and a set of icons including a folder, a person, a magnifying glass (the re:Search icon), and a vertical ellipsis. The records are: CC-20-1475 (OFS QA 2017, Julia Reedv.Sam Muir), CC-21-2477, CC-21-2479 (OFS QA 2017), CC-21-2499 (OFS QA 2017, Henry Ford vs Jane Doe), CC-21-493 (OFS QA 2014, Fran Klinv.Henderson and Associates), and CV-2021-019900 (OFS MockCMS, Henry Doe vs Maria Jones). At the bottom, there are 'Previous', '1', and 'Next' navigation links, and a 'Help' button in the bottom right corner.

Figure 12.4 – re:Search Icon on the Bookmarks Page

# 13 Service Contacts

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Adding a New Service Contact
- ◆ Adding Yourself as a Service Contact to a Filing
- ◆ Adding a Service Contact from Your Firm's Service Contact List to a Filing
- ◆ Adding a Service Contact from a Public List to a Filing
- ◆ Adding a New Service Contact to a Filing
- ◆ Updating Information for an Existing Service Contact
- ◆ Viewing a List of Cases Attached to a Service Contact
- ◆ Viewing Service Contact History for a Case
- ◆ Updating Information for a Service Contact Attached to a Case
- ◆ Deleting a Service Contact

You can add a service contact to your service contacts list on the *Service Contacts* page. You can also add a service contact while you are entering a case filing.

When you add a service contact on the *Service Contacts* page, you can quickly retrieve that contact at a later time when you are entering a case filing. You can also create a service contact while you are entering a case filing, and then you can save that service contact for use in future filings.

Service contacts from a public list are also available for you to use when you are entering a case filing.

You can view the service contact history for a case from any of the following locations:

- *Filing History* page

The screenshot shows a 'Filing History' page with a left-hand filter sidebar and a main content area. The sidebar includes filters for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area displays a list of filings under 'Filing History' and 'Filing Drafts' tabs. The list includes:

- Envelope # 183760**: Submitted 04/04/2022 3:51 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Abstract Of Judgment, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-20-1475**: Julia Reedv.Sam Muir. Envelope # 182443 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:46 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Addendum, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Envelope # 182442**: Envelope # 182442 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:45 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum), Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Envelope # 182441**: Envelope # 182441 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:40 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Appointment, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-15-1813**: \*\*\*\*\*. Envelope # 182438 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:25 AM on behalf of Tim Andrews by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Action - Subsequent Only, Filing Type: eFile and Serve.

Figure 13.1 – Example of a Filing History Page

- Case Search page

The screenshot shows a 'Case Search' page for Case #CC-20-1475. The header indicates 'Location: OFS QA 2017' and 'Case Number: CC-20-1475'. The main content area displays:

- Case #CC-20-1475** by **Julia Reedv.Sam Muir**
- Location:** OFS QA 2017
- Case Category:** Civil
- Case Type:** Breach Of Contract

Navigation includes 'Previous' and 'Next' buttons, a '1' indicator, and '1 - 1 of 1' results. A 'Dashboard' button is on the left and a 'Refine Search' button is on the right.

Figure 13.2 – Example of a Case Search Page

- Bookmarks page

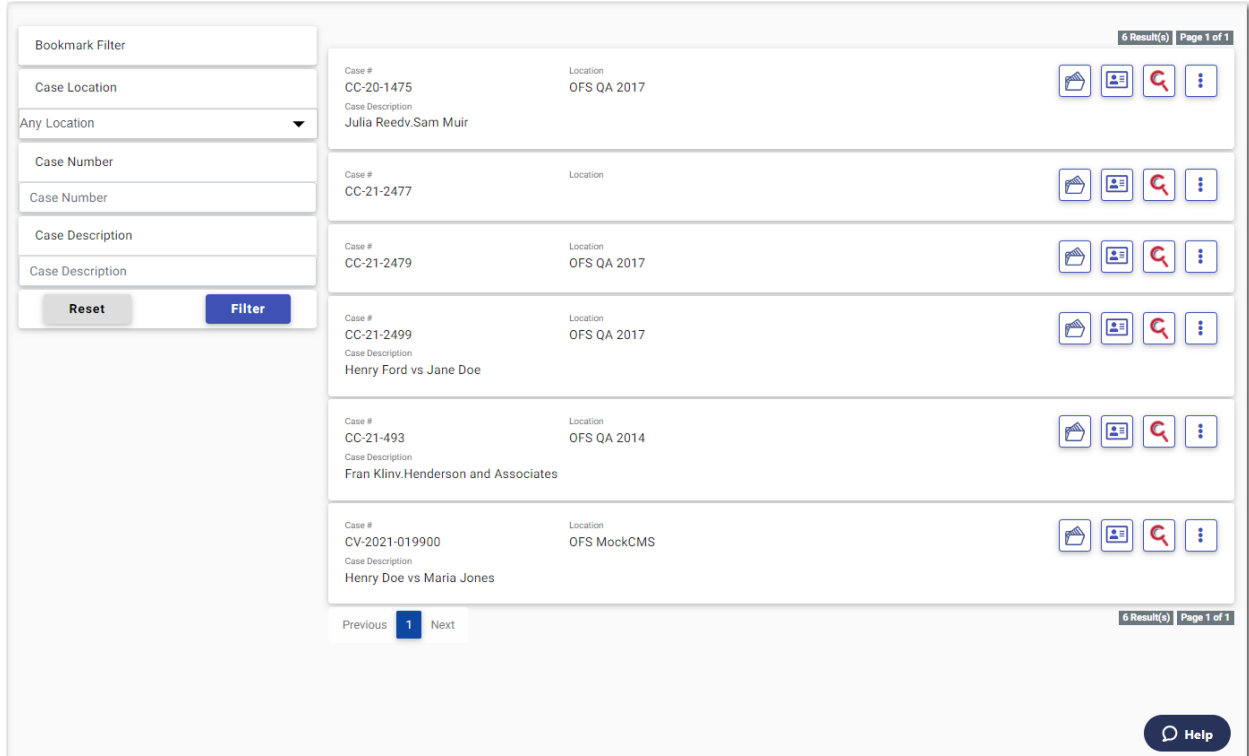


Figure 13.3 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

## Adding a New Service Contact

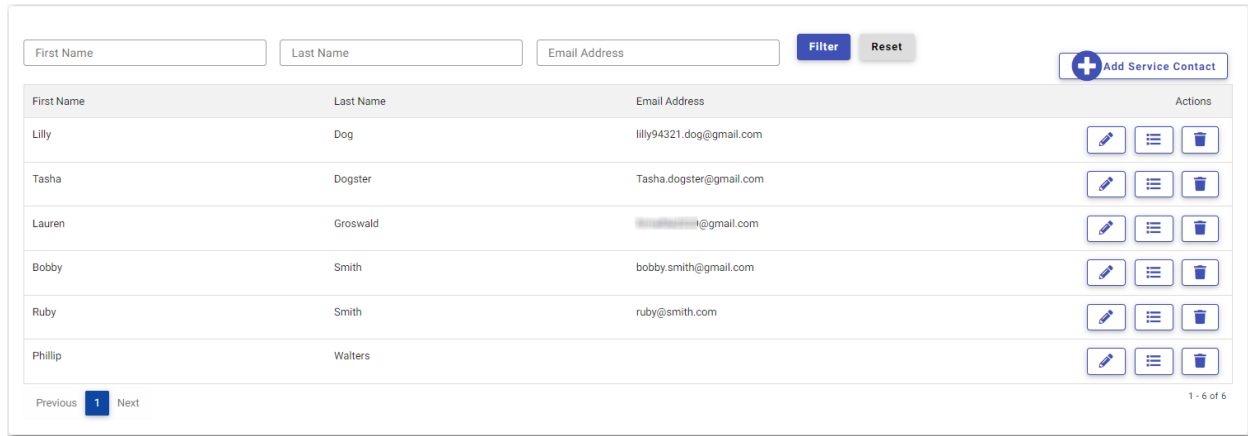
You can add a new service contact to your firm's list of contacts.

To add a new service contact to your firm's contacts list:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Firm Service Contacts**.

The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.





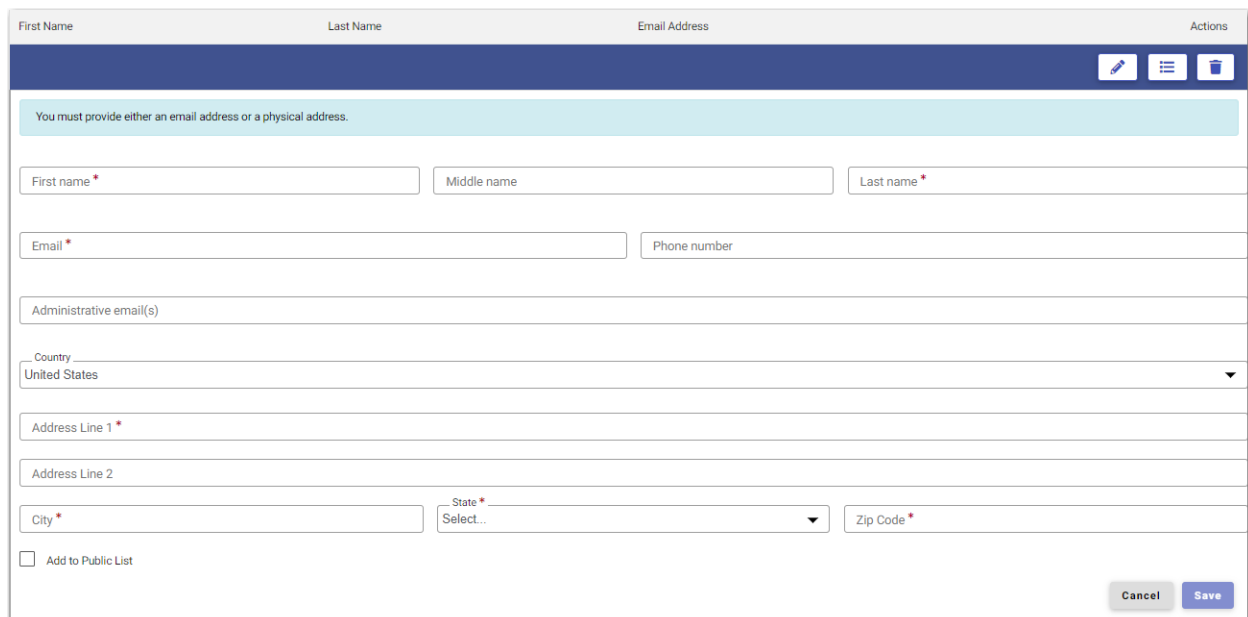
The screenshot shows a web interface for managing service contacts. At the top, there are search filters for 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Email Address', along with 'Filter' and 'Reset' buttons. A blue button with a plus sign and the text 'Add Service Contact' is located in the top right. Below this is a table with columns for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email Address', and 'Actions'. The table contains six rows of contact information. At the bottom left, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' navigation buttons, and at the bottom right, it shows '1 - 6 of 6'.

First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Actions
Lilly	Dog	lilly94321.dog@gmail.com	[Edit] [Menu] [Delete]
Tasha	Dogster	Tasha.dogster@gmail.com	[Edit] [Menu] [Delete]
Lauren	Groswald	[Redacted]@gmail.com	[Edit] [Menu] [Delete]
Bobby	Smith	bobby.smith@gmail.com	[Edit] [Menu] [Delete]
Ruby	Smith	ruby@smith.com	[Edit] [Menu] [Delete]
Phillip	Walters		[Edit] [Menu] [Delete]

Figure 13.4 – Service Contacts Page

2. Click 

Additional fields are displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Add Service Contact' form. At the top, there are fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Email Address', and an 'Actions' column with edit, menu, and delete icons. A blue banner at the top of the form area contains the text: 'You must provide either an email address or a physical address.' Below this, the form has several input fields: 'First name \*', 'Middle name', 'Last name \*', 'Email \*', 'Phone number', 'Administrative email(s)', 'Country' (a dropdown menu currently showing 'United States'), 'Address Line 1 \*', 'Address Line 2', 'City \*', 'State \*' (a dropdown menu currently showing 'Select...'), and 'Zip Code \*'. At the bottom left, there is a checkbox labeled 'Add to Public List'. At the bottom right, there are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

Figure 13.5 – Service Contacts—Additional Fields

- Complete the required information in the **First Name** and **Last Name** fields. Add a middle name, if applicable, in the **Middle Name** field.
- Type the contact's email address in the **Email** field.
 


**Note: You must provide either an email address or a physical address. You can enter both addresses if applicable.**
- If applicable, type a phone number in the **Phone Number** field.
- If applicable, type the administrative email address in the **Administrative email(s)** field.
- If the contact is in a country other than the United States, select the country from the drop-down list.

The default selection is **United States**.

8. If a physical address is required for the service contact, type the address in the **Address Line 1** field.
9. If applicable, type an address in the **Address Line 2** field.
10. Type the name of the city in the **City** field.
11. Select the state from the **State** drop-down list.
12. Type the ZIP code in the **Zip Code** field.
13. Select the **Add to Public List** check box if you want to add the new service contact to the public list.

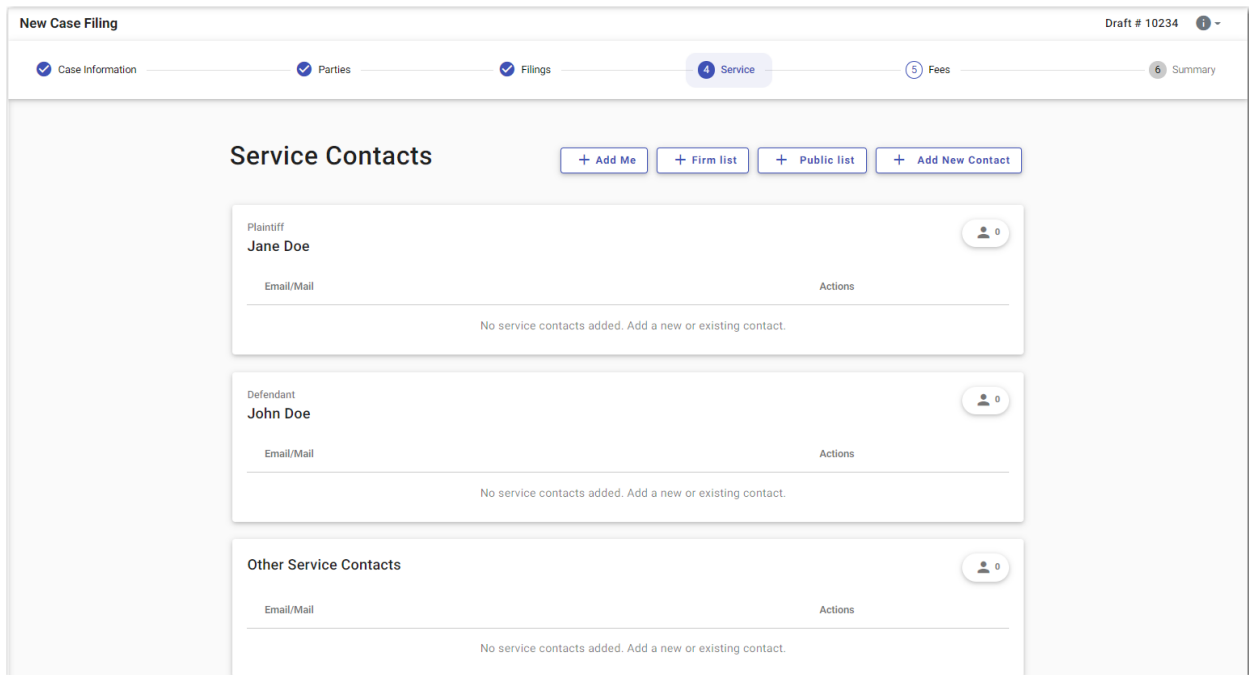
**Note: If you add the service contact to the public list, other filers will have access to that contact for their filings.**



14. After you have entered the required information, click  .
- The contact that you added is displayed in the list on the *Service Contacts* page.

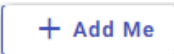
## Adding Yourself as a Service Contact to a Filing

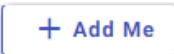
You can add yourself as a service contact on a case filing to ensure that you will receive updates regarding the filing.



**Figure 13.6 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing**

To add yourself as a service contact on a case filing:



1. On the *Service* page, click  .
- The *Add Me As Service Contact* page is displayed.

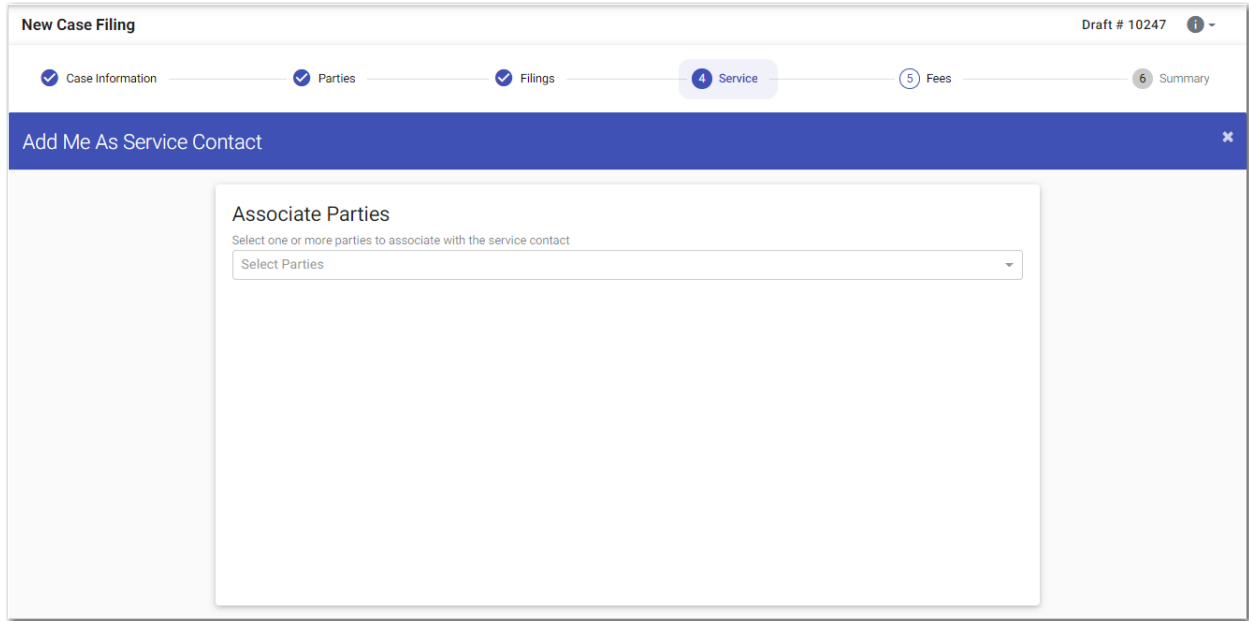


Figure 13.7 – Example of an Add Me As Service Contact Page

2. In the Associate Parties pane, select the party that you want to associate with the service contact.

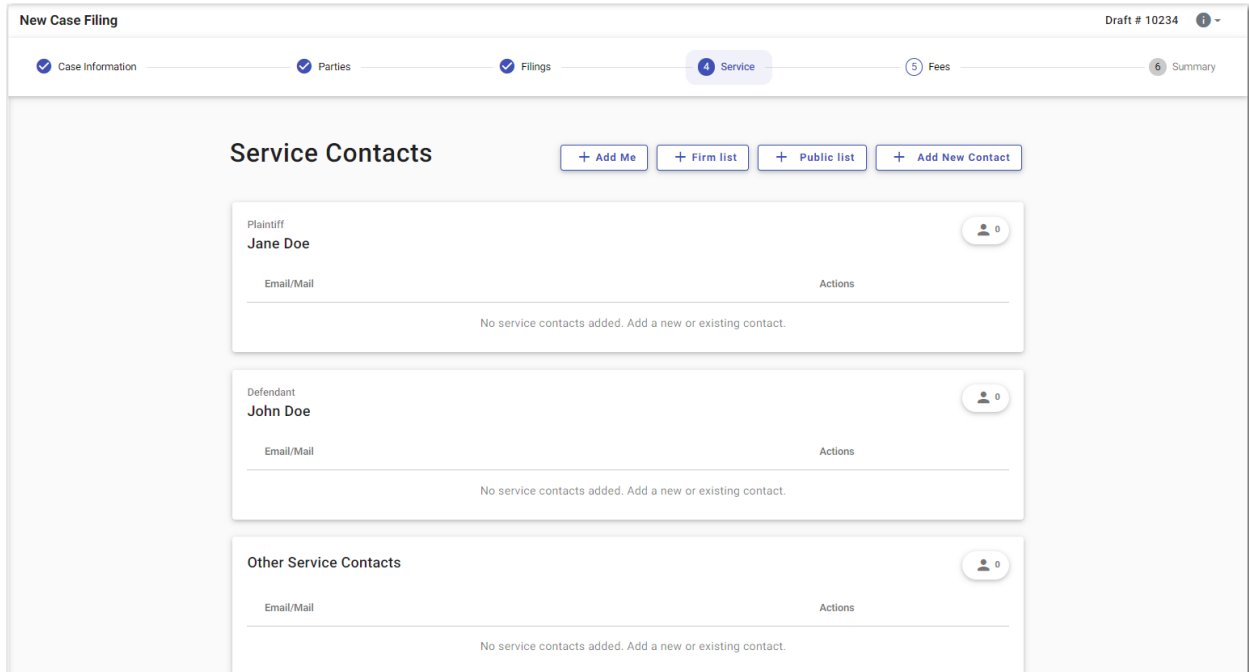
**Note: If the service contact you are adding is not associated with any party on the case, select “Other: No party association” from the Associate Parties drop-down list.**

3. Click



# Adding a Service Contact from Your Firm's Service Contact List to a Filing

You can add a service contact from your firm's service contact list to a filing.



**Figure 13.8 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing**

To add a service contact from your firm's service contact list to a filing:

1. On the *Service* page, click .

The *Add Existing Firm Contact* page is displayed.

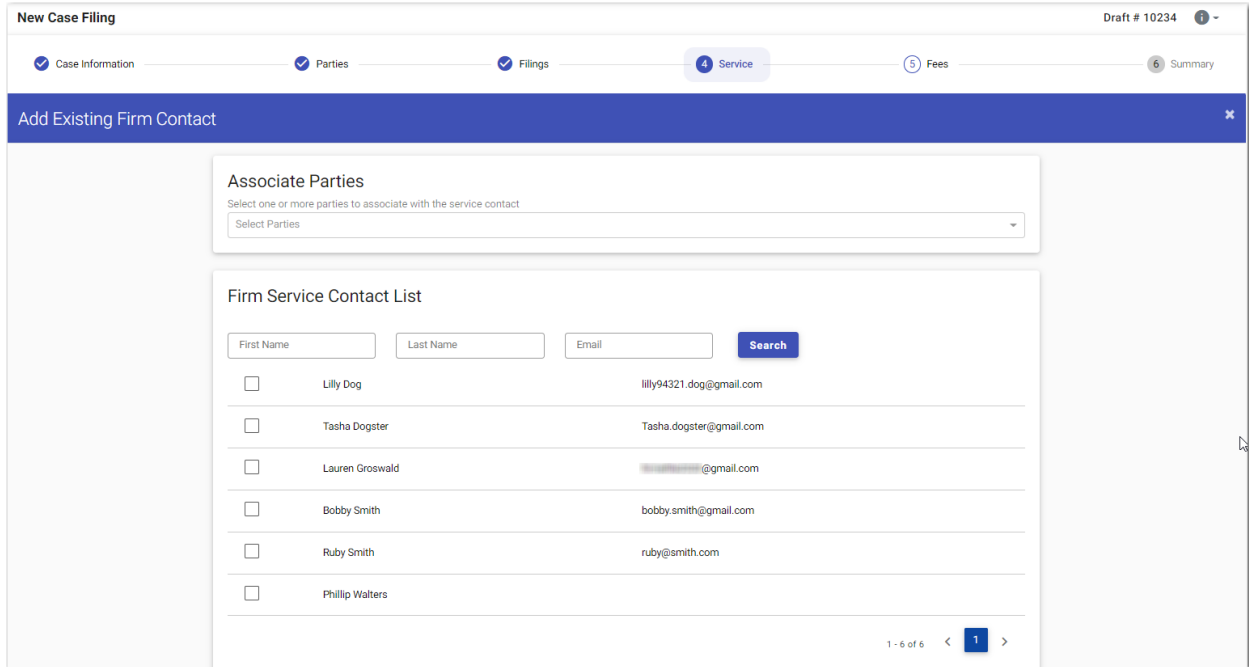


Figure 13.9 – Example of an Add Existing Firm Contact Page

2. In the Associate Parties pane, select the party that you want to associate with the selected service contacts.

**Note: If the service contact you are adding is not associated with any party on the case, select “Other: No party association” from the Associate Parties drop-down list.**

3. In the Firm Service Contact List pane, select the check box for each contact that you want to add to the filing.

4. Click  .

## Adding a Service Contact from a Public List to a Filing

You can add a service contact from a public list to a filing.

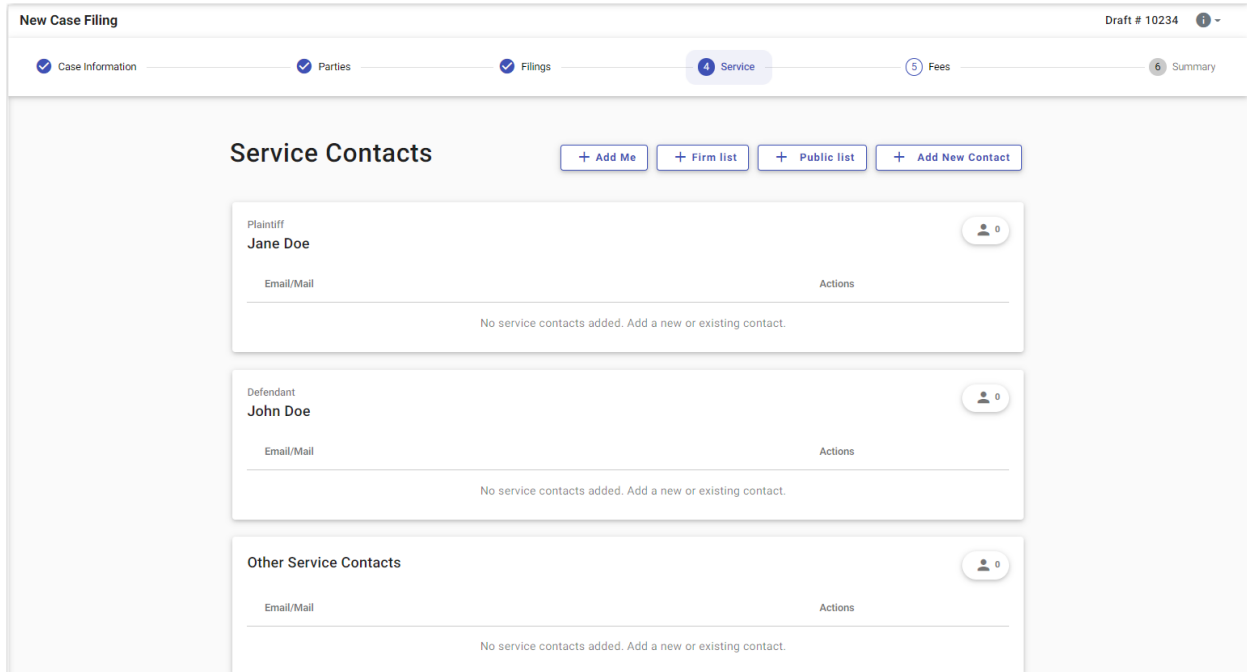


Figure 13.10 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing

To add a service contact from a public list to a filing:

1. On the *Service* page, click  .  
The *Add Existing Public Contact* page is displayed.

**Figure 13.11 – Example of an Add Existing Public Contact Page**

- In the Associate Parties pane, select the party that you want to associate with the selected service contacts.

**Note:** If the service contact you are adding is not associated with any party on the case, select “Other: No party association” from the Associate Parties drop-down list.

- In the Public Service Contact List pane, type at least one letter in a field, and then click .

The public service contacts that match the information you entered are displayed. The system returns a maximum of 100 public service contacts.

- Locate the contacts that you want to add to your filing.
- Select the check box for each contact that you want to add.

- Click .

## Adding a New Service Contact to a Filing

You can add a new service contact to a filing.

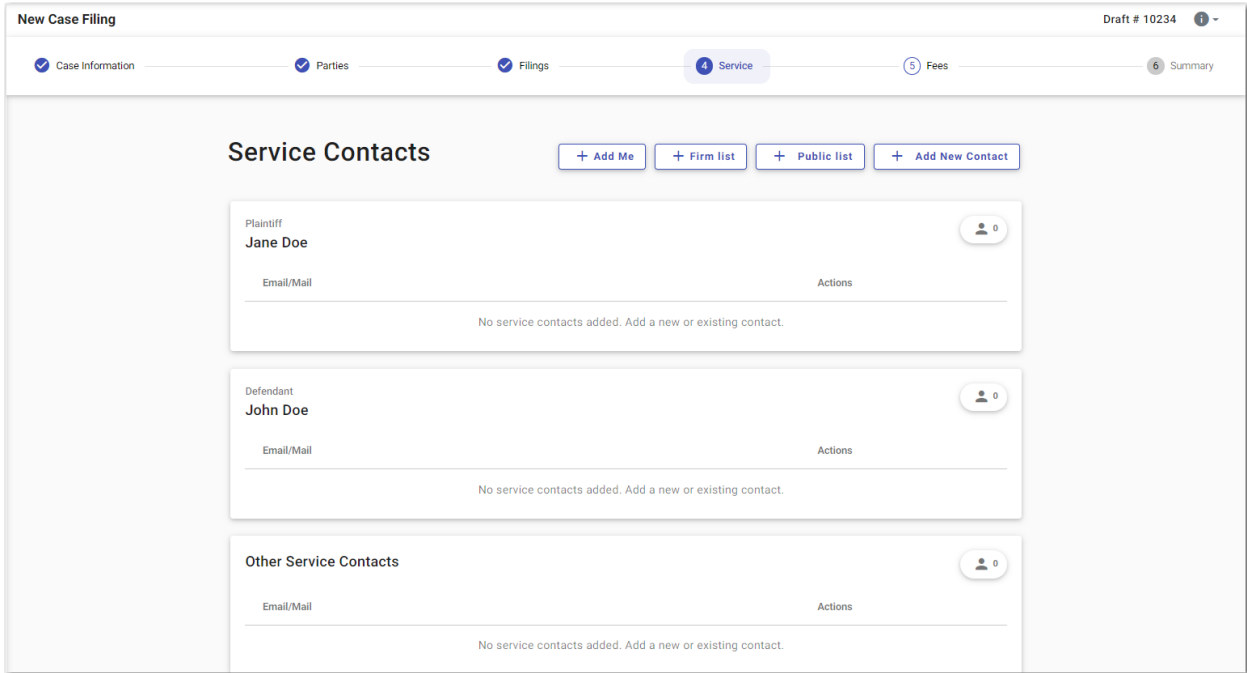


Figure 13.12 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing

To add a new service contact to a filing:

**+ Add New Contact**

1. On the *Service* page, click

The *Add Service Contact* page is displayed.



Figure 13.13 – Example of an Add Service Contact Page

- In the Service Method pane, from the **Service Method** drop-down list, select the service method to use for each service contact.

**Note:** If you selected the eFile Only option for the filing type, the Service Method pane is not displayed on the Add Service Contact page.

**Note:** The available service method options are configured by Tyler. Some options may not be available on your system.

Figure 13.14 – Example of a Service Method Drop-Down List

- In the Associate Parties pane, select the party that you want to associate with the new service contact.

**Note:** If the service contact you are adding is not associated with any party on the case, select “Other: No party association” from the Associate Parties drop-down list.

- In the Contact Information pane, complete the required information in the **First Name** and **Last Name** fields. Add a middle name, if applicable, in the **Middle Name** field.
- Type the contact’s email address in the **Email** field.

**Note:** You must provide either an email address or a physical address. You can enter both addresses if applicable.

- If applicable, type a phone number in the **Phone Number** field.
- If applicable, type the administrative email address in the **Administrative email(s)** field.

- If the contact is in a country other than the United States, select the country from the drop-down list.

The default selection is **United States**.

- If a physical address is required for the service contact, type the address in the **Address Line 1** field.
- If applicable, type an address in the **Address Line 2** field.
- Type the name of the city in the **City** field.
- Select the state from the **State** drop-down list.
- Type the ZIP code in the **Zip Code** field.
- Select the **Add to Public List** check box if you want to add the new service contact to the public list.

**Note: If you add the service contact to the public list, other filers will have access to that contact for their filings.**



- After you have entered the required information, click .

## Updating Information for an Existing Service Contact

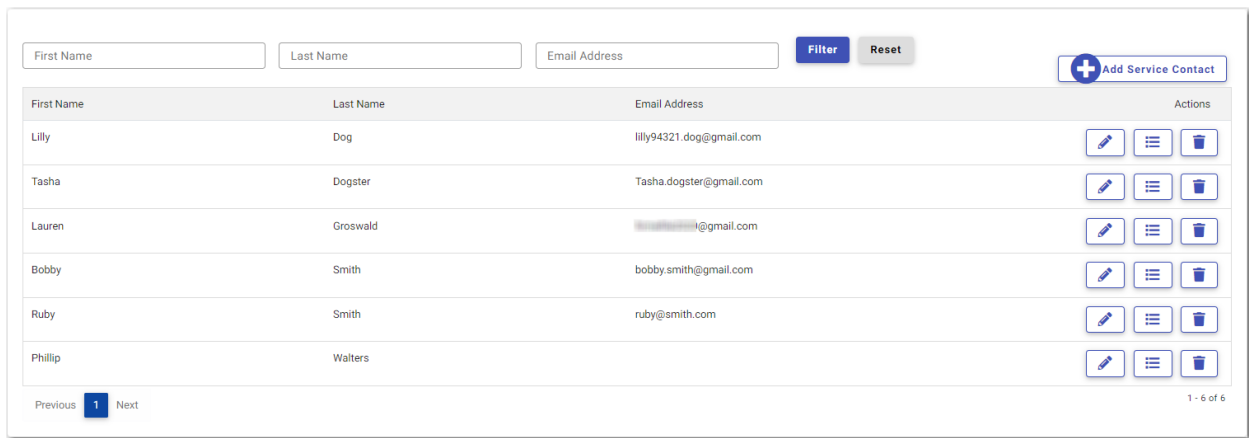
You can update the information that you previously entered for a service contact.

**Note: You cannot add an existing service contact to the public list.**

To update the information for an existing service contact:


- On the Dashboard menu, click **Firm Service Contacts**.

The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.



**Figure 13.15 – Service Contacts Page**



- Locate the service contact that you want to update, and then click .

The additional fields for the specified service contact are displayed with the information that you previously entered.

- Update the information, as applicable.

4. When you are done with your updates, click



## Viewing a List of Cases Attached to a Service Contact

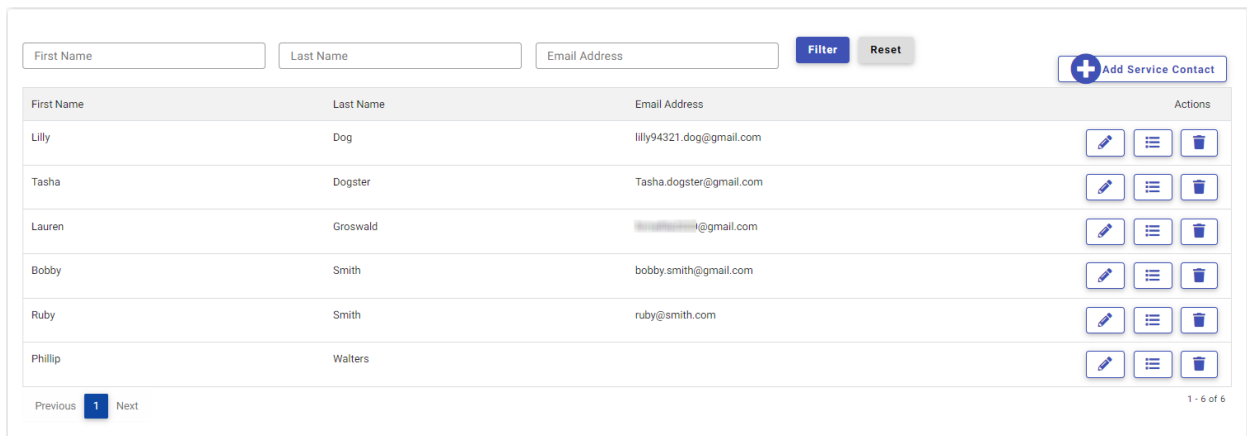
You can view a list of cases that are attached to a specified service contact.



















**Note:** If you plan to delete a service contact from your list of contacts, Tyler recommends that you first check to see if that contact is attached to any case filings.

To view a list of cases that are attached to a service contact:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Firm Service Contacts**.

The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.



First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Actions
Lilly	Dog	lilly94321.dog@gmail.com	  
Tasha	Dogster	Tasha.dogster@gmail.com	  
Lauren	Groswald	lauren.groswald@gmail.com	  
Bobby	Smith	bobby.smith@gmail.com	  
Ruby	Smith	ruby@smith.com	  
Phillip	Walters	phillip.walters@gmail.com	  

**Figure 13.16 – Service Contacts Page**

2. Locate the name of the service contact for whom you want to view the attached cases, and then click



If there are cases attached to the specified service contact, the list of cases is displayed in a window.

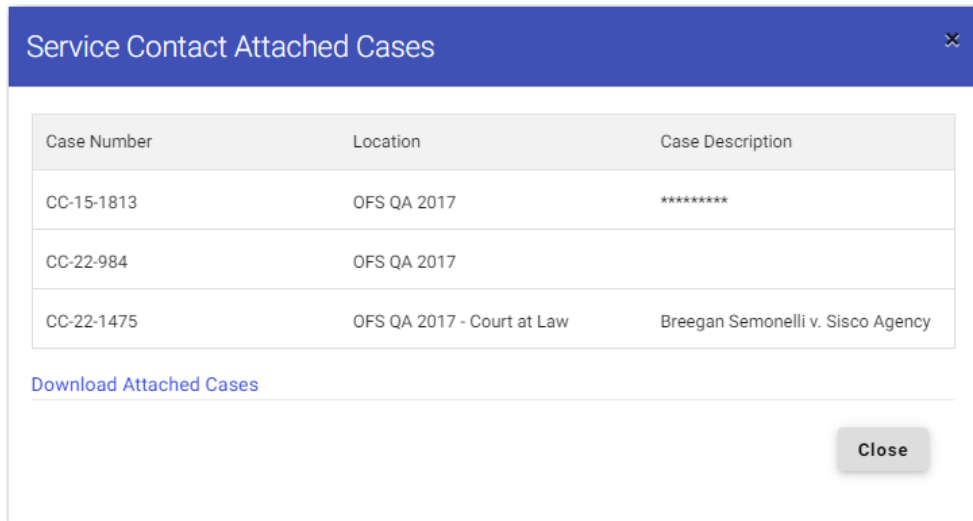


Figure 13.17 – Service Contact Attached Cases Window

- Click [Download Attached Cases](#) to download the case list to a Microsoft Excel file.  
The attached cases are listed on the Excel spreadsheet.

**Note: If there are no cases attached to the service contact, the following window is displayed.**

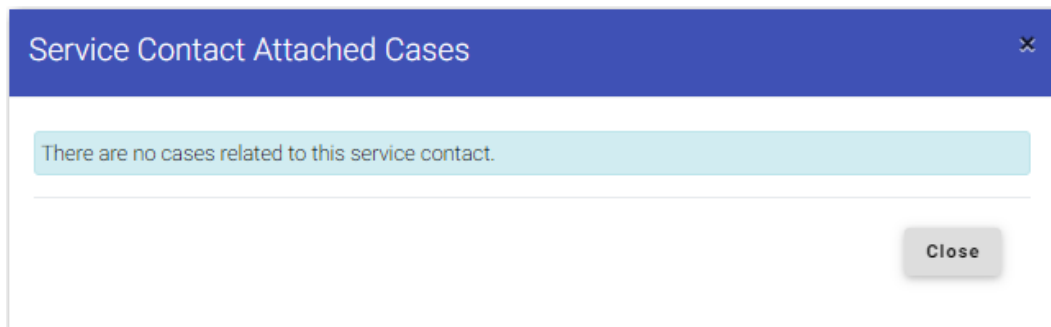


Figure 13.18 – Service Contact Attached Cases Window—No Attached Cases

## Viewing Service Contact History for a Case

You can view the service contact history for a case from the *Filing History* page, the *Case Search* page, or the *Bookmarks* page.

To view the service contact history for a case:

- Locate the case for which you want to view the service contact history.

- Click  .

The *Service Contacts* window for the specified case is displayed.

Service Contacts - Case # CC-22-689

### Service Contacts

+ Add Me + Firm list + Public list + Add New Contact



Defendant  
**Bob & Contractors** 0

Email/Mail Actions

No service contacts added. Add a new or existing contact.

Plaintiff  
**Allison Smart** 1

Email/Mail Actions

Tasha.dogster@gmail.com  

Other Service Contacts 0

Email/Mail Actions

No service contacts added. Add a new or existing contact.

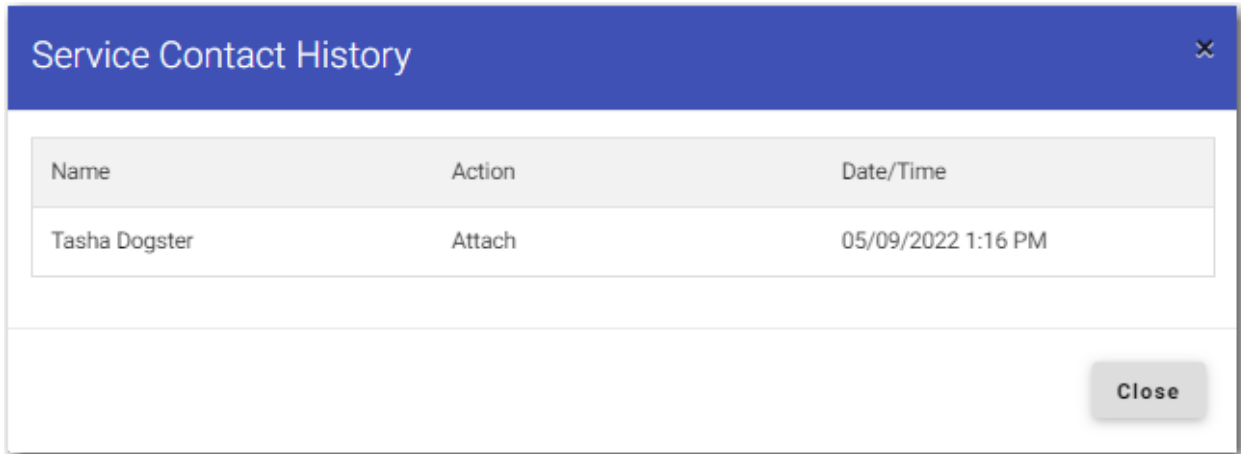
Service Contact History Cancel Save

Figure 13.19 – Example of a Case Service Contacts Window

3. Click

**Service Contact History**

The *Service Contact History* window is displayed.



Name	Action	Date/Time
Tasha Dogster	Attach	05/09/2022 1:16 PM

Figure 13.20 – Example of a Service Contact History Window

## Updating Information for a Service Contact Attached to a Case

You can view a list of service contacts that are attached to a case. You can also update the information for a service contact, if necessary.

To update the information for a service contact attached to a case:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Filing History'. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location, Case / Envelope Number, Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area has tabs for 'Filing History' and 'Filing Drafts', and shows '48 Result(s) Page 1 of 3'. It lists five filings:


- Envelope # 183760**: Submitted 04/04/2022 3:51 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Abstract Of Judgment. Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-20-1475**: Julia Reedy.Sam Muir. Envelope # 182443 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:46 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Addendum. Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Envelope # 182442**: Envelope # 182442 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:45 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum). Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Envelope # 182441**: Envelope # 182441 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:40 AM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Appointment. Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-15-1813**: \*\*\*\*\*. Envelope # 182438 Submitted 03/23/2022 11:25 AM on behalf of Tim Andrews by Lauren Groswald. Filing Code: Action - Subsequent Only. Filing Type: eFile and Serve.

Figure 13.21 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the case for which you want to view the service contacts.

3. Click  .

The service contacts for the case are displayed.

4. Locate the service contact that you want to update, and then click  .

The *Update Service Contact* window is displayed.

Update Service Contact

**Associated Parties**  
Select one or more parties to associate with the service contact

Colleen Martinez

**Contact Information**  
Add your email address below to be eligible to receive electronic service.

First name \* Rocky Middle name Last name \* Jones

Email \* rocky.jones@gmail.com Phone number 972-555-1234

Administrative email(s)

Country United States

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City State Select... Zip Code

Add to Public List

Cancel Save

Figure 13.22 – Update Service Contact Window

5. Update the information for the service contact, and then click

Save

## Deleting a Service Contact



















You can delete a contact from your service contacts list if you no longer need that contact.

To delete a service contact from the *Service Contacts* page:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Firm Service Contacts**.

The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.





First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Actions
Lilly	Dog	lilly94321.dog@gmail.com	  
Tasha	Dogster	Tasha.dogster@gmail.com	  
Lauren	Groswald	lauren.groswald@gmail.com	  
Bobby	Smith	bobby.smith@gmail.com	  
Ruby	Smith	ruby@smith.com	  
Phillip	Walters	phillip.walters@gmail.com	  

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**Figure 13.23 – Service Contacts Page**

2. Locate the name of the service contact that you want to delete.

3. Click  to immediately delete the service contact, or click  to first view the cases that are attached to that service contact.

**Note: Once deleted, the contact is immediately removed from the service contacts list and from any case filings to which it was attached.**

# 14 Templates

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Adding a Template
- ◆ Editing a Template
- ◆ Using a New Case Template
- ◆ Using an Existing Case Template
- ◆ Copying a Template
- ◆ Deleting a Template

Templates allow you to start a new case from a template that you have created, saving you time.

## Adding a Template

To add a template that you can use to quickly start a new case or file into an existing case:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Templates**.

The *Templates* page is displayed.

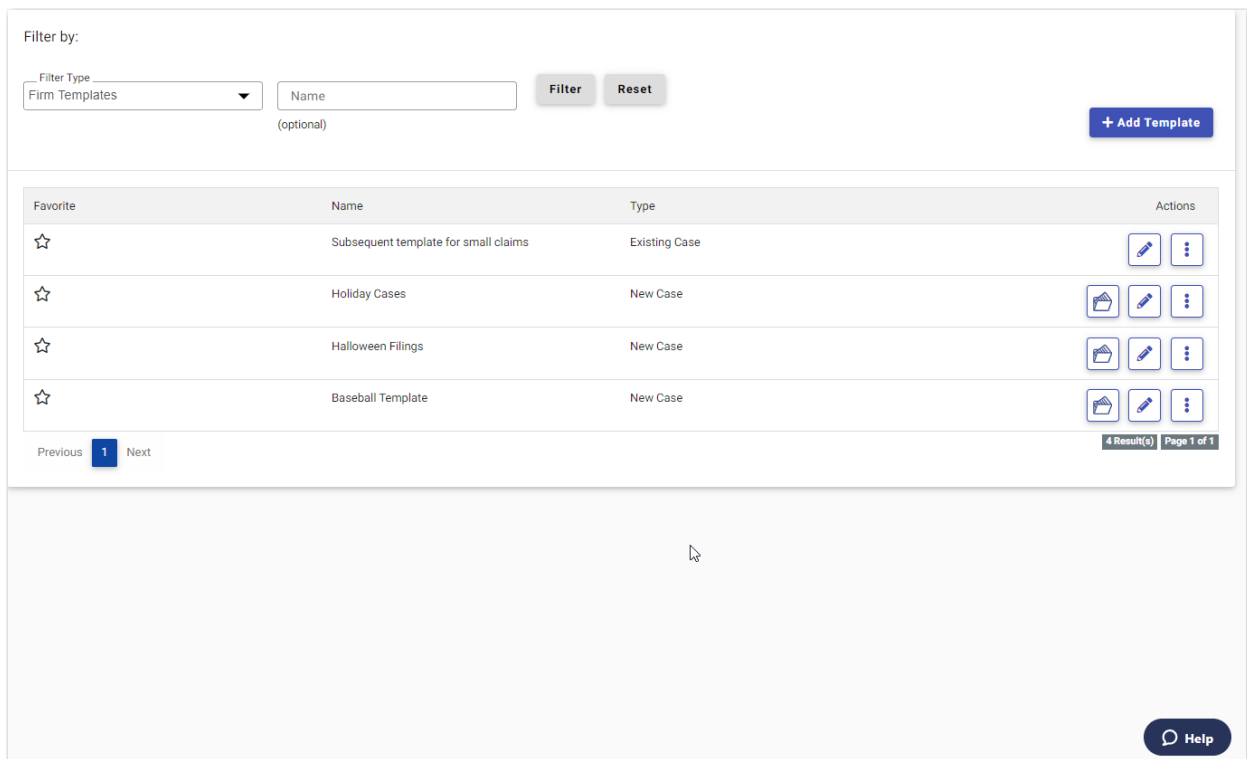



Figure 14.1 – Templates Page

2. Click .

A pane is displayed.

Figure 14.2 – Templates Pane

3. Type a name for the template in the **Name** field.
4. Select either **New Case** or **Existing Case**.
5. Select the **Favorite** check box if you want to designate this template as a favorite.
6. Click  to begin creating your template.

The *Case Information* page is displayed.

7. Enter as much information on this page as you want to use in your template.
8. Continue entering information on each page of the filing until you have the information that you want to use in your template.

**Note:** You can stop at any time and save the pages that you have completed. You do not have to create an entire case filing to save the entries as a template.

9. If you enter information on each page of the case filing, on the *Summary* page, click



The *Templates* page is displayed. The template you just created is added to the list of other templates. The new template is also displayed on the *Dashboard* page.

## Editing a Template

You can edit an existing template if you need to make changes to it.

To edit an existing template:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Templates**.

The *Templates* page is displayed.

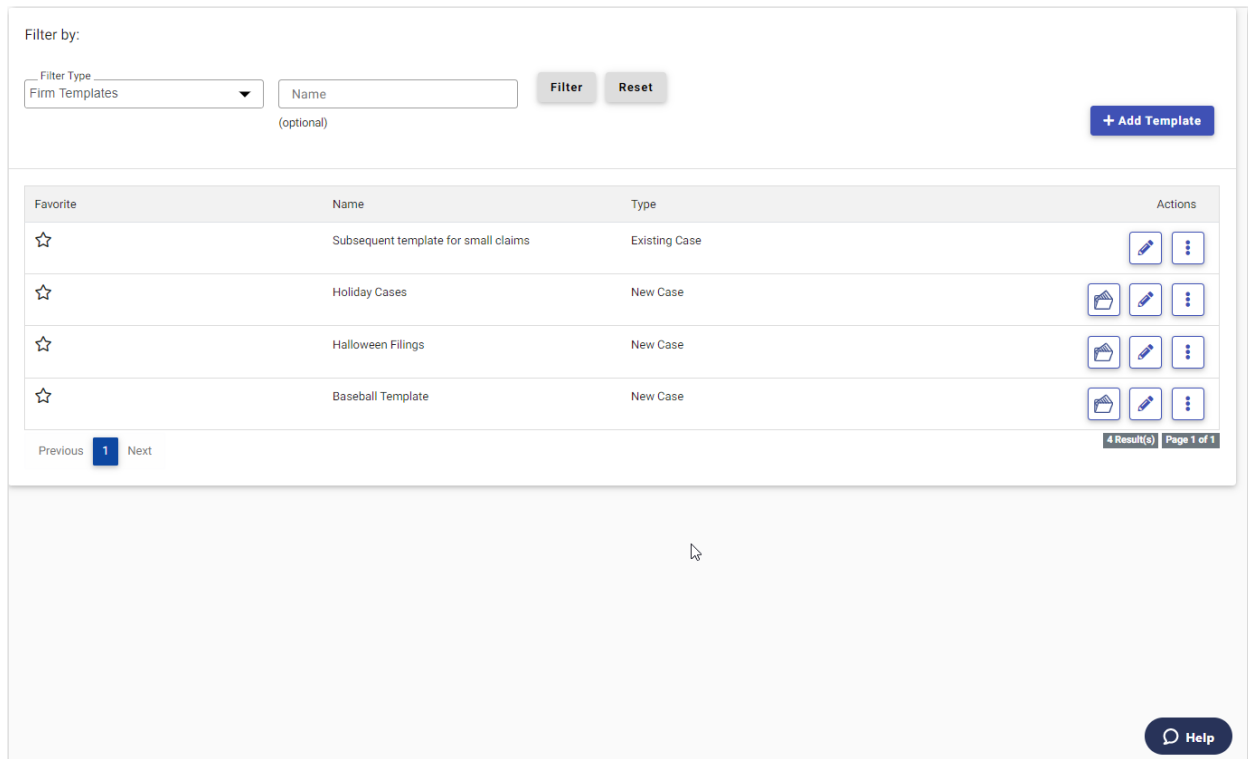



Figure 14.3 – Templates Page

2. Locate the template that you want to edit, and then click .

The template name is displayed in a separate pane.

**Note:** You can change the template name if you want.

3. Click .

The *Case Information* page is displayed. Any information that you previously entered on this page remains.

4. Make any changes that you want on the *Case Information* page.  
5. If you entered information on any other pages in your template, make changes as needed to those

pages. Then click .

Your template is now updated and is listed on the *Templates* page and on the *Dashboard* page.

## Using a New Case Template

After a template has been created, you can use it to accelerate your filing.

To use a template that you previously created:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Templates**.

The *Templates* page is displayed.

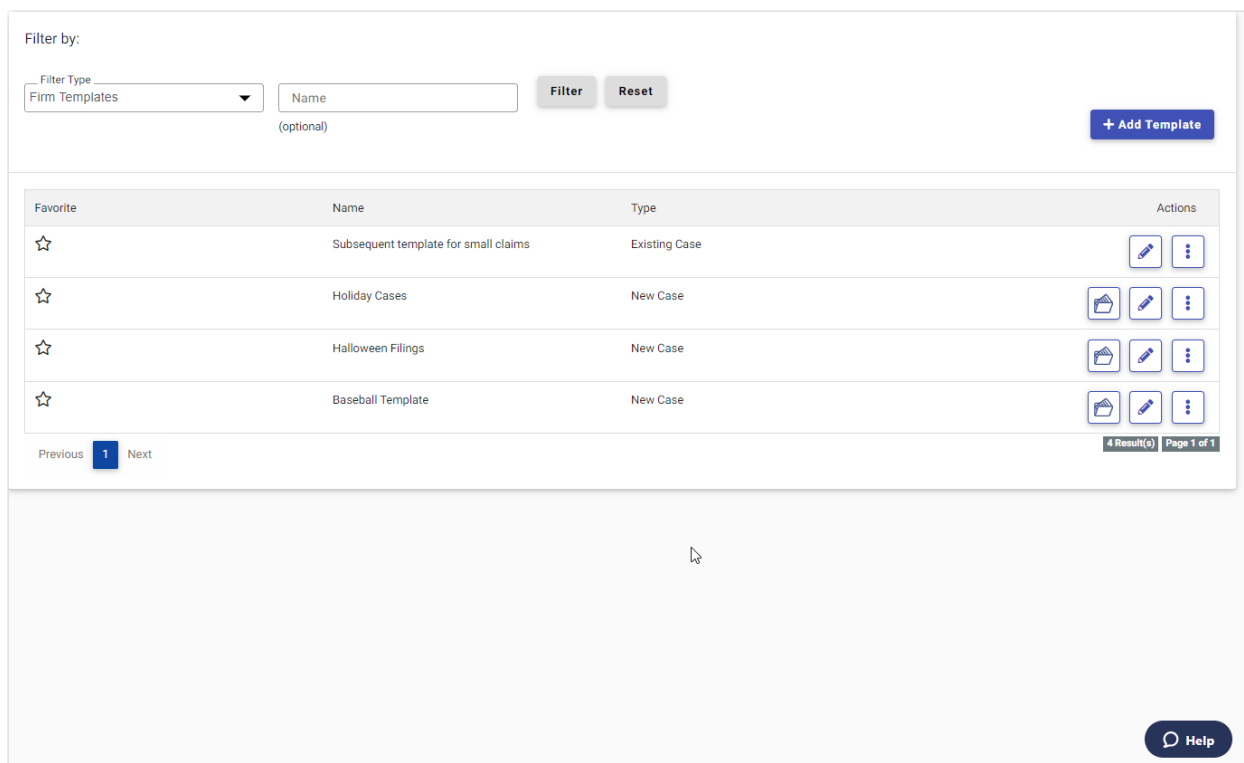



Figure 14.4 – Templates Page

2. Locate the template that you want to use, and then click  .

The *Case Information* page is displayed. All of the information that you entered when you created the template is auto-filled.

3. Enter the remaining required information for the new case until you reach the *Summary* page.
4. Review the summary of the case filing. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click

**Submit**

The new case filing is displayed on the *Filing History* page.

## Using an Existing Case Template

After a template has been created, you can use it to accelerate your filing when filing into an existing case.

To access an existing case template:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

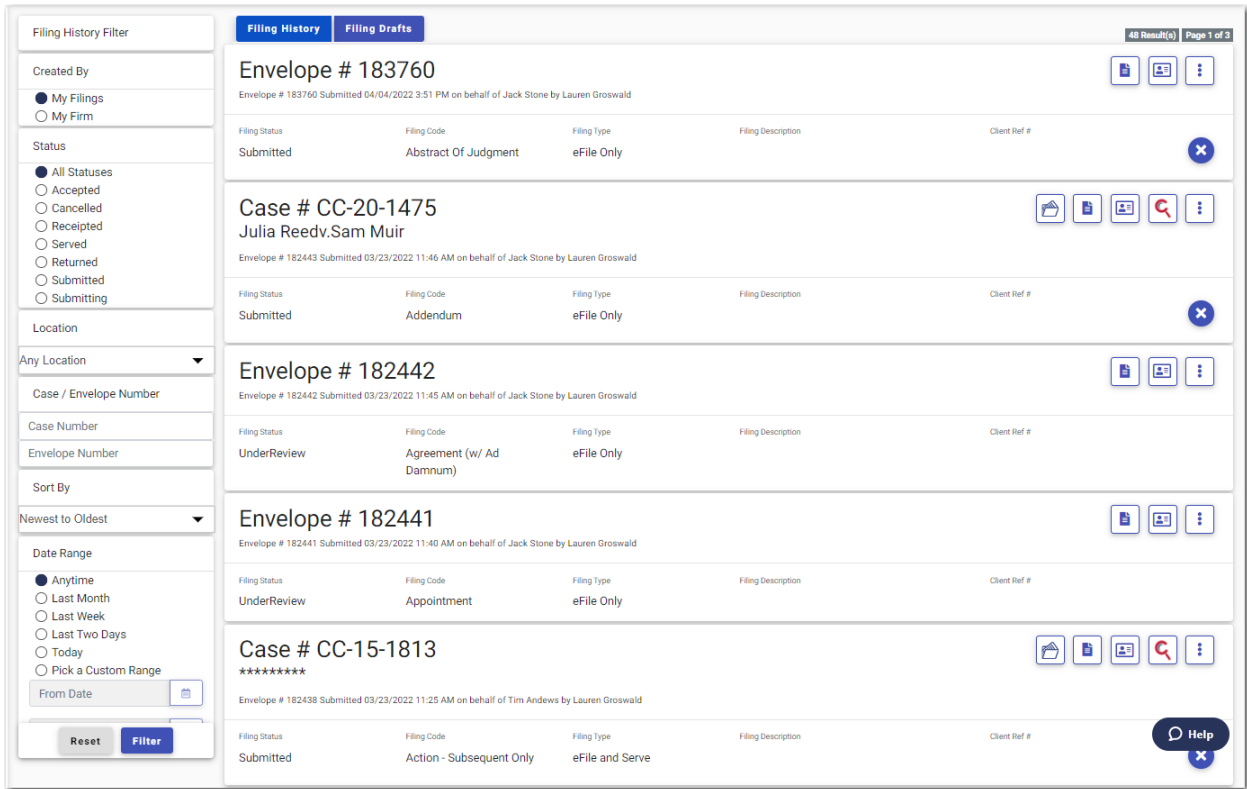



Figure 14.5 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the case that you want to file into, and then click .

A drop-down list is displayed.

3. Click **File Into Case With Template**.

The *Templates Matching* window is displayed, along with a list of available templates.

Templates Matching Case: AP-2022-025292 | Location:OFS MockCMS | Category:Appellate | Case Type:Appellate Case

Filter Type: Firm Templates  **Filter** **Reset**


We matched your selected case's Location, Case Type, and Case Category to your templates. If the template's Location/Type/Category matches the case, each template section will be created on the draft. You can use a template even if there are mismatches. The templates are listed in best match order. If you select a template without a complete match, we attempt to create the entire template, but your draft might not include the template's documents or optional services. The Template Matches On tooltips display case criteria for the individual template.

Favorite	Name	Template Matches On	Actions
	Subsequent template for small claims	No matching case information	

Previous **1** Next 1 Result(s) Page 1 of 1

**Cancel**

Figure 14.6 – Templates Matching Window

4. Locate the template that you want to use for the case you are filing into, and then click .
- The template that you selected is displayed on the *Case Information* page. The fields that you previously entered when the template was created are auto-filled.
5. Enter the remaining required information for the new case until you reach the *Summary* page.
6. Review the summary of the case filing. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click

**Submit**

The new case filing is displayed on the *Filing History* page.

## Copying a Template

You can copy an existing template, assign a new name to the template, and then save it under the new name. Once the new template is created, you can make changes to it, as necessary. The original template remains unchanged.

To copy an existing template:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Templates**.

The *Templates* page is displayed.

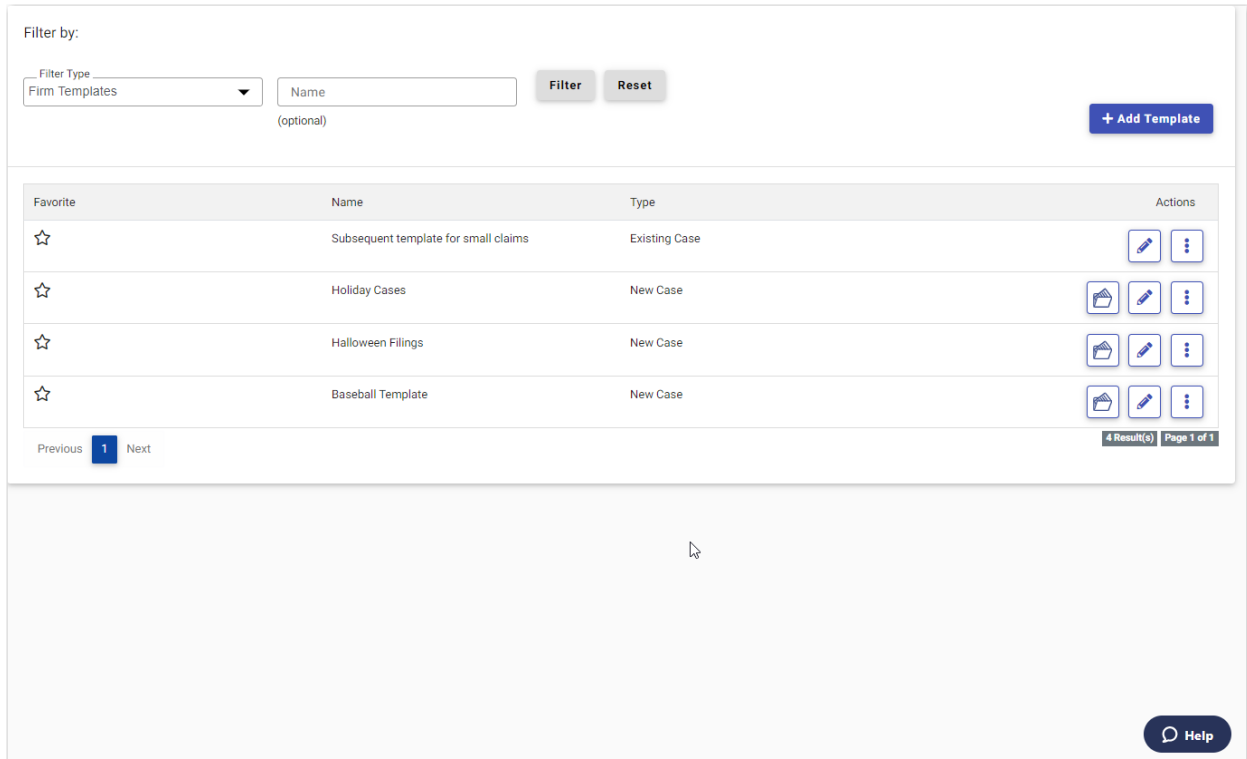



Figure 14.7 – Templates Page

2. Locate the template that you want to copy, and then click . A drop-down list is displayed.

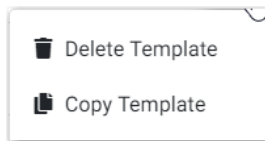

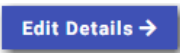


Figure 14.8 – More Options Drop-Down List

3. Click **Copy Template**.

The template name is displayed in a separate pane with “Copy” as part of the name.

4. Rename the template to a different name.
5. Select the **Favorite** check box if you want to designate this template as a favorite.

6. Click  if you want to save the template as is with the new name. Or, click  to make changes to the template.

When you are done saving the new template, it is displayed on the *Templates* page with your other templates.



## Deleting a Template

You can delete a template that you no longer need.

To delete an existing template:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Templates**.

The *Templates* page is displayed.

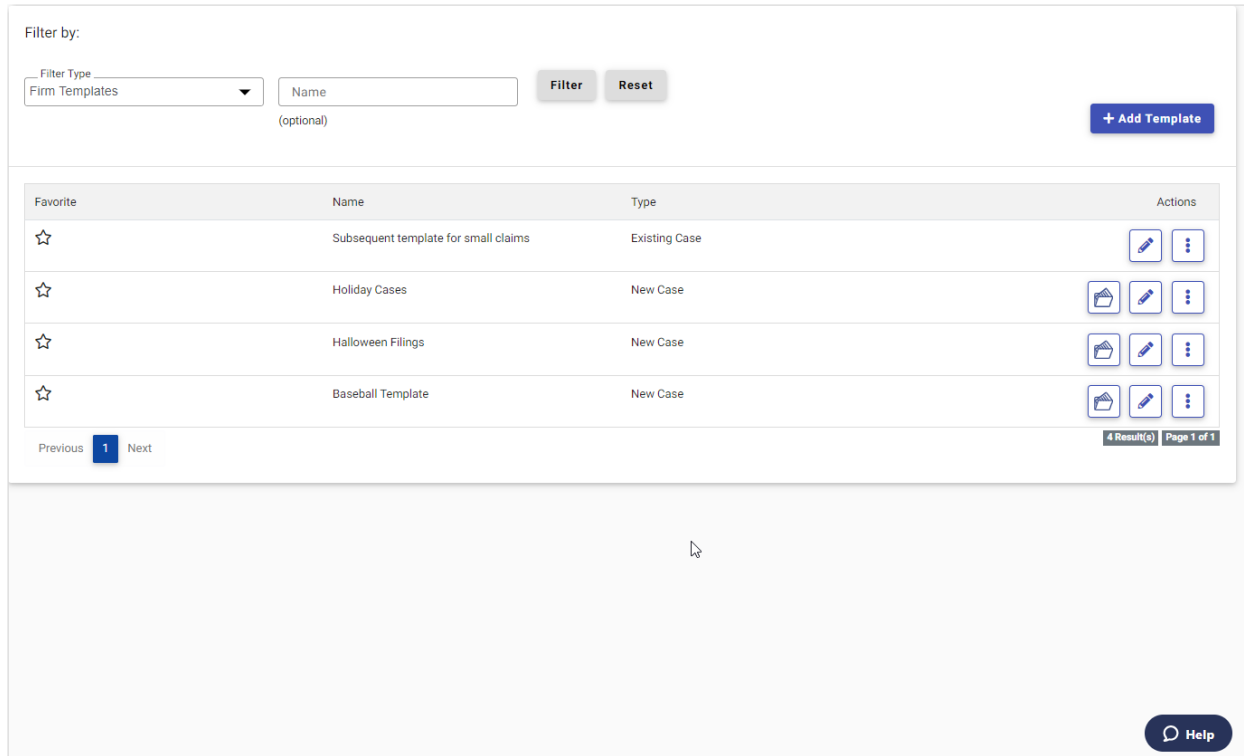



Figure 14.9 – Templates Page

2. Locate the template that you want to delete, and then click .

A drop-down list is displayed.

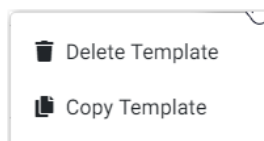
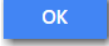
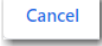
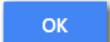


Figure 14.10 – More Options Drop-Down List

3. Click **Delete Template**.

The following warning message is displayed: Are you sure you want to delete the template "xyz"?

4. Click  to delete the template, or click  to cancel the action.

If you clicked  , a confirmation message is displayed, and the template is deleted.

# 15 Filings

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Copying the Envelope
- ◆ Viewing the Envelope Details
- ◆ Viewing Case Address Information in the Envelope Details
- ◆ Viewing Mail Service Fees in the Envelope Details
- ◆ Viewing Certified Mail Services Information in Envelope Details
- ◆ Viewing Envelope Level Information in the Envelope Details
- ◆ Resuming a Case Filing
- ◆ Deleting a Draft Filing
- ◆ Canceling a Filing

After you have uploaded and submitted your filing, the filing is displayed on the *Filing History* page. On this page, you can view the status of your filing, check the filing code, check the filing type, get a document description, see the number assigned to your case, review the details of the case, view the service contacts attached to a case, and cancel a filing. You can also view the time and date that the filing was submitted. The time stamp corresponds to the time zone in which the filing occurred.

## Copying the Envelope

You can copy an envelope to create a new envelope to resubmit to the courts if the envelope has been returned or rejected for any reason.

To copy an envelope:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

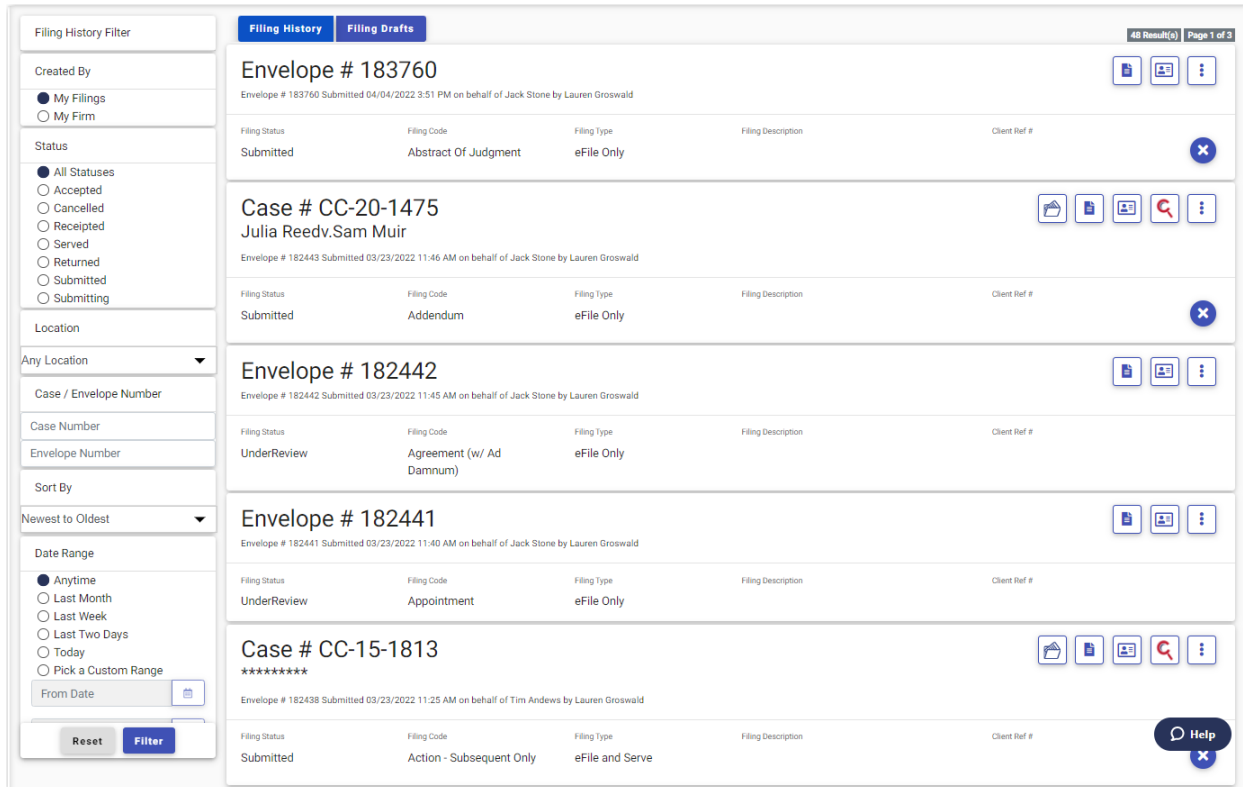




Figure 15.1 – Filing History Page

2. In the Status pane, select **Returned**, and then click .
- The returned cases are displayed, per the filter that you set.
3. Locate the envelope that you want to copy.
4. Click , and then select **Copy Envelope**.

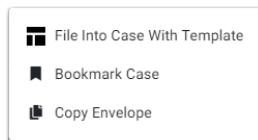


Figure 15.2 – More Options Drop-Down List

A copy of the envelope is displayed on the *Case Information* page.

**Figure 15.3 – Example of a Case Information Page for a Copied Envelope**

5. Navigate through the pages of the envelope to verify the information. Make any changes as appropriate.

6. Review the information on the *Summary* page. If everything is correct, click .

**Note:** A message on the *Summary* page indicates that the envelope is a copy.

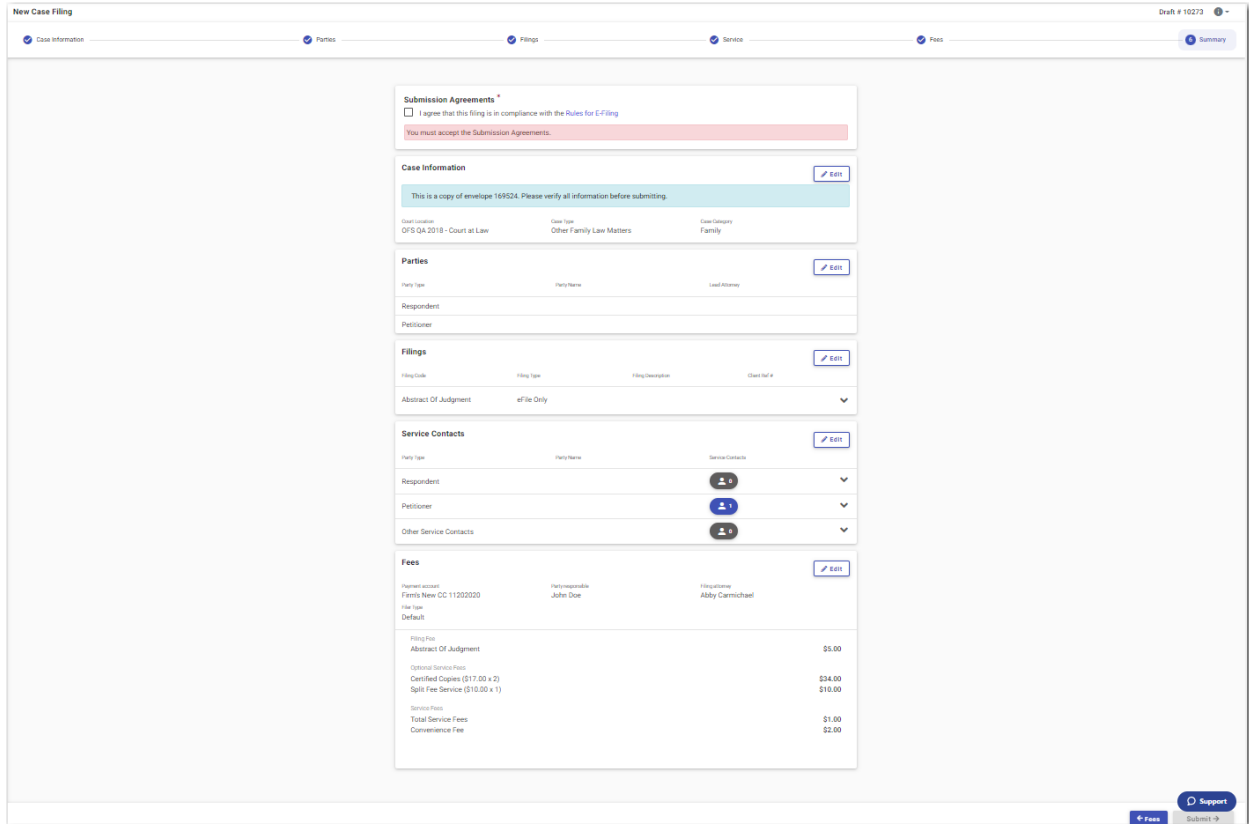


Figure 15.4 – Example of a Summary Page for a Copied Envelope

## Viewing the Envelope Details

You can view the details of an envelope on the *Filing History* page.

To view the envelope details:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot displays the 'Filing History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location, Case / Envelope Number, Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of filings under 'Filing History' and 'Filing Drafts' tabs. Each entry includes an envelope number, status, filing code, filing type, filing description, and client reference. Details for several envelopes are expanded, showing their respective filing information and a 'Help' button.

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 15.5 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to view the envelope details.

3. Click  .

The envelope details are displayed.

**Note:** For subsequent filings, the envelope details do NOT include newly added parties if the envelope has not been accepted yet.

Envelope Details
Print X

Envelope			
Envelope ID 179293	Submitted By Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com	
Case Information			
Court Location OFS QA 2017	Case Type Custodianship - Gifts To Minors	Case Category Probate or Mental Health	
Parties			
Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney	
Petitioner	Nate Friends		
Filings			
Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Appointment			▼
Service Contacts			
Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts	
Petitioner	Nate Friends	[User Icon] ▼	
Other Service Contacts		[User Icon] ▼	
Fees			
Payment account Fee CC 01.04	Party responsible Nate Friends	Filing attorney	
Case ID 000179293-0	Transaction Response	Transaction Amount \$5.16	Transaction ID 149867
Filing Fee Appointment			\$5.00
Service Fees Convenience Fee			\$0.16
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$5.16</b>

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Figure 15.6 – Example of an Envelope Details Page

- Click Print to print a copy of the envelope details.

## Viewing Case Address Information in the Envelope Details

You can view the case address information and other details of an envelope on the *Filing History* page.

**Note: The Case Address feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To view the case address information in the envelope details:

- On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.



The screenshot displays the 'Filing History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of cases with columns for Filing Status, Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, and Client Ref #. Each case entry includes a title (e.g., 'Envelope # 183760'), a subtitle (e.g., 'Envelope # 183760 Submitted 04/04/2022 3:51 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald'), and a table of details. Action icons (document, print, search, etc.) are present for each case. A 'Help' button is located at the bottom right of the list.

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 15.7 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to view the envelope details.

3. Click  .

The envelope details are displayed.

Envelope Details
Print X

Envelope			
Envelope ID 188087	Submitted by Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com	
Case Information			
Court Location OFS QA 2017	Case Type Notice Of Removal	Case Category Civil	
Case Address 555 Main Street Dallas, TX 75230 US Dallas			
Parties			
Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney	
Defendant	John Doe	Perry Mason	
Filings			
Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment			▼
Service Contacts			
Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts	
Defendant	John Doe	[User Icon] 0 ▼	
Other Service Contacts		[User Icon] 0 ▼	
Fees			
Payment account Firm's New CC 11202020	Party responsible John Doe	Filing attorney	
Filer Type Default			
Order ID 000188087-0	Transaction Response	Transaction Amount \$8.00	Transaction ID 159406
Filing Fee			
Abstract Of Judgment			\$5.00
Service Fees			
Convenience Fee			\$1.00
Total Filing & Service Fees			\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees			\$1.00
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$8.00</b>

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Figure 15.8 – Case Address Information on the Envelope Details Page

- Click Print to print a copy of the envelope details.

## Viewing Mail Service Fees in the Envelope Details

You can view the mail service fees in the envelope details.

**Note: The Mail Service Fees feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To view the mail service fees in the envelope details:

- On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot displays the 'Filing History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location, Case / Envelope Number, Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of filings with columns for Filing Status, Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, and Client Ref #. Each entry includes an envelope number and a brief description. Action icons (print, download, refresh, search, help) are visible for each entry. A 'Help' button is located at the bottom right of the main area.

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 15.9 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to view the envelope details.

3. Click  .

The mail service fees are displayed in the envelope details.

**Note:** Your screen may differ from the example provided below.

Details - Case # CC-21-117 - Envelope # 256195

**Case**  
 Case Name: QFS-QA-2017  
 Category: Civil  
 Case Type: Appeal

**Parties**  
 Case # 2

**Filings**

Filing Type	Filing Code	Client Ref #	Filing Description
eFile Only	Abstract Of Judgment		
Submitted Date: 01/21/2021 11:13 AM	Status: Accepted	Filing Date: 01/21/2021 11:16 AM	Comments: Auto Review Accepted
Component: Attachments	Document Name: Petition.pdf	Description:	Security: Public (G)
Download Version: Original	Document Name: Court Copy	Description:	Security: Public (G)
Component: Lead Document	Document Name: BlankTest.pdf	Description:	Security: Public (G)
Download Version: Original	Document Name: Court Copy	Description:	Security: Public (G)

**Service**

**Fees**

Filing Name	Filing Amount	Firm's Responsibility for Fees	Filing Type
Firm's CC	Abby Carmichael	Naomi Watson	AutoReview
Order ID: 000256195-0	Transaction Response: Approved	Transaction Amount: \$20.00	Transaction ID: 260829

**Abstract Of Judgment**

Filing Fee	\$5.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>


**Mail Service Fees**

Total Mail Service Fees	\$12.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>

**Service Fees**

Convenience Fee	\$1.00
Total Filing & Service Fees	\$1.00
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

Figure 15.10 – Example of an Envelope Details Page with the Mail Service Fees Displayed

4. Click  to print a copy of the envelope details.

## Viewing Certified Mail Services Information in Envelope Details

You can view the status of certified mail for a specified filing.

**Note: The Certified Mail Services feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To view the certified mail services information in the envelope details:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot displays the 'Filing History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location, Case / Envelope Number, Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of filings with columns for Filing Status, Filing Code, Filing Type, Filing Description, and Client Ref #. Each entry includes an envelope number, submission date, and time, and a 'View Details' icon (document with magnifying glass).

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 15.11 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to view the envelope details.

3. Click  .

The envelope details are displayed.

**Note:** Your screen may differ from the example provided below.

Details - Case # CC-21-116 - Envelope # 256191 PRINT CLOSE

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**Case**

Location OFS QA 2017	Category Civil	Type Breach Of Contract
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**Parties** Show All

Count: 2

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**Filings**

Filing Type eFile Only	Filing Code Abstract Of Judgment	Client Ref #	Filing Description
Submitted Date 01/21/2021 10:32 AM	Status Accepted	Review Date 01/21/2021 10:35 AM	Comments Auto Review Accepted

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Component Lead Document	Document Name BlankTest.pdf	Description	Security Public (G)
<a href="#">Download Version</a> Original	<a href="#">Court Copy</a>		

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**Service** Hide all

Count: 3

<p>Firm Admin [redacted]@gmail.com Status: Sent (Opened) Served Date: 01/21/2021 10:35 AM Associated Parties: None</p> <p>Service Method: Eserve Opened Date: 01/21/2021 11:08 AM</p>	<p>Lillian Henderson 1201 tenth ave Plano US, Texas Status: Not Sent Tracking: 00000000000000000000000075025 (USPS) Associated Parties: None</p>
<p>Raymond Thompson 4201 Ohio Dr Dallas US, Texas Status: Not Sent Tracking: 00000000000000000000000075024 (USPS) Associated Parties: None</p>	

**Figure 15.12 – Example of an Envelope Details Page with the Certified Mail Services Information Displayed**

In the Service pane, you can view information about the status of certified mail for a specified filing.

4. Click the link in the tracking section to track the status of the certified mail.

**Note: Clicking the link accesses the United States Postal Service (USPS) website, which is displayed in a new tab in your browser.**

5. Follow the instructions on the USPS website to track the status of the certified mail, which can include obtaining an image with proof of delivery.

## Viewing Envelope Level Information in the Envelope Details

You can view the envelope comments that were added to a case filing in the envelope details.

**Note: The Envelope Level feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To view the envelope comments in the envelope details:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

The screenshot displays the 'Filing History' page with a sidebar filter and a main list of envelopes. The sidebar includes filters for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main list shows five envelopes with their respective details:

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Submitted	Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Addendum	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Agreement (w/ Ad Damnum)	eFile Only		
UnderReview	Appointment	eFile Only		
Submitted	Action - Subsequent Only	eFile and Serve		

Figure 15.13 – Filing History Page

2. Locate the specified case for which you want to view the envelope details.

3. Click  .

The envelope comments are displayed in the envelope details in the Case pane.

Envelope Details
Print X

Envelope			
Envelope ID 188086	Submitted by Lauren Groswald	Username [redacted]@gmail.com	

Case Information		
Court Location OFS QA ODY RICMS - Review in CMS	Case Type Small Claims	Case Category Civil
Envelope Comments This is a test case.		

Parties		
Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney
Plaintiff	John Doe	Jack Stone
Defendant	Mary Smith	Jerry Jones


Filings			
Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
eFiling Event			▼

Service Contacts		
Party Type	Party Name	Service Contacts
Plaintiff	John Doe	[icon] ▼
Defendant	Mary Smith	[icon] ▼
Other Service Contacts		[icon] ▼

Fees			
Payment account Firm's New CC 11202020	Party responsible John Doe	Filing attorney	
Filer Type Default			
Order ID 000188086-0	Transaction Response	Transaction Amount \$53.30	Transaction ID 159405
Total Court Case Fees Small Claims			\$20.00
Filing Fee eFiling Event			\$30.00

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Figure 15.14 – Example of an Envelope Details Page with the Envelope Comments Displayed

4. Click  to print a copy of the envelope details.

## Resuming a Case Filing

You can resume a case filing even if you have signed out of File & Serve or have exited the filing process. You do so by signing back in to File & Serve, if necessary, and then accessing your case on the *Filing Drafts* page.

To resume a case filing:

1. Locate the specified draft on the *Filing Drafts* page.



The screenshot displays the 'Filing Drafts' page. On the left is a 'Filing Drafts Filter' sidebar with options for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Draft Number' (Case Number, Draft Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of drafts: Draft # 10047, Draft # 10043, Draft # 10042, Draft # 10027, Draft # 10026, Case # CC-21-3319 (James Smith v. John Doe), Draft # 10015, and Draft # 10008. Each draft entry includes a play button, a trash icon, and a menu icon. A table for Draft # 10027 shows filing details: Draft, Abstract Of Judgment, EfileAndServe, Abstract Of Judgment, and Client Ref #. A 'Submit' button is highlighted in the bottom right corner.

Figure 15.15 – Filing Drafts Page

2. Click  .

The filing opens on the page where you previously stopped working.

3. Make any corrections to your entries as needed.
4. Continue completing the remaining required fields for the filing.

5. After you have completed all of the required fields, click  .

## Deleting a Draft Filing

You can delete a draft filing that you no longer need.

To delete a draft filing:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing Drafts**.

The *Filing Drafts* page is displayed.

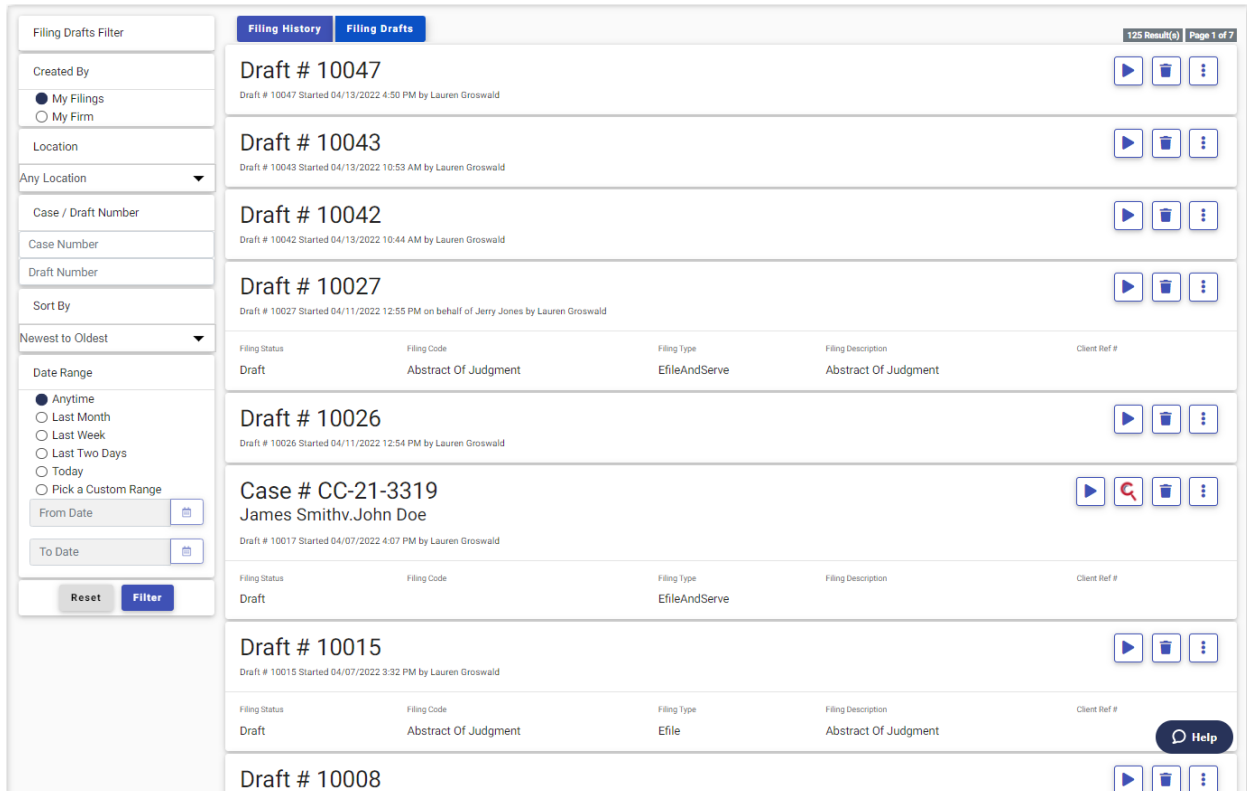


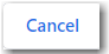



Figure 15.16 – Filing Drafts Page

2. Locate the draft filing that you want to delete, and then click .

The following warning message is displayed: Are you sure you want to delete Draft # "123"?

3. Click  to delete the draft filing, or click  to cancel the action.

If you clicked , a confirmation message is displayed, and the draft filing is deleted.

## Canceling a Filing

You can cancel a filing that you submitted before it has been reviewed by the court.

To cancel a filing:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Filing History**.

The *Filing History* page is displayed.

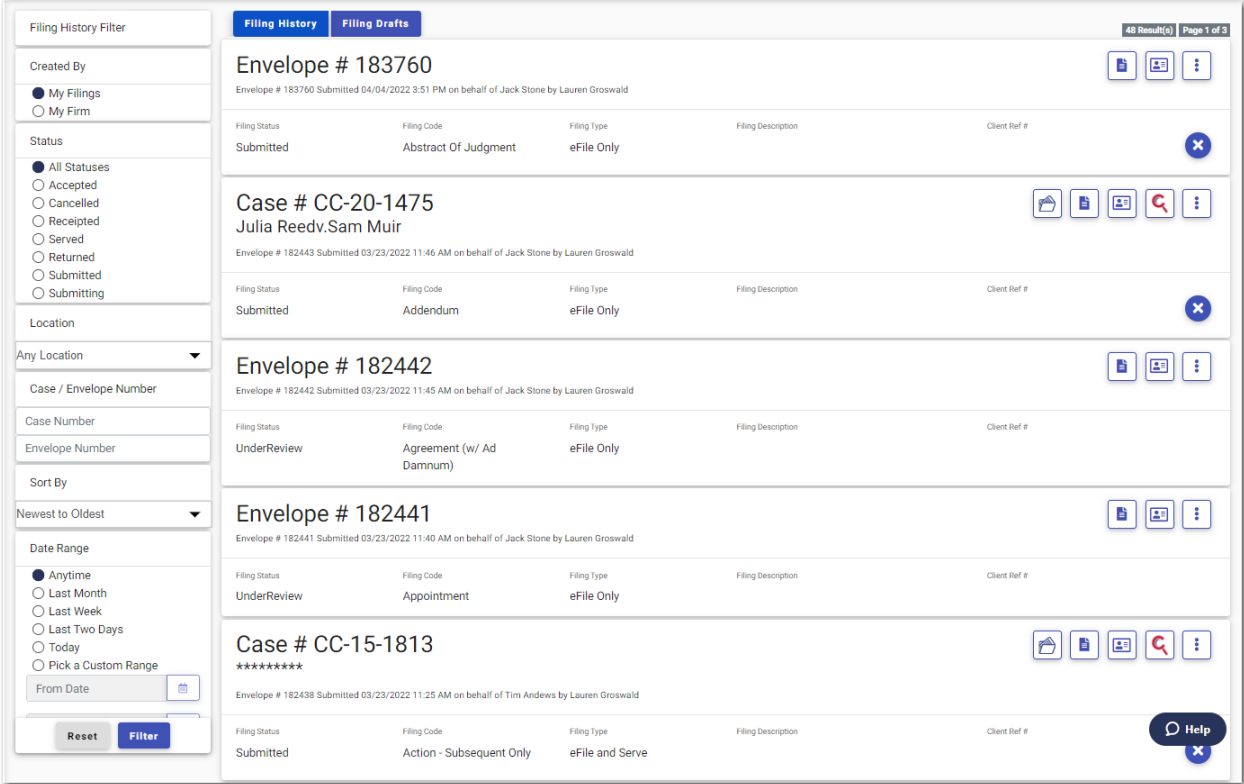



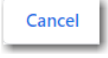
Figure 15.17 – Filing History Page


2. Locate the filing that you want to cancel.

**Note: The filing must be in the Submitting or Submitted state to be canceled.**

3. Click .

The following warning message is displayed: Are you sure you want to cancel this filing?

4. Click  to cancel the filing, or click  to cancel the action.

If you clicked , a confirmation message is displayed, and the filing is canceled.

# 16 Bookmarks

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Creating a Bookmark for a Case
- ◆ Removing a Bookmark from a Case
- ◆ Viewing a List of Bookmarked Cases

The *Bookmarks* page displays a list of case numbers, locations, and descriptions for the cases that you have bookmarked. Only you can see this information. Neither the public nor any other user can see your case list.

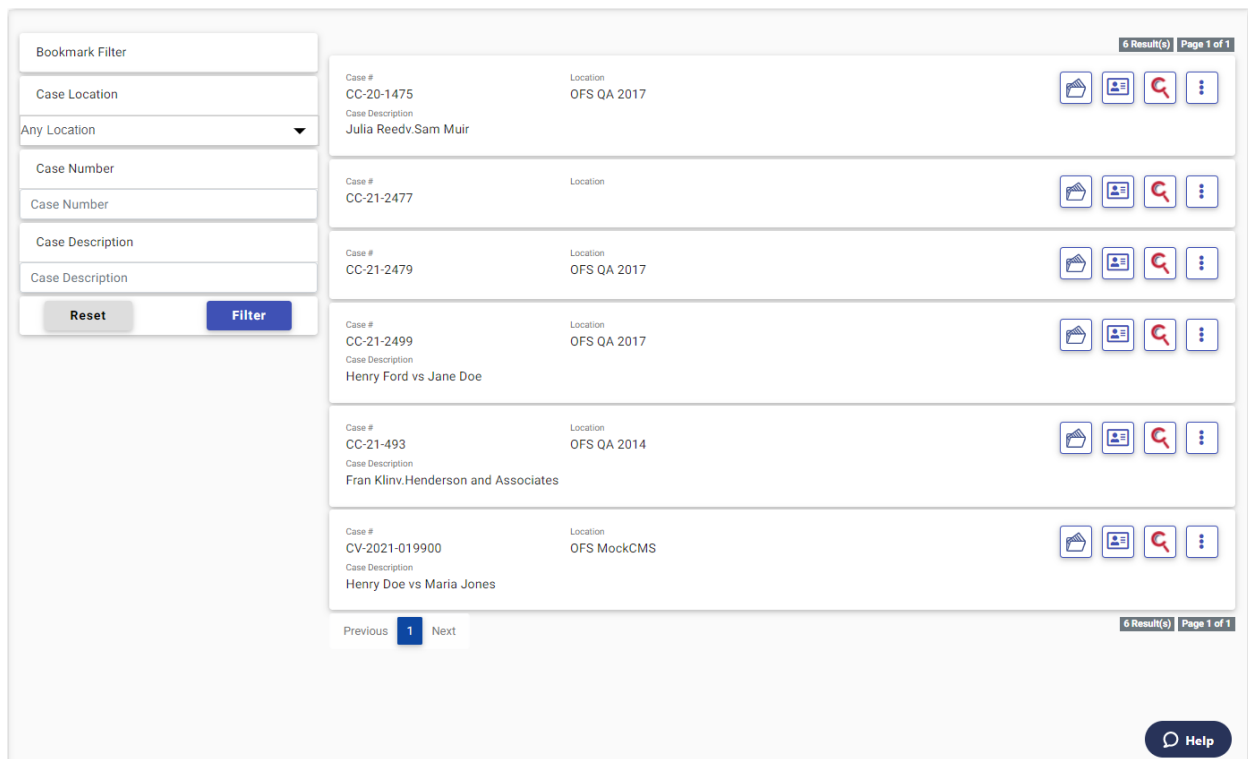


Figure 16.1 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

## Creating a Bookmark for a Case

You can create a bookmark for a case from both the *Filing History* page and the *Filing Drafts* page.

To create a bookmark for a case:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click either **Filing History** or **Filing Drafts**.

The page that you selected is displayed.

2. Locate the case or the draft filing that you want to bookmark, and then click .

A drop-down list is displayed.

3. Select **Bookmark Case**.

The case or draft filing that you bookmarked will now be displayed on the *Bookmarks* page.

## Removing a Bookmark from a Case

You can remove a bookmark from a case that you previously bookmarked.

To remove an existing bookmark from a case:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Bookmarks**.

The *Bookmarks* page is displayed.

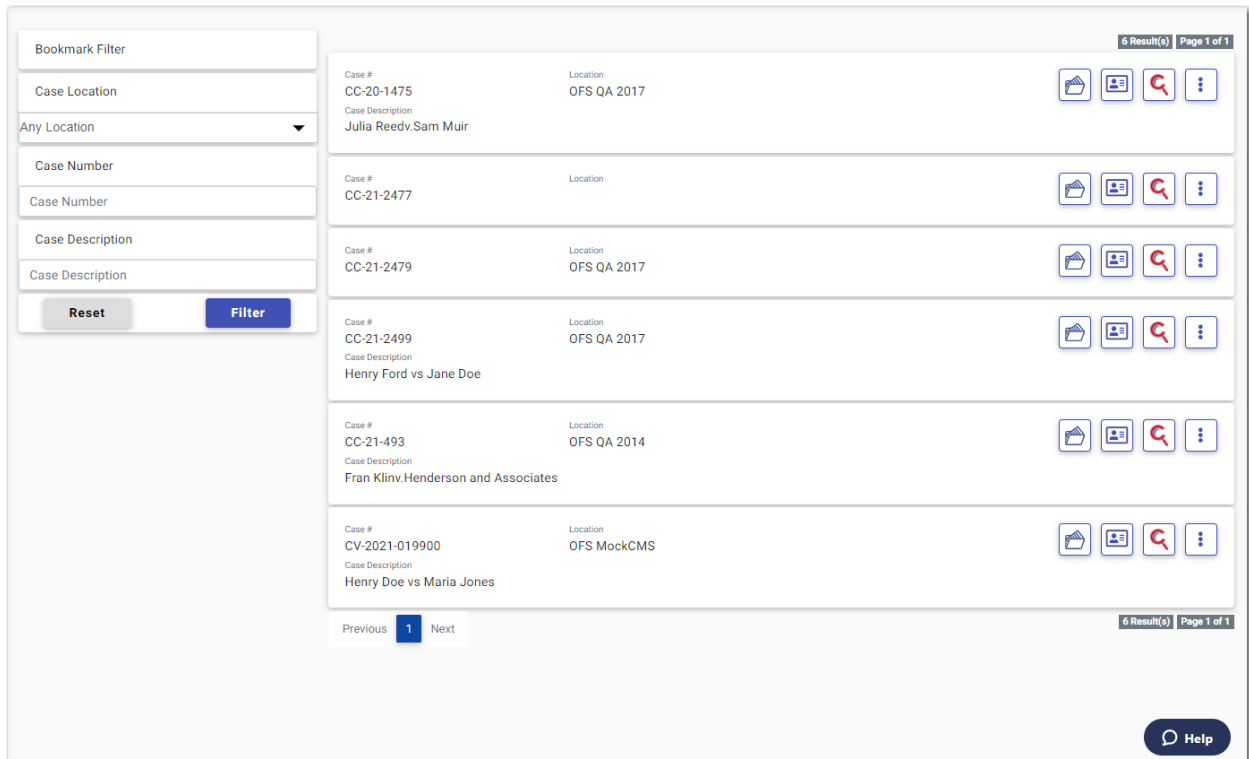



Figure 16.2 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

2. Locate the case for which you want to remove the bookmark, and then click .

A drop-down list is displayed.

3. Select **Remove Bookmark**.

The following warning message is displayed: Are you sure you want to delete bookmark for Case # "CC-xy-abcd"?

4. Click  to remove the bookmark, or click  to cancel the action.

## Viewing a List of Bookmarked Cases

You can view a list of the cases that you have bookmarked for quick access. You can filter your view to only the specific cases that you want to see.

To view a list of cases that you have bookmarked:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Bookmarks**.

The *Bookmarks* page is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Bookmarks' page interface. On the left, there is a 'Bookmark Filter' section with input fields for 'Case Location', 'Case Number', and 'Case Description'. The 'Case Location' field is set to 'Any Location'. Below these fields are 'Reset' and 'Filter' buttons. The main area displays a list of six bookmarked cases, each with its Case #, Location, and Case Description, along with action icons (envelope, list, search, and menu). The cases listed are:

Case #	Location	Case Description
CC-20-1475	OFS QA 2017	Julia Reedy.Sam Muir
CC-21-2477		
CC-21-2479	OFS QA 2017	
CC-21-2499	OFS QA 2017	Henry Ford vs Jane Doe
CC-21-493	OFS QA 2014	Fran Klinv.Henderson and Associates
CV-2021-019900	OFS MockCMS	Henry Doe vs Maria Jones

At the bottom of the list, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' navigation buttons, with '1' selected. A 'Help' button is located in the bottom right corner.

Figure 16.3 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

2. Set the parameters for the cases that you want to view, and then click **Filter**.

The cases that you selected in your filter are now displayed on the *Bookmarks* page.

# 17 Bulk Filing

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Dashboard
- ◆ Starting Multiple New Case Filings
- ◆ Entering Case Information for a Bulk Filing
- ◆ Entering Party Details for a Bulk Filing
- ◆ Entering Filing Details for a Bulk Filing
- ◆ Entering Payment Information for a Bulk Filing
- ◆ Viewing the Envelope Summary for a Bulk Filing
- ◆ Associating Parties to a Bulk Filing
- ◆ Filing into a Bulk Filing That Contains Multiple Existing Cases
- ◆ Copying a Bulk Filing


Bulk filing allows you to create and submit a group of envelopes to the court at the same time. Some courts may provide discounts if a specified number of envelopes is submitted in the same bulk filing.

**Note: The Bulk Filing feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.**

To set up a bulk filing, first access the *Start Filing* page. Then, complete the required fields for the first draft, followed by the next draft, and so forth. After you have prepared all of the drafts for a bulk filing, you can view the fees for each draft, and choose the party responsible for fees, along with the payment method, for each draft. When you are done, you can submit the bulk filing in its entirety.

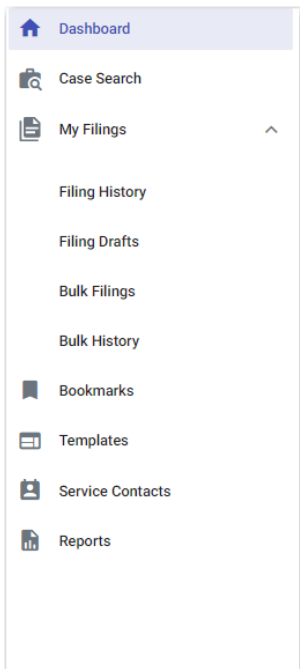
A bulk filing must contain either all initial filings or all subsequent filings.

After a bulk filing has been created, you can add additional filings to the drafts by using the **Bulk Add Filings** feature.

Click  when the button is enabled on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page.

## Dashboard

The Dashboard provides a drop-down list for firm user actions.



**Figure 17.1 – Dashboard**

From the Dashboard, you can perform the following additional actions for bulk filing:

- Access the *Dashboard* page to start an initial or subsequent bulk filing, view your bulk filing history, and view your bulk filing drafts.
- For subsequent bulk filings, you can add cases from the *Case Search* page.
- For subsequent bulk filings, you can add cases from the *Filing History* page.
- Access the *Bulk Drafts* page to view a list of your or your firm's bulk draft filings.
- Access the *Bulk History* page to view a list of your or your firm's bulk filings.

For information regarding the other options displayed on the Dashboard, refer to [Dashboard, page 26](#).

## Bulk History

The *Bulk History* page includes the filing history for your and your firm's bulk filings.

From the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk History**. From here, you can view a history of your and your firm's bulk filings. You can also view the details for each case in the bulk filing.



The screenshot displays the 'Bulk History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Bulk Number / Name' (Bulk Number, Bulk Name), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of bulk filings under the 'Bulk Drafts' tab. Each entry includes a case number, case name, envelope number, location, and a table of filing details.

Bulk #	Case #	Case Name	Envelope #	Location	Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Bulk # 416	Case # CC-22-688	Amy Schumerv.Bill Enterprises	185925	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		
	Case # CC-21-4233	Jane Doe v. John Doe	185927	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		
	Case # CC-21-3278	Billie Batterson v. Timmy Tootone	185928	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		
	Case # CC-20-1475	Julia Reed v. Sam Muir	185924	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		

Figure 17.2 – Example of a Bulk History Page

## Bulk Drafts

The *Bulk Drafts* page includes the drafts of your and your firm's bulk filings.

On the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk Drafts**. From here, you can view a list of your and your firm's bulk filing drafts, resume a bulk filing draft, or delete a bulk filing draft.

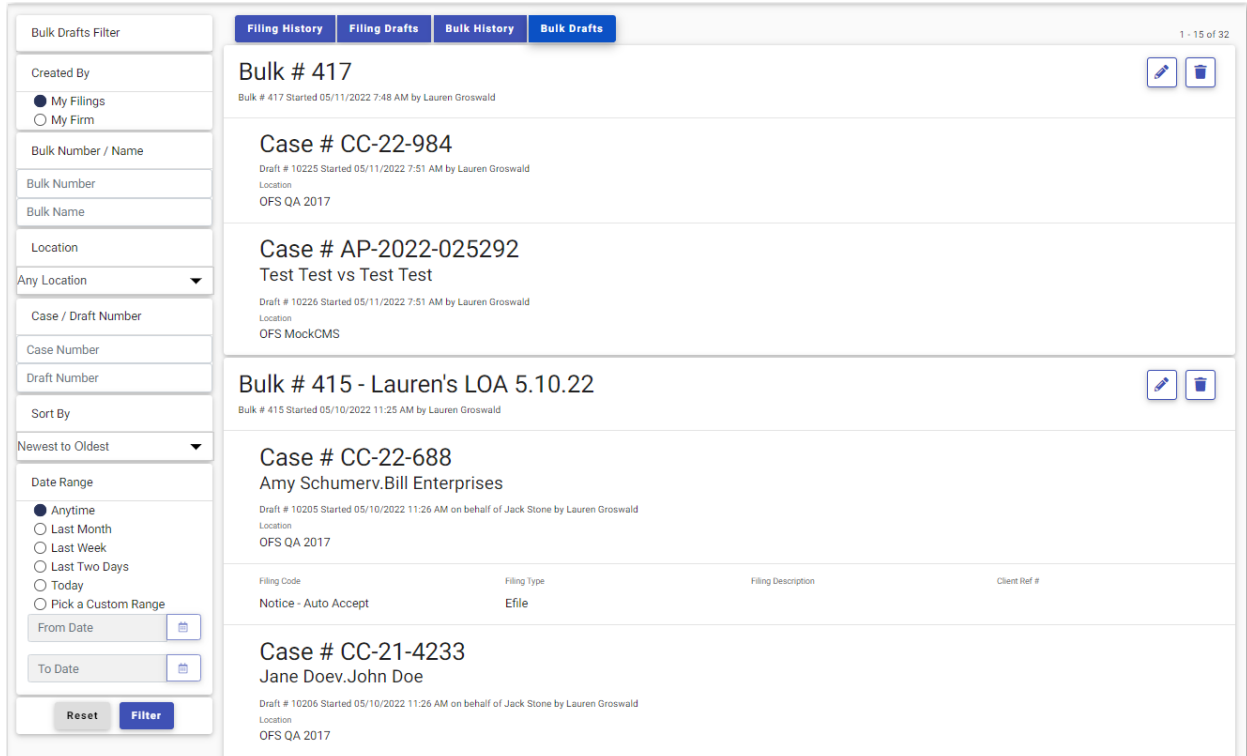


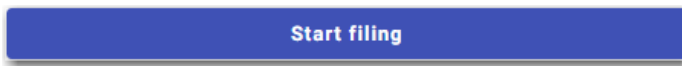
Figure 17.3 – Example of a Bulk Drafts Page

## Starting Multiple New Case Filings

You can create filings for multiple cases, which you can then file as one bulk filing.

**Note:** The Bulk Filing feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To start multiple new case filings:



1. On the *Dashboard* page, click

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

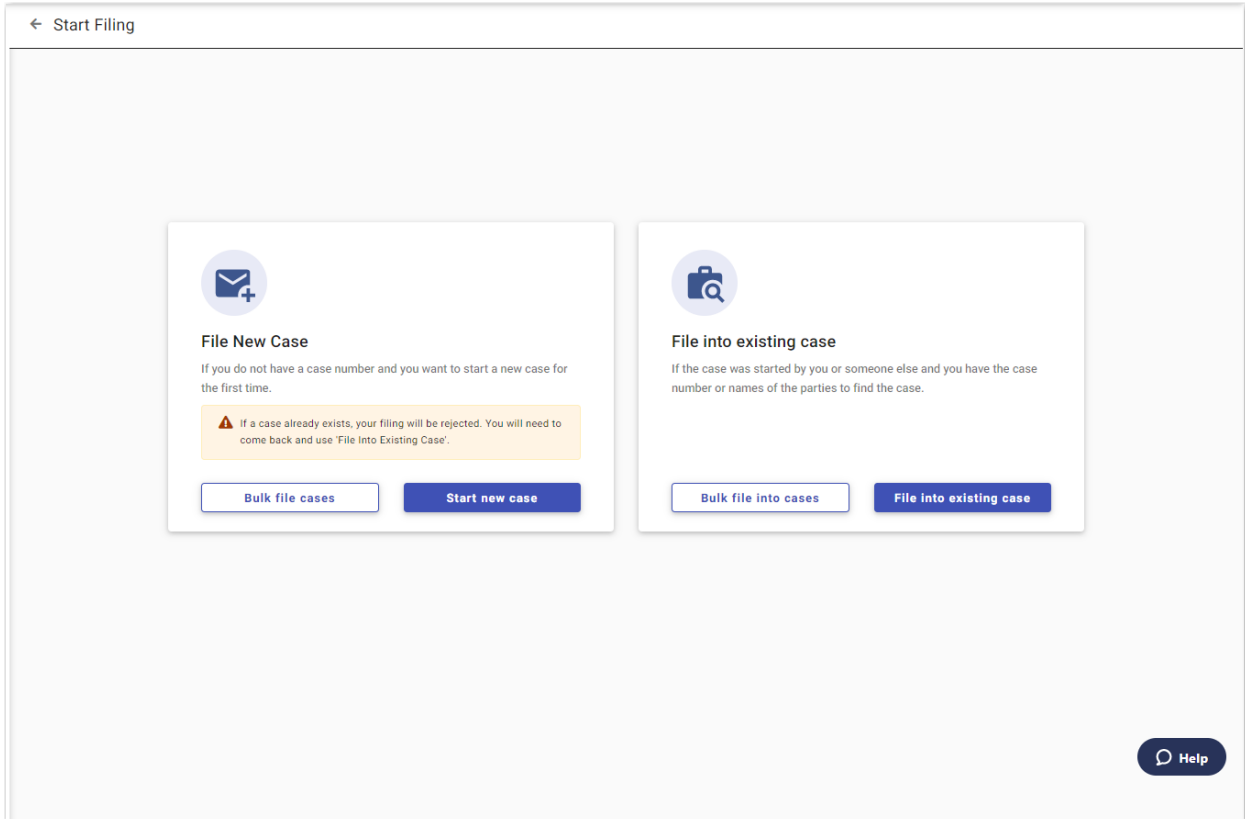
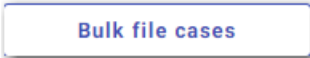


Figure 17.4 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .  
The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

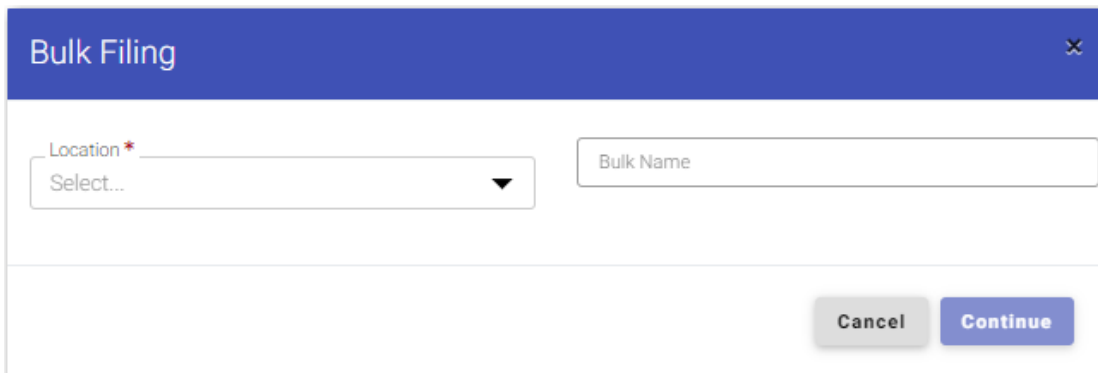



Figure 17.5 – Bulk Filing Window

3. Select the location from the **Location** drop-down list.
4. Type a name for the bulk filing, and then click  .  
The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

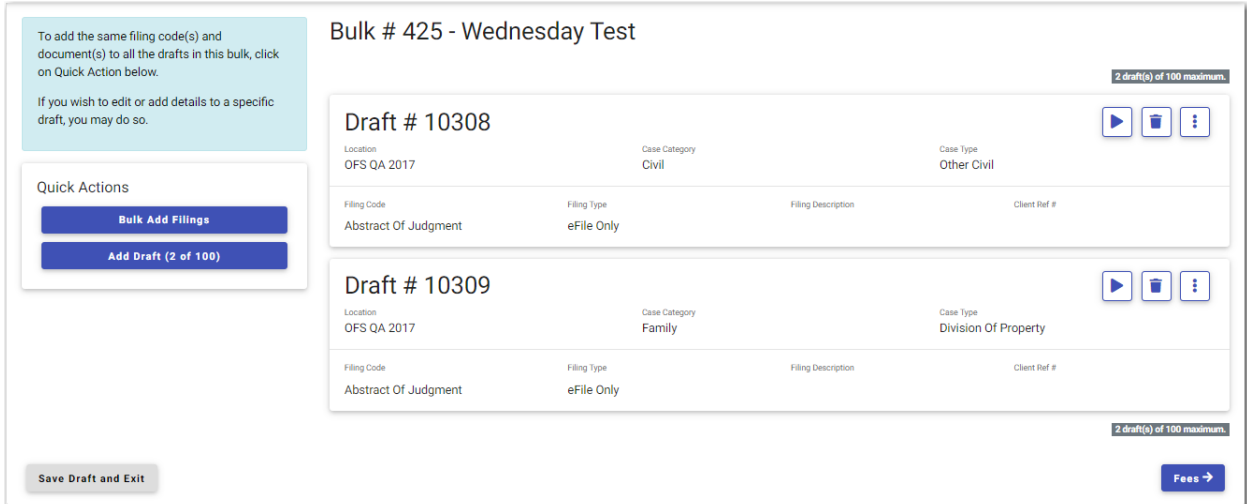


Figure 17.6 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard

**Note:** If you have not completed the required fields for a filing, the following error message is displayed in the Draft pane: “Filing needs attention.” If this message is displayed, you must resume your draft filing and complete the required fields.

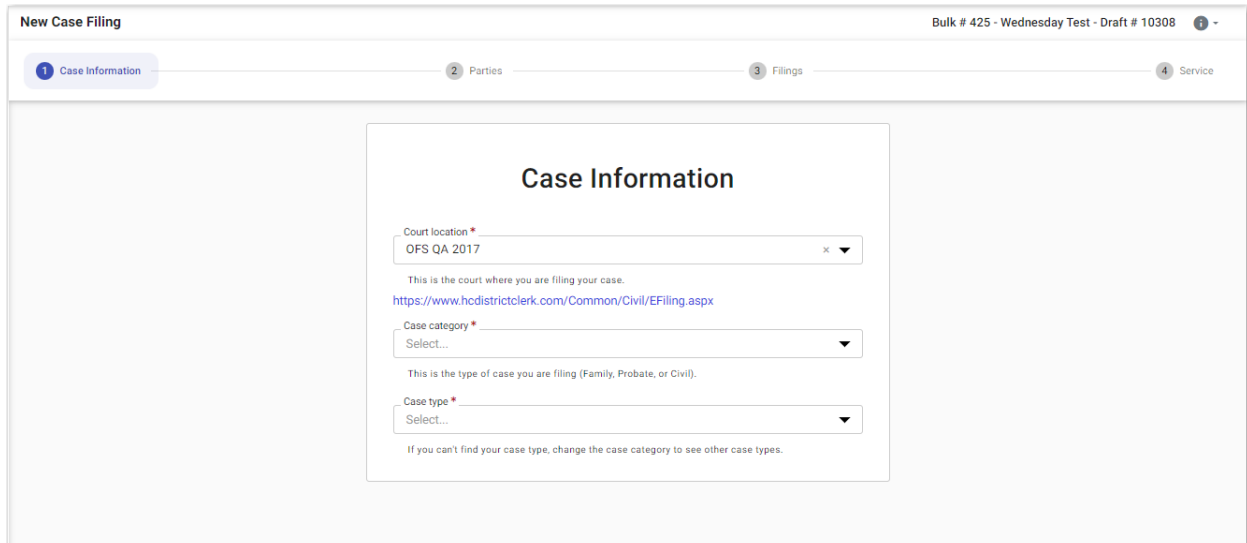
5. Click  .

**Note:** If there is a limit configured for the maximum number of drafts, then the number is displayed on the Add Draft button. The number reflects which draft filing you are about to add (for example, “2 of 100”).

The *Case Information* page is displayed.

# Entering Case Information for a Bulk Filing

Before you can start a bulk filing, you must set up a payment account.



**New Case Filing** Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test - Draft # 10308

1 Case Information 2 Parties 3 Filings 4 Service

### Case Information

Court location \*  
OFS QA 2017

This is the court where you are filing your case.  
<https://www.hcdistrictclerk.com/Common/Civil/EFiling.aspx>

Case category \*  
Select...

This is the type of case you are filing (Family, Probate, or Civil).

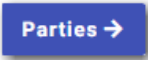
Case type \*  
Select...

If you can't find your case type, change the case category to see other case types.

**Figure 17.7 – Example of a Case Information Page**

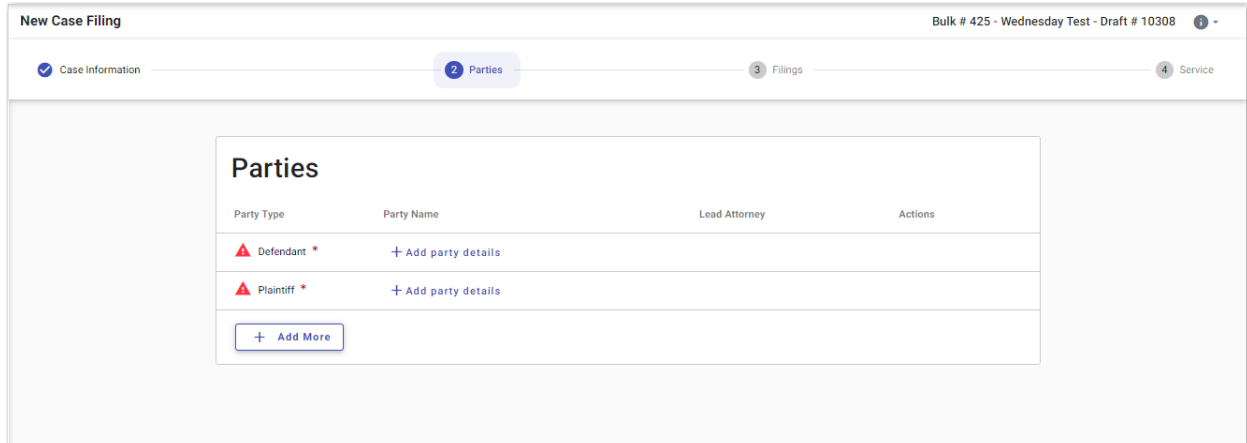
**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter case information:

1. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
2. Select the case category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.
3. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.
4. Complete the other fields, as applicable.
5. Click  to save your work and to continue.

## Entering Party Details for a Bulk Filing

Each bulk filing requires a party type.



The screenshot shows a web interface for a 'New Case Filing'. At the top right, it displays 'Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test - Draft # 10308'. Below the title bar is a progress indicator with four steps: 'Case information' (checked), 'Parties' (active), 'Filings', and 'Service'. The main content area is titled 'Parties' and contains a table with the following structure:

Party Type	Party Name	Lead Attorney	Actions
Defendant *	+ Add party details		
Plaintiff *	+ Add party details		

Below the table is a button labeled '+ Add More'.

Figure 17.8 – Example of a Parties Page in a Bulk Filing

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter the details for the parties involved in the case:

1. On the *Parties* page, select the party type that you want to begin to describe, and then click




The *Edit Party Details* window for the specified party is displayed.

Figure 17.9 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window


2. Click either  or .

**Note: The following steps describe the fields that are displayed if you select “Person.”**

3. In the Party Information pane, complete the **First Name**, **Middle Name** (if applicable), and **Last Name** fields. Also, if appropriate, select the party’s suffix from the **Suffix** drop-down list.
4. Type the party’s date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
5. Type the party case management system ID in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
6. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
7. Select the type of driver’s license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
8. Select the state where the driver’s license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
9. Type the party’s driver’s license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
10. Type the party’s Social Security number in the **Social Security Number** field.


**Note: After you type the Social Security number, asterisks are displayed to hide the number.**


11. Select the party’s gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
12. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, and phone number for the specified party.
13. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select the filing attorney.
14. From the next field that is displayed, select additional attorneys, if any, that you want to add to the case.


15. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click .

16. On the *Parties* page, complete the party information for the next party.

 + Add More

17. If you have another party to add to the case, click , and complete the party information for the additional party. Continue to add parties until all of the necessary parties have been added to the case.

 Filings →

18. Click  to save your work and to continue.

## Entering Filing Details for a Bulk Filing

The **Filings** section allows you to enter the details for a bulk filing.

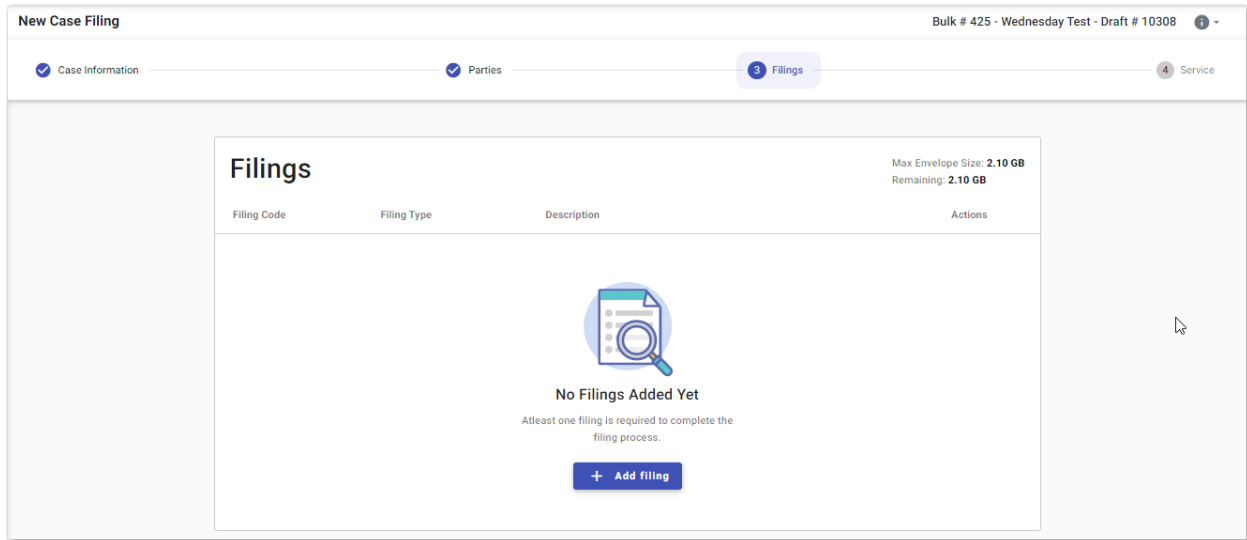




Figure 17.10 – Example of a Filings Page

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter the details for a bulk filing:

 + Add filing

1. On the *Filings* page, click .

The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.



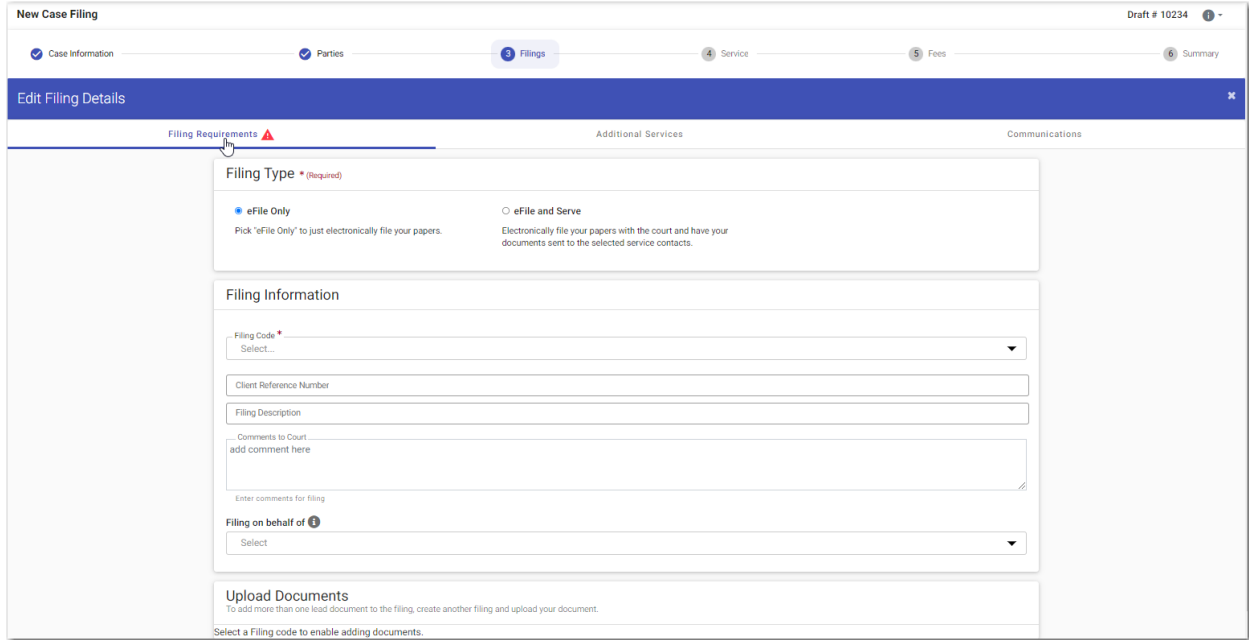
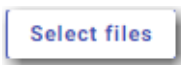


Figure 17.11 – Edit Filing Details Page

2. In the Filing Type pane, select the filing type option.
3. In the Filing Information pane, select the filing code from the **Filing Code** drop-down list.
4. Type a client reference number in the **Client Reference Number** field.
5. Type a description in the **Filing Description** field.
6. If you have any comments for the court regarding the filing, type them in the **Comments to Court** field.
7. In the **Filing on behalf of** section, from the drop-down list, select the parties that you want to associate with the filing.



8. In the Upload Documents pane, click . Then, select the document that you want to upload.

**Note:** The filing code that you enter determines the name of the Type that is displayed in the Upload Documents pane. You may see a Type other than “Lead Document” and “Attachments.”

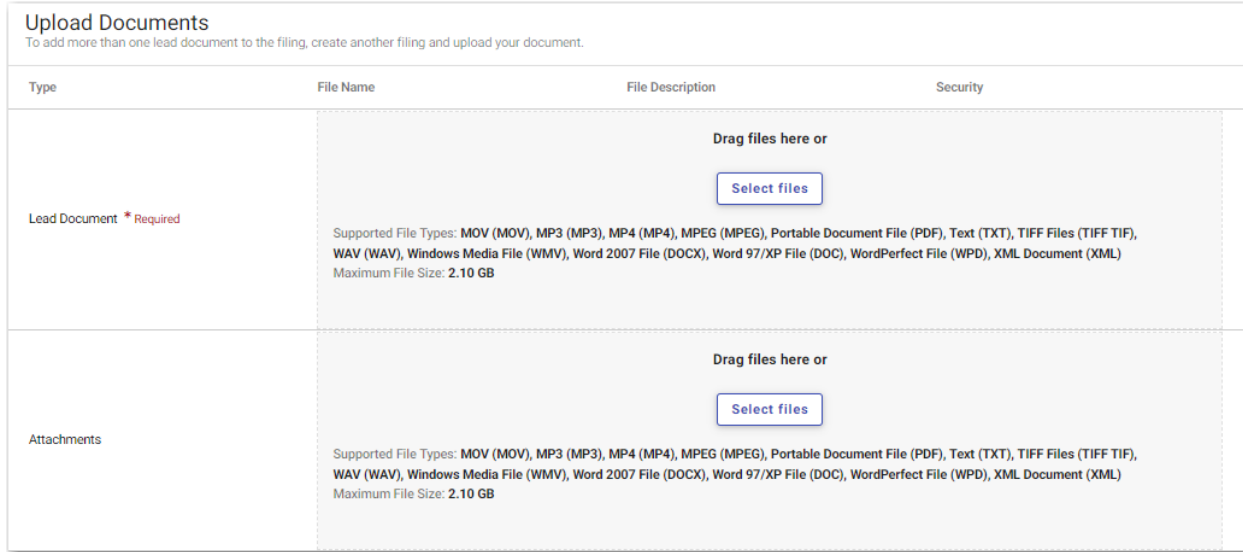
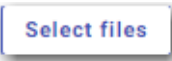


Figure 17.12 – Upload Documents Pane

9. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click  in the **Attachments** section. Then, upload the specified attachments.
10. If you want to add security to any of the documents, select an option from the **Security** drop-down list.
11. To add additional services, click **Additional Services**.

The Additional Services pane is displayed.

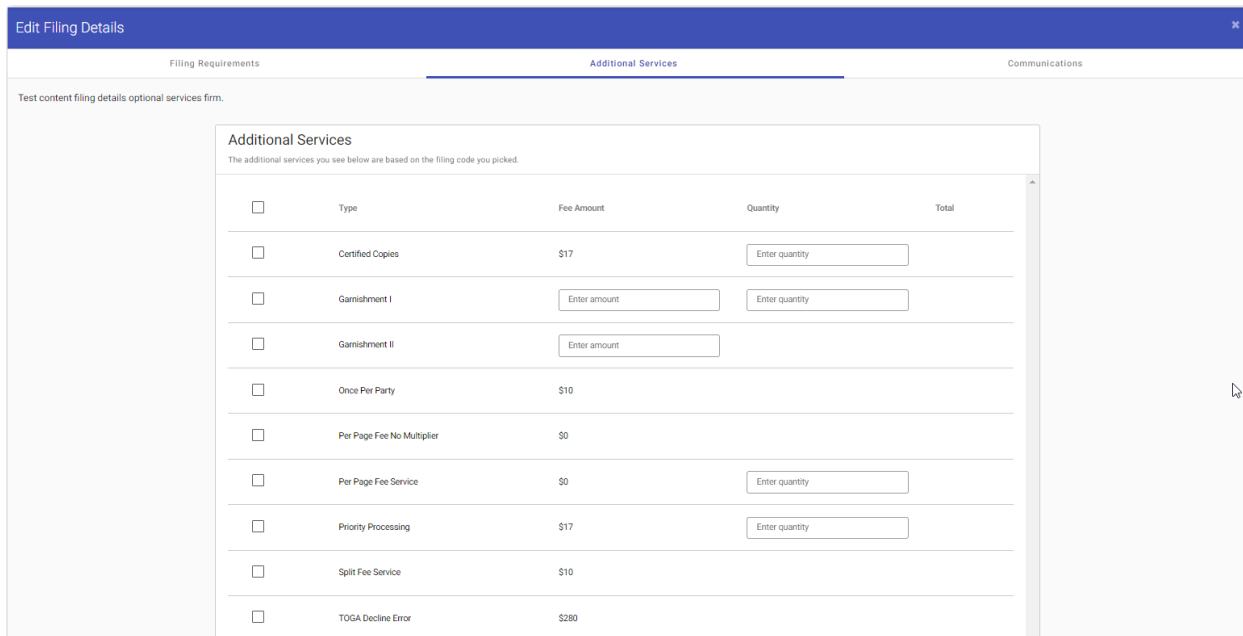
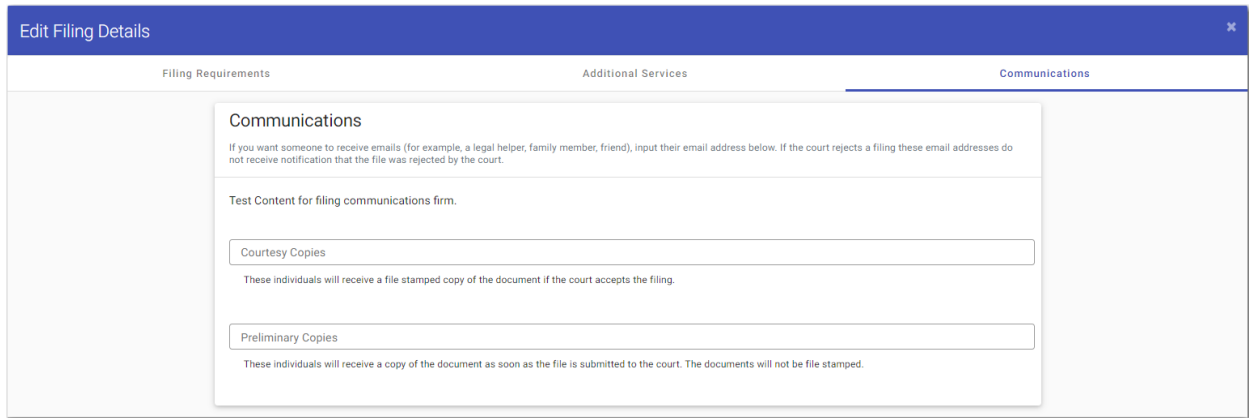


Figure 17.13 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

12. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.

13. Click **Go to Communication**, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

The Communications pane is displayed.



**Figure 17.14 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page**

14. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.

15. Click **Save**.

16. If you want to add another filing, on the *Filings* page, click **+ Add More**. Then, repeat the same steps for the next filing.

17. Click **Service →** to save your work and to continue.

## Entering Payment Information for a Bulk Filing

Enter the payment information for your bulk filing on the *Bulk Fees* page.

**Note:** You must create a payment account before you can complete your bulk filing.

Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test

After filling in the required fields, click on "CALCULATE FEES" at the bottom of the page. To view the fee details on individual drafts, click on "FEE DETAILS".

Apply Payment Account to All Drafts  
Select... Apply to All\*

Apply Filing Attorney to All Drafts  
Select... Apply to All

\* Payment accounts may be restricted at some locations

**Draft # 10308**  
Location: OFS QA 2017 Case Category: Civil Case Type: Other Civil

Payment Account \*  
Select... Party Responsible for Fees \*  
Select... Search

Filing Attorney \*  
Select... Filer Type  
Select...

**Draft # 10309**  
Location: OFS QA 2017 Case Category: Family Case Type: Division Of Property

Payment Account \*  
Select... Party Responsible for Fees \*  
Select... Search

Filing Attorney \*  
Select... Filer Type  
Select...

← Bulk Dashboard Save Draft and Exit Calculate Fees Summary →

Figure 17.15 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Blank Fields

**Note:** While you are entering a case filing, click  to view the case number or draft number.

To enter the payment information for your bulk filing:

**Note:** If you do not want to apply the same payment account and filing attorney to all of the drafts in the bulk, you must select the payment account and the filing attorney for each individual draft.

1. Select the payment account from the **Apply Payment Account to All Drafts** drop-down list. Then, click

**Apply to All\***

to apply the selected payment account to all of the drafts in the bulk.

2. Select the filing attorney from the **Apply Filing Attorney to All Drafts** drop-down list. Then, click

**Apply to All\***

to apply the selected filing attorney to all of the drafts in the bulk.

**Note:** All of the fields provided in the examples and steps listed here may not be displayed for all users.

3. For each draft, select the party responsible for fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down

list. Click **Search**

if you want to search for a party.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

4. For each draft, select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

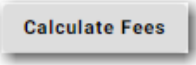
The screenshot shows a web interface for entering payment information for bulk filings. At the top, it says "Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test". Below this is a light blue banner with the instruction: "After filling in the required fields, click on 'CALCULATE FEES' at the bottom of the page. To view the fee details on individual drafts, click on 'FEE DETAILS'".

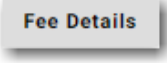
There are two main sections for individual drafts:

- Draft # 10308:** Location: OFS QA 2017, Case Category: Civil, Case Type: Other Civil. Fields include: Payment Account (Fee CC 01.04), Party Responsible for Fees (John Smith), Filing Attorney (Jack Stone), and Filer Type (Default). A "Search" button is present.
- Draft # 10309:** Location: OFS QA 2017, Case Category: Family, Case Type: Division Of Property. Fields include: Payment Account (Fee CC 01.04), Party Responsible for Fees (John Doe), Filing Attorney (Jack Stone), and Filer Type (Default). A "Search" button is present.

At the bottom of the page, there are navigation buttons: "Bulk Dashboard", "Save Draft and Exit", "Calculate Fees", and "Summary".

Figure 17.16 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Completed Fields

5. When all of the fields on the page have been completed, click . The **Fee Details** button is displayed.

6. Click . The *Fee Details* window is displayed.

Fee Details	
Case Initiation Fee	
Other Civil	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Abstract Of Judgment	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Action - Initial Only	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Abstract Of Judgment	\$5.00
Service Fees	
Total Service Fees	\$31.25
Convenience Fee	\$1.31
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00

[Close](#)

Figure 17.17 – Example of a Fee Details Window

7. Review the filing fees, and then click [Summary →](#).

## Viewing the Envelope Summary for a Bulk Filing

The envelope summary for a bulk filing provides a summary of case information, such as the location of the filing, the parties involved in the case, filing details, fees, and payments for the case.

The party, filings, and fees information must be complete before you can view the envelope summary.

To view the envelope summary for a bulk filing:

1. Complete the required information on the *Case Information* page, the *Parties* page, the *Filings* page, and the *Bulk Fees* page.

2. After you have completed the fields on each page, from the *Bulk Fees* page, click [Summary →](#).

The *Bulk Summary* page is displayed.

Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test

OFS QA 2017

**Submission Agreements \***

I agree that this filing is in compliance with the [Rules for E-Filing](#)

You must accept the Submission Agreements.

<b>Draft # 10308</b>			
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Civil	Case Type Other Civil	
<b>Draft # 10309</b>			
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Family	Case Type Division Of Property	

← Fees   Save Draft and Exit   Submit

Figure 17.18 – Example of a Bulk Summary Page—Submission Agreements Not Accepted

- If there are submission agreements for your bulk filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
- Review the summary of the bulk filing. After you are satisfied with the information in your bulk filing, click

**Submit**

Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test

Bulk submission is complete. **Bulk History** **Dashboard**

OFS QA 2017

<b>Draft # 10308</b>			✓
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Civil	Case Type Other Civil	
<b>Draft # 10309</b>			✓
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Family	Case Type Division Of Property	

← Fees   Save Draft and Exit   Submit

Figure 17.19 – Example of a Bulk Summary Page After Filing is Submitted

- Click **Bulk History** to return to the *Bulk History* page, or click **Dashboard** to return to the *Dashboard* page.

# Associating Parties to a Bulk Filing

You can associate parties to a bulk filing.

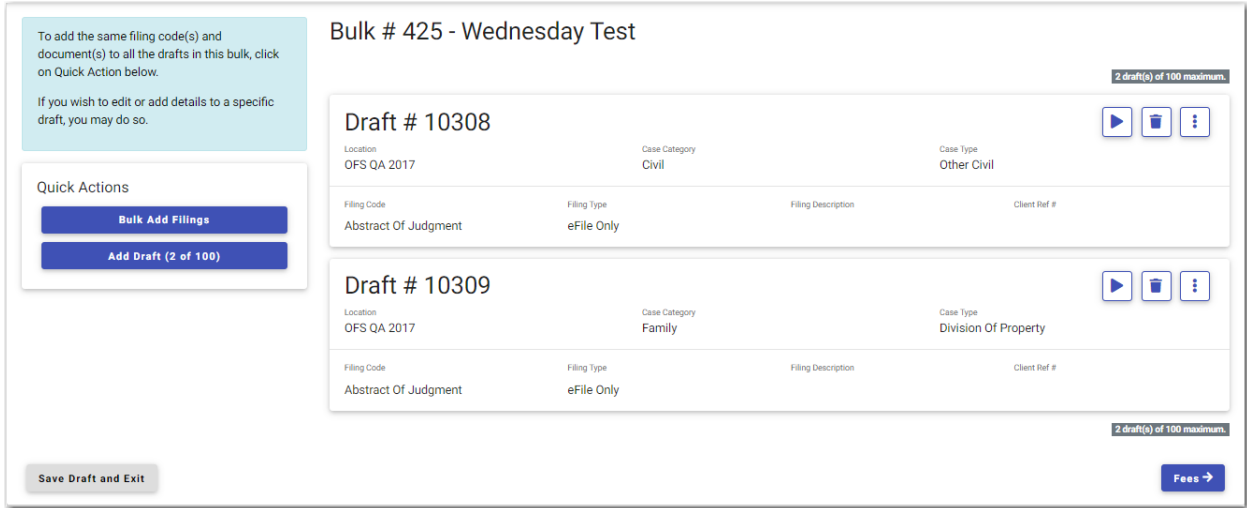


Figure 17.20 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

To associate parties to a bulk filing:

1. On the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page in the Quick Actions pane, click



The *Bulk Add Filings* page is displayed.

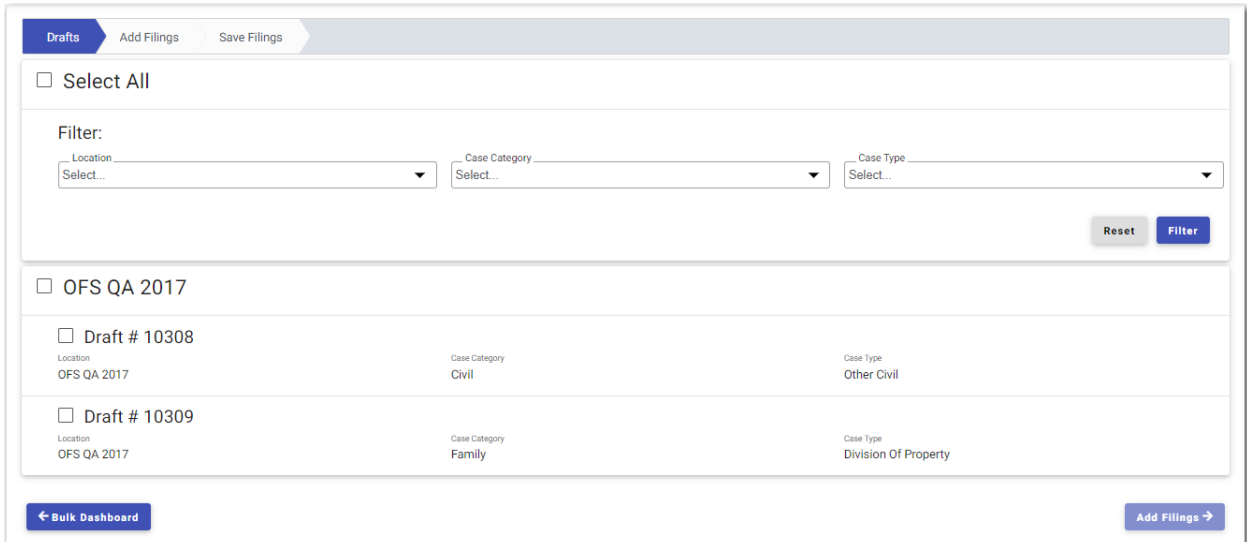
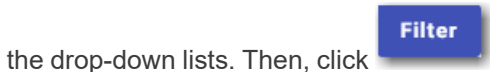


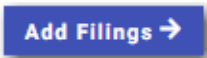
Figure 17.21 – Example of a Drafts Tab

2. On the **Drafts** tab, if you want to filter the drafts, select the location, case category, and case type from





3. Select the check boxes for the filings that you want to add to your selected drafts. If you want to add all of the filings, select the **Select All** check box.



4. Click .

The **Add Filings** tab is displayed.

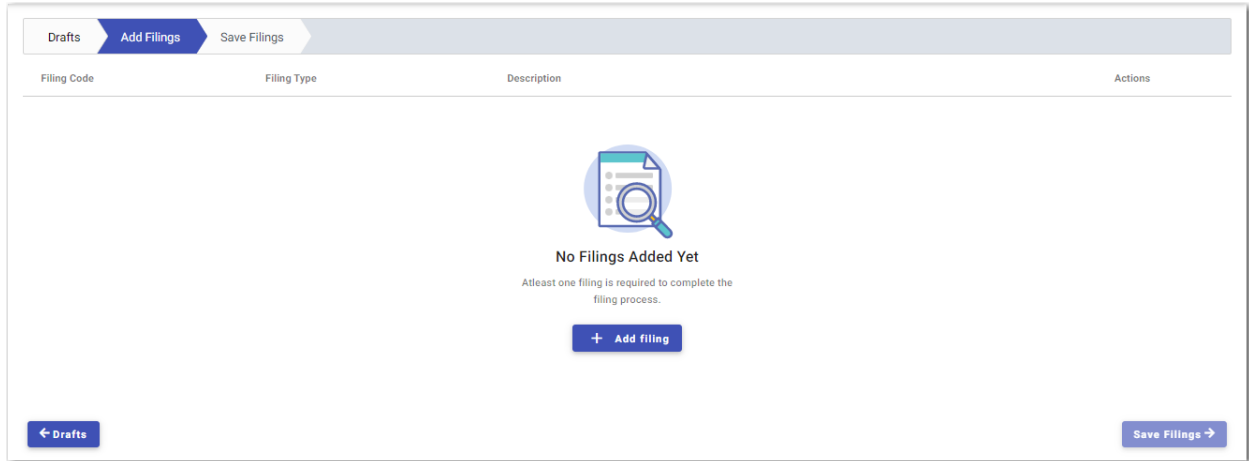
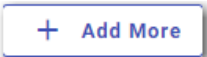


Figure 17.22 – Example of an Add Filings Tab—No Filings Added Yet

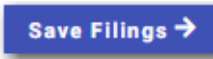


5. Click .

The next page is displayed.



6. Click . Continue to click the button until all of the filings have been added.



7. Click .

The **Save Filings** tab is displayed.

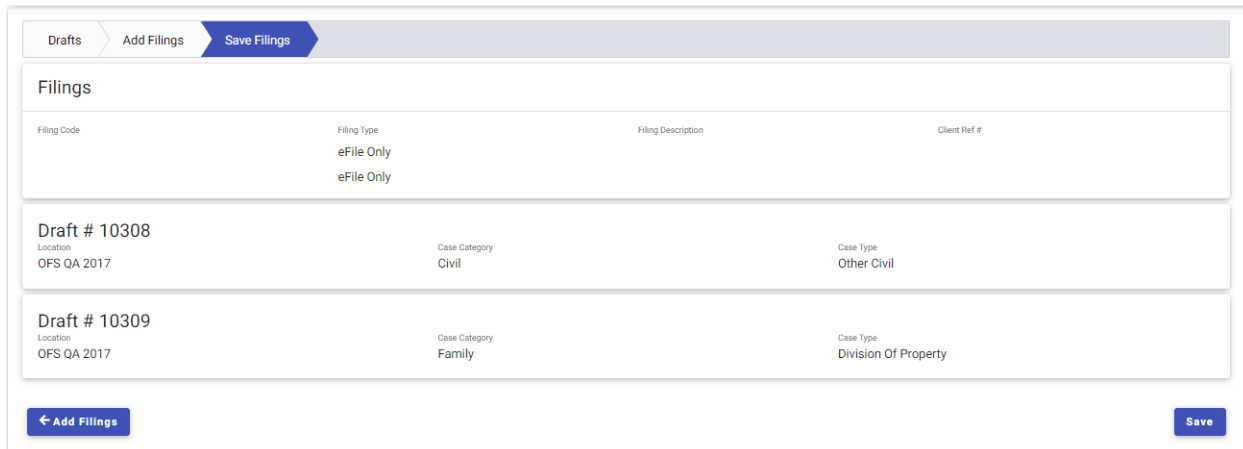

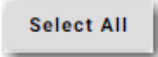

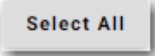




Figure 17.23 – Example of a Save Filings Tab

8. On the **Save Filings** tab, click .
 

The **Associate Parties** button is displayed for each filing.
9. Click **Associate Parties**.
 

The *Select Filings* window is displayed.
10. Select the check boxes for the filing codes that you want to add, or click . Then, click **Select**.
 

The *Associate Parties to selected Filing(s)* window is displayed.
11. If you want to filter the parties that you want to associate with the filing, type the first and last name of the specified party; and select the party type from the **Party Type** drop-down list. Then, click .
12. Select the check box for the filing that you want to associate with the added party, or click .
13. Click , and then click .
 

The parties are now associated with the specified bulk filing. The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed with the bulk filing you just modified.

## Filing into a Bulk Filing That Contains Multiple Existing Cases

You can file into a bulk filing that already contains multiple existing cases.

**Note:** The Bulk Filing feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To file into a bulk filing that already contains multiple existing cases:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click .

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

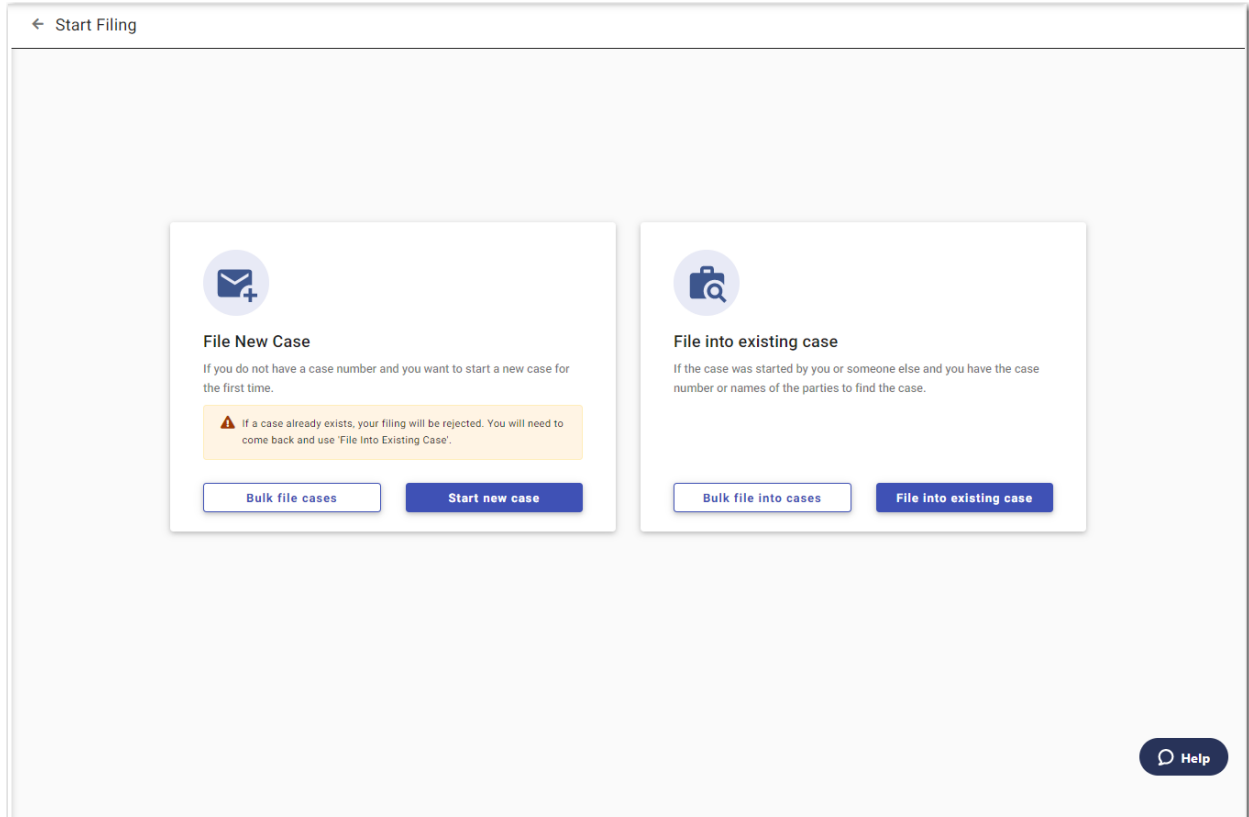


Figure 17.24 – Start Filing Page

2. Click .

The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

Figure 17.25 – Bulk Filing Window

3. Select the location from the **Location** drop-down list.

**Continue**

4. Type the name of the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click **Continue**.

The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

Figure 17.26 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, select the method by which you want to search for the cases that you want to add to your bulk filing—**Case Search**, **Bookmarks Search**, or **Filing History Search**.
6. Click the button for the method you selected, and then follow the prompts for that method.

## Filing into Multiple Existing Cases by Using the Bookmark Search

You can file into a bulk filing that you have bookmarked and that already contains multiple existing cases.

**Note:** The Bulk Filing feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To file into multiple existing cases by using the Bookmark search:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click . The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

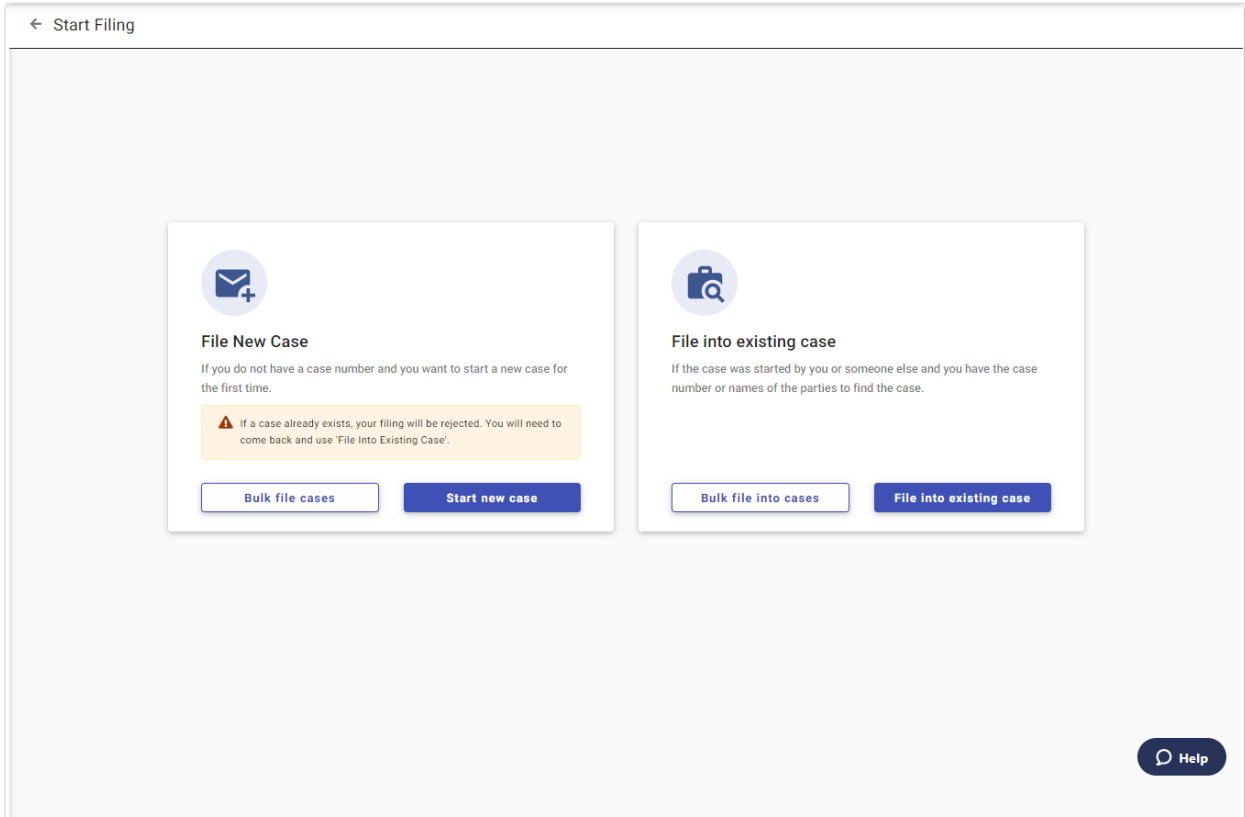


Figure 17.27 – Start Filing Page

2. Click . The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

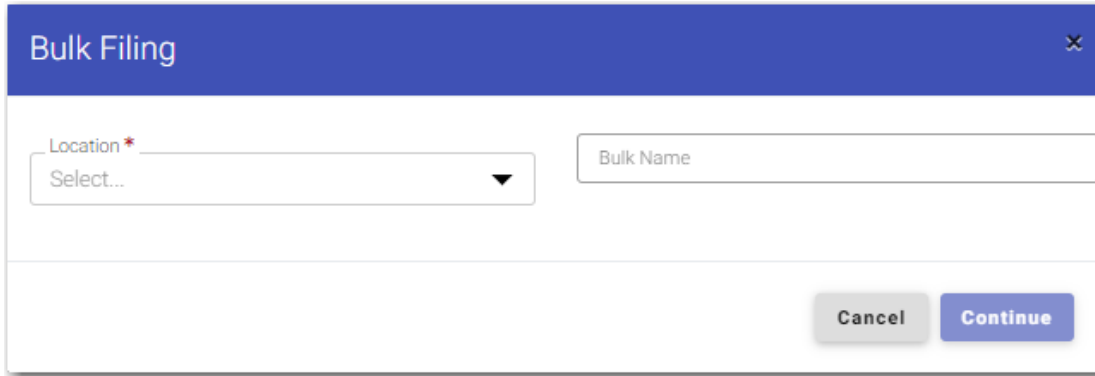


Figure 17.28 – Bulk Filing Window

3. Select the location from the **Location** drop-down list.



4. Type the name of the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click

The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

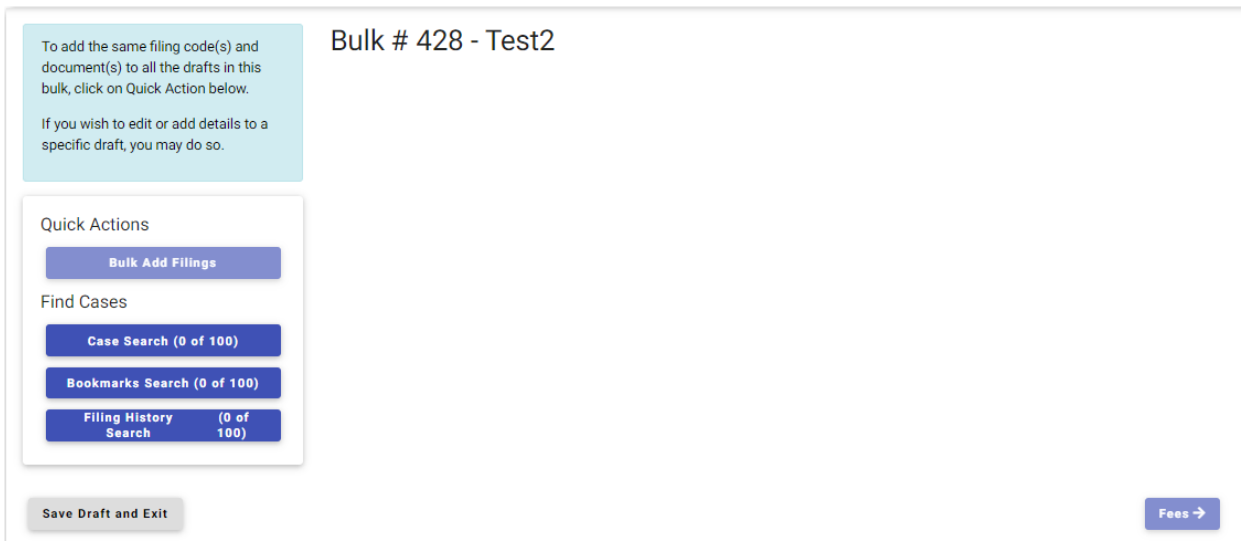


Figure 17.29 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, click



The *Bookmarks* window is displayed. If previous bulk filings were bookmarked, they are displayed in the window.

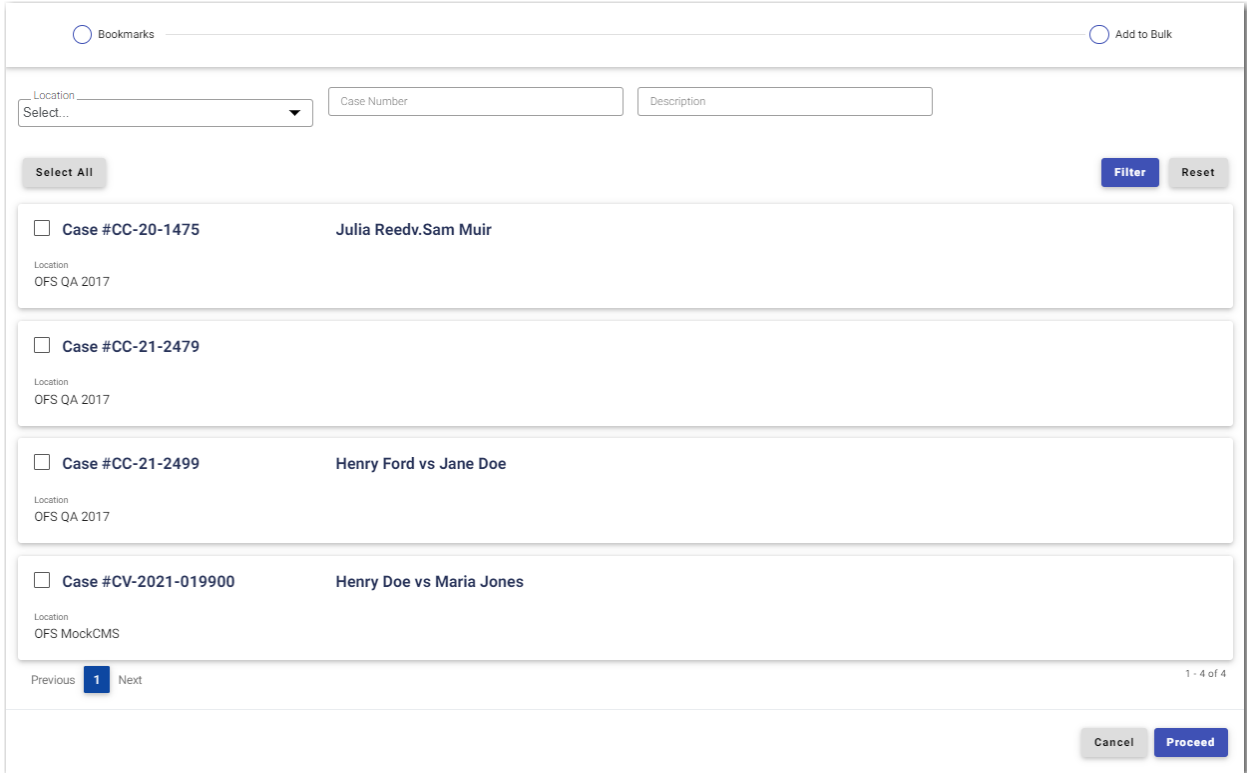


Figure 17.30 – Example of a Bookmarks Window

6. Select the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click **Proceed**.

**Note:** If your bulk filing is not displayed in the *Bookmarks* window, you can search for the bulk filing that you want. Select the location from the Location drop-down list, and then type the case

number in the Case Number field. Then, click **Filter**.

The *Add to Bulk* window is displayed.

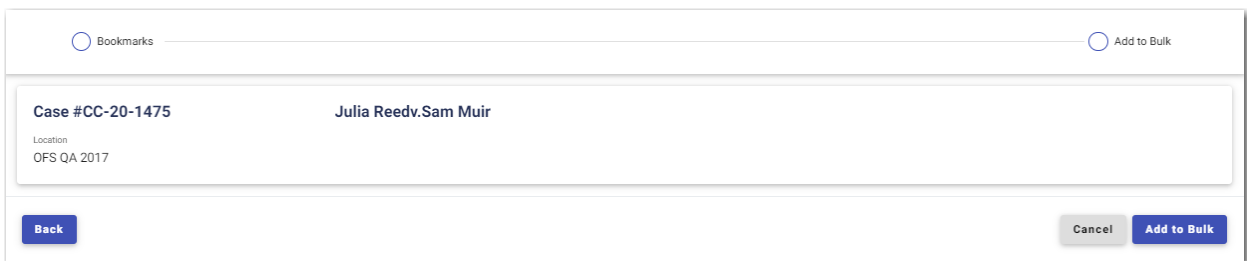


Figure 17.31 – Add to Bulk Window

7. Click **Add to Bulk**, and then click **Done**.

The case you selected is added to the bulk filing and is displayed on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page.

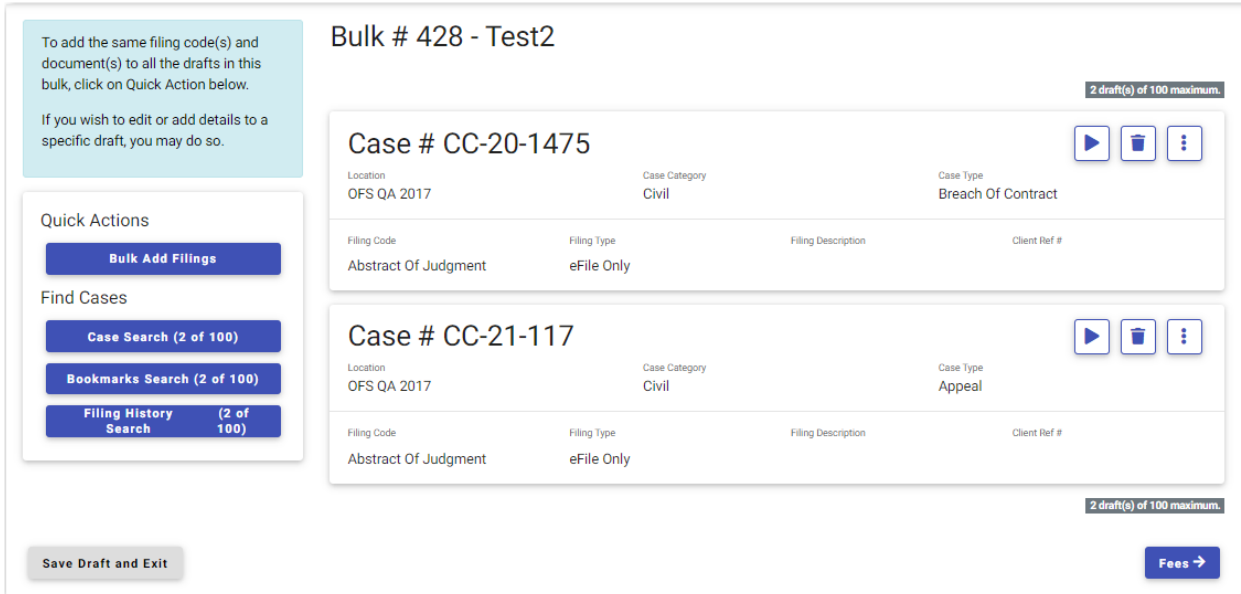


Figure 17.32 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page—Case Added to Bulk Filing

## Filing into Multiple Existing Cases by Using a Case Search

You can file into a bulk filing that already contains multiple existing cases from the *Case Search* page.

**Note:** The Bulk Filing feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To file into multiple existing cases by using a case search:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click . The *Start Filing* page is displayed.



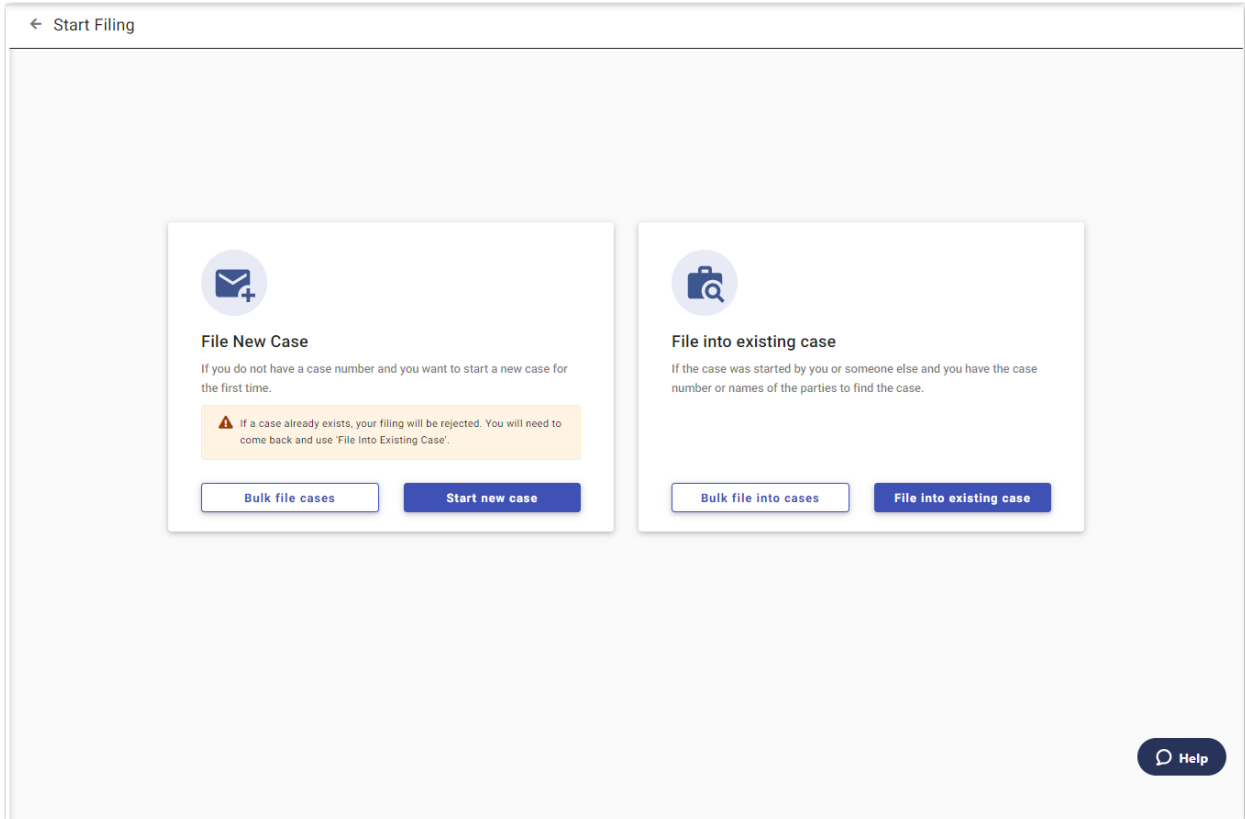


Figure 17.33 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .  
The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

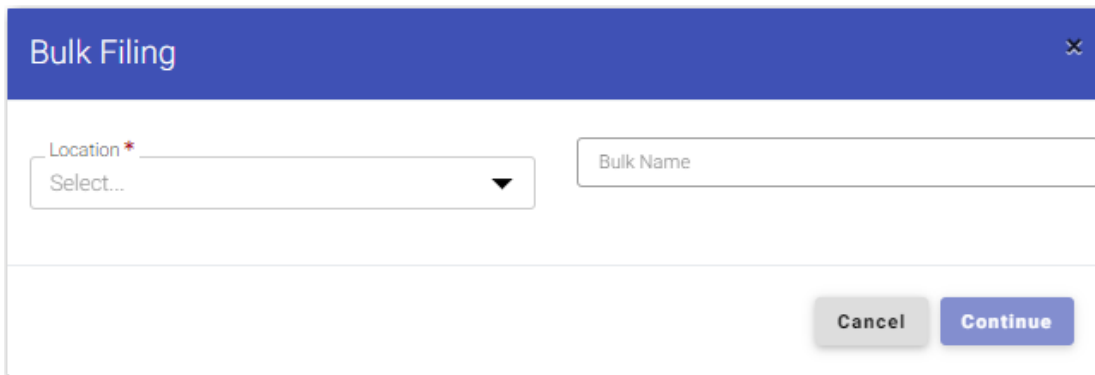



Figure 17.34 – Bulk Filing Window

3. Select the location from the **Location** drop-down list.
4. Type the name of the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click  .  
The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

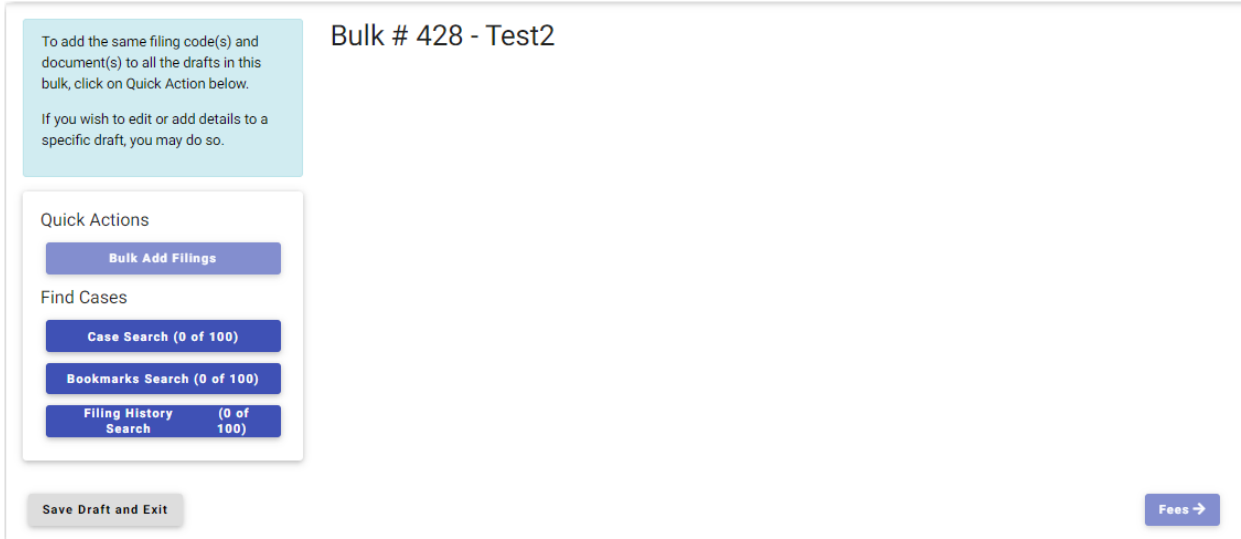


Figure 17.35 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, click



The *Case Search* window is displayed.

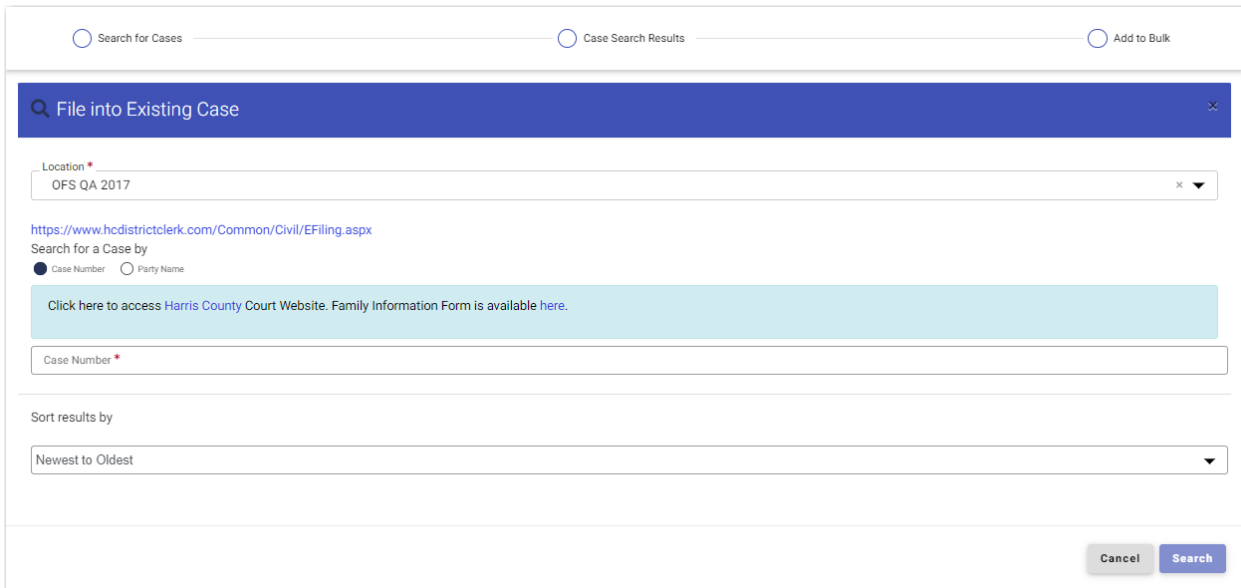


Figure 17.36 – Case Search Window

6. Select the location of the case that you want to find from the **Location** drop-down list.

7. Type the number for the case that you want to find, and then click



or press ENTER.

The *Case Search Results* window is displayed.

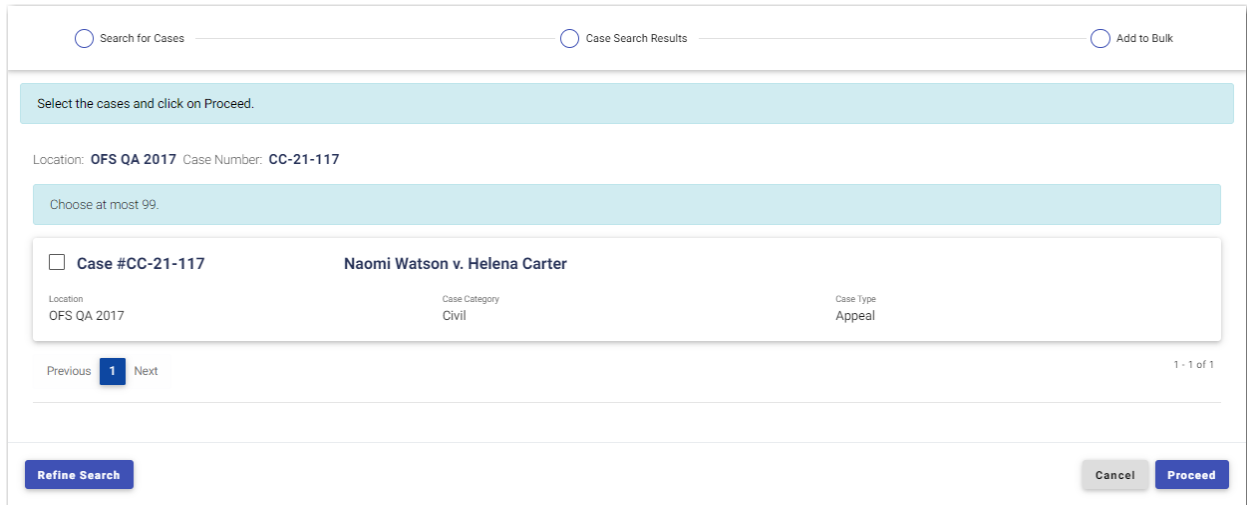


Figure 17.37 – Case Search Results Window

- If the case is the one that you want to add to the bulk filing, select the check box, and then click



The *Add to Bulk* window is displayed.

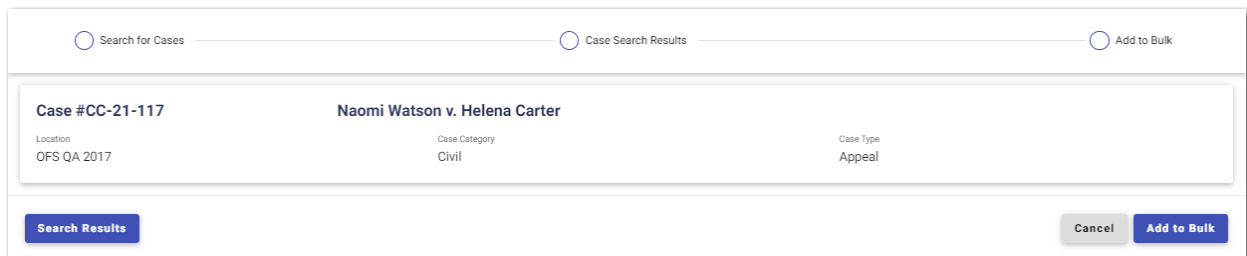


Figure 17.38 – Add to Bulk Window

**Note:** If the case that results from the search is not correct, click . Then search for your case again.

**Note:** If you do not click any cases in the *Case Search Results* window, you cannot proceed.

- If the case that results from your search is correct and you selected the check box for that case, click



, and then click



The case you selected is added to the bulk filing and is displayed on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page.

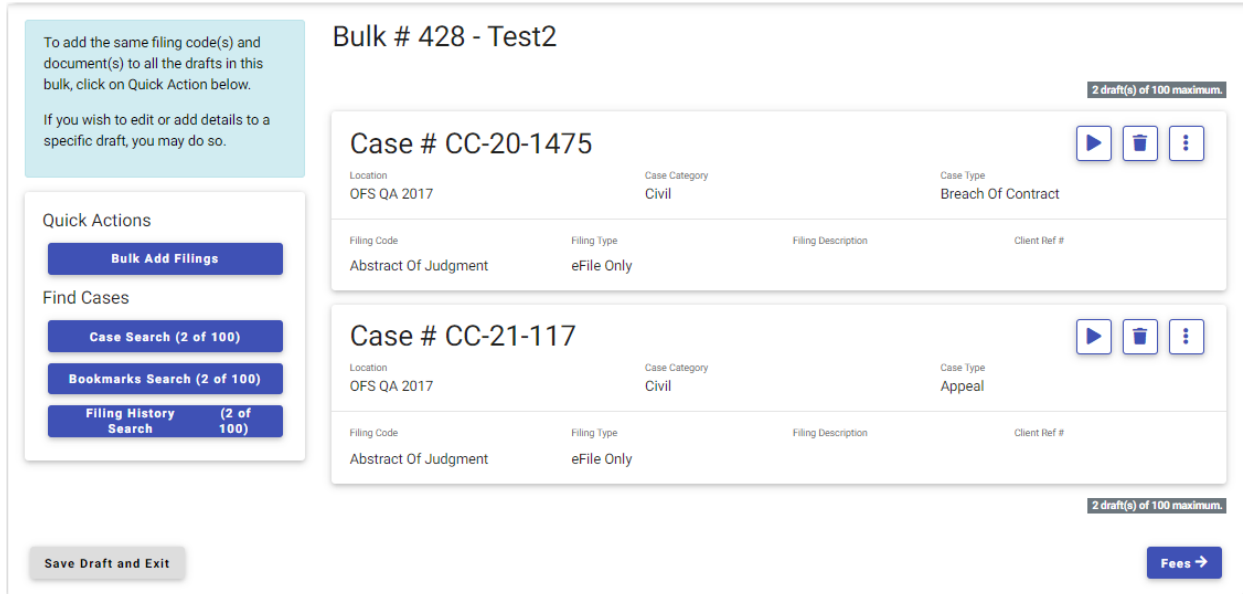


Figure 17.39 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page—Case Added to Bulk Filing

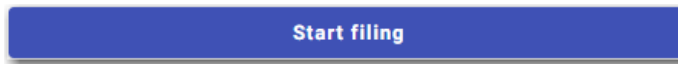
## Filing into Multiple Existing Cases by Using a Filing History Search

You can file into a bulk filing by using a Filing History search.

**Note:** The Bulk Filing feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To file into multiple existing cases by using a Filing History search:

1. On the *Dashboard* page, click



The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

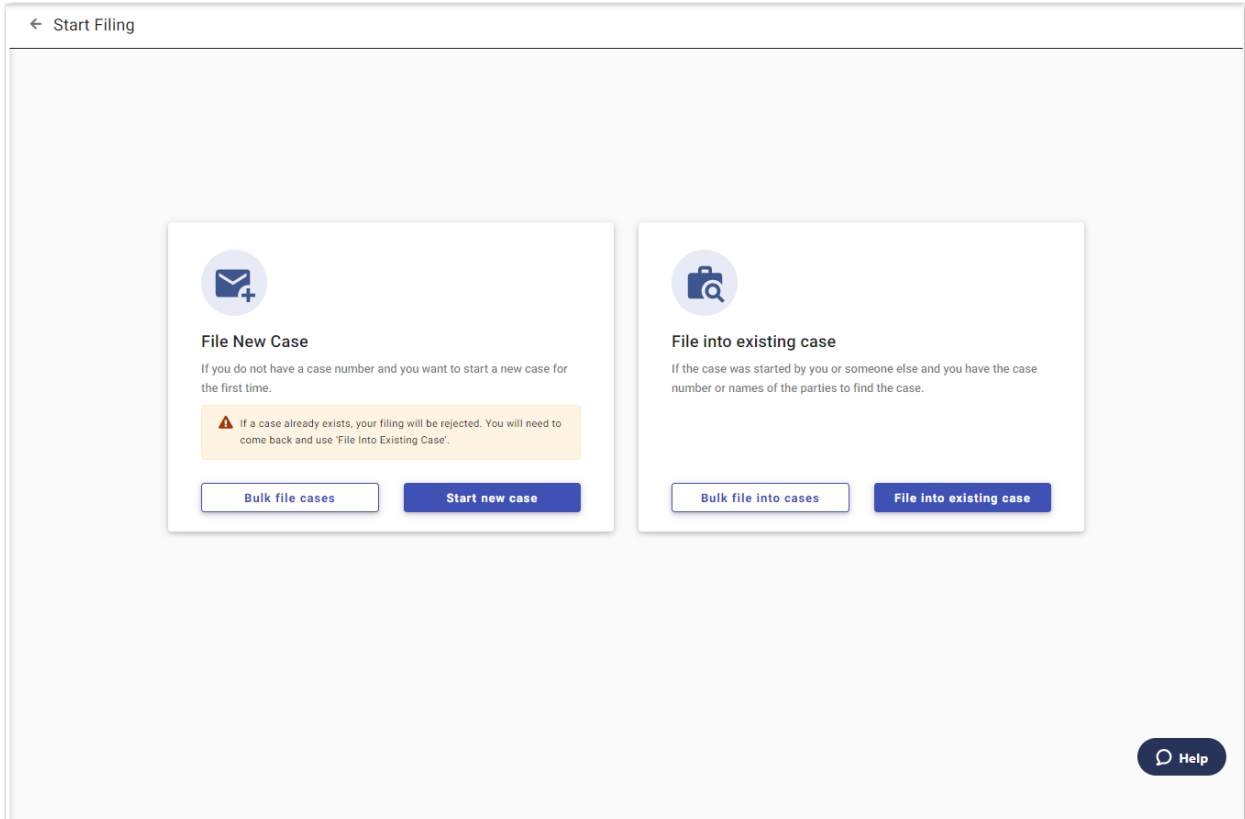



Figure 17.40 – Start Filing Page

2. Click  .  
The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

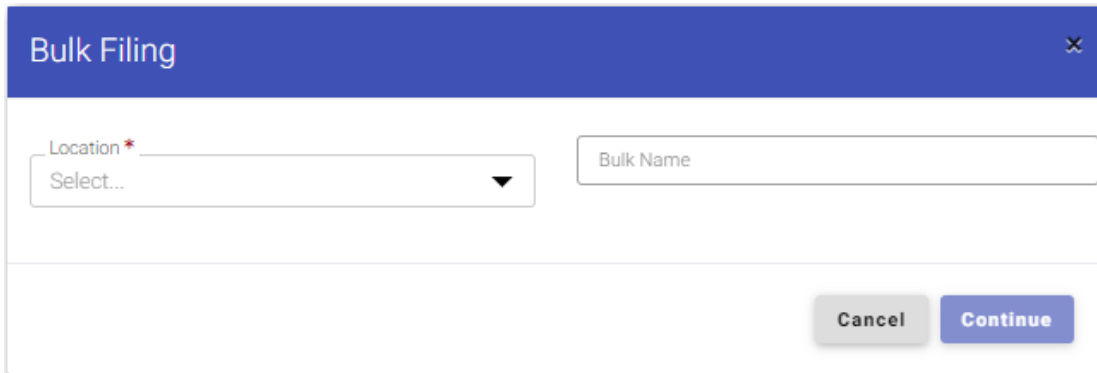



Figure 17.41 – Bulk Filing Window

3. Select the location from the **Location** drop-down list.
4. Type the name of the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click  .  
The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

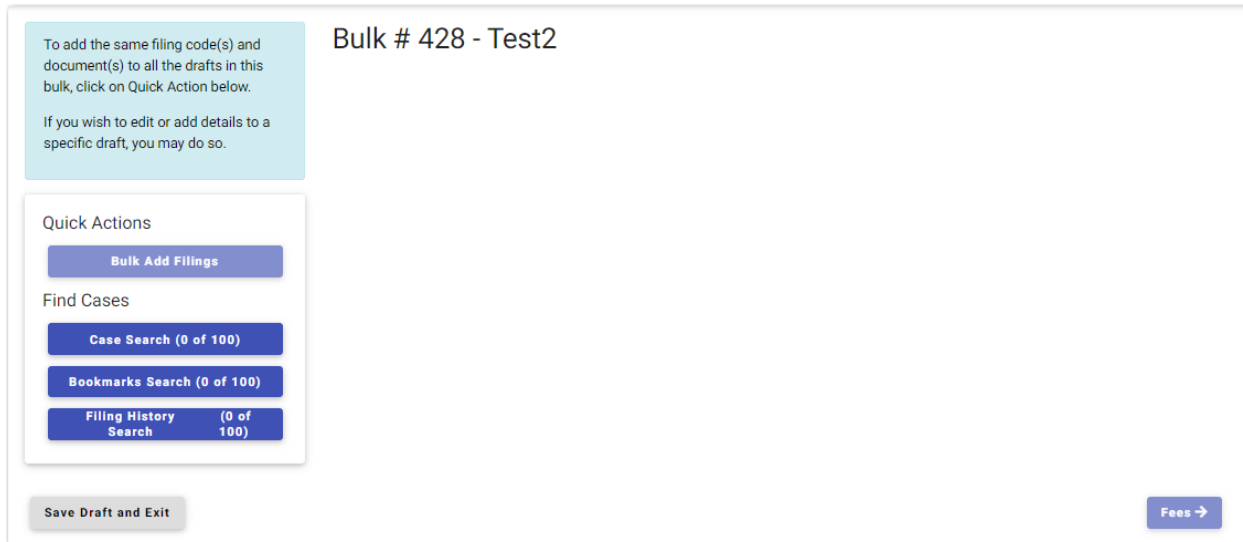
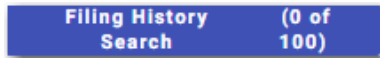


Figure 17.42 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, click



The *Filing History* window is displayed.

The screenshot shows a 'Filing History' window with the following elements:

- Navigation: 'Filing History' (selected) and 'Add to Bulk'.
- Filters:
  - Created By: My Filings
  - Location: Select...
  - Case Number: (empty)
  - Date Range: Anytime
- Buttons: 'Select All', 'Filter', and 'Reset'.
- Case List:
 

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Case #CC-22-968</b>	*****	Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Family	Case Type: Investigation Of Child Abuse - Protected
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Case #AP-2022-025292</b>	<b>Test Test vs Test Test</b>	Location: OFS MockCMS	Case Category: Appellate	Case Type: Appellate Case
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Case #CC-22-984</b>		Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Probate or Mental Health	Case Type: Guardianship/Probate Case
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Case #CC-22-687</b>		Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Family	Case Type: Division Of Property
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Case #CC-21-3278</b>	<b>Billie Batterson v. Timmy Tootone</b>	Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Collection

Figure 17.43 – Example of a Filing History Window

6. Select the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click **Proceed**.

The *Add to Bulk* window is displayed.

The screenshot shows an 'Add to Bulk' window with the following elements:

- Navigation: 'Filing History' and 'Add to Bulk'.
- Case List:
 

<b>Case #CC-22-020</b>	Location: OFS QA 2018 - Court at Law	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Breach Of Contract
<b>Case #CC-15-1813</b>	Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Family	Case Type: Investigation Of Child Abuse - Protected
- Buttons: 'Back', 'Cancel', and 'Add to Bulk'.

Figure 17.44 – Add to Bulk Window

**Note:** If your bulk filing is not displayed in the *Filing History* window, you can search for the bulk filing that you want. First, select the filings that you want to be displayed (your filings or the firm’s filings) from the Created By drop-down list. Then, select the location from the Location drop-down list. Next, type the case number in the Case Number field, and then select the date

range for the filings that you want to be displayed. Then, click **Filter**.

7. Click **Add to Bulk** , and then click **Done** .

The case you selected is added to the bulk filing and is displayed on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page.

The screenshot shows the Bulk Filing Dashboard for Bulk # 428 - Test2. On the left, there is a sidebar with 'Quick Actions' (Bulk Add Filings) and 'Find Cases' (Case Search (2 of 100), Bookmarks Search (2 of 100), Filing History Search (2 of 100)). A 'Save Draft and Exit' button is at the bottom left. The main area displays two cases:

- Case # CC-20-1475**: Location: OFS QA 2017, Case Category: Civil, Case Type: Breach Of Contract. Filing Code: Abstract Of Judgment, Filing Type: eFile Only.
- Case # CC-21-117**: Location: OFS QA 2017, Case Category: Civil, Case Type: Appeal. Filing Code: Abstract Of Judgment, Filing Type: eFile Only.

Each case card includes a '2 draft(s) of 100 maximum.' indicator, a play button, a trash icon, and a menu icon. A 'Fees' button with a right arrow is located at the bottom right of the dashboard.

Figure 17.45 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page—Case Added to Bulk Filing

## Copying a Bulk Filing

You can copy a bulk filing if one or more envelopes in the bulk filing failed to be submitted successfully.

To copy a bulk filing:

1. Navigate to the *Bulk History* page or the *Bulk Drafts* page.
2. Locate the bulk filing that you want to copy.



### Bulk # 136 - Wednesday Test

Bulk # 136 Started 04/14/2021 5:21 PM by Lauren Groswald

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#### Draft # 817

Draft # 817 Started 04/14/2021 5:21 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald  
Location: OFS QA 2017

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Draft	Acknowledgement	Efile		
Draft	Abstract Of Judgment	Efile		

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#### Draft # 818

Draft # 818 Started 04/14/2021 5:24 PM on behalf of Jack Stone by Lauren Groswald  
Location: OFS QA 2017

Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Draft	Acknowledgement	Efile		

Figure 17.46 – Example of a Bulk Filing Pane

3. Click  .

The filing that you copied is displayed on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page.

To add the same filing code(s) and document(s) to all the drafts in this bulk, click on Quick Action below.

If you wish to edit or add details to a specific draft, you may do so.

### Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test

2 draft(s) of 100 maximum.

#### Draft # 10308

Location: OFS QA 2017      Case Category: Civil      Case Type: Other Civil

Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		

#### Draft # 10309

Location: OFS QA 2017      Case Category: Family      Case Type: Division Of Property

Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Abstract Of Judgment	eFile Only		

2 draft(s) of 100 maximum.

Save Draft and Exit
Fees →

Figure 17.47 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard

4. Continue with your filing.

# 18 Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence)

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Dashboard
- ◆ Filing a Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence)
- ◆ Entering Payment Information for a Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence) Filing
- ◆ Viewing the Envelope Summary for a Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence) Filing

You can create a filing in which you upload a vacation letter (or leave of absence). The letter can be attached to all of the selected cases that you designate.

**Note:** Your configuration may include different verbiage in place of “vacation letter.”

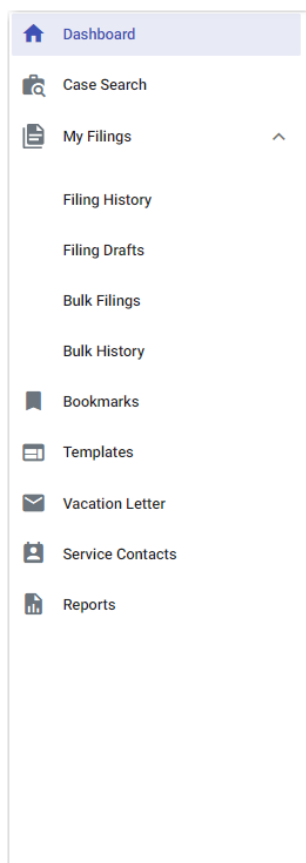
**Note:** The Vacation Letter feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

After you submit a vacation letter filing, it is listed on the *Bulk History* page.

You can also save the vacation letter filing as a draft if you want to complete the filing at a later date. Draft vacation letter filings are listed on the *Bulk Drafts* page.

# Dashboard

The Dashboard provides a drop-down list for firm user actions.



**Figure 18.1 – Dashboard**

From the Dashboard, you can perform the following additional actions for vacation letter:

- Access the *Dashboard* page to file a vacation letter (or leave of absence).
- Access the *File Vacation Letter* page to create a filing in which you upload a vacation letter (or leave of absence).

For information regarding the other options displayed on the Dashboard, refer to [Dashboard, page 26](#).

## Bulk History

The *Bulk History* page includes the filing history for your and your firm's vacation letter (or leave of absence) filings.

From the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk History**. From here, you can view a history of your and your firm's vacation letter (or leave of absence) filings.

The screenshot displays the 'Bulk History' page. On the left is a 'Filing History Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Bulk Number / Name' (Bulk Number, Bulk Name), 'Status' (All Statuses, Accepted, Cancelled, Received, Served, Returned, Submitted, Submitting), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Envelope Number' (Case Number, Envelope Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area shows a list of bulk filings under the 'Bulk History' tab. Each entry includes a 'Bulk #', case details, and a table of filing records.

Bulk #	Case #	Case Name	Envelope #	Location	Filing Status	Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Bulk # 416	Case # CC-22-688	Amy Schumerv.Bill Enterprises	185925	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		
	Case # CC-21-4233	Jane Doev.John Doe	185927	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		
	Case # CC-21-3278	Billie Batterson v. Timmy Tootone	185928	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		
	Case # CC-20-1475	Julia Reedv.Sam Muir	185924	OFS QA 2017	Submitted	Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		

Figure 18.2 – Example of a Bulk History Page

## Bulk Drafts

The *Bulk Drafts* page includes the drafts of your and your firm’s vacation letter (or leave of absence) filings.

On the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk Drafts**. From here, you can view a list of your and your firm’s vacation letter (or leave of absence) draft filings, resume a draft filing, or delete a draft filing.

The screenshot displays the 'Bulk Drafts' page. On the left is a 'Bulk Drafts Filter' sidebar with sections for 'Created By' (My Filings, My Firm), 'Bulk Number / Name' (Bulk Number, Bulk Name), 'Location' (Any Location), 'Case / Draft Number' (Case Number, Draft Number), 'Sort By' (Newest to Oldest), and 'Date Range' (Anytime, Last Month, Last Week, Last Two Days, Today, Pick a Custom Range). The main area has tabs for 'Filing History', 'Filing Drafts', 'Bulk History', and 'Bulk Drafts'. It shows a list of bulk drafts with details for each, including case numbers and names. A table at the bottom shows filing codes and types for the last draft.

Filing Code	Filing Type	Filing Description	Client Ref #
Notice - Auto Accept	Efile		

Figure 18.3 – Example of a Bulk Drafts Page

## Filing a Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence)

You can start a vacation letter (or leave of absence) filing from both the Dashboard menu and the *Dashboard* page.

**Note:** Your configuration may include different verbiage in place of “vacation letter.”

**Note:** The Vacation Letter feature is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

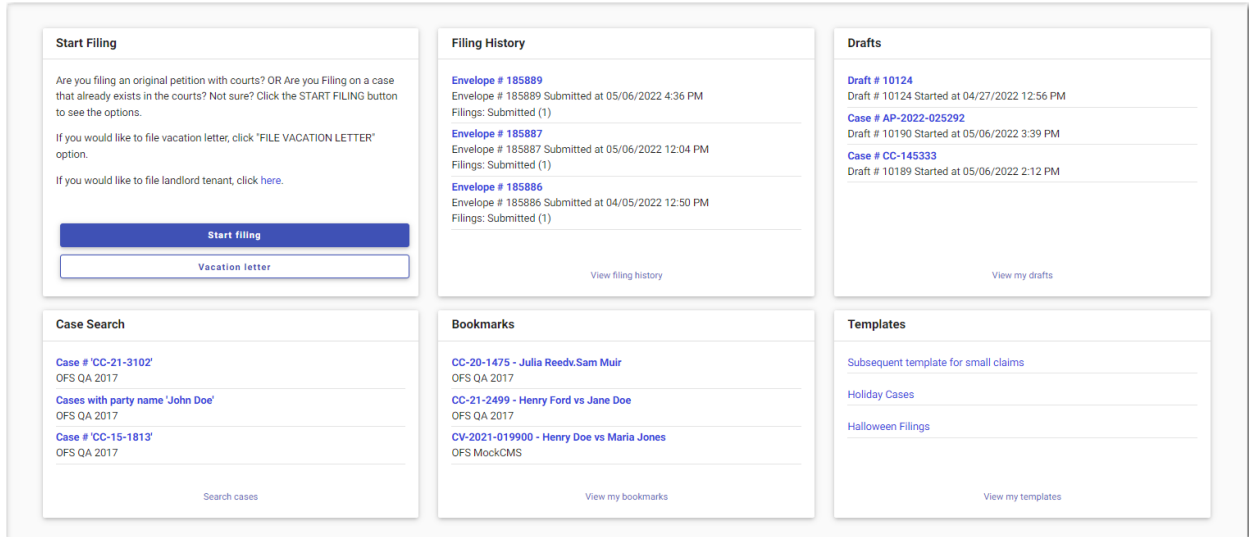
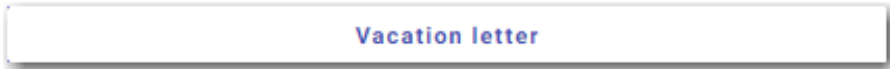


Figure 18.4 – Dashboard Page

To file a vacation letter:

1. From the Dashboard menu, click **Vacation Letter** or click



on the *Dashboard* page.

The **Options** tab on the *File Vacation Letter* page is displayed.

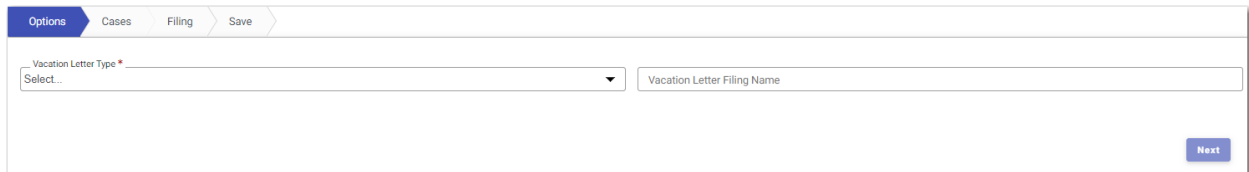


Figure 18.5 – Options Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

2. From the **Vacation Letter Type** drop-down list, select the vacation letter type that you want.
3. Type a name for the vacation letter filing in the **Vacation Letter Filing Name** field.

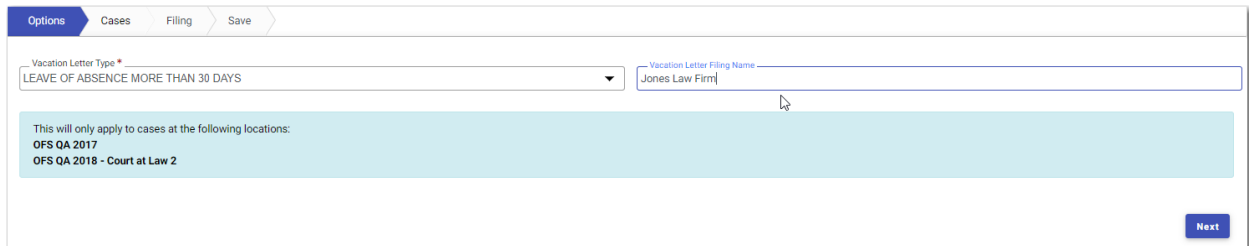


Figure 18.6 – Example of an Options Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page with Fields Completed

4. Click  .

The **Cases** tab is displayed. Your current cases are selected.

Case #	Name	Location	Case Category	Case Type
Case # CC-22-070	Samantha Testv.Bryan Franklin	OFS QA 2014	Civil	Breach Of Contract
Case # AP-2022-025292	Test Test vs Test Test	OFS MockCMS	Appellate	Appellate Case
Case # CC-22-1475	Breegan Semonelli v. Sisco Agency	OFS QA 2017 - Court at Law	Civil	Collection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Case # CC-20-1475	Julia Reedv.Sam Muir	OFS QA 2017	Civil	Breach Of Contract


Figure 18.7 – Example of a Cases Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

5. If you do not want the vacation letter to be attached to a specified case, clear that case. If you later want

to select all of your cases, click .



**Note: If you have more cases than the cases displayed on the current page, you can filter particular cases to which you want the vacation letter attached. Complete the required fields,**

**and then click .**

6. After you have completed or verified the information on the **Cases** tab, click .

7. On the **Filing** tab, select the filing type from the **Filing Type** drop-down list.


Figure 18.8 – Filing Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

8. Click , and then upload the vacation letter document.
9. Click .

The document that you uploaded is listed in the Filing pane, and your selected cases are listed in individual panes on the **Save** tab.

Case #	Name	Location	Case Category	Case Type
Case # CC-20-1475	Julia Reedv.Sam Muir	OFS QA 2017	Civil	Breach Of Contract
Case # CC-15-1813	*****	OFS QA 2017	Family	Investigation Of Child Abuse - Protected
Case # CC-22-984		OFS QA 2017	Probate or Mental Health	Guardianship/Probate Case
Case # CC-22-689	Allison Smartv.Bob & Contractors	OFS QA 2017	Civil	Breach Of Contract
Case # CC-22-687		OFS QA 2017	Family	Division Of Property

Figure 18.9 – Save Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

10. Review the information that is displayed, and then click .

The vacation letter filing is displayed on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page. The vacation letter filing includes the name that you assigned to the vacation letter filing, along with a newly assigned number for the vacation letter filing.

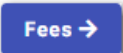
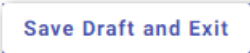


**Bulk # 414 - Jones Law Firm**  
 This is test content for vacation letter. New

1 draft(s) of 100 maximum.

<b>Case # CC-20-1475</b>				▶ 🗑️ ⋮
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Civil	Case Type Breach Of Contract		
Filing Code Application	Filing Type eFile and Serve	Filing Description	Client Ref #	
<b>Case # CC-15-1813</b>				▶ 🗑️ ⋮
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Family	Case Type Investigation Of Child Abuse - Protected		
Filing Code Application	Filing Type eFile and Serve	Filing Description	Client Ref #	
<b>Case # CC-22-984</b>				▶ 🗑️ ⋮
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Probate or Mental Health	Case Type Guardianship/Probate Case		
Filing Code Application	Filing Type eFile and Serve	Filing Description	Client Ref #	
<b>Case # CC-22-689</b>				▶ 🗑️ ⋮
Location OFS QA 2017	Case Category Civil	Case Type Breach Of Contract		
Filing Code Application	Filing Type eFile and Serve	Filing Description	Client Ref #	

**Figure 18.10 – Example of a Vacation Letter Filing on the Bulk Filing Dashboard Page**

11. Click  to continue with your filing, or click  to save your filing and continue it at another time.

If you did not complete your vacation letter filing, it will be displayed on the *Bulk Drafts* page. If you did complete your filing, it will be listed on the *Bulk History* page.

## Entering Payment Information for a Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence) Filing

Enter the payment information for your vacation letter (or leave of absence) filing on the *Bulk Fees* page.

**Note:** You must create a payment account before you can complete your filing.

**Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test**

After filling in the required fields, click on "CALCULATE FEES" at the bottom of the page. To view the fee details on individual drafts, click on "FEE DETAILS".

Apply Payment Account to All Drafts  
 Select... **Apply to All\***

Apply Filing Attorney to All Drafts  
 Select... **Apply to All**

\* Payment accounts may be restricted at some locations

**Draft # 10308**  
 Location: OFS QA 2017      Case Category: Civil      Case Type: Other Civil

Payment Account \*  
 Select...      Party Responsible for Fees \*  
 Select...      **Search**

Filing Attorney \*  
 Select...      Filer Type  
 Select...

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**Draft # 10309**  
 Location: OFS QA 2017      Case Category: Family      Case Type: Division Of Property

Payment Account \*  
 Select...      Party Responsible for Fees \*  
 Select...      **Search**

Filing Attorney \*  
 Select...      Filer Type  
 Select...

**← Bulk Dashboard**      **Save Draft and Exit**      **Calculate Fees**      **Summary →**

Figure 18.11 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Blank Fields

To enter the payment information for your vacation letter filing:

**Note: If you do not want to apply the same payment account and filing attorney to all of the cases, you must select the payment account and the filing attorney for each individual case.**

1. Select the payment account from the **Apply Payment Account to All Drafts** drop-down list. Then, click **Apply to All\*** to apply the selected payment account to all of the cases in the bulk filing.
2. Select the filing attorney from the **Apply Filing Attorney to All Drafts** drop-down list. Then, click **Apply to All\*** to apply the selected filing attorney to all of the cases in the bulk filing.
3. For each case, select the party responsible for fees from the **Party Responsible for Fees** drop-down list. Click **Search** if you want to search for a party.

**Note: If there are no fees associated with your filing, you may not be required to make a selection in the Party Responsible for Fees field.**

4. For each case, select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

**Bulk # 425 - Wednesday Test**

After filling in the required fields, click on "CALCULATE FEES" at the bottom of the page. To view the fee details on individual drafts, click on "FEE DETAILS".

Apply Payment Account to All Drafts  
Fee CC 01.04 **Apply to All\***

Apply Filing Attorney to All Drafts  
Jack Stone **Apply to All**

\* Payment accounts may be restricted at some locations

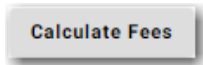
**Draft # 10308**  
 Location: OFS QA 2017      Case Category: Civil      Case Type: Other Civil  
 Payment Account\*: Fee CC 01.04      Party Responsible for Fees\*: John Smith      **Search**  
 Filing Attorney\*: Jack Stone      Filer Type: Default

**Draft # 10309**  
 Location: OFS QA 2017      Case Category: Family      Case Type: Division Of Property  
 Payment Account\*: Fee CC 01.04      Party Responsible for Fees\*: John Doe      **Search**  
 Filing Attorney\*: Jack Stone      Filer Type: Default

[← Bulk Dashboard](#)    [Save Draft and Exit](#)      [Calculate Fees](#)    [Summary →](#)

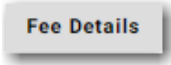
Figure 18.12 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Completed Fields

5. When all of the fields on the page have been completed, click



The **Fee Details** button is displayed.

6. Click



The *Fee Details* window is displayed.

Fee Details	
Case Initiation Fee	
Other Civil	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Abstract Of Judgment	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Action - Initial Only	\$5.00
Filing Fee	
Abstract Of Judgment	\$5.00
Service Fees	
Total Service Fees	\$31.25
Convenience Fee	\$1.31
Total Court Service Fees	\$1.00

[Close](#)

Figure 18.13 – Example of a Fee Details Window

7. Review the filing fees, and then click [Summary →](#).

## Viewing the Envelope Summary for a Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence) Filing

The envelope summary provides a summary of your vacation letter (or leave of absence) filing, including the cases to which your letter will be attached, the location of the cases, the case category, and the case type.

To view the envelope summary for a vacation letter (or leave of absence) filing:

1. Complete the required information on the *File Vacation Letter* page (all of the required fields in each tab) and the *Bulk Fees* page.

2. After you have completed the fields on each page, from the *Bulk Fees* page, click [Summary →](#).

The *Summary* page is displayed.

3. If there are submission agreements for your filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
4. Review the summary of the vacation letter filing. After you are satisfied with the information in your

filing, click [Submit](#).

**Bulk # 414 - Jones Law Firm**

OFS QA 2017

**Submission Agreements**

I agree that this filing is in compliance with the [Rules for E-Filing](#)

<b>Case # CC-20-1475</b> Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Breach Of Contract
<b>Case # CC-22-984</b> Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Probate or Mental Health	Case Type: Guardianship/Probate Case
<b>Case # CC-22-689</b> Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Breach Of Contract
<b>Case # CC-21-3278</b> Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Collection
<b>Case # CC-21-4233</b> Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Breach Of Contract
<b>Case # CC-22-688</b> Location: OFS QA 2017	Case Category: Civil	Case Type: Breach Of Contract

[← Fees](#) [Save Draft and Exit](#) [Submit](#)

Figure 18.14 – Example of a Bulk Summary Page

5. Click [Bulk History](#) to return to the *Bulk History* page, or click [Dashboard](#) to return to the *Dashboard* page.

# 19 Reports

## Topics covered in this chapter

### ◆ Running a Report

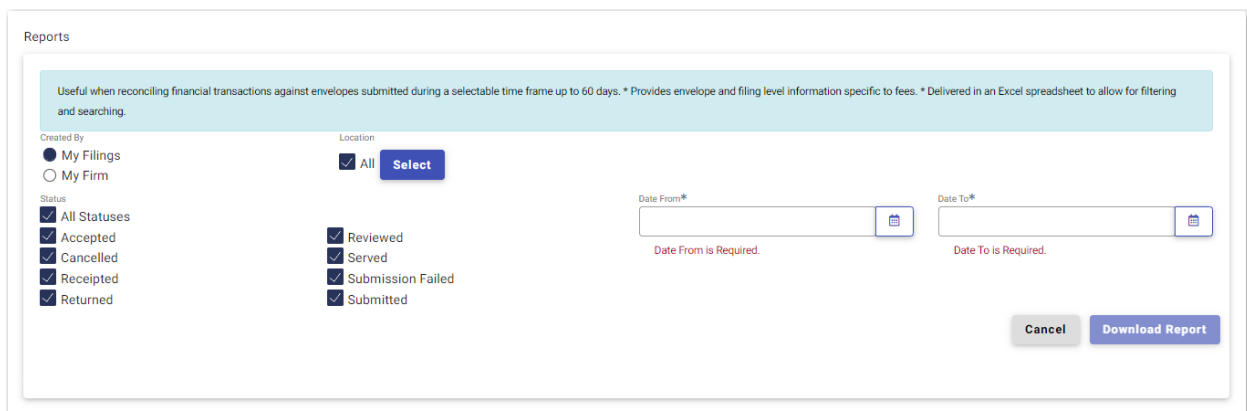
You can run a report that can be used to reconcile financial transactions for envelopes and filings that you or a member of your firm submitted. The report is available in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that you can download.

## Running a Report

To run a report:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **Reports**.

The *Reports* page is displayed.



The screenshot shows the 'Reports' page with a light blue header containing a descriptive note: 'Useful when reconciling financial transactions against envelopes submitted during a selectable time frame up to 60 days. \* Provides envelope and filing level information specific to fees. \* Delivered in an Excel spreadsheet to allow for filtering and searching.' Below this, there are two main sections: 'Created By' and 'Location'. Under 'Created By', there are radio buttons for 'My Filings' (selected) and 'My Firm'. Under 'Location', there is a radio button for 'All' and a 'Select' button. To the right of these are two date input fields labeled 'Date From\*' and 'Date To\*', both with calendar icons and red error text below them: 'Date From is Required.' and 'Date To is Required.'. Below the 'Created By' section, there is a 'Status' section with two columns of checkboxes. The first column includes 'All Statuses', 'Accepted', 'Cancelled', 'Received', and 'Returned', all of which are checked. The second column includes 'Reviewed', 'Served', 'Submission Failed', and 'Submitted', all of which are also checked. At the bottom right of the form, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Download Report'.

Figure 19.1 – Reports Page

2. Select the appropriate option for the report, either **My Filings** or **My Firm**.
3. Select the statuses that you want to include in the report.
4. Click **Select** to select the locations for which you want to run the report.

The *Select Locations* dialog box is displayed.

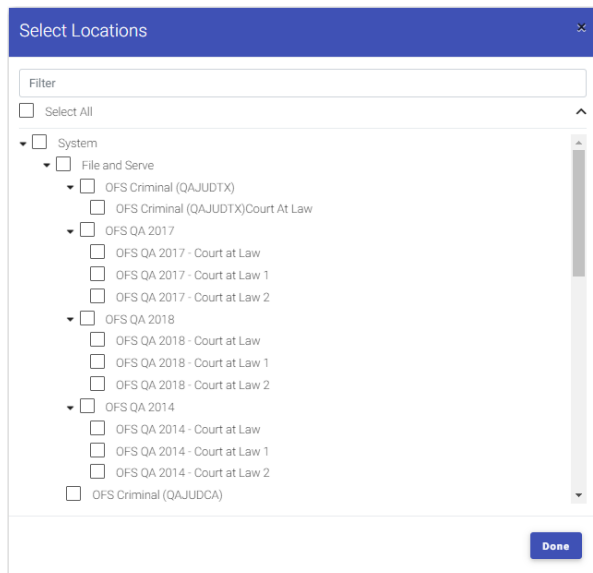



Figure 19.2 – Select Locations Dialog Box

5. Select the locations that you want to include in the report, and then click .

6. Type the date range for the report, or click  to select the dates from the calendar.

**Note: The date range that you select cannot exceed 60 days. If it does, an error message is displayed.**

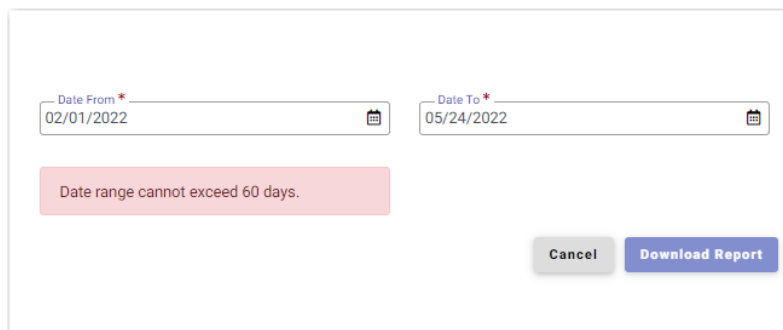


Figure 19.3 – Error Message for Report Date Range

7. Click .

The report is downloaded in a Microsoft Excel file, which you can filter and sort as needed. The report includes one tab for filings and one tab for envelopes.

# 20 Support and Feedback

## Topics covered in this chapter

- ◆ Requesting Support
- ◆ Zendesk Support
- ◆ Providing Feedback
- ◆ Tyler Technologies Technical Support Contact Information

You can request technical support for the application, or you can provide feedback for the application.

## Requesting Support

You can request support from Tyler regarding the application.

To request support regarding the application:

1. Click  in the eFile header.

The **Help** drop-down list is displayed.

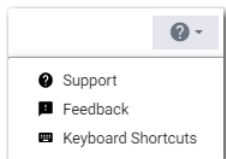


Figure 20.1 – Help Drop-Down List

2. Click **Support**.

The *Support* window is displayed.

**Note:** Your screen may vary from the example provided.

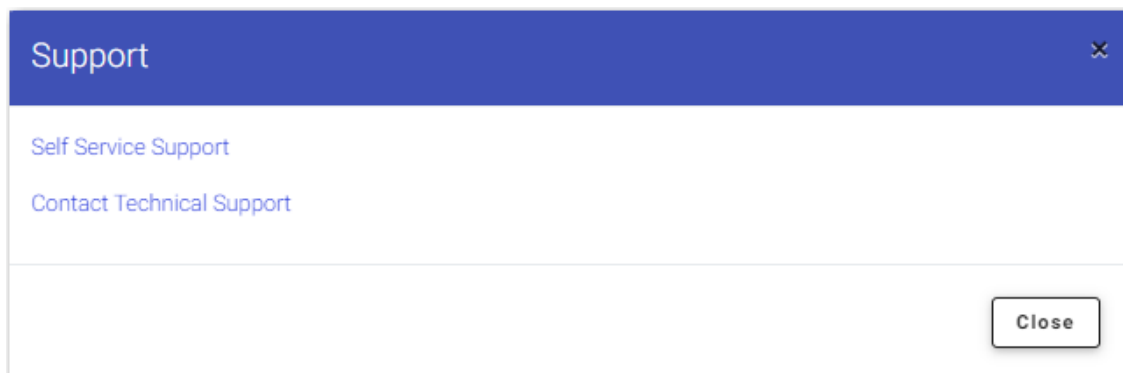


Figure 20.2 – Example of a Support Window

3. Click the support link that you want.

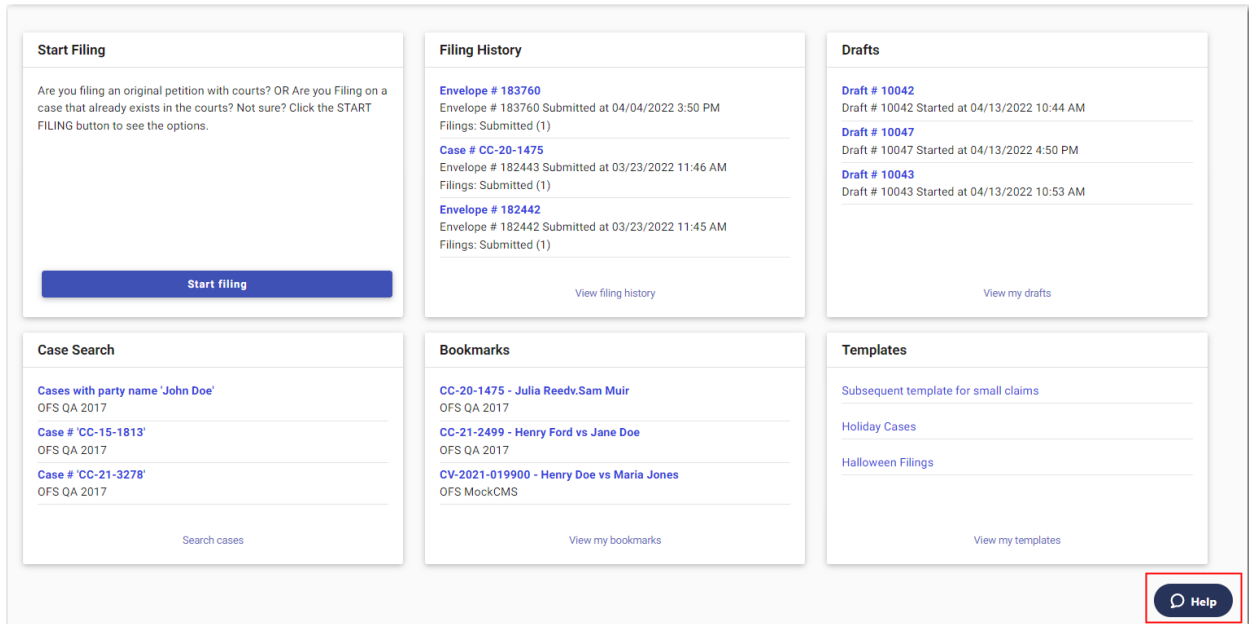


The appropriate Tyler support page is displayed in a new tab, depending on the link that you clicked.

4. Click  .

## Zendesk Support

A new Help icon has been added to every page in the application.



**Figure 20.3 – Help Icon on the Dashboard Page**

You can click the Help icon to open a chat window.

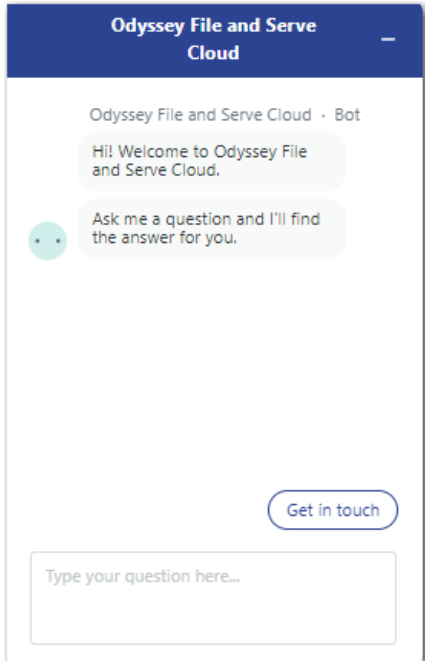


Figure 20.4 – Chat Window

In the chat window, click **Get in touch**. Options are displayed for the method by which you want to communicate with the Support representative.

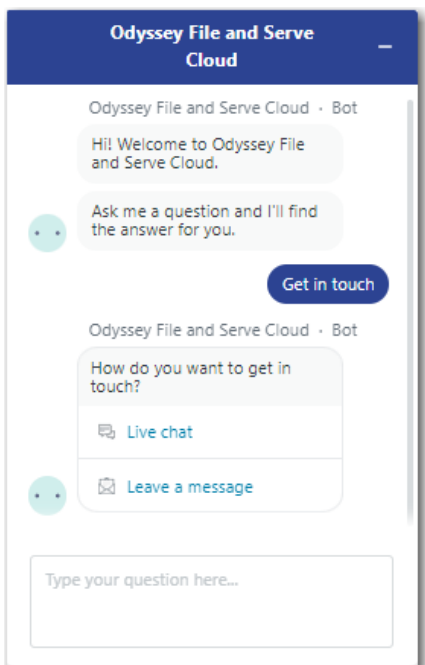


Figure 20.5 – Chat Window with Communication Options

Click the option that you want to use, and then type your question in the chat window. A Support representative will assist you.

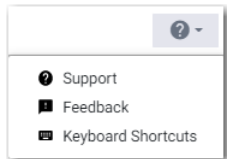
# Providing Feedback

You can provide feedback to Tyler regarding the application if you want. You can also request a new feature.

To provide feedback regarding the application or to request a new feature:

1. Click  in the eFile header.

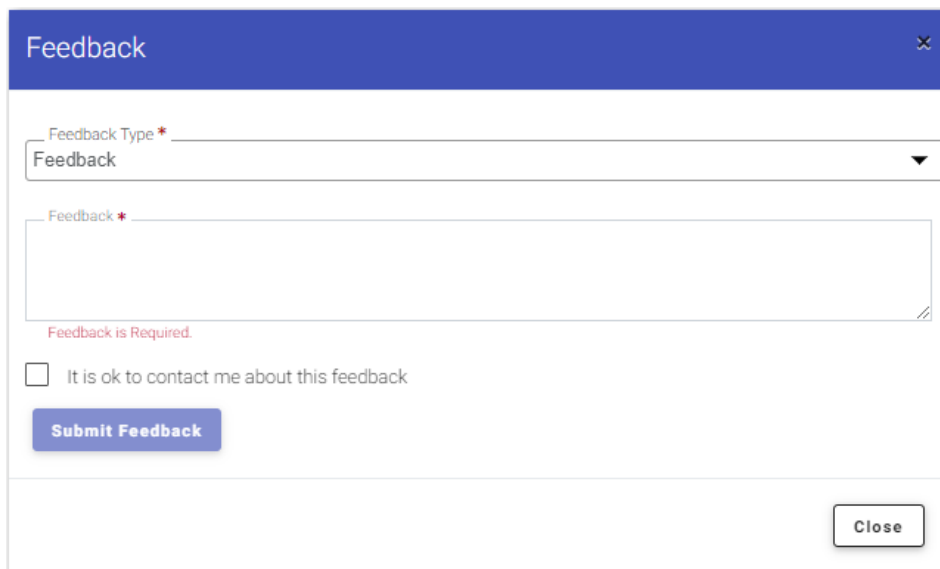
The **Help** drop-down list is displayed.



**Figure 20.6 – Help Drop-Down List**

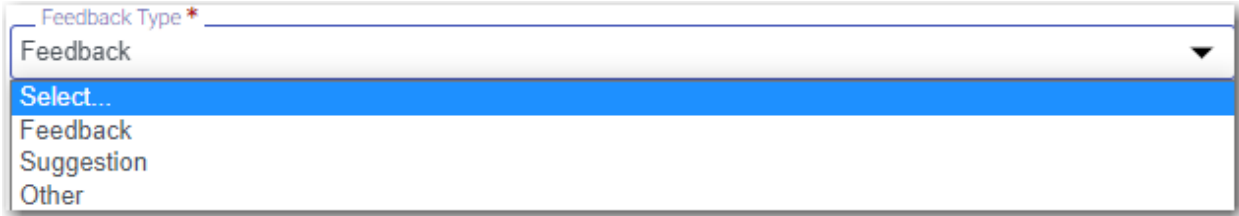
2. Click **Feedback**.

The *Feedback* window is displayed.

A screenshot of a 'Feedback' window. The window has a blue header with the title 'Feedback' and a close button (X). Below the header is a form. The first field is a dropdown menu labeled 'Feedback Type \*' with 'Feedback' selected. Below that is a text area labeled 'Feedback \*'. Under the text area, there is a red error message 'Feedback is Required.'. Below the error message is a checkbox labeled 'It is ok to contact me about this feedback'. At the bottom left of the form is a blue button labeled 'Submit Feedback'. At the bottom right of the window is a 'Close' button.

**Figure 20.7 – Feedback Window**

3. Select the appropriate option from the **Feedback Type** drop-down list.



**Figure 20.8 – Feedback Type Drop-Down List**

4. Type your feedback or suggestion in the **Feedback** comments window.
5. Select the **“It is ok to contact me about this feedback”** check box if you want Tyler to contact you for more information, or leave the check box cleared if you do not want to be contacted.

6. Click  .

7. Click  .

# Tyler Technologies Technical Support Contact Information

For assistance, contact Tyler Technologies through the following resources.

Resource	Contact Information
Odyssey File & Serve Support Hours	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (CT), Monday through Friday
Odyssey File & Serve Support Chat	Assistance is also available online through <a href="#">Support Chat</a> .
Odyssey File & Serve Email	<a href="mailto:efiling.support@tylertech.com">efiling.support@tylertech.com</a>
Odyssey File & Serve Telephone	800.297.5377
GoTo Assist (Support)	Support may ask to assist you by sharing your screen using <a href="#">GoToAssist</a> .