Individual Filer User Guide

Odyssey® File & Serve™ 2022.2, 2022.3, 2022.4, and 2022.5

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ESO-FS-200-4494 v.15	Fifteenth	November 2021	The following changes were made: • Updated the “Redaction” chapter to include the addition of the transactional redaction feature • Updated the *Filings* page sections to include the required optional services feature • Added descriptions of the additional fields on the *Parties* page in the **Additional Identifiers** tab • Added a section for the new keyboard shortcuts, available through the **Help** drop-down list • Updated the “Support and Feedback” chapter to include the revised **Help** drop-down list • Added the “Manage Account” chapter • Revised “Changing the User Password” and moved the section to the “Manage Account” chapter • Added a description of the new *Profile* page • Added a description of the new *Email Notifications* page • Revised the “Signing Out” section

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On the Filings page, changed the Documents pane to the Upload Documents pane. Also changed “Component” to “Type” in the Upload Documents pane headers
Replaced screen shots to reflect the new page headers for the following pages:
Payment Accounts
My Information
Change Password
Profile
Email Notifications
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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

The format style applied to text enables readers to quickly determine the nature of information or an action they are to take.

Text Style	Description	Example
Bold	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 **Tools →Options→Forms**. Click **License Key Editor**.
`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 `Boston` in the **City** field. Run the `tables.sql` script for the `jcpBasketB` database.
Italics	Page and dialog box names Document titles Variable data to be replaced by an appropriate value	Return to the *Home* page. Refer to the *Navigation Guide*. Type the *filename*.
“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.

Documentation Notes

Each documentation note provides information or action items regarding that area of the document.

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

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1 System Overview

Topics covered in this chapter

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.	Adding Yourself as a Service Contact to a Filing, page 156
The Merge Document feature has been added.	Merging Documents for File Upload in a Case Filing, page 71

2 Before You Begin

Topics covered in this chapter

This guide is intended for individual filers (pro se/self-represented litigants).

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.

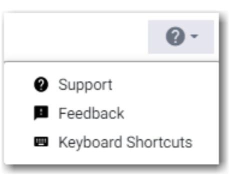


Figure 2.1 – Help Drop-Down List

2. Click **Keyboard Shortcuts**.

   The *Keyboard Shortcuts* window is displayed.

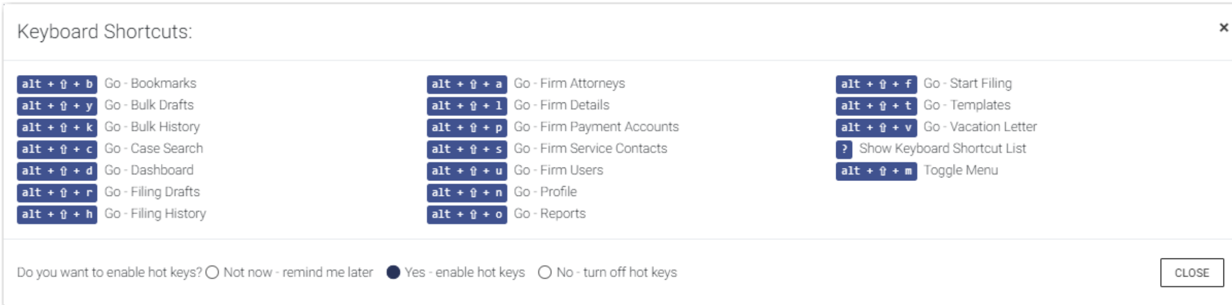


Figure 2.2 – Keyboard Shortcuts Window

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.

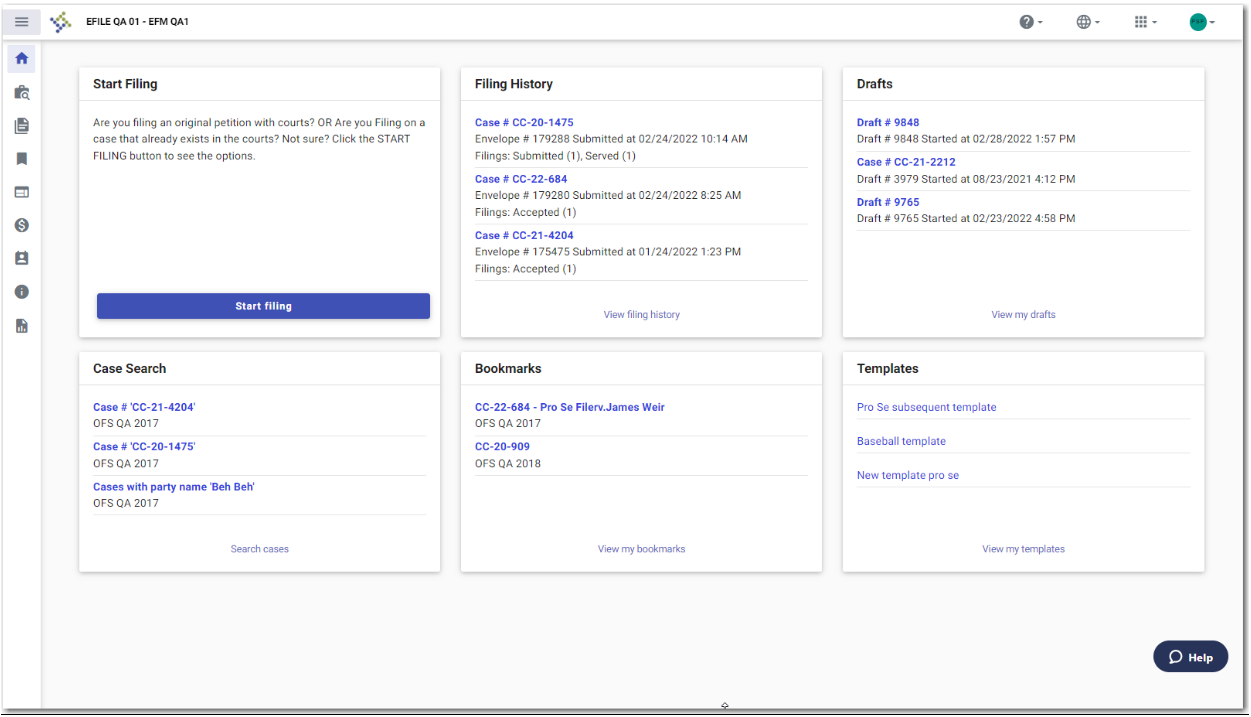


Figure 2.3 – Dashboard Page

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.

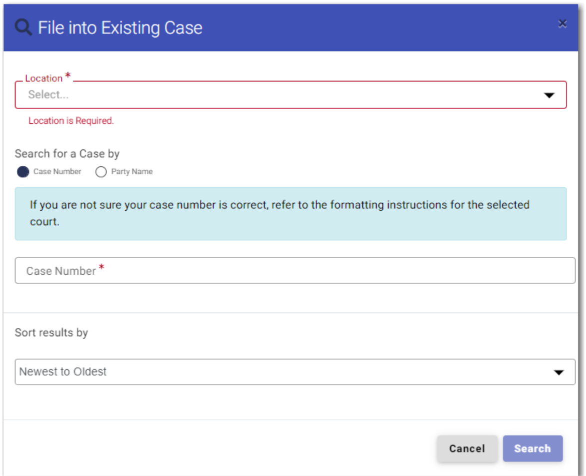
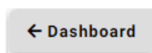


Figure 2.4 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

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.

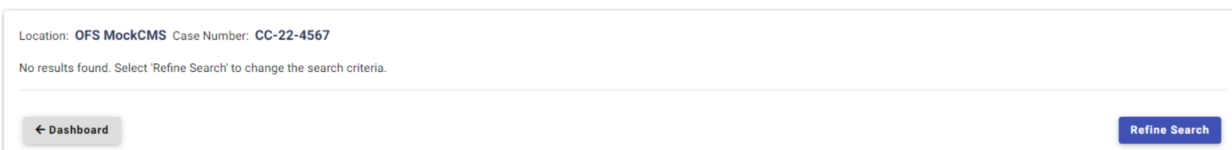


Figure 2.5 – Case Search Page with No Search Results Displayed

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.

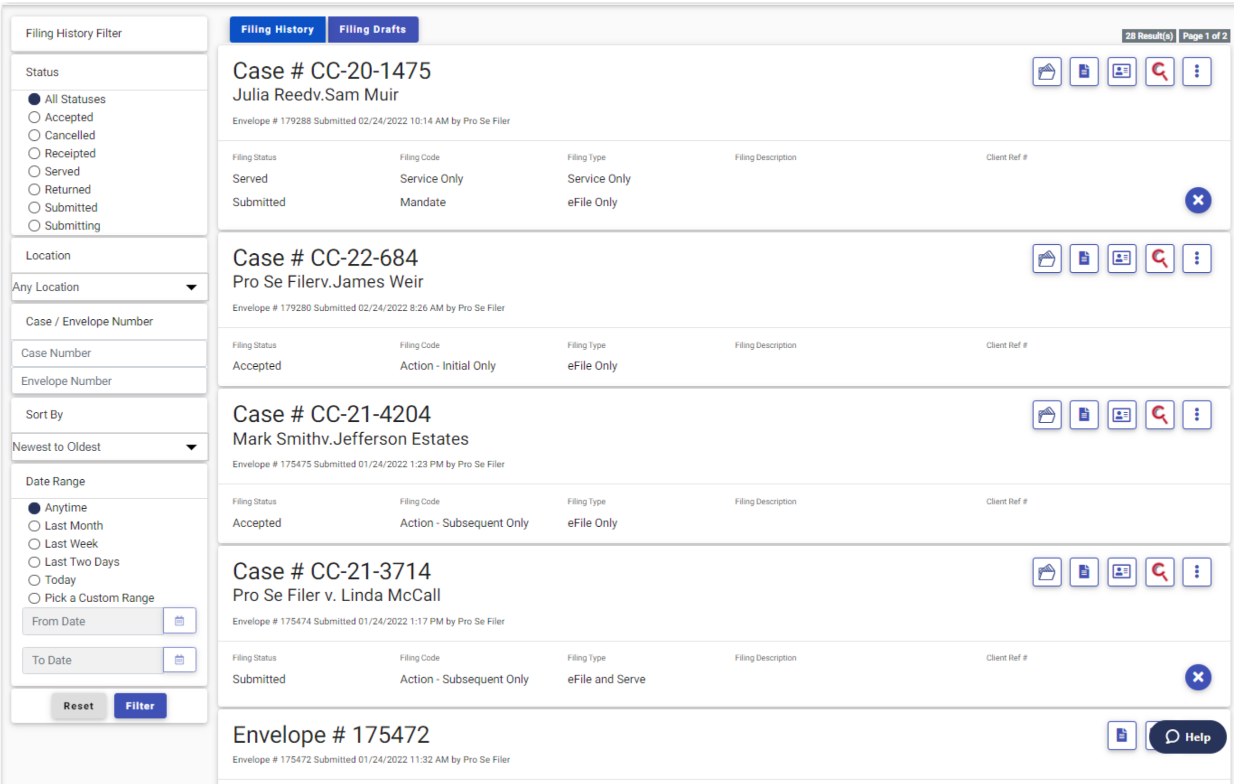


Figure 2.6 – Filing History Page

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.

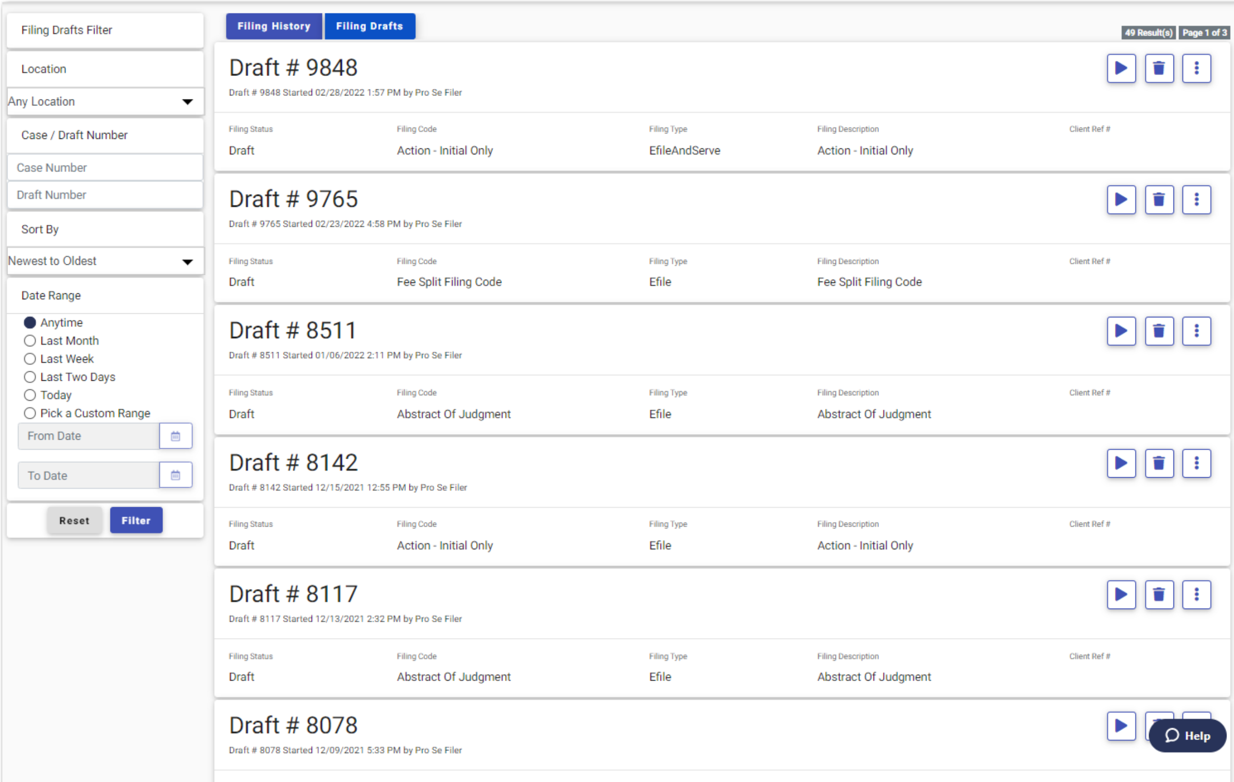


Figure 2.7 – Filing Drafts Page

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.

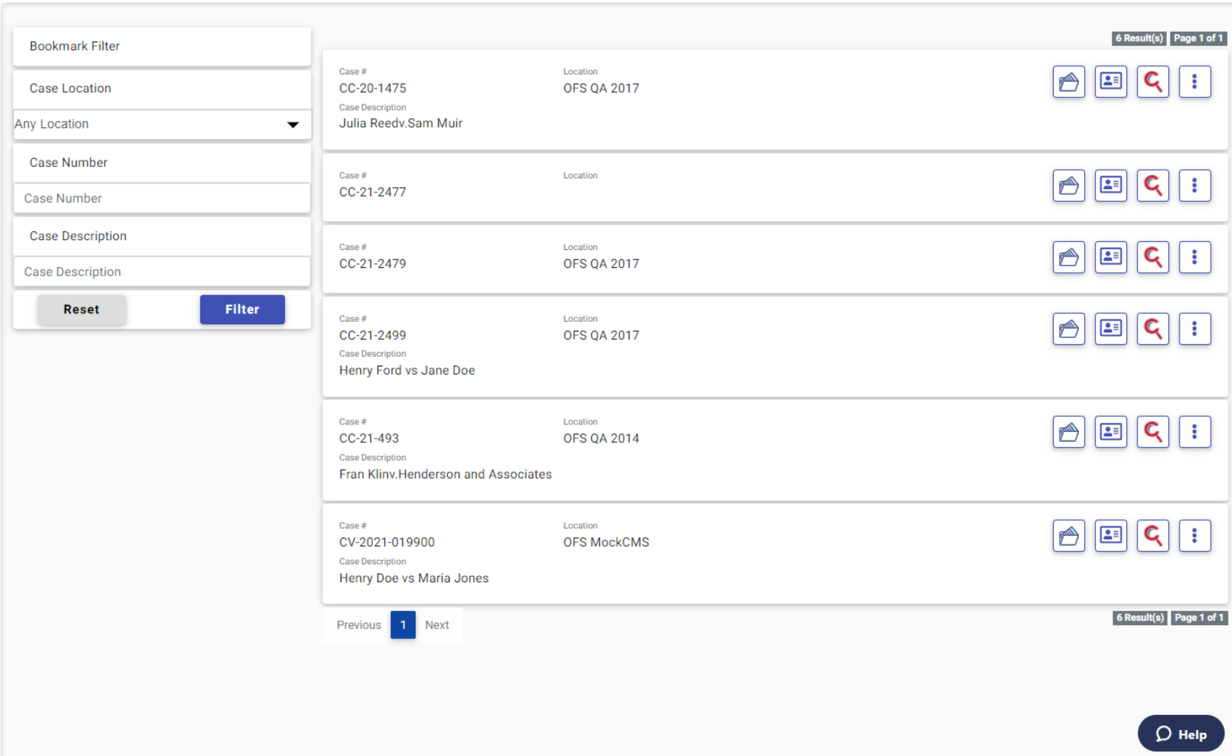


Figure 2.8 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

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.

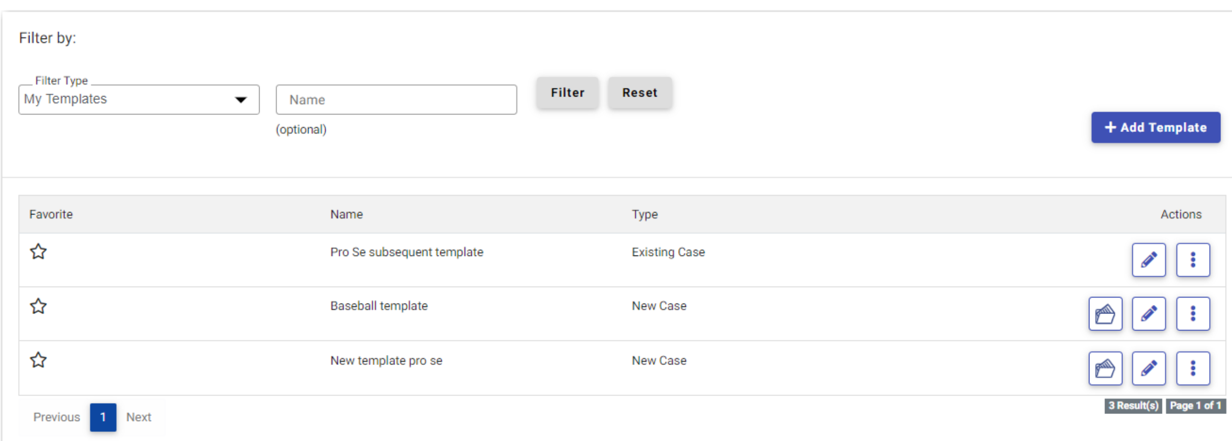
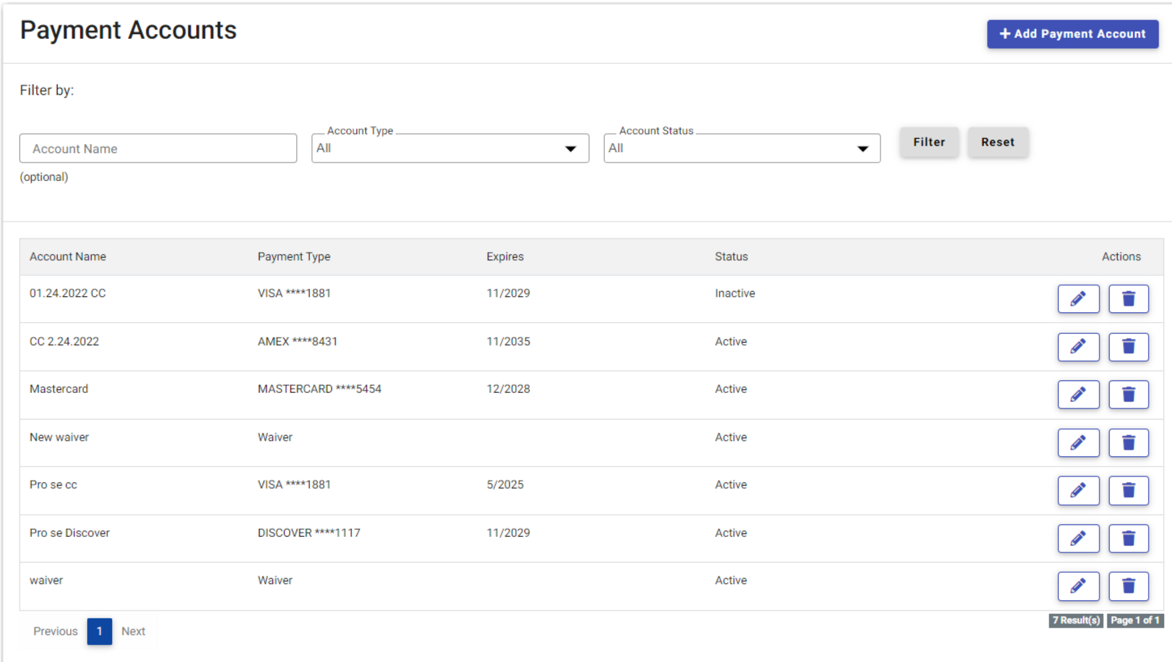


Figure 2.9 – Templates Page

My Payment Accounts

On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**. From here, you can view your existing payment accounts, add a new payment account, edit an existing account, or delete an existing account.

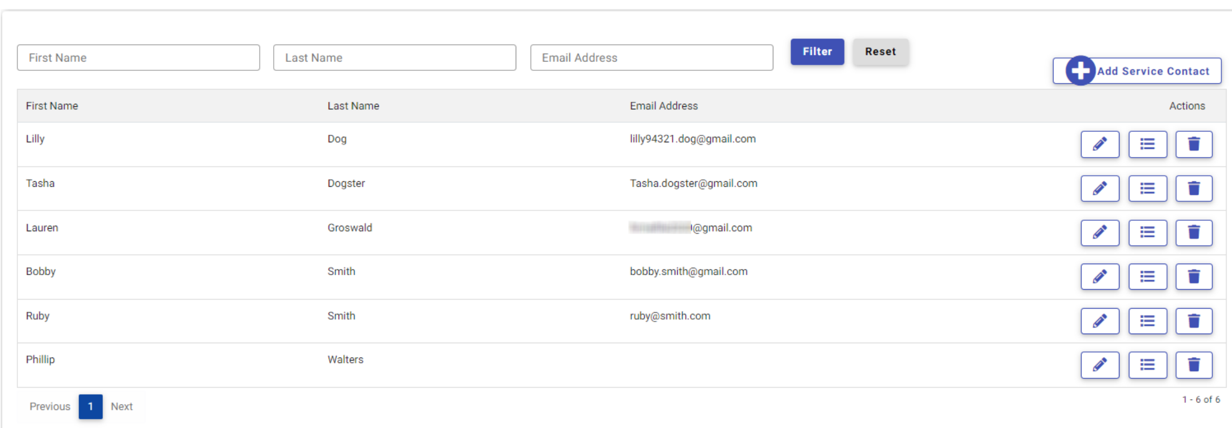


Account Name	Payment Type	Expires	Status	Actions
01.24.2022 CC	VISA ****1881	11/2029	Inactive	
CC 2.24.2022	AMEX ****8431	11/2035	Active	
Mastercard	MASTERCARD ****5454	12/2028	Active	
New waiver	Waiver		Active	
Pro se cc	VISA ****1881	5/2025	Active	
Pro se Discover	DISCOVER ****1117	11/2029	Active	
waiver	Waiver		Active	

Figure 2.10 – Payment Accounts Page

My Service Contacts

On the Dashboard menu, click **My Service Contacts**. From here, you can view your 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.



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

Figure 2.11 – Service Contacts Page

My Information

On the Dashboard menu, click **My Information**. From here, you can view or edit your personal information.

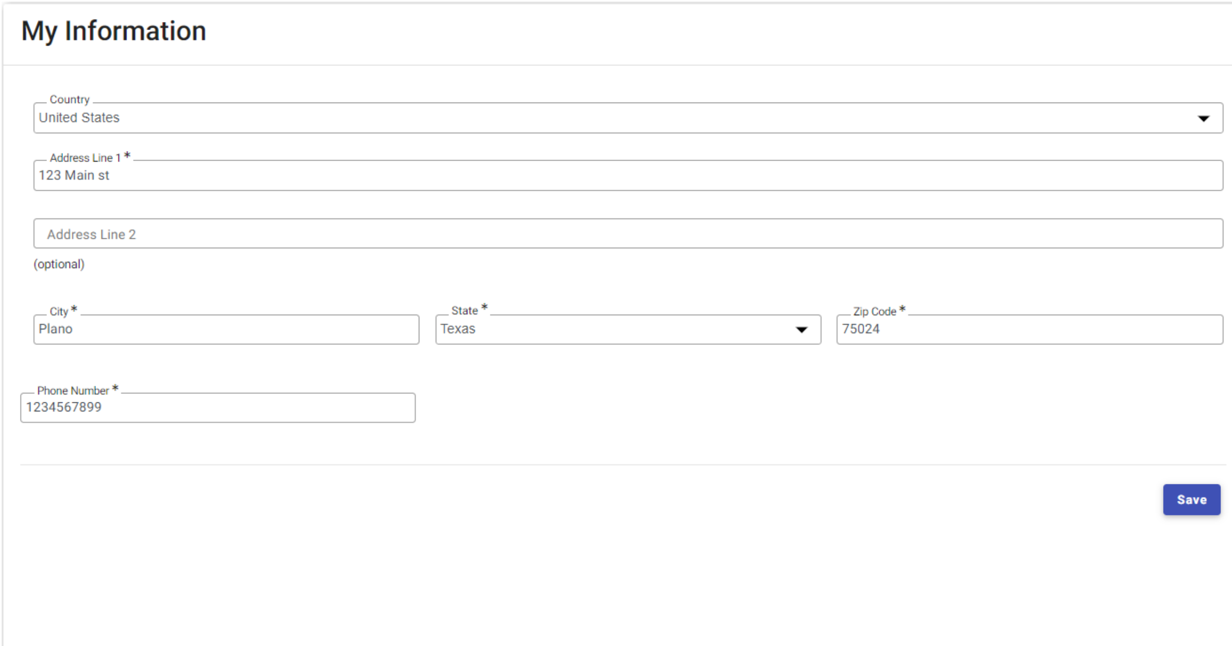


Figure 2.12 – My Information Page

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 submitted.

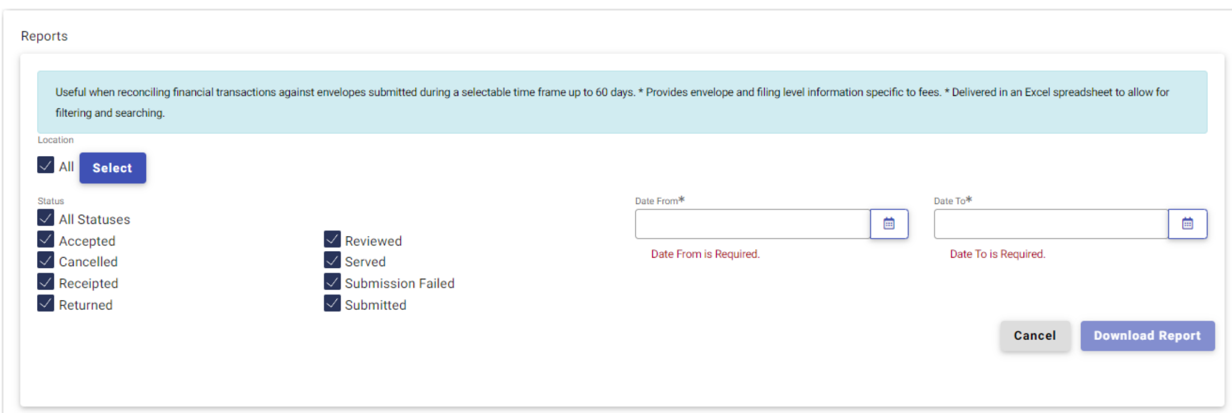


Figure 2.13 – Reports Page

3 E-Filing Overview

Topics covered in this chapter

♦ Filing Queue Status

This chapter describes the e-filing process.

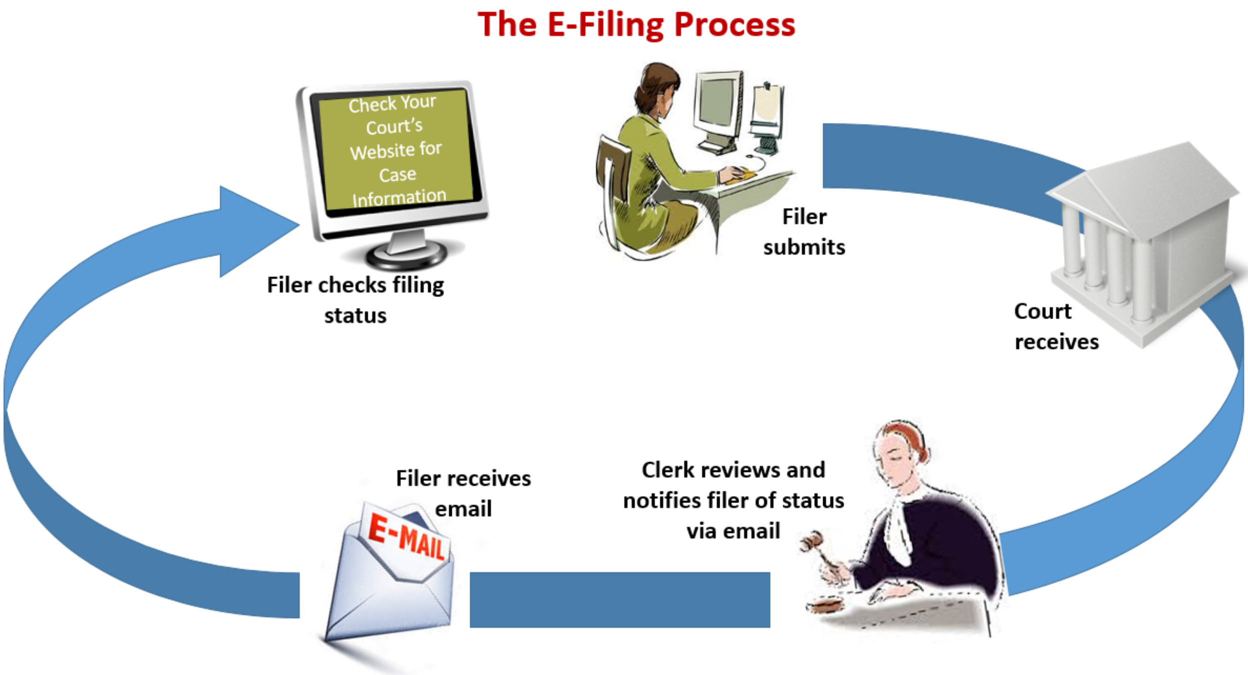


Figure 3.1 – The E-Filing Process

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. **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.**
Receipted	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 *Details* page, and the filer is notified of the specifics through email.

4 Landing Page

Topics covered in this chapter

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

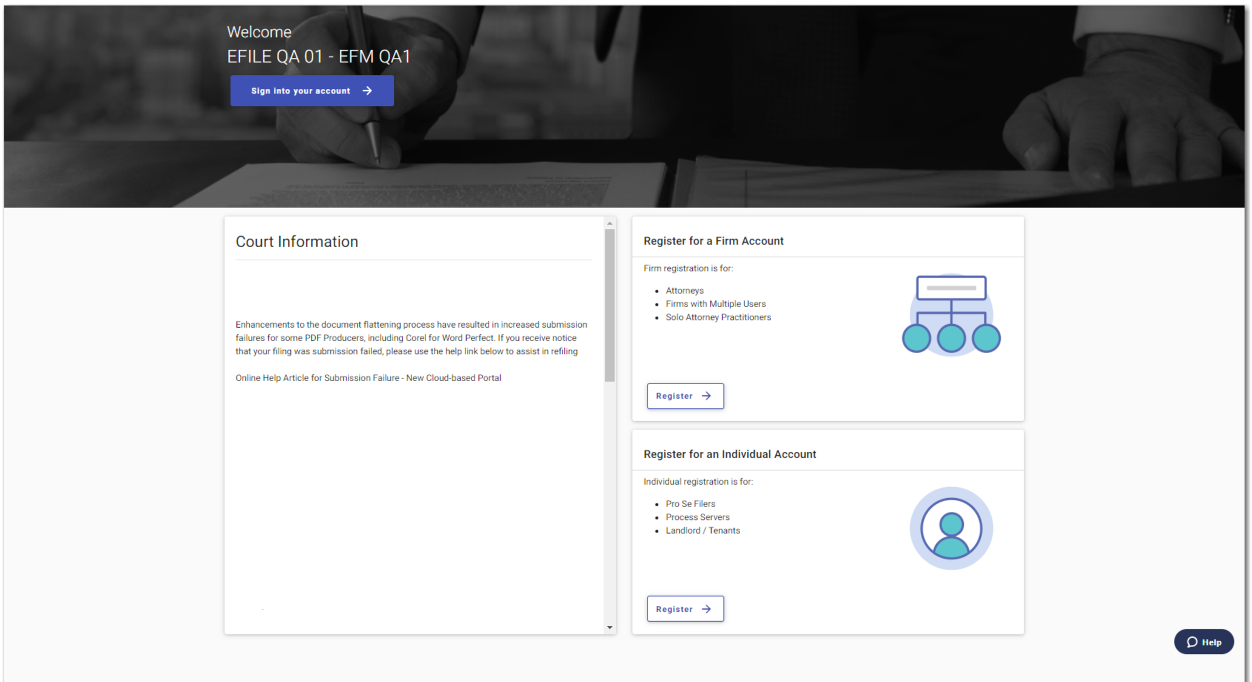


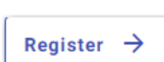
Figure 4.1 – Example of an eFile Landing Page

Registering as an Individual Filer

You can register as an individual filer if you are a single user of File & Serve, and if it is allowed by your court. The term “single user” refers to a user who is neither associated with nor represented by any firm.

Note: Refer to your local court’s website before registering as an individual filer, as registration options may vary or may not be permitted by your court.

To register as an individual filer:

1. On the *Landing* page, click 

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   The *Individual Account Registration* page is displayed.

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

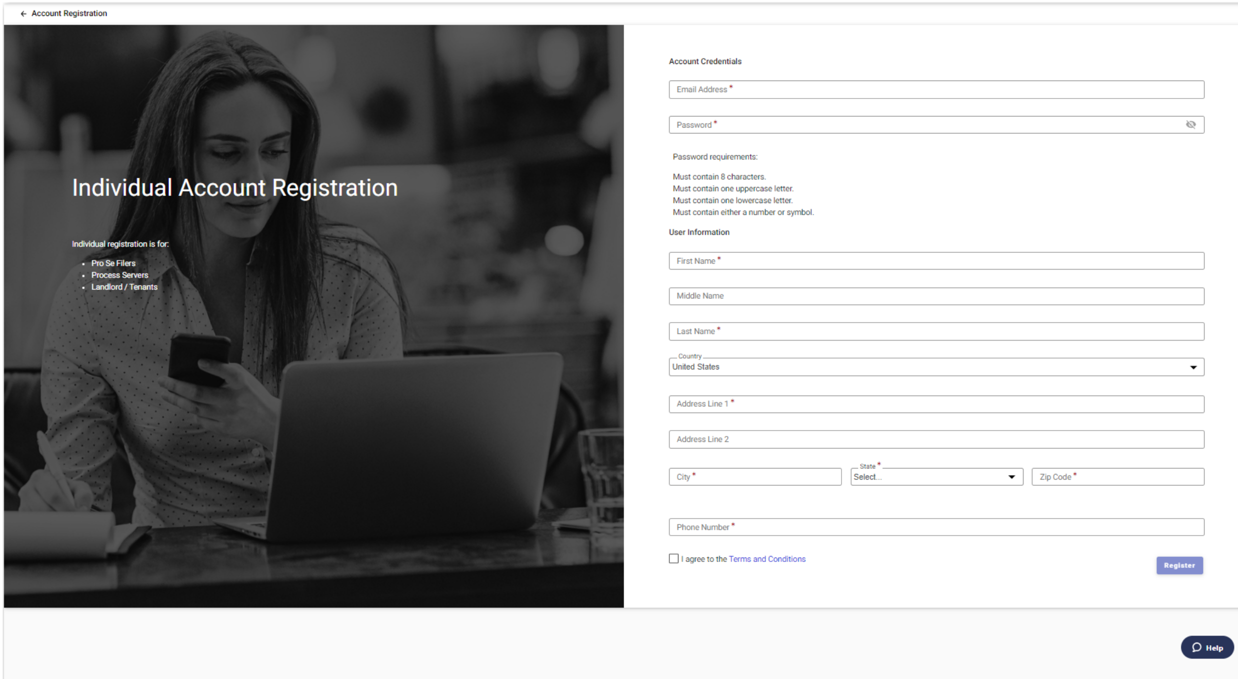

Figure 4.2 – Example of an Individual Account Registration Page

2. Complete the required fields.
3. Select the **I agree to the Terms and Conditions** check box.

   Note: Tyler recommends that you click the link to read the Terms and Conditions before selecting the check box. The Terms and Conditions are displayed in a separate tab in your browser. After you have read the Terms and Conditions, close the tab and return to the *Individual Account Registration* page.

4. Click 

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   The *Registration Successful* page is displayed.

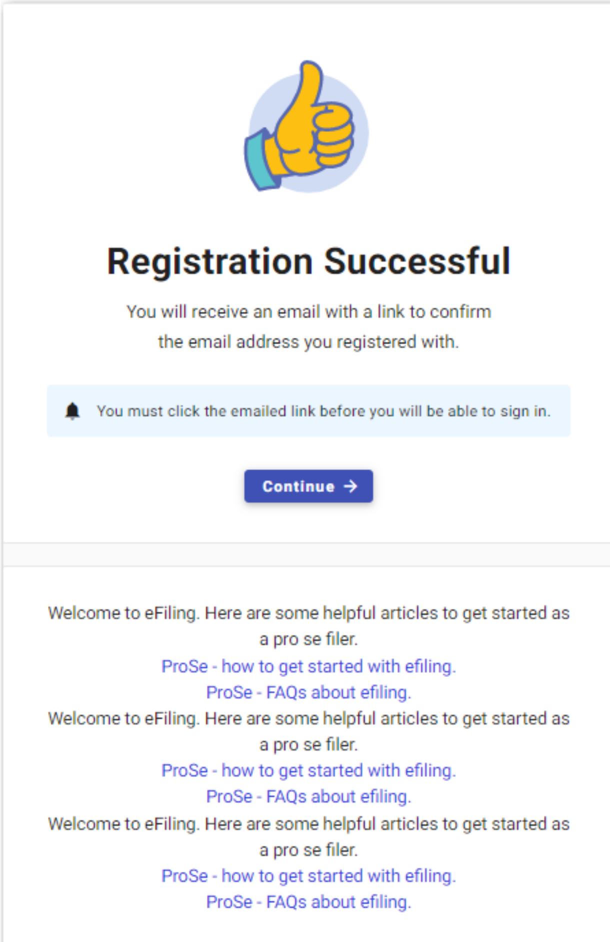


Figure 4.3 – Registration Successful Page

5. Check your inbox for the activation email from File & Serve.

   Note: You must verify your email address to complete the registration process. A verification email (from File & Serve) will be sent to you. Open the email and click the link to confirm your email address. If you do not see the email in your inbox, check your junk mail folder for the email.

   After you verify your email address, your registration is complete.

6. You can now navigate to the *Landing* page to sign in, or click **Continue →** on the *Registration Successful* page.

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 **Reset Password**.

The *Reset Password* window is displayed.

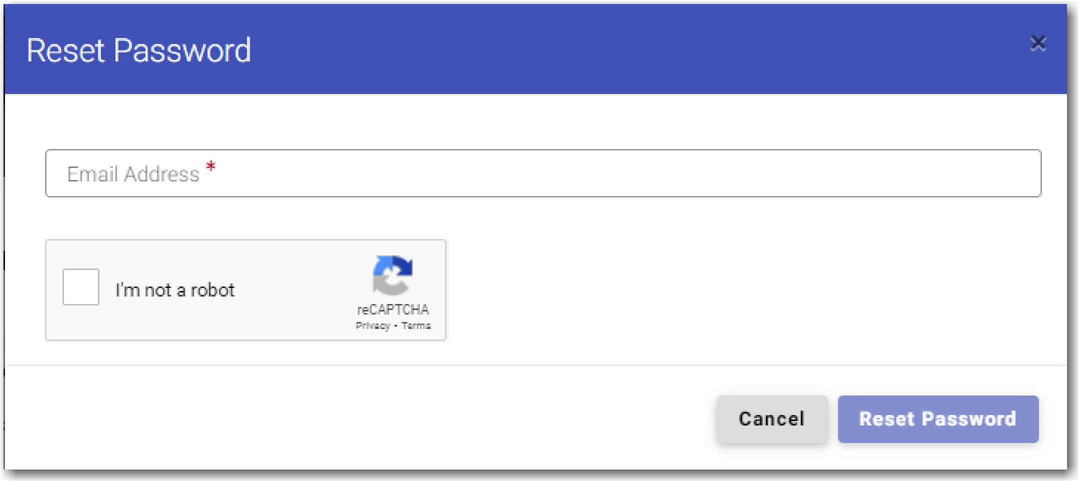


Figure 4.4 – Reset Password Window

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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

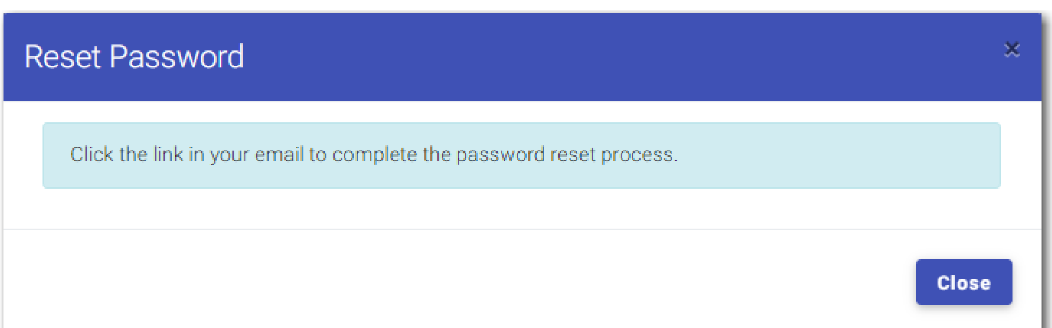
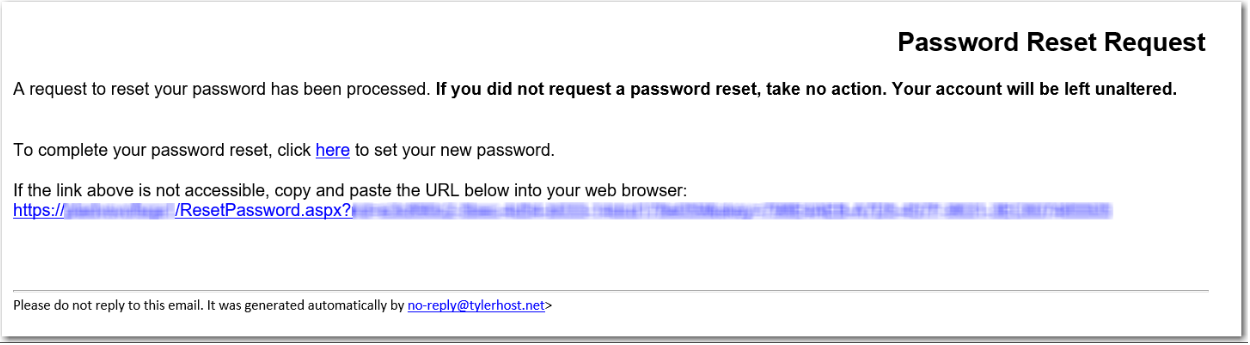


Figure 4.5 – Reset Password Window—Complete Reset Process

6. Check your email inbox.
7. Locate the email from File & Serve.


Password Reset Request

A request to reset your password has been processed. **If you did not request a password reset, take no action. Your account will be left unaltered.**

To complete your password reset, click here to set your new password.

If the link above is not accessible, copy and paste the URL below into your web browser:
https:// /ResetPassword.aspx?

Please do not reply to this email. It was generated automatically by no-reply@tylerhost.net>

Figure 4.6 – Example of the Password Reset Request Email

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

   You are prompted to create a new password.
9. 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.
10. Retype your new password in the **Repeat New Password** field.
11. Click **Change Password**.

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

Updating User Information

You can update your personal information.

To update your personal information:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Information**.

   The *My Information* page is displayed.

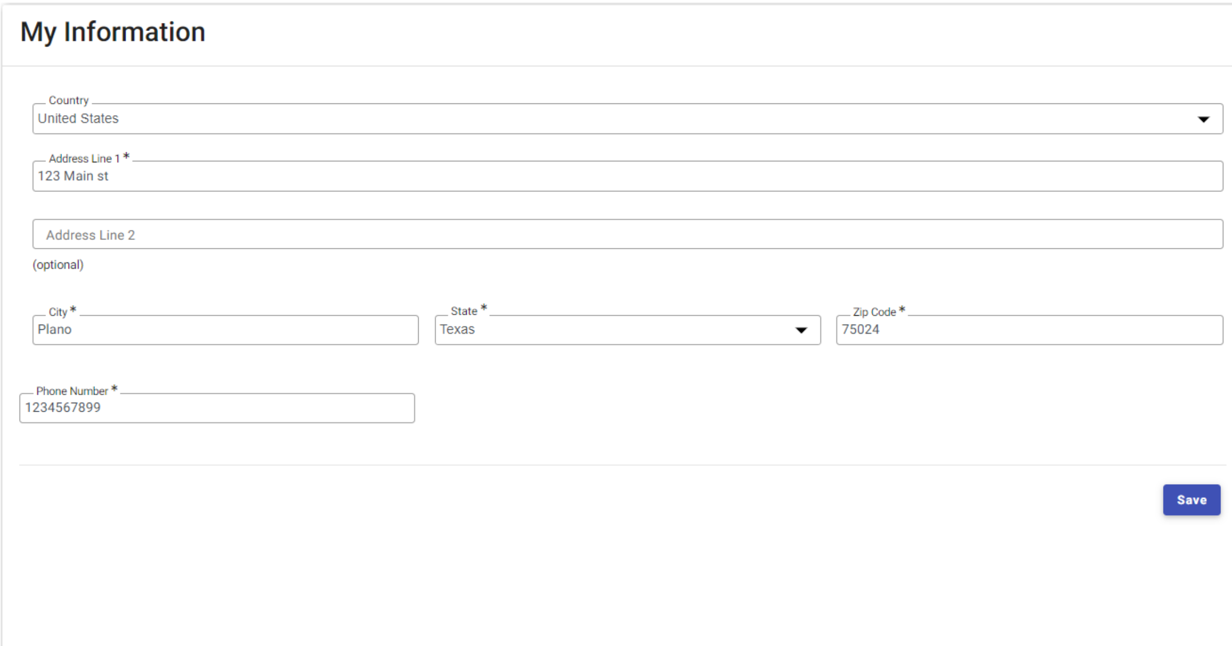


Figure 4.7 – Example of a My Information Page

2. Update any information as needed, and then click 

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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 Register → to register if you have not registered before.

To sign in to the application:

1. Navigate to the File & Serve *Landing* page.
2. Click **Sign into your account →**.
3. Type your email address and password (which is case-sensitive).

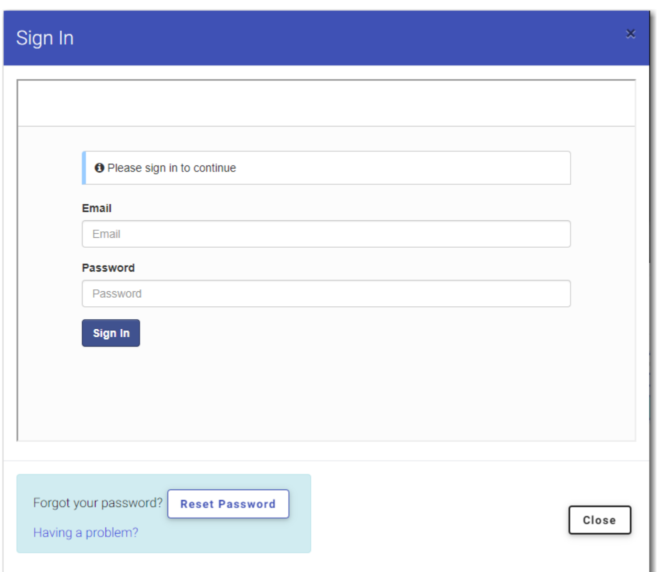

Figure 5.1 – Example of a Sign In Page

4. Click **Sign In**.

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.

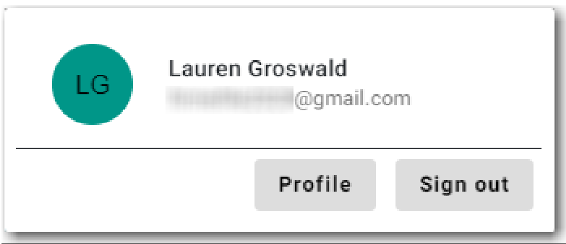

Figure 5.2 – Manage Account Window

2. Click  .

   You are now signed out of the application.

6 Manage Account

Topics covered in this chapter

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.

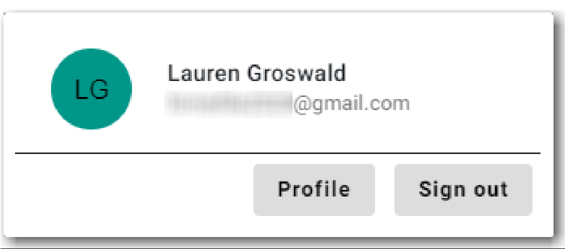

Figure 6.1 – Manage Account Window

2. Click .

   The *Profile* page is displayed.

3. Click **Change Password**.

   The *Change Password* page is displayed.

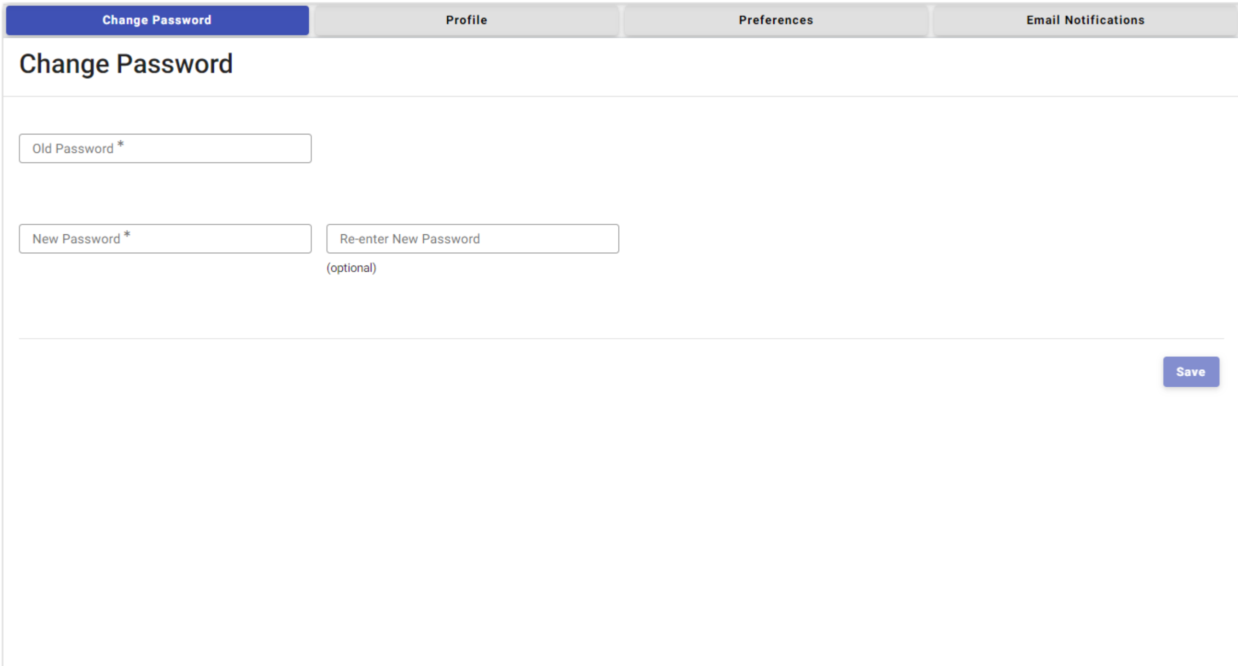

Figure 6.2 – Change Password Page

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 

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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.

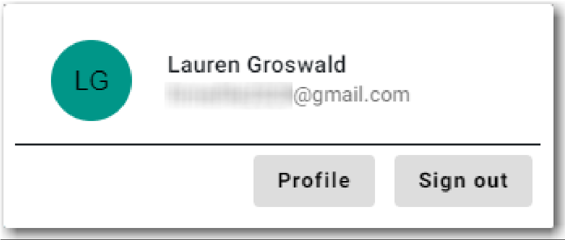

Figure 6.3 – Manage Account Window

2. Click .

   The *Profile* page is displayed.

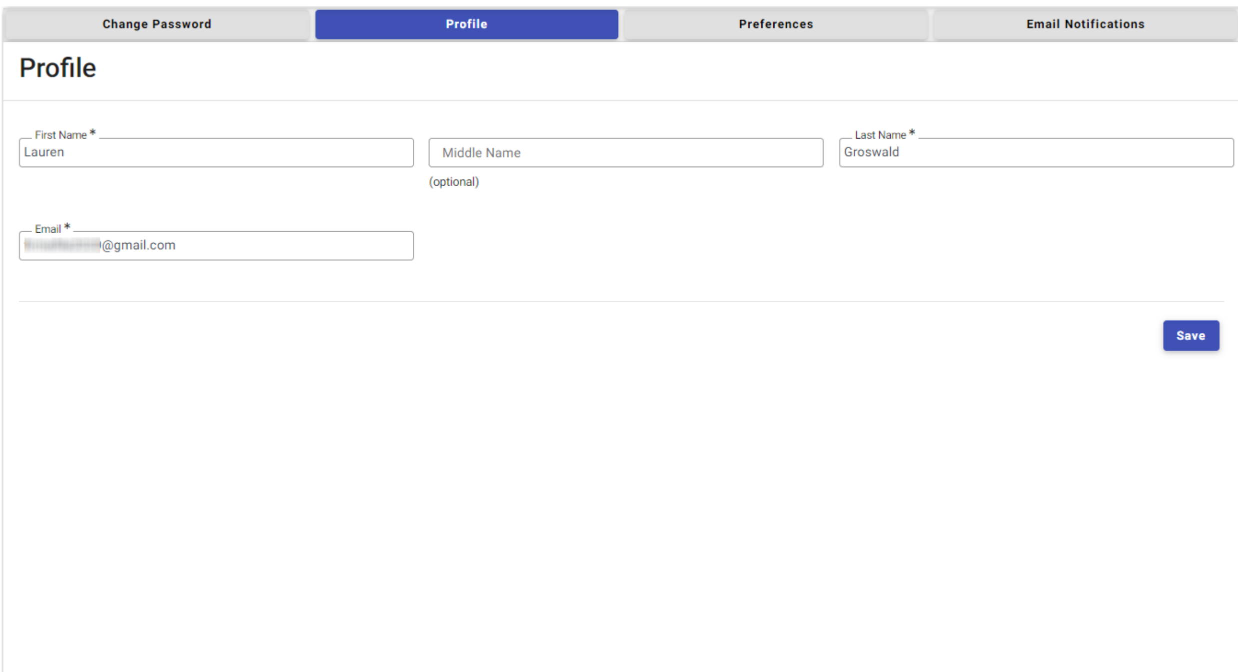

Figure 6.4 – Profile Page

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.

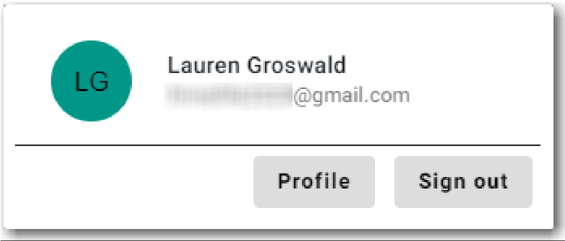

Figure 6.5 – Manage Account Window

2. Click .

   The *Profile* page is displayed.

3. Click **Preferences**.

   The *Preferences* page is displayed.

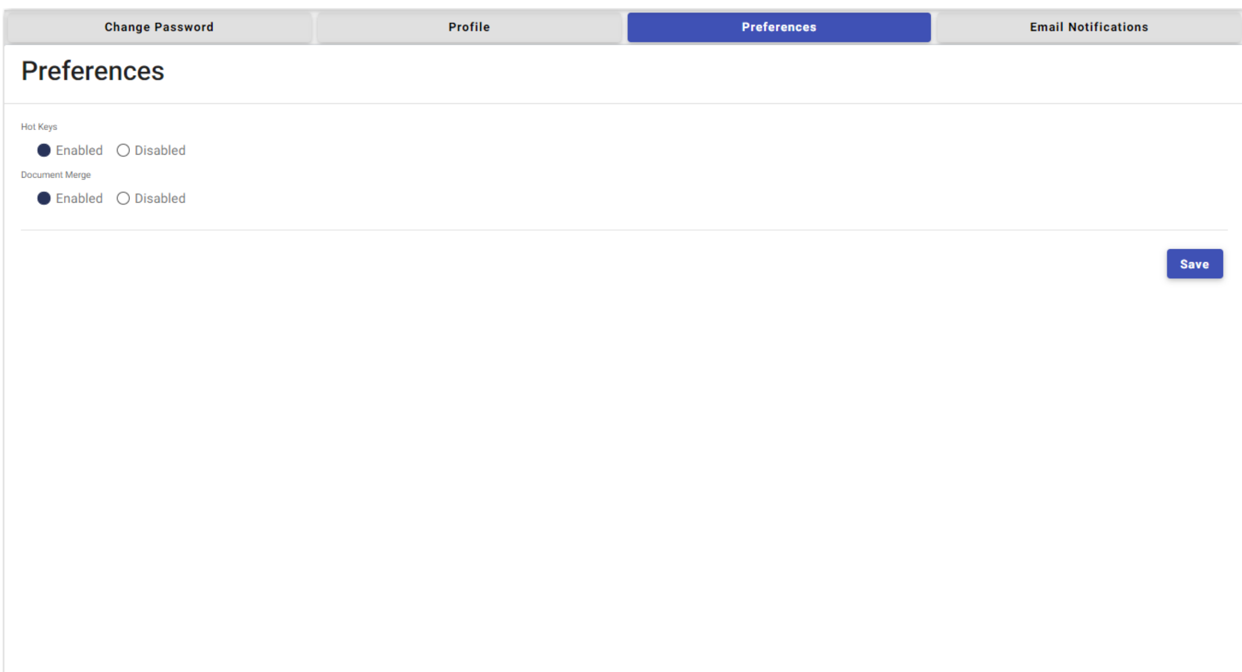

Figure 6.6 – Preferences Page

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.

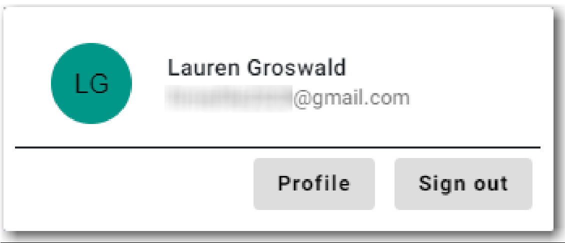

Figure 6.7 – Manage Account Window

2. Click  .

   The *Profile* page is displayed.

3. Click **Email Notifications**.

   The *Email Notifications* page is displayed.

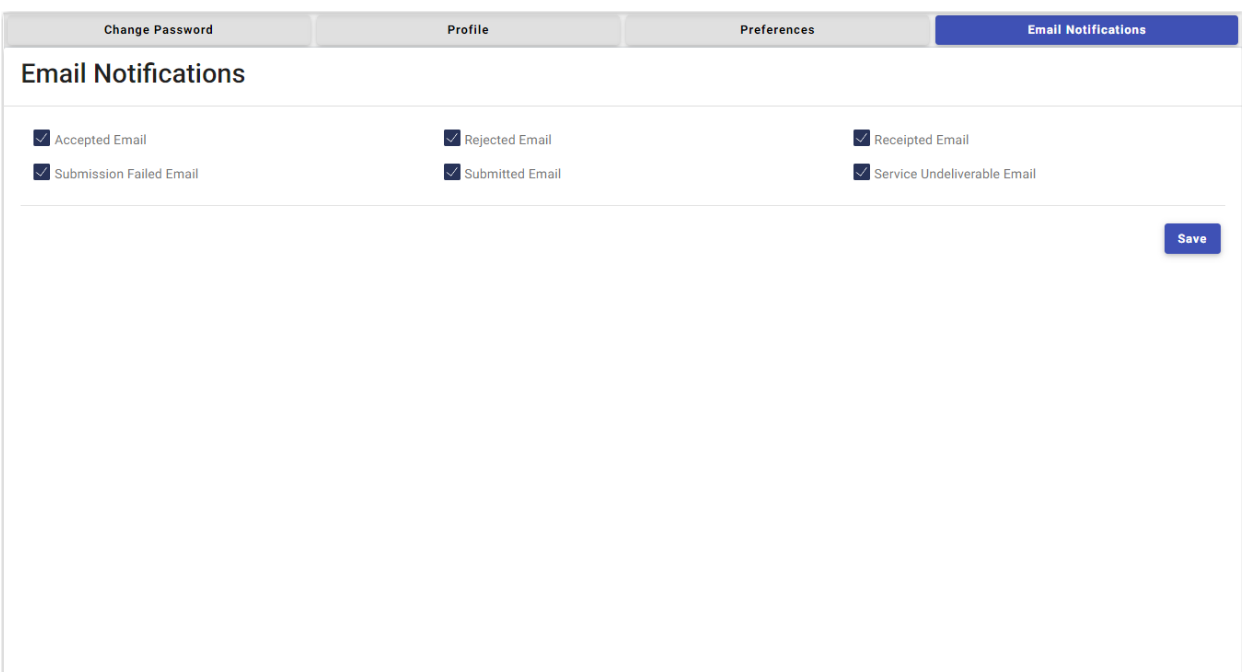

Figure 6.8 – Email Notifications Page

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

5. Click 

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7 Dashboard

Topics covered in this chapter

♦ Dashboard Page

The Dashboard provides a drop-down list for filer actions.

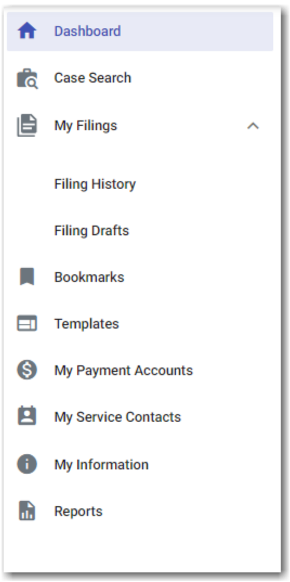


Figure 7.1 – Dashboard

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 *Payment Accounts* page to set up and manage payment accounts.
- Access the *Service Contacts* page to add and manage your service contacts list.
- View and update your profile information on the *My Information* page.
- Access the *Reports* page to generate reports for envelopes and filings that you submitted.

Dashboard Page

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

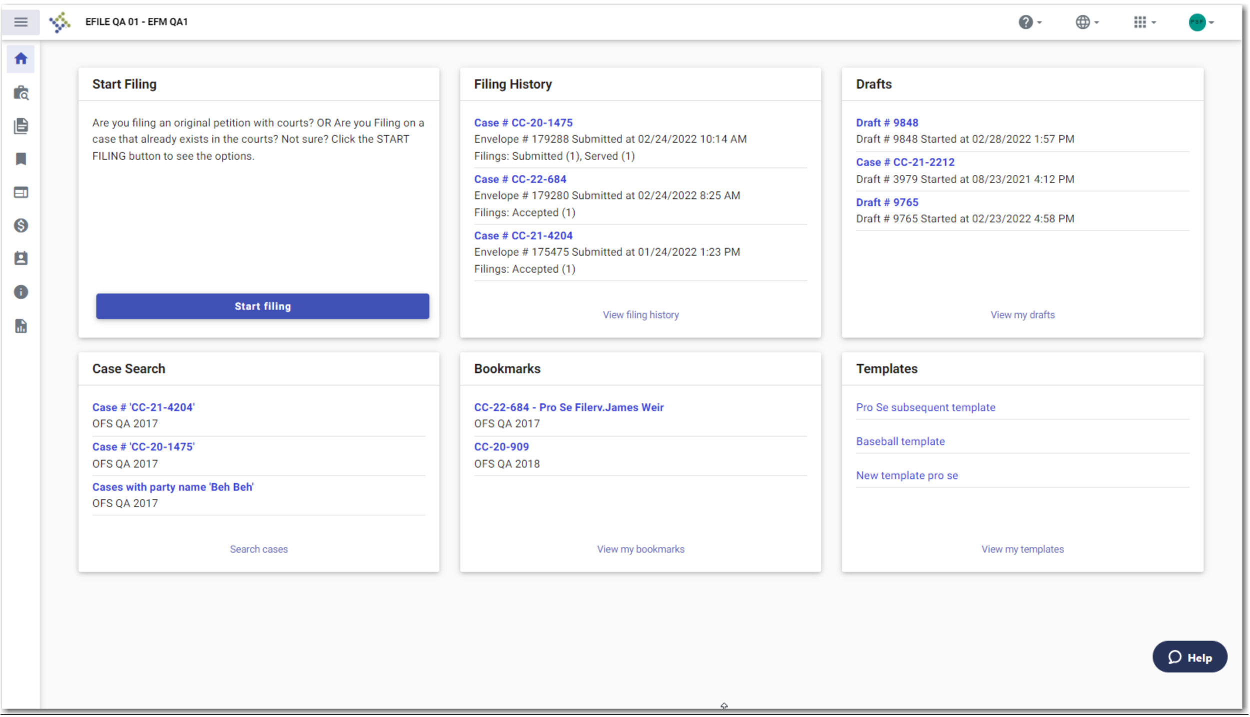
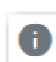


Figure 7.2 – Dashboard Page

Start Filing

Click 

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

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

Filing History

Click **See Filing History** to access the *Filing History* page. From here, you can view the status of your filing, 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.

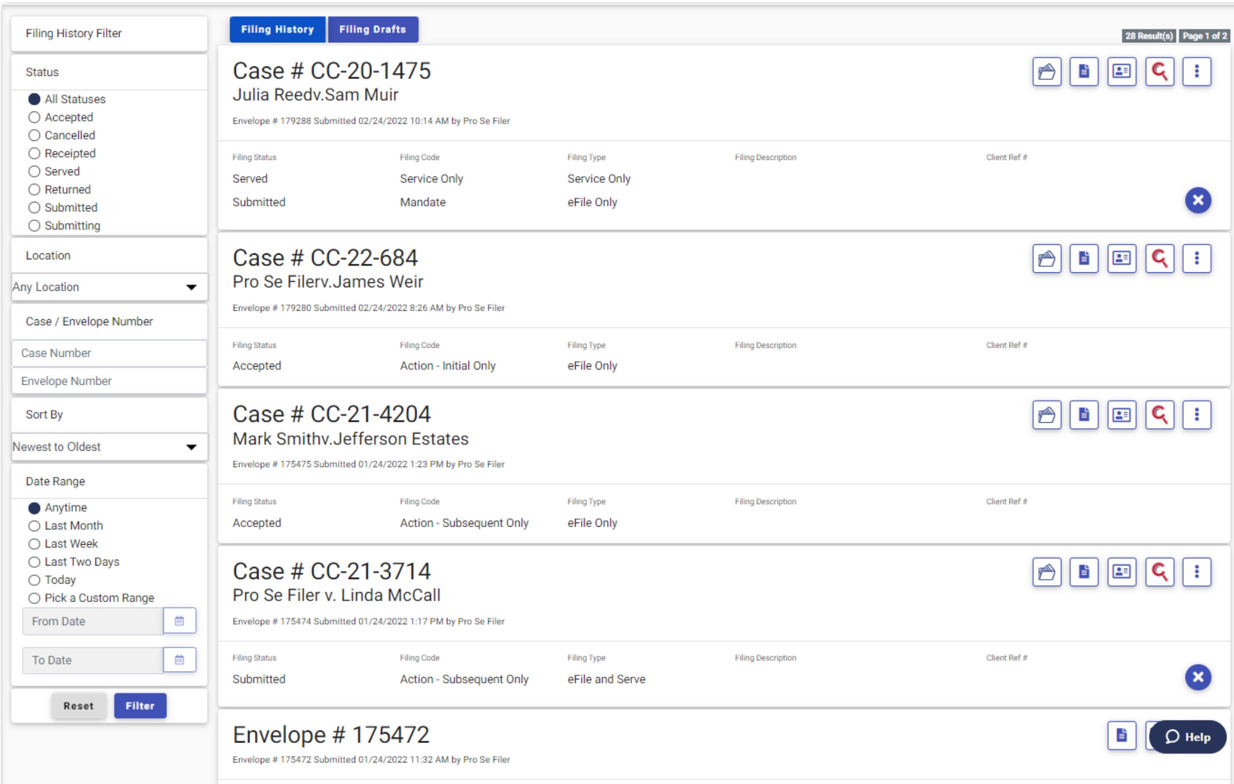


Figure 7.3 – Filing History Page

Drafts

Click **View My Drafts** to access the *Filing Drafts* page. From here, you can view your draft filings, resume a filing, or cancel a draft filing.

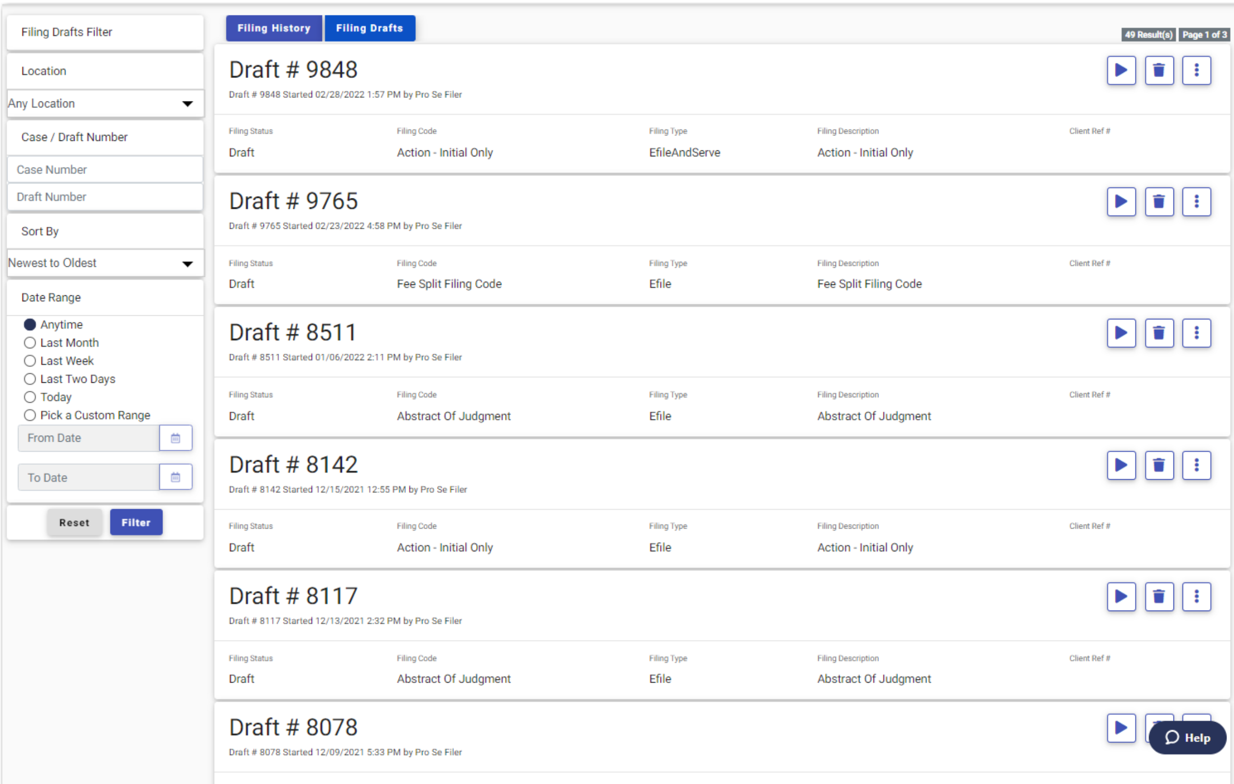


Figure 7.4 – Filing Drafts Page

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.

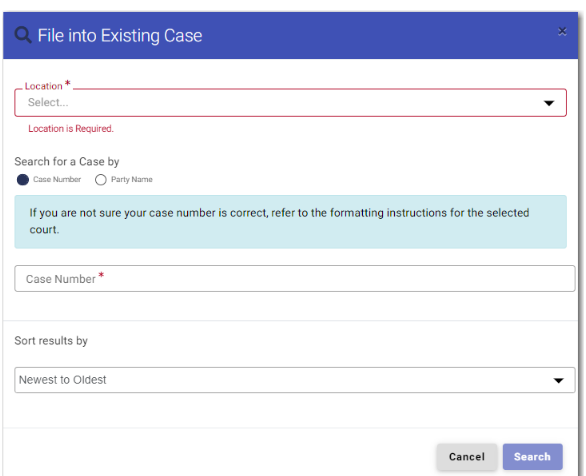
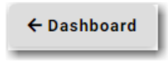


Figure 7.5 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

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.

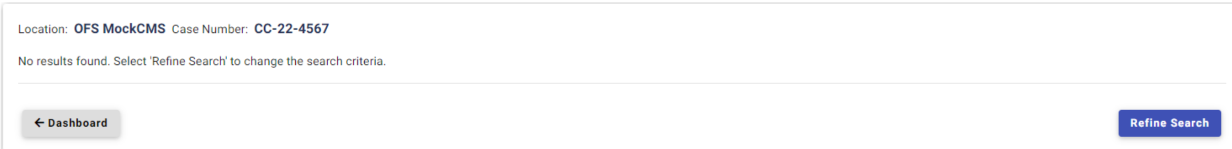


Figure 7.6 – Case Search Page with No Search Results Displayed

Bookmarks

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

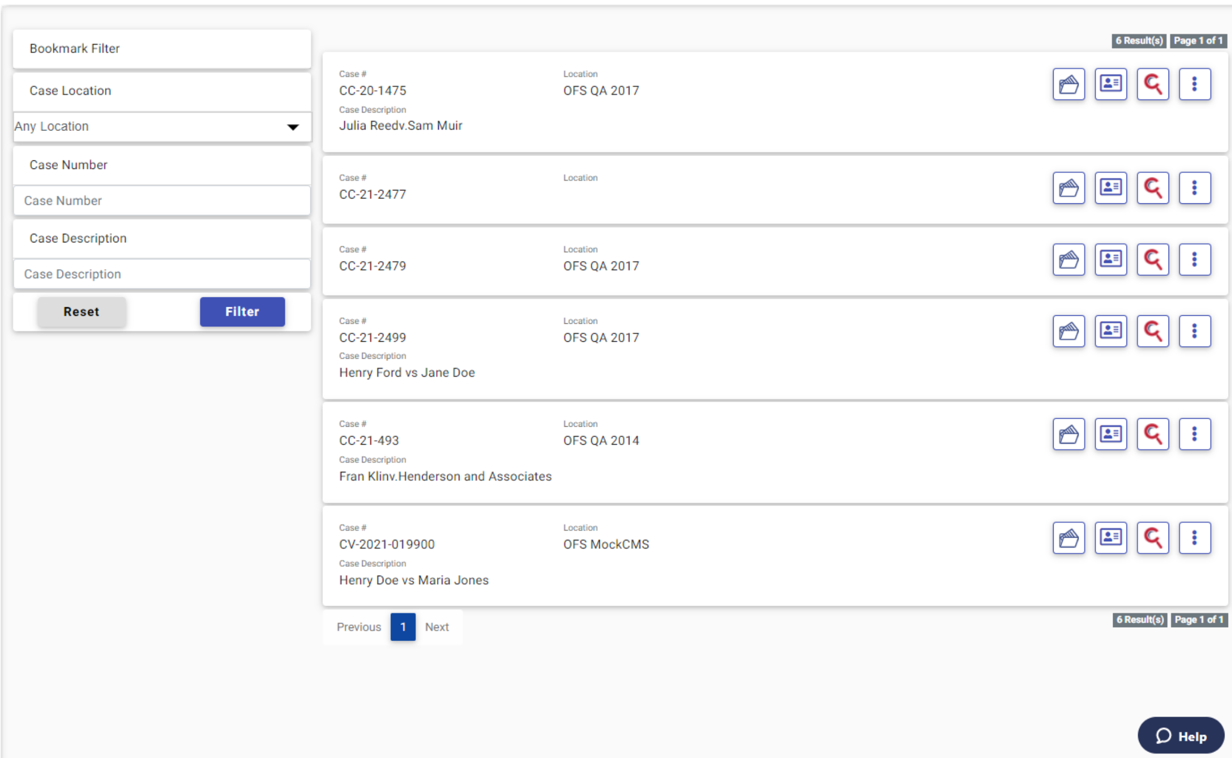


Figure 7.7 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

Templates

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

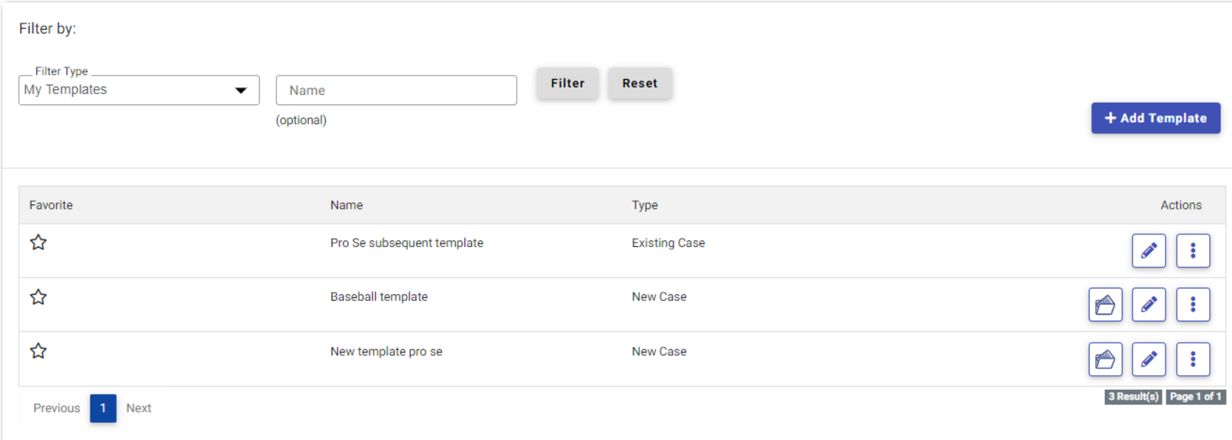


Figure 7.8 – Templates Page

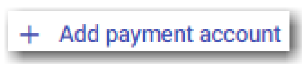
8 Payment Accounts

Topics covered in this chapter

You must set up a payment account to submit a filing to the court.

You can set up a payment account from the Dashboard menu or from the *Fees* page while you are creating a filing.

To set up a payment account from the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**. The *Payment Accounts* page opens. On that page, you can manage your payment accounts. You can add a new account, edit an existing account, or delete an existing account.

To set up a payment account during a filing, click 

on the *Fees* page. Then, follow the steps to create the payment account.

Adding a Waiver Payment Account

To set up a waiver payment account:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**.

   The *Payment Accounts* page is displayed.

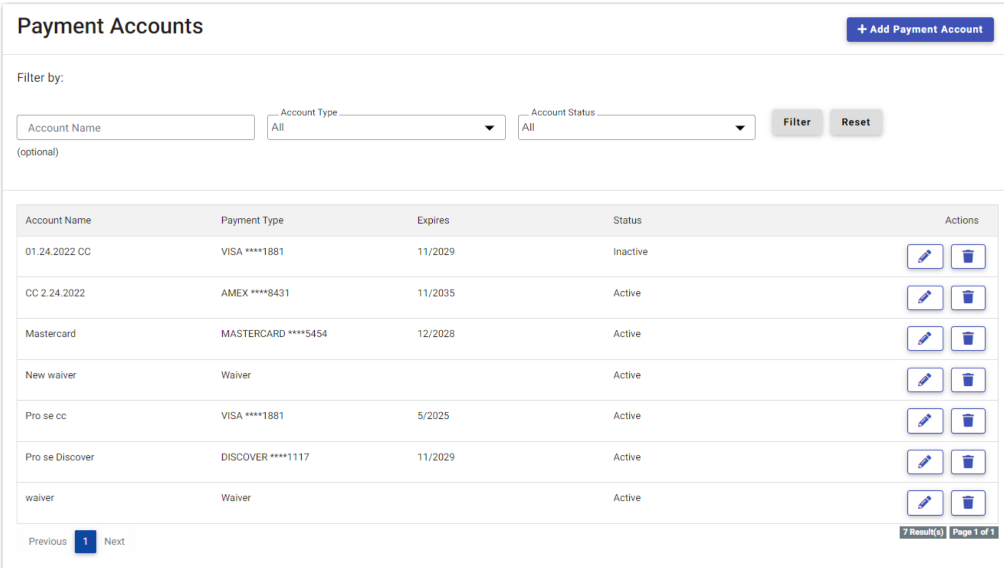


Figure 8.1 – Example of a Payment Accounts Page

2. Click .

   A new pane is displayed.

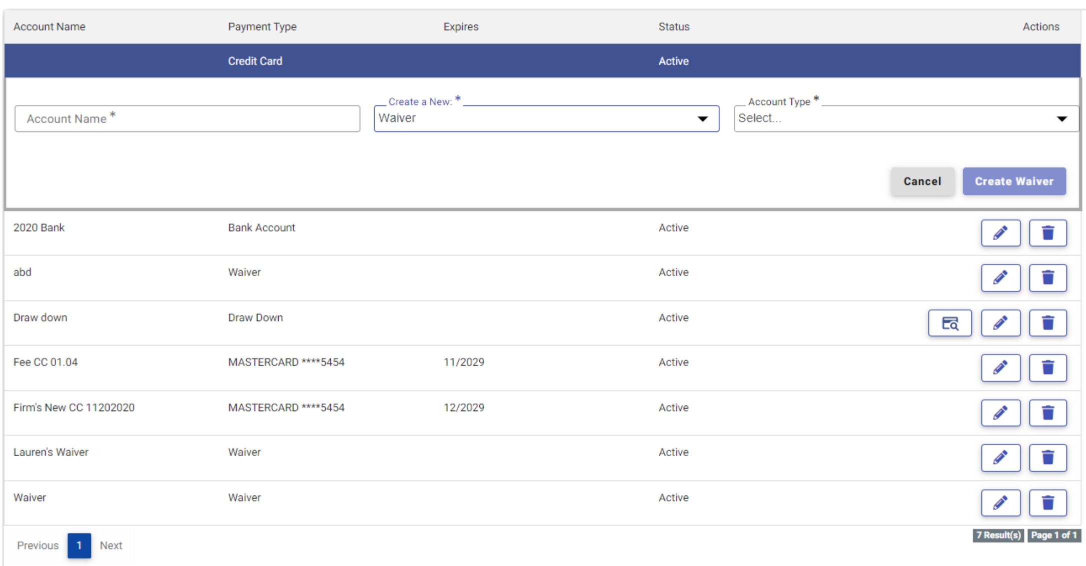


Figure 8.2 – New Payment Account Pane

3. Type a name for the payment account in the **Account Name** field.
4. Select **Waiver** from the **Create a New** drop-down list.

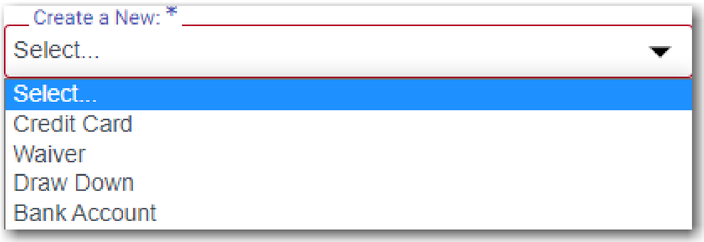


Figure 8.3 – Create a New Drop-Down List

5. Select **Waiver** from the **Account Type** drop-down list.

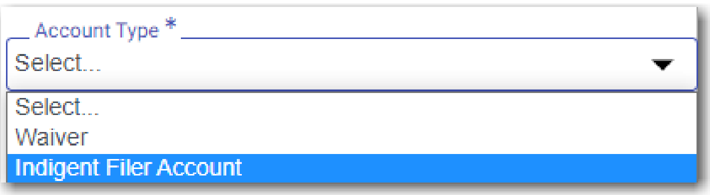


Figure 8.4 – Account Type Drop-Down List for Waivers

6. Click 

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   The new account is added to the list of your other payment accounts.

Adding a Credit Card Payment Account

To set up a credit card payment account:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**.

   The *Payment Accounts* page is displayed.

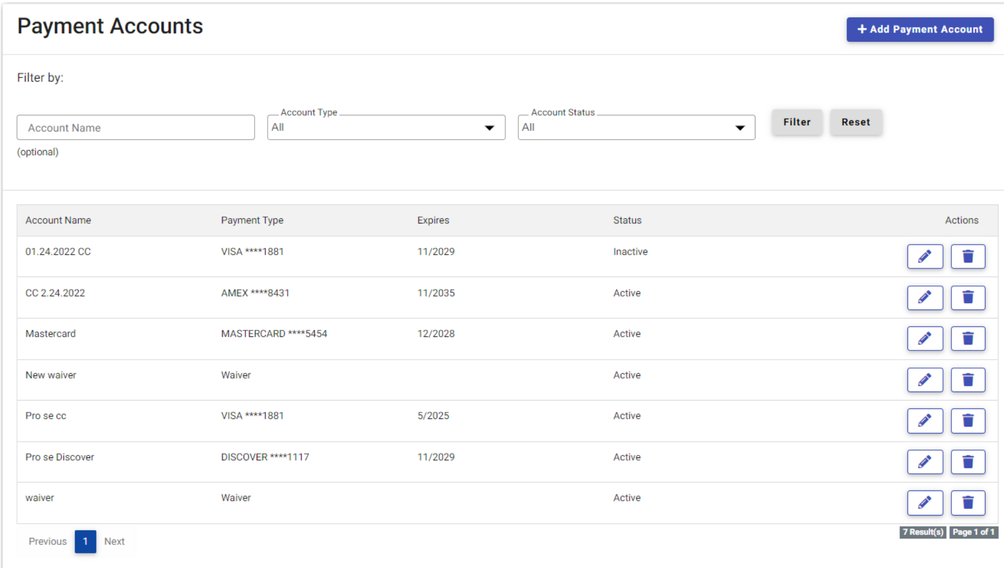

Figure 8.5 – Payment Accounts Page

2. Click 

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   A new pane is displayed.

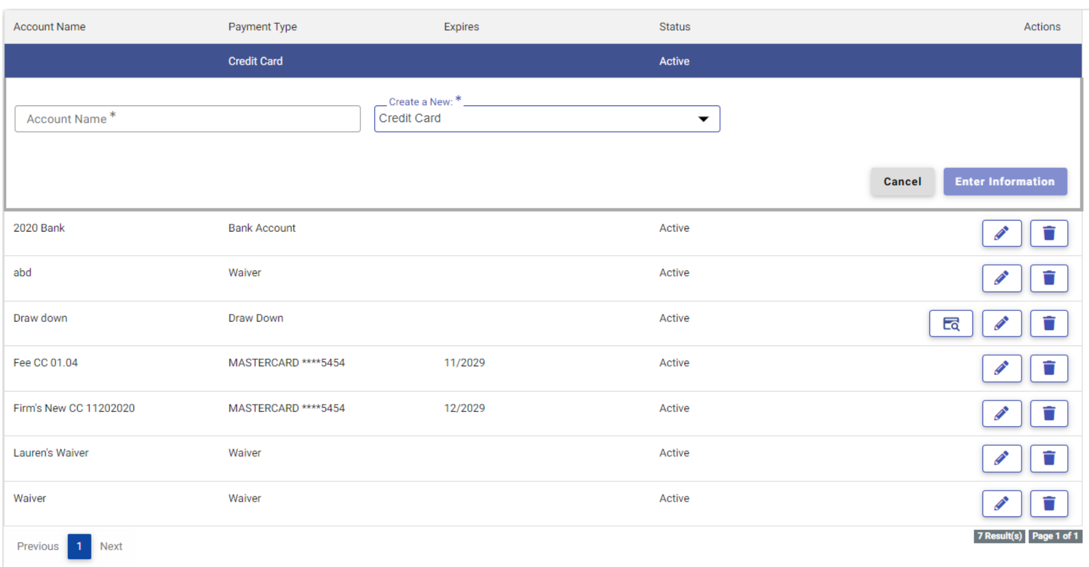

Figure 8.6 – New Payment Account Pane

3. Type a name for the payment account in the **Account Name** field.
4. Select **Credit Card** from the **Create a New** drop-down list.

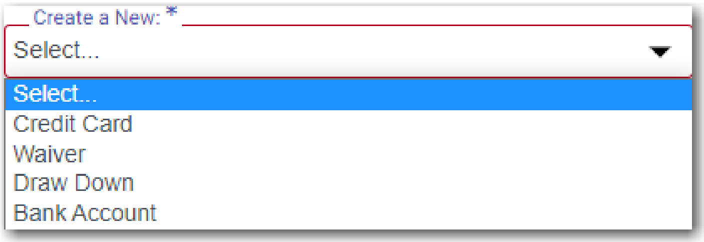

Figure 8.7 – Create a New Drop-Down List

5. Click 

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The *Enter Information* window is displayed.

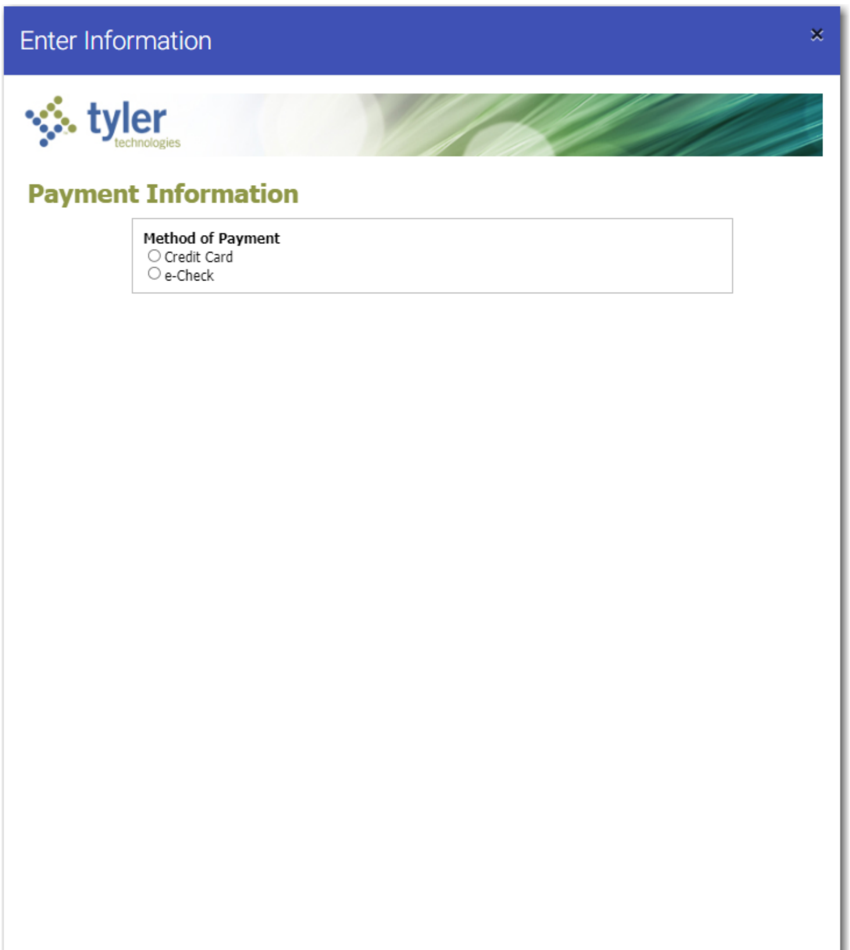

Figure 8.8 – Enter Information Window

6. Select **Credit Card**.

The Payment Information pane is displayed.

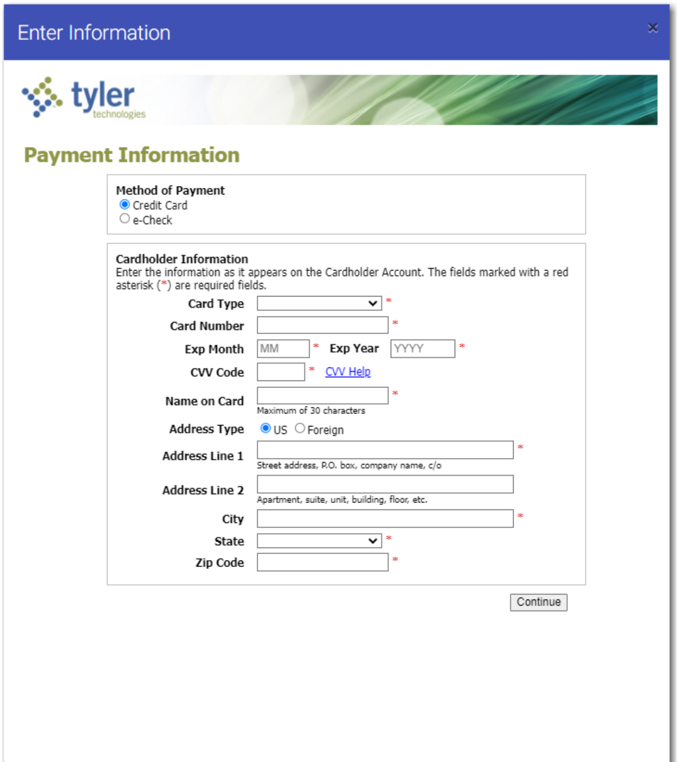

Figure 8.9 – Payment Information Pane

7. Select the card type from the **Card Type** drop-down list.
8. Type the card number in the **Card Number** field.
9. Type the expiration month of the credit card in the **Exp Month** field.
10. Type the year the credit card expires in the **Exp Year** field.
11. Type the Card Verification Value (CVV) code in the **CVV Code** field.
12. Type the cardholder's name in the **Name on Card** field.
13. Select the address type, and then complete the required address fields.
14. After completing all of the required fields, click 

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    The Verify Billing Information pane is displayed.

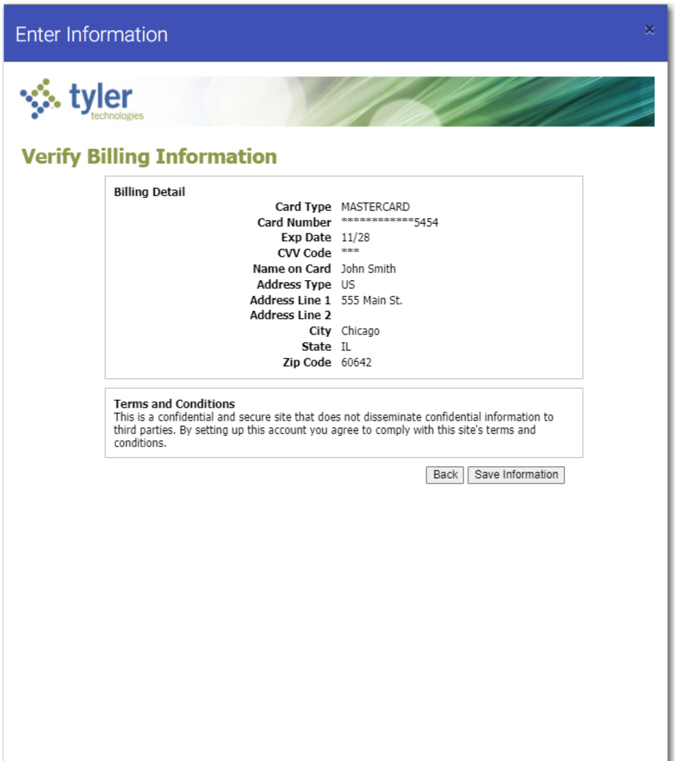

Figure 8.10 – Verify Billing Information Pane

15. Review the information you have entered. If it is correct, click Save Information. If it is not correct, click Back and make any necessary changes.

    The new account is added to the list of your other payment accounts.

Adding an E-Check Payment Account

Note: Your court may not accept e-check payment accounts. The ability to use an e-check account is configured by Tyler and may not be available on your system.

To set up an e-check payment account:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**.

   The *Payment Accounts* page is displayed.

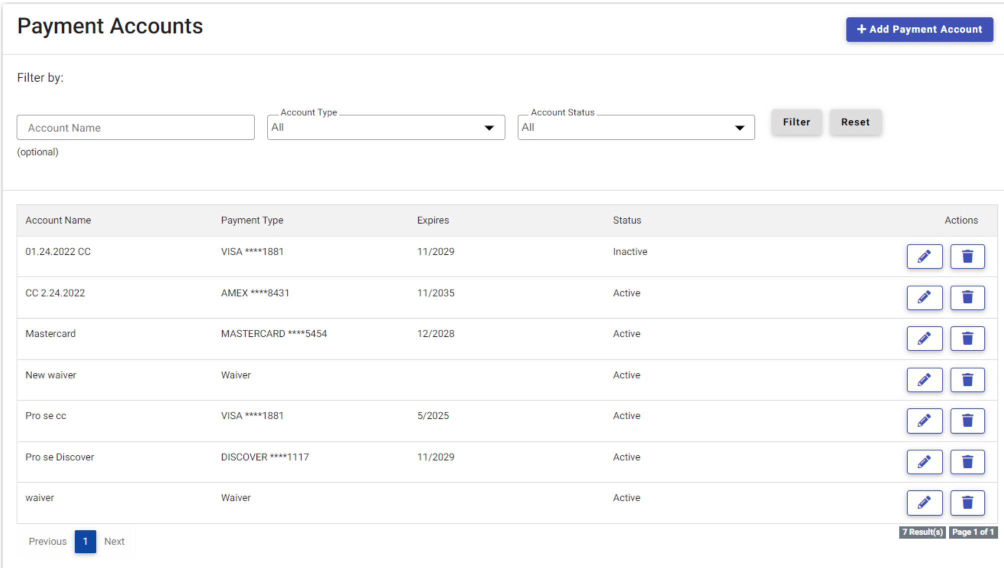

Figure 8.11 – Payment Accounts Page

2. Click 

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   A new pane is displayed.

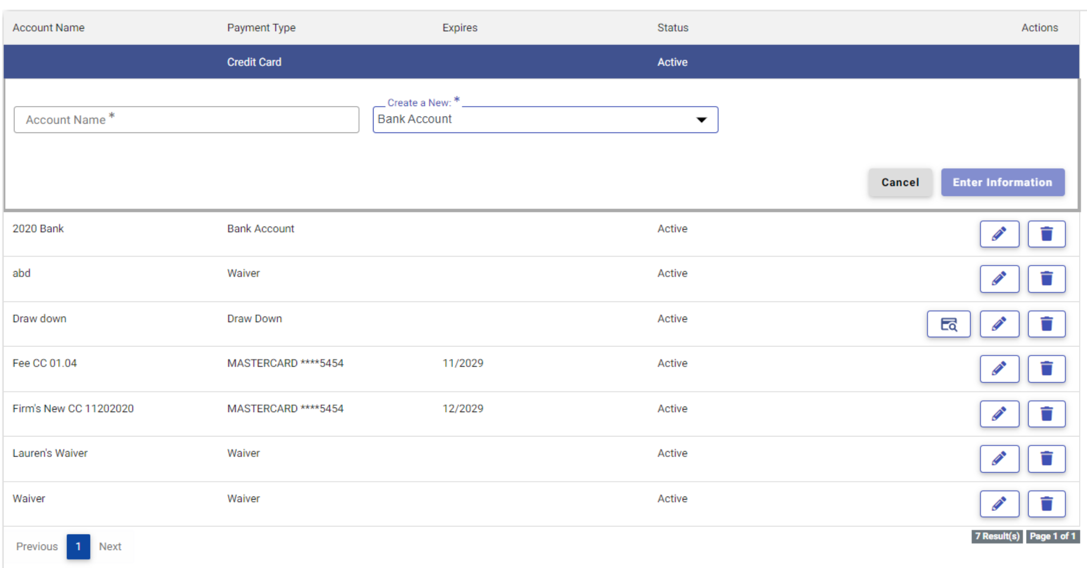

Figure 8.12 – New Payment Account Pane

3. Type a name for the payment account in the **Account Name** field.
4. Select **Bank Account** from the **Create a New** drop-down list.

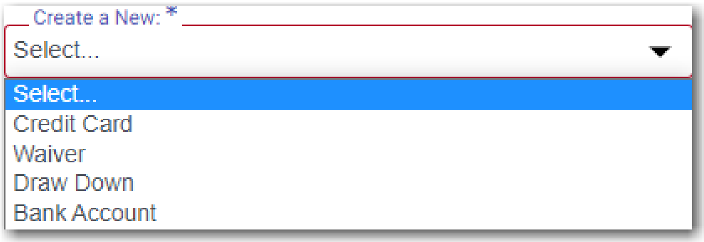

Figure 8.13 – Create a New Drop-Down List

5. Click 

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   The *Enter Information* window is displayed.

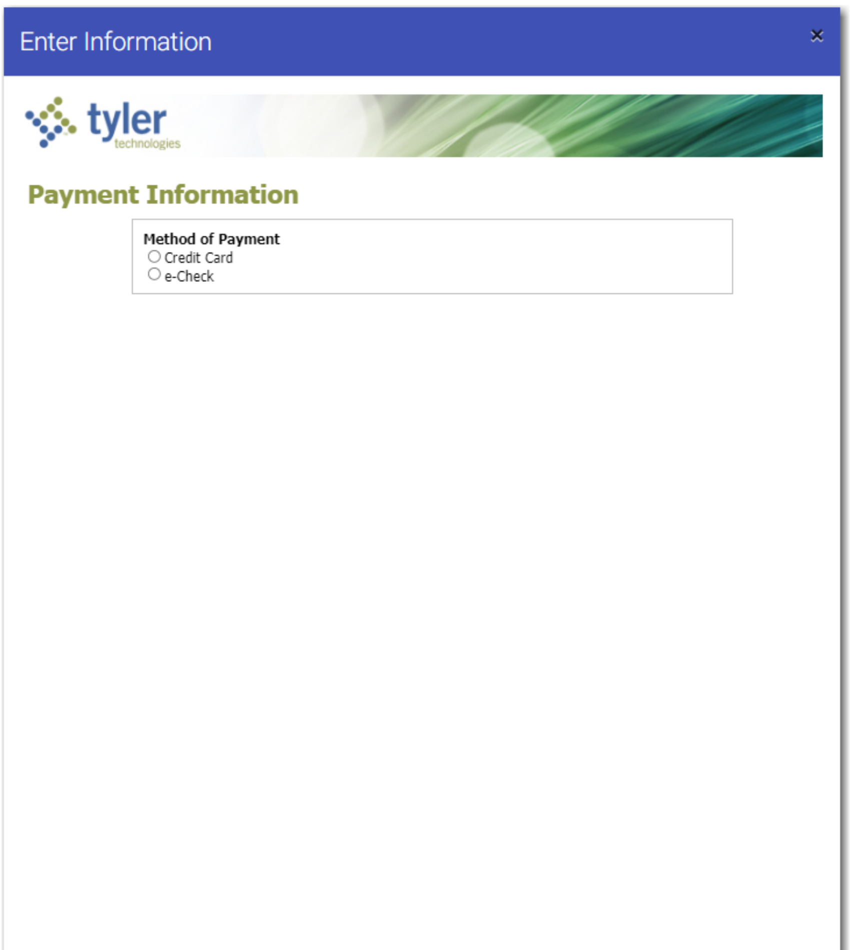

Figure 8.14 – Enter Information Window

6. Select **e-Check**.

   The Payment Information pane is displayed.

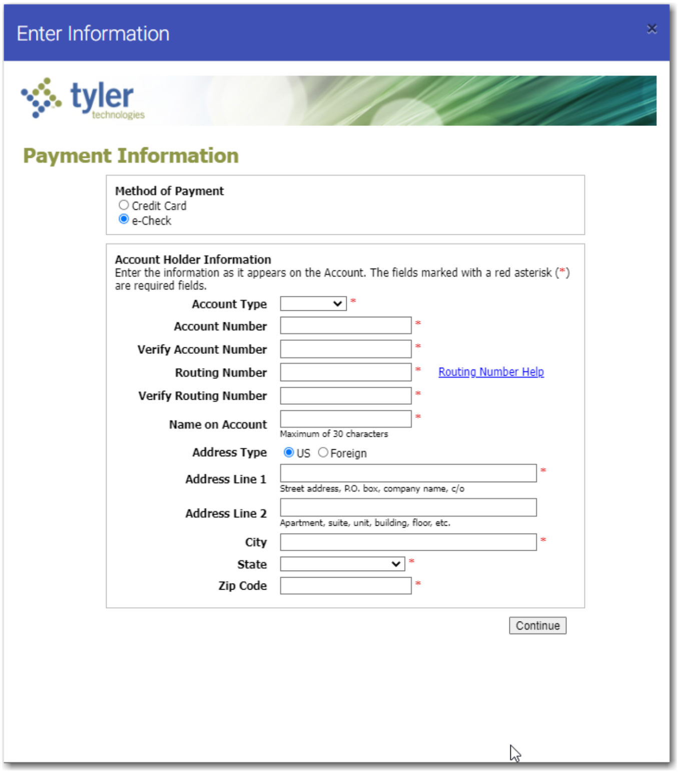

Figure 8.15 – Payment Information Pane

7. Select the account type from the **Account Type** drop-down list.
8. Type your account number in the **Account Number** field.
9. Type the bank routing number in the **Routing Number** field.
10. Type your name in the **Name on Account** field.
11. Select the address type, and then complete the required address fields.
12. After completing all of the required fields, click 

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    The Verify Billing Information pane is displayed.

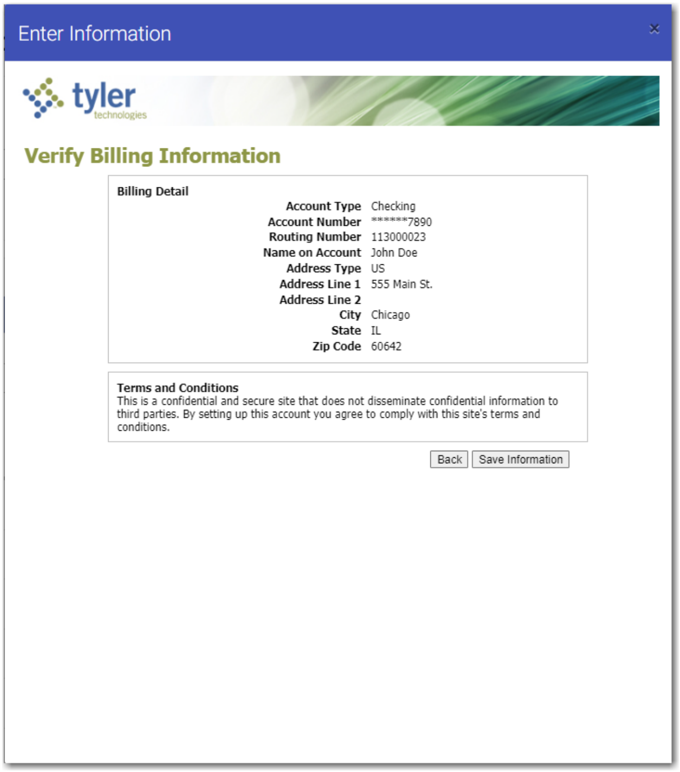

Figure 8.16 – Verify Billing Information Pane

13. Review the information you have entered. If it is correct, click Save Information. If it is not correct, click Back and make any necessary changes.

    The new bank account is added to the list of your other payment accounts.

Adding a Draw-Down Account

You can create a draw-down account on the *Payment Accounts* page for use at a later time, or you can create a draw-down account on the *Fees* page during a case filing.

To add a draw-down account from the *Payment Accounts* page:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**.

   The *Payment Accounts* page is displayed.

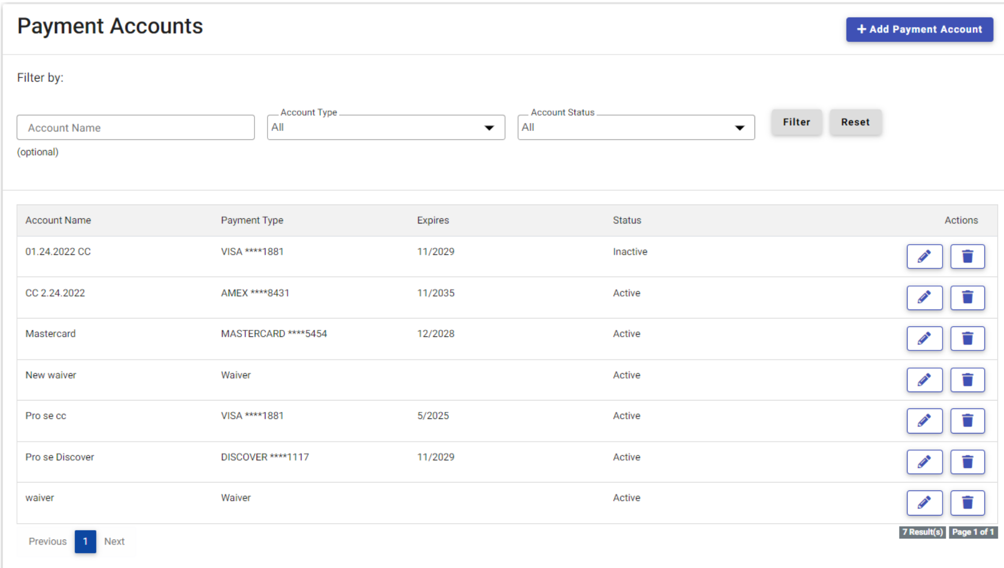

Figure 8.17 – Payment Accounts Page

2. Click 

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A new pane is displayed.

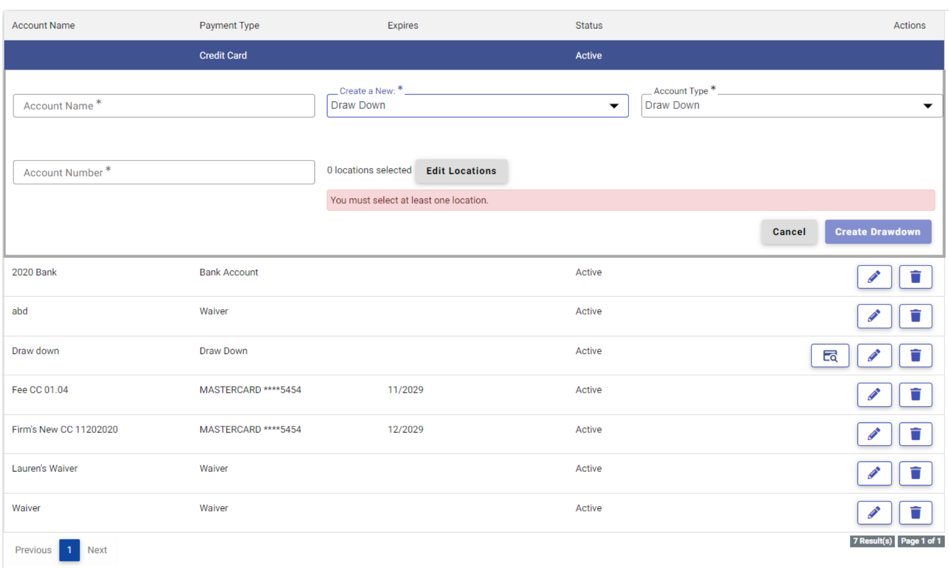

Figure 8.18 – New Payment Account Pane

3. Type a name for the payment account in the **Account Name** field.
4. Select **Draw Down** from the **Create a New** drop-down list.

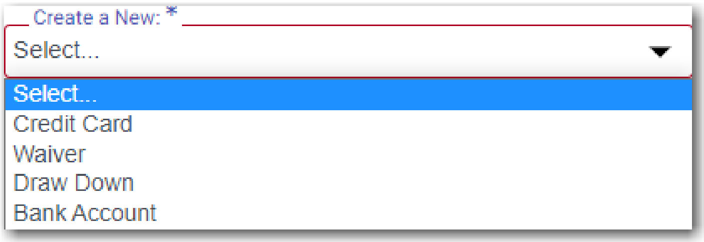

Figure 8.19 – Create a New Drop-Down List

5. Select **Draw Down** from the **Account Type** drop-down list.
6. Type an account number in the **Account Number** field.
7. Click **Edit Locations**.

   The *Edit locations for Draw Down* window is displayed.

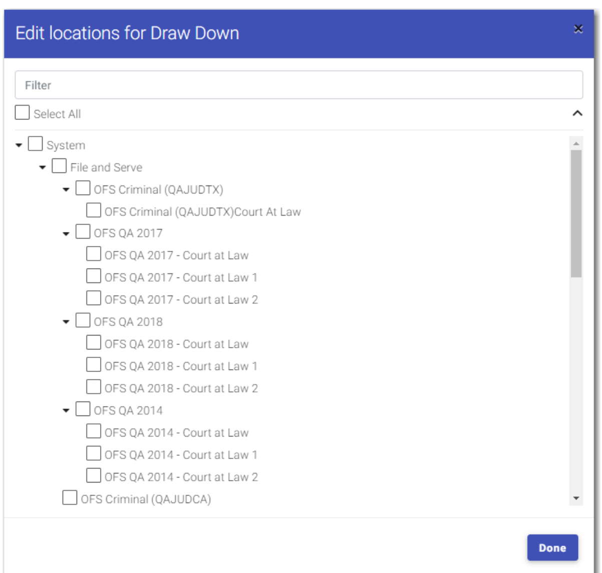

Figure 8.20 – Example of the Edit Locations for Draw Down Window

8. Select the locations where the draw-down account can be used, and then click **Done**.
9. Click **Create Drawdown**.

   The *Balance for Draw down* window is displayed.

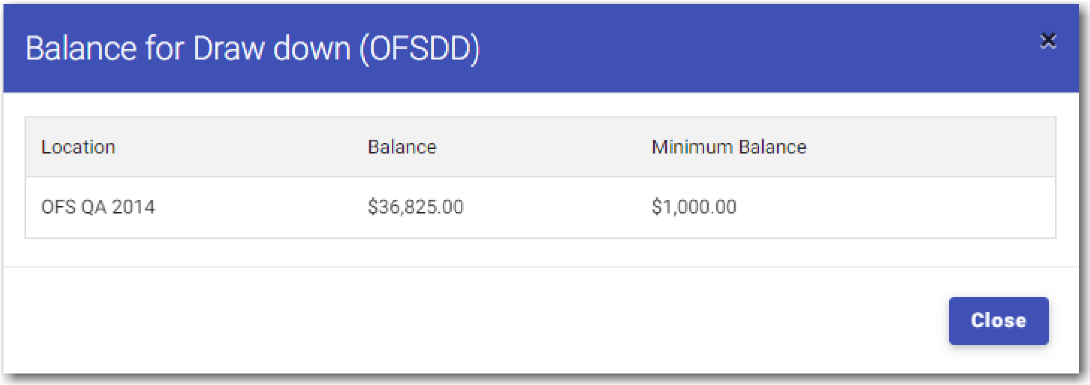

Figure 8.21 – Example of a Balance for Draw Down Window

10. Verify the amount for the location that you selected. Then, click 

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    The new account is added to the list of your other payment accounts.

Editing a Payment Account

After you have set up a payment account, you can change the status of the account from Active to Inactive. You can also change the name of the account.

Note: If you need to change any other information in the payment account, you cannot edit it. You must delete the account and then add it back with the new information.

To change the status or the name of an existing payment account:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**.

    The *Payment Accounts* page is displayed.

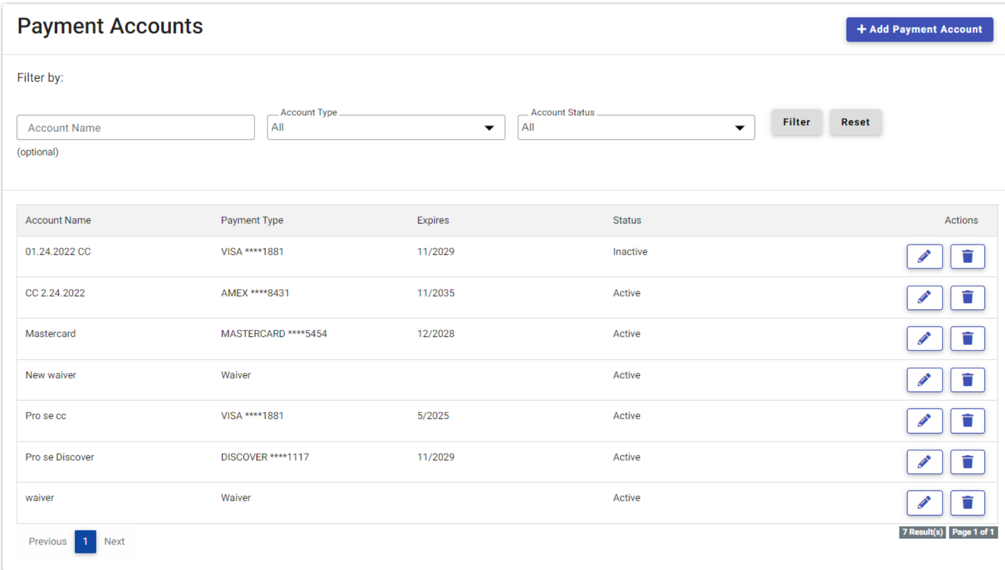


Figure 8.22 – Payment Accounts Page

2. Locate the payment account for which you want to change the status or the name, and then click  .

   Note: If the current status of the specified account is Active, the Active check box is selected.

3. To change the status to Inactive, clear the **Active** check box. If you want to change the name of the account, type the new name. Then, click  .

   The status of the payment account changes to Inactive. If you changed the name, the new name is displayed.

4. To return the payment account to the Active status, click  , and then select the **Active** check box. Then, click  .

   The status of the payment account changes back to the Active status.

Deleting a Payment Account

You can delete an existing payment account that you no longer want. If you need to make changes to an existing payment account, you must delete it and then add it back.

To delete an existing payment account:

1. On the Dashboard menu, click **My Payment Accounts**.

   The *Payment Accounts* page is displayed.

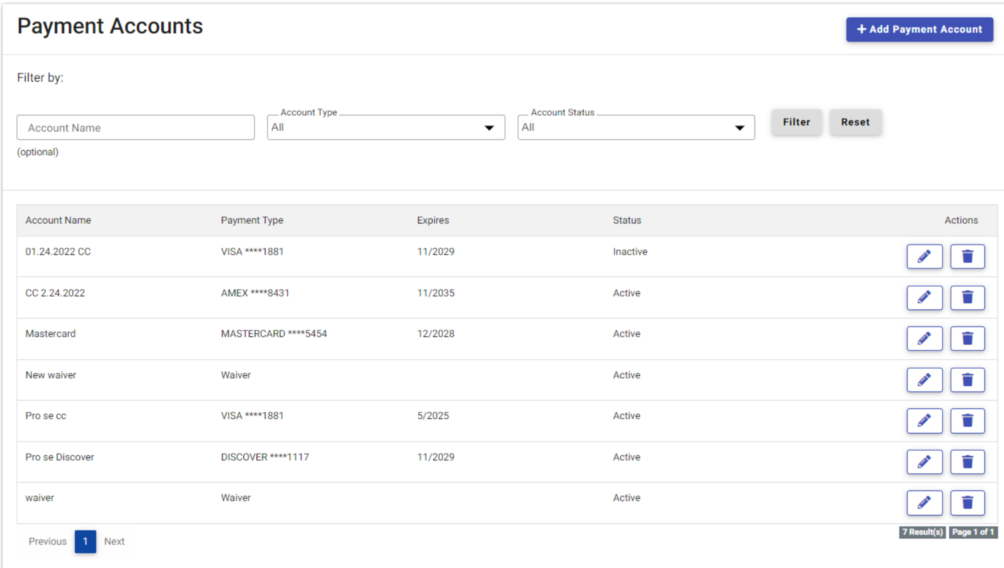
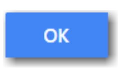
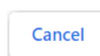


Figure 8.23 – Payment Accounts Page

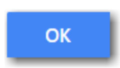
2. Locate the payment account that you want to delete, and then click .

   The following warning message is displayed: `Are you sure you want to delete the payment account "xyz"?`

3. Click 

 to delete the account, or click 

 to cancel the action.

   If you clicked 

, a confirmation message is displayed, and the account is deleted.

9 Case Initiation

Topics covered in this chapter

♦ Starting a New Case Filing
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♦ 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
♦ 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
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♦ 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.**

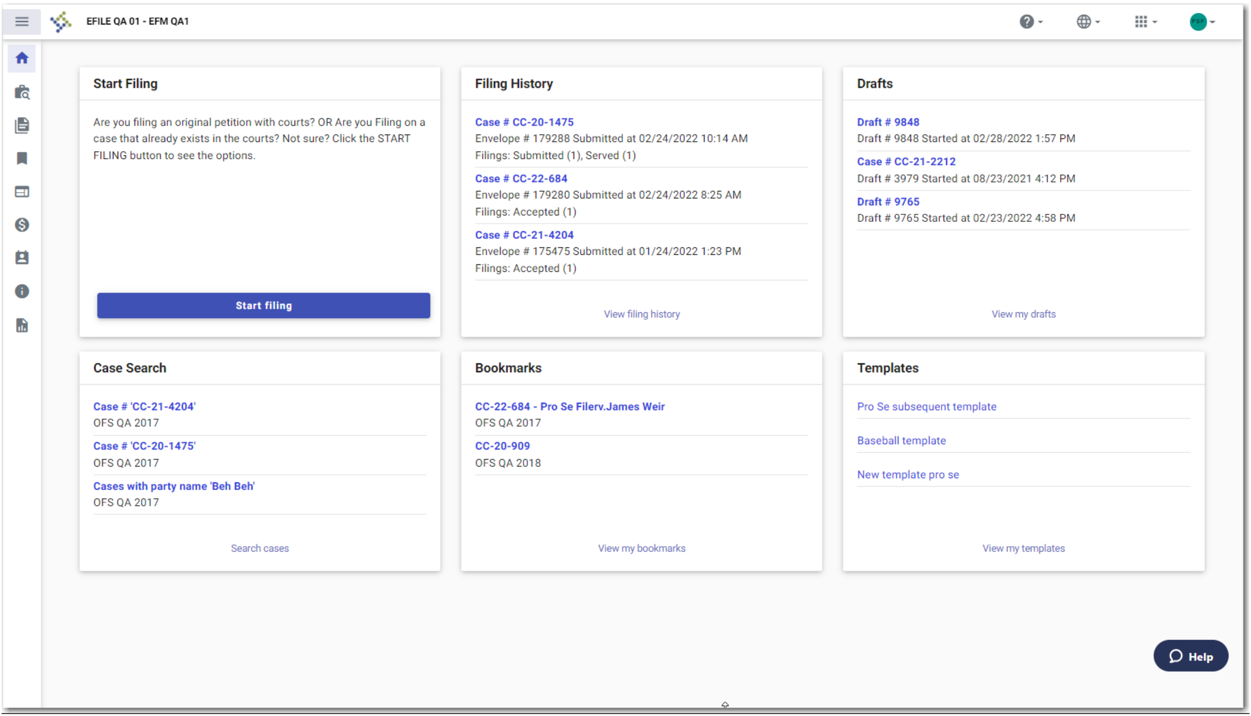

Figure 9.1 – Dashboard Page

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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

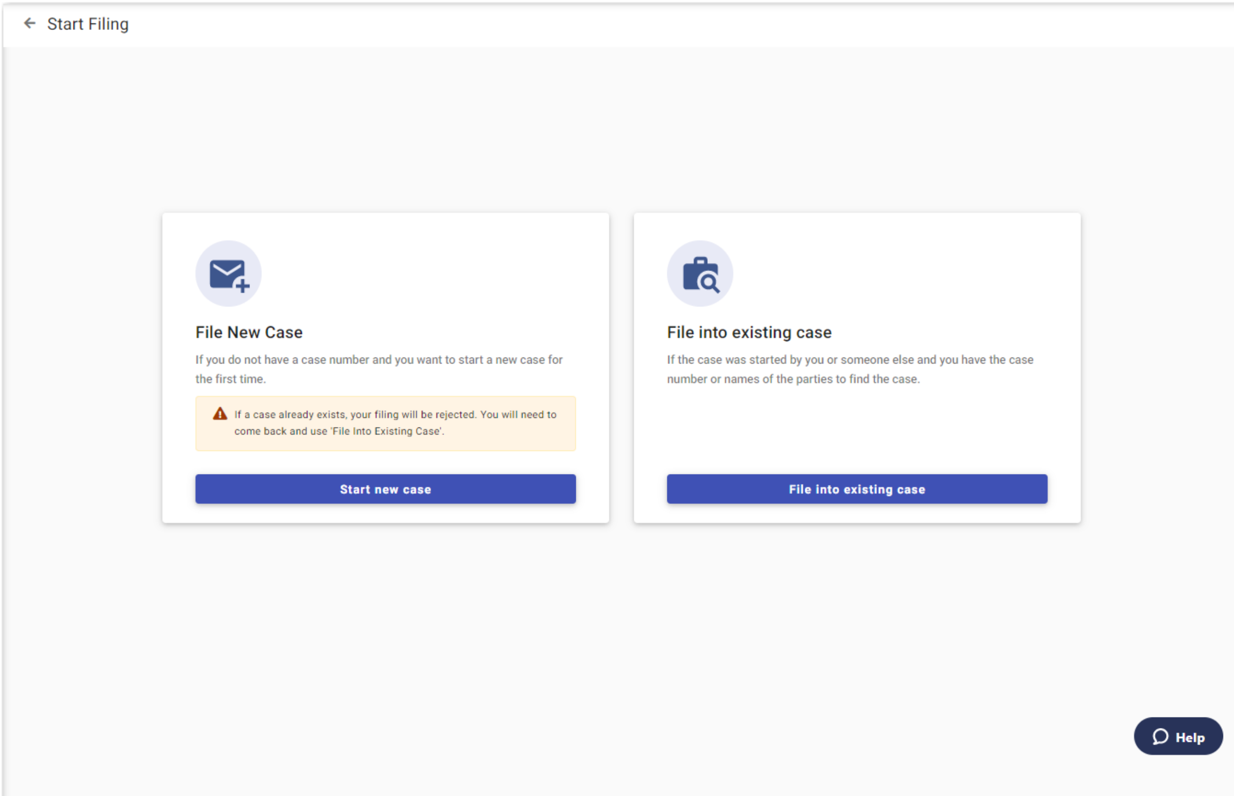

Figure 9.2 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

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   The *Case Information* page is displayed.

Entering Case Information

You must have a payment account to create a filing. You can set up a payment account in advance, or you can create an account from the *Fees* page.

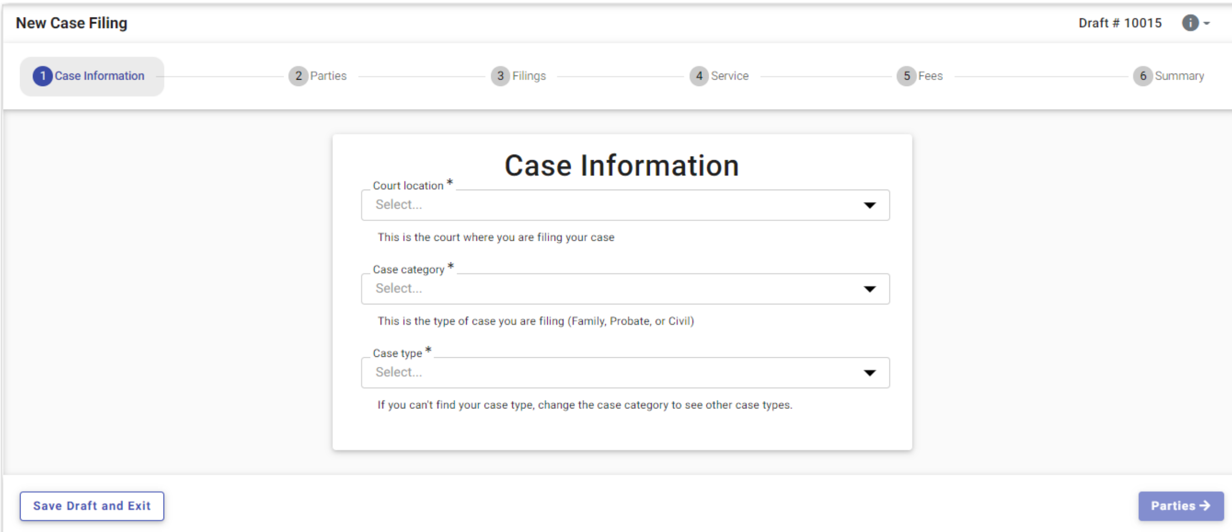


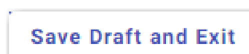
Figure 9.3 – Case Information Page

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.

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.

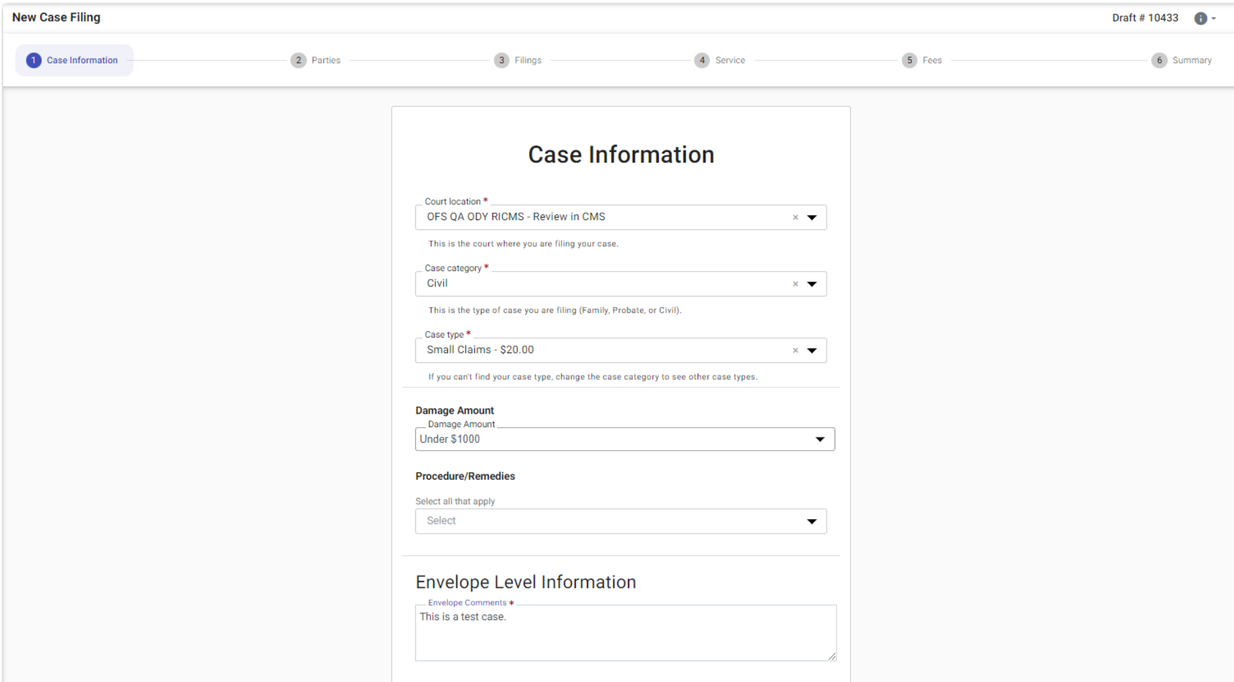


Figure 9.4 – Example of a Case Information Page

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.

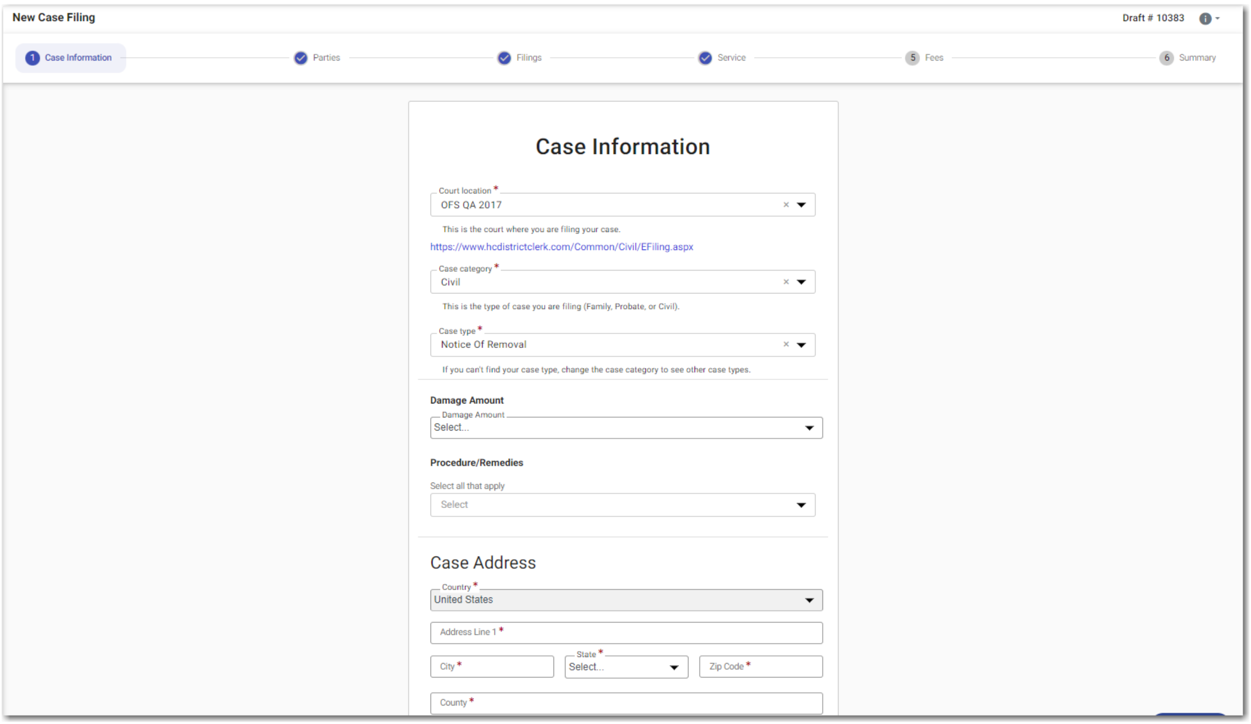
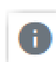


Figure 9.5 – Example of a Case Information Page—Blank Case Address Pane

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.

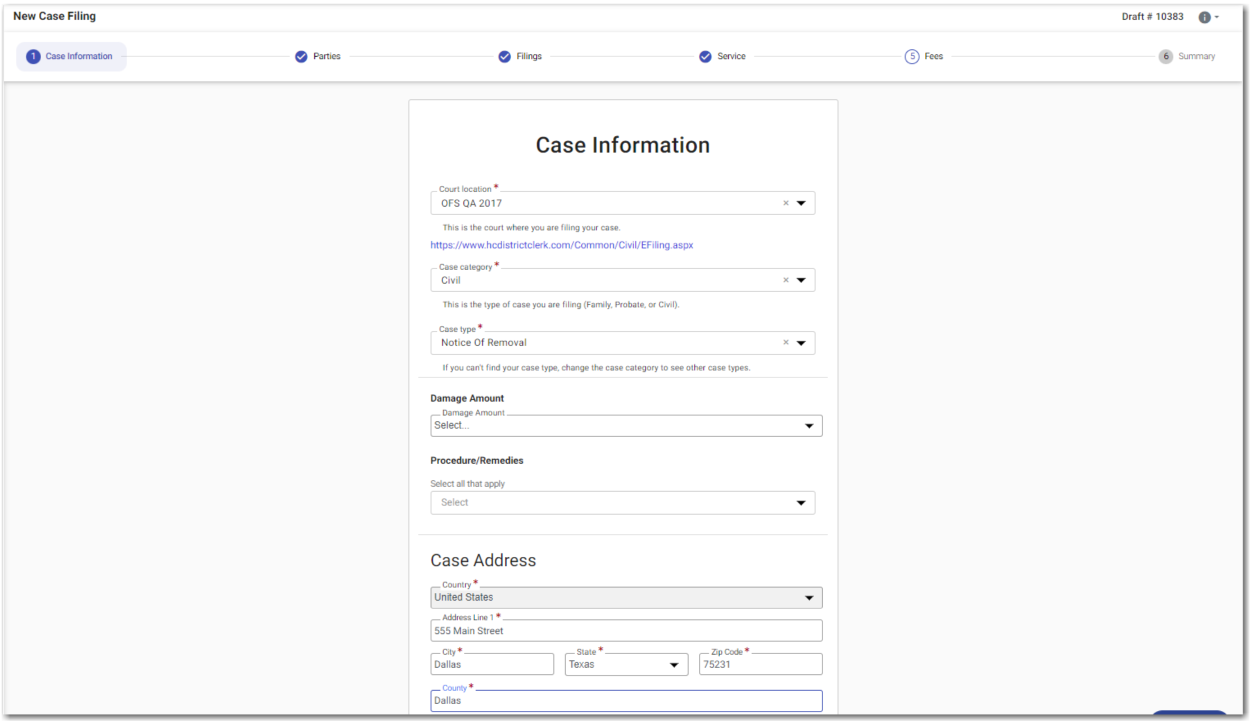
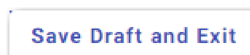


Figure 9.6 – Example of a Case Information Page—Completed Case Address Pane

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 theDamage 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.

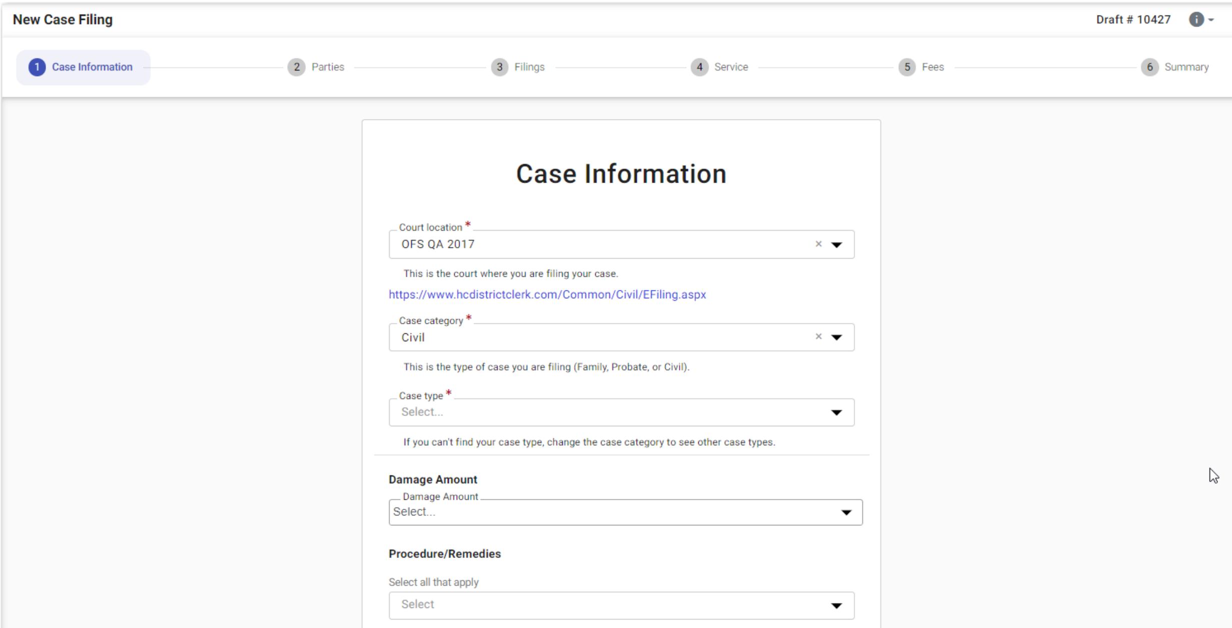


Figure 9.7 – Example of a Case Information Page

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.

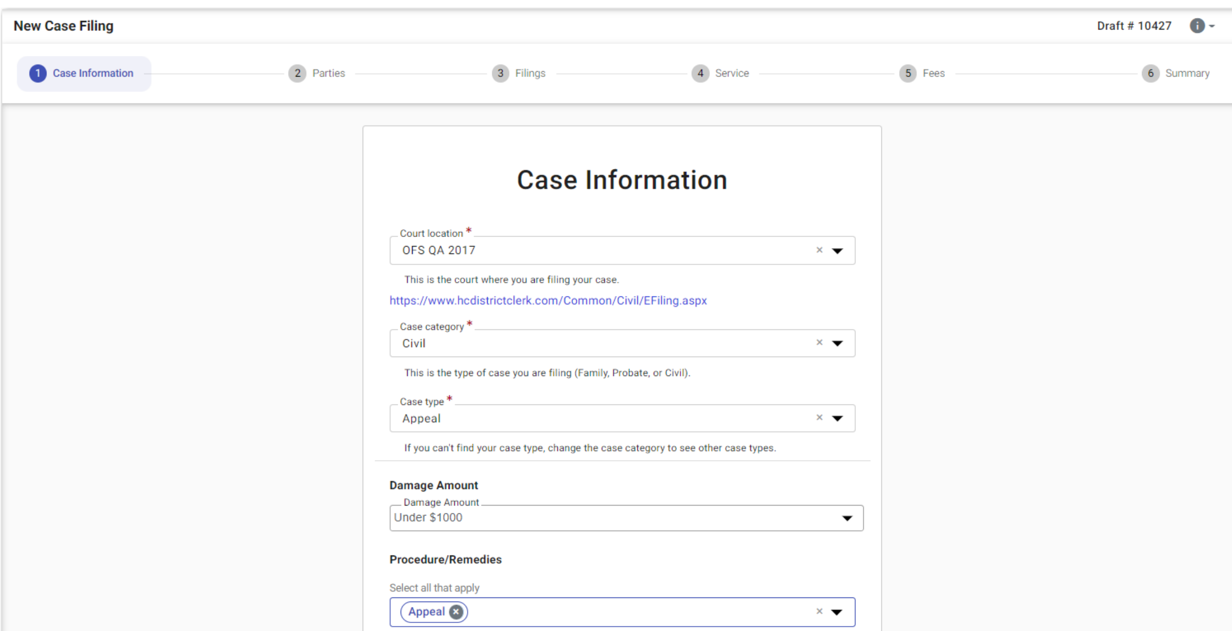
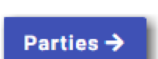
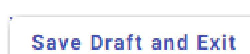


Figure 9.8 – Example of a Completed Case Information Page

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.

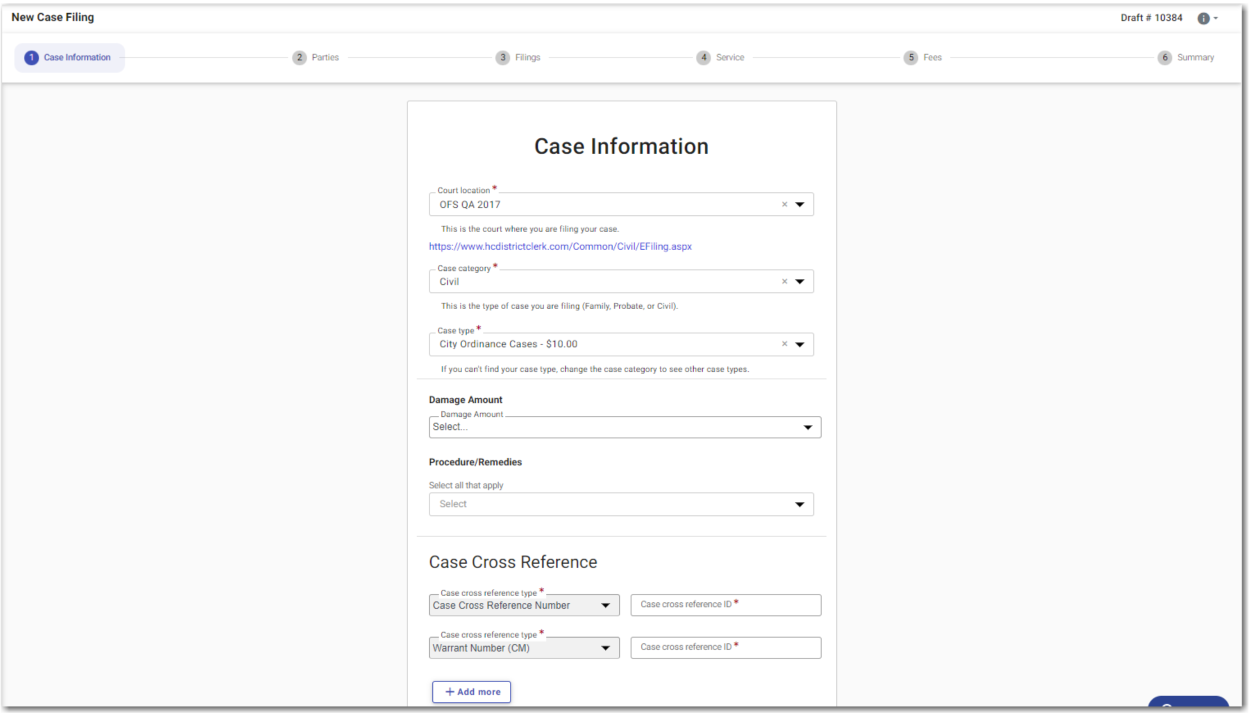
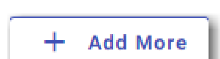


Figure 9.9 – Example of a Case Information Page with the Case Cross Reference Section Displayed

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 

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   Another row for case cross references is displayed.

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

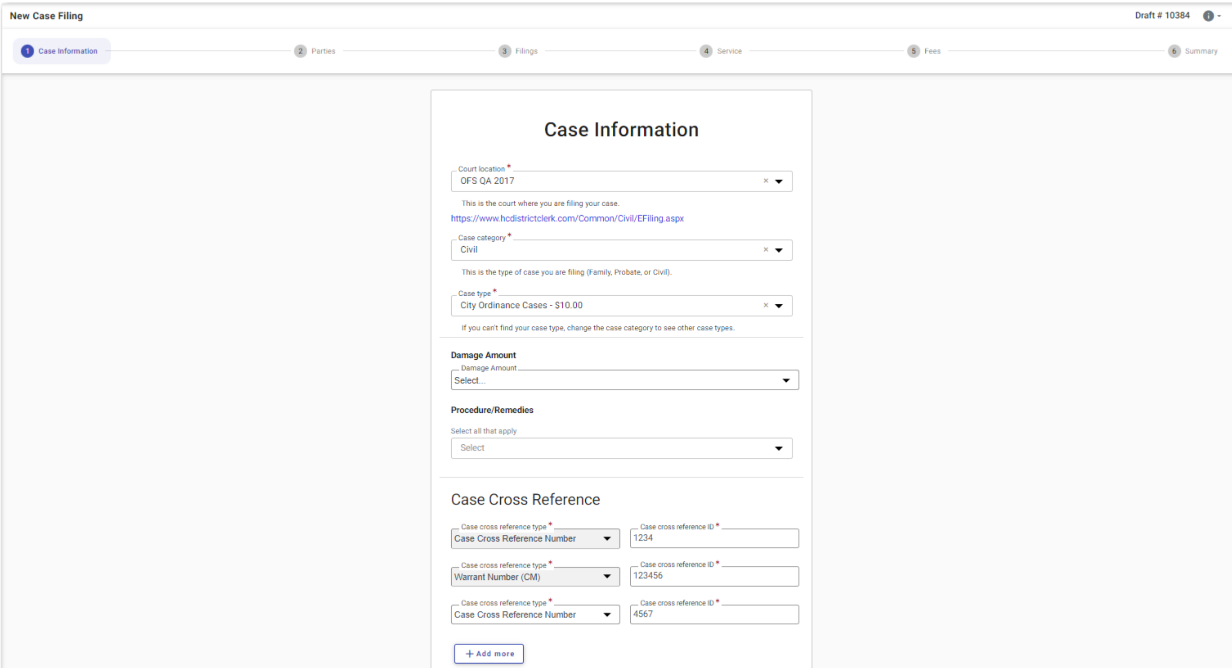
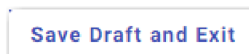


Figure 9.10 – Example of a Case Information Page with Case Cross Reference Numbers Added

9. Click 

to save your work and continue, or click 

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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

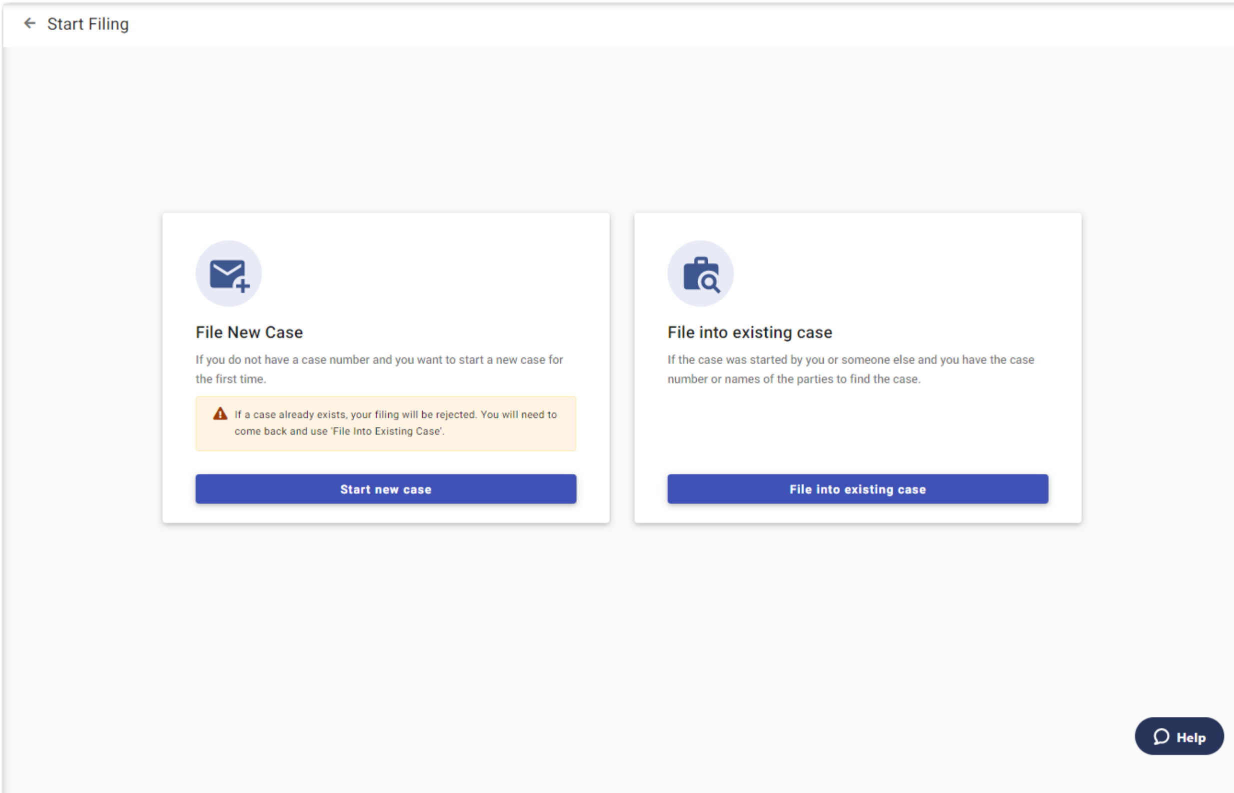

Figure 9.11 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

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   The *Case Information* page is displayed.

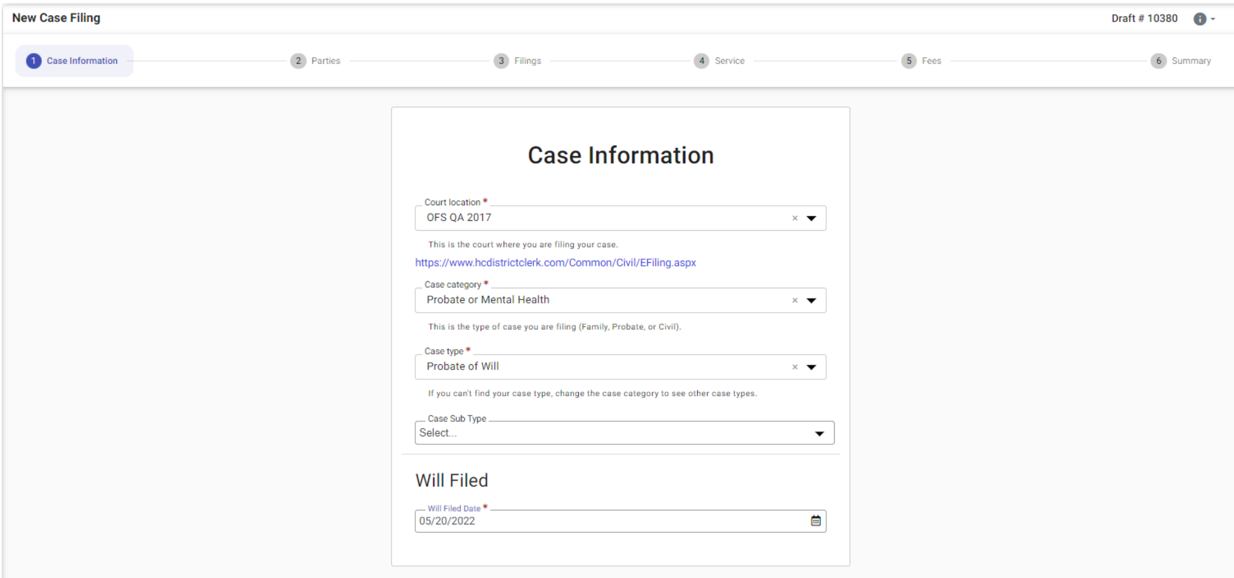


Figure 9.12 – Example of the Will Filed Field on the Case Information Page

3. Select the location from the **Court Location** drop-down list.
4. Select the category from the **Case Category** drop-down list.

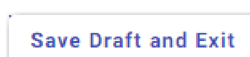
   Note: In the example, “Probate or Mental Health” is selected.
5. Select the case type from the **Case Type** drop-down list.

   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

Each case requires a party type.

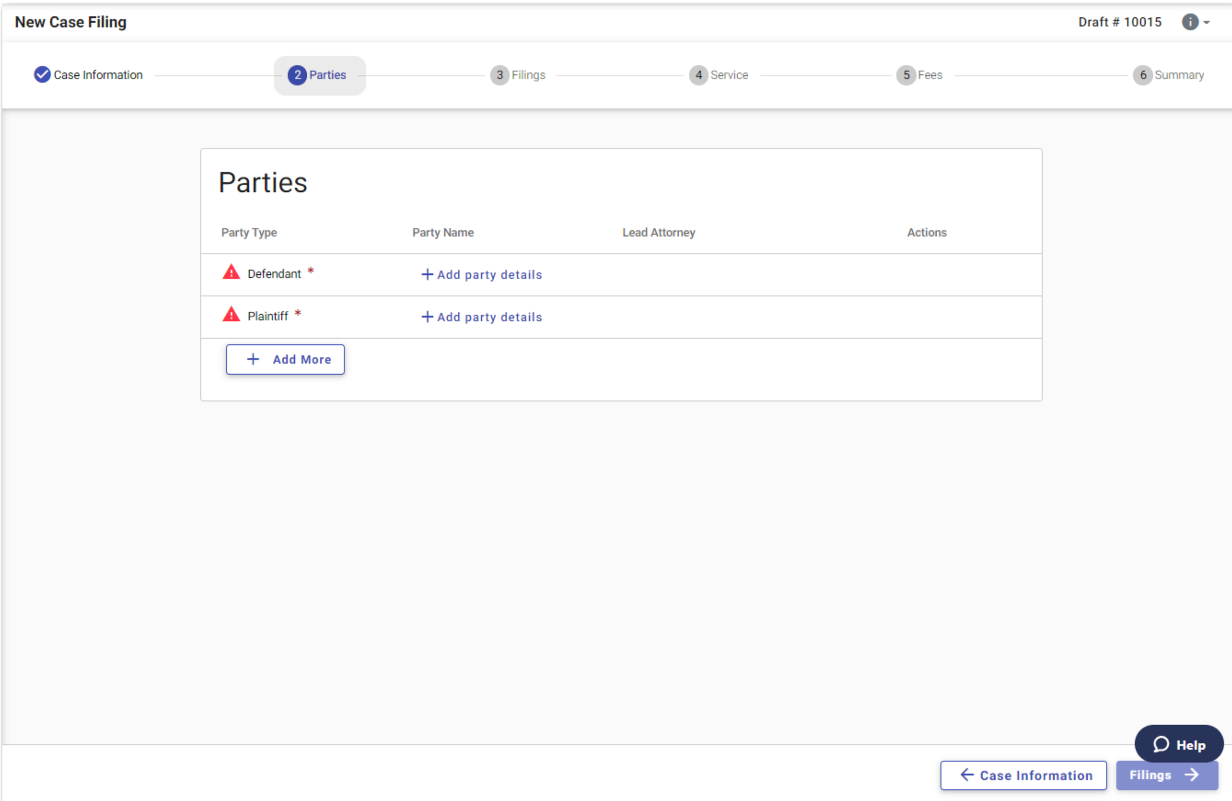


Figure 9.13 – Example of a Parties Page

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 

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

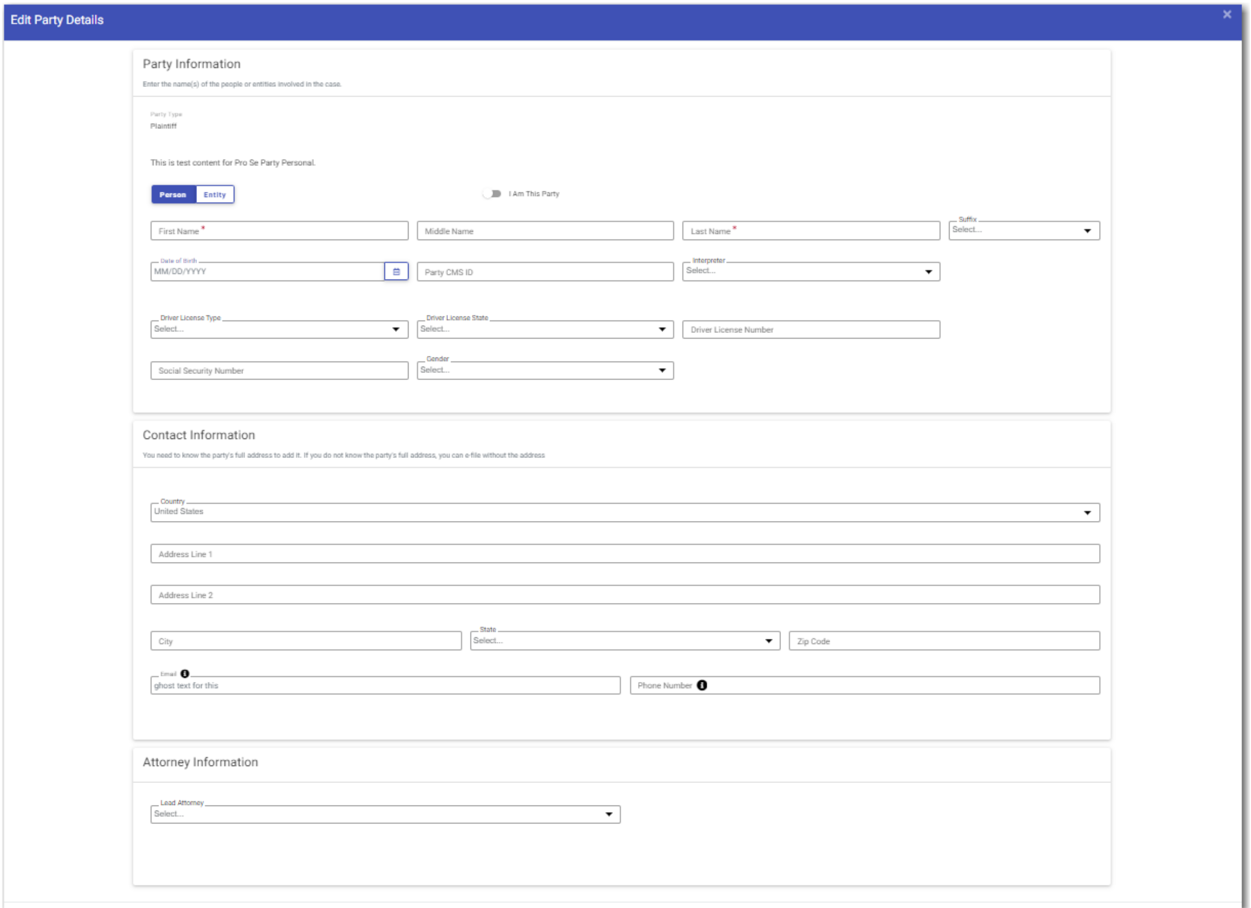

Figure 9.14 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window

2. Click either **Person** or **Entity**.

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

3. If you are the first party, select **I Am This Party**.
4. 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.
5. Type the party's date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
6. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
7. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
8. Select the type of driver's license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
9. Select the state where the driver's license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
10. Type the party's driver's license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
11. 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.

12. Select the party's gender from the **Gender** 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 **Pro Se** for the filing attorney.
15. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click 

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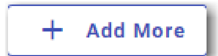
16. On the *Parties* page, complete the party information for the next party.
17. If you have another party to add to the case, click 

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

to save your work and continue.

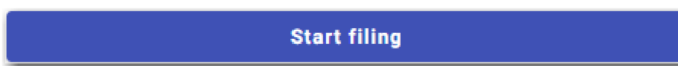
Entering Date of Death on the Parties Page

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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

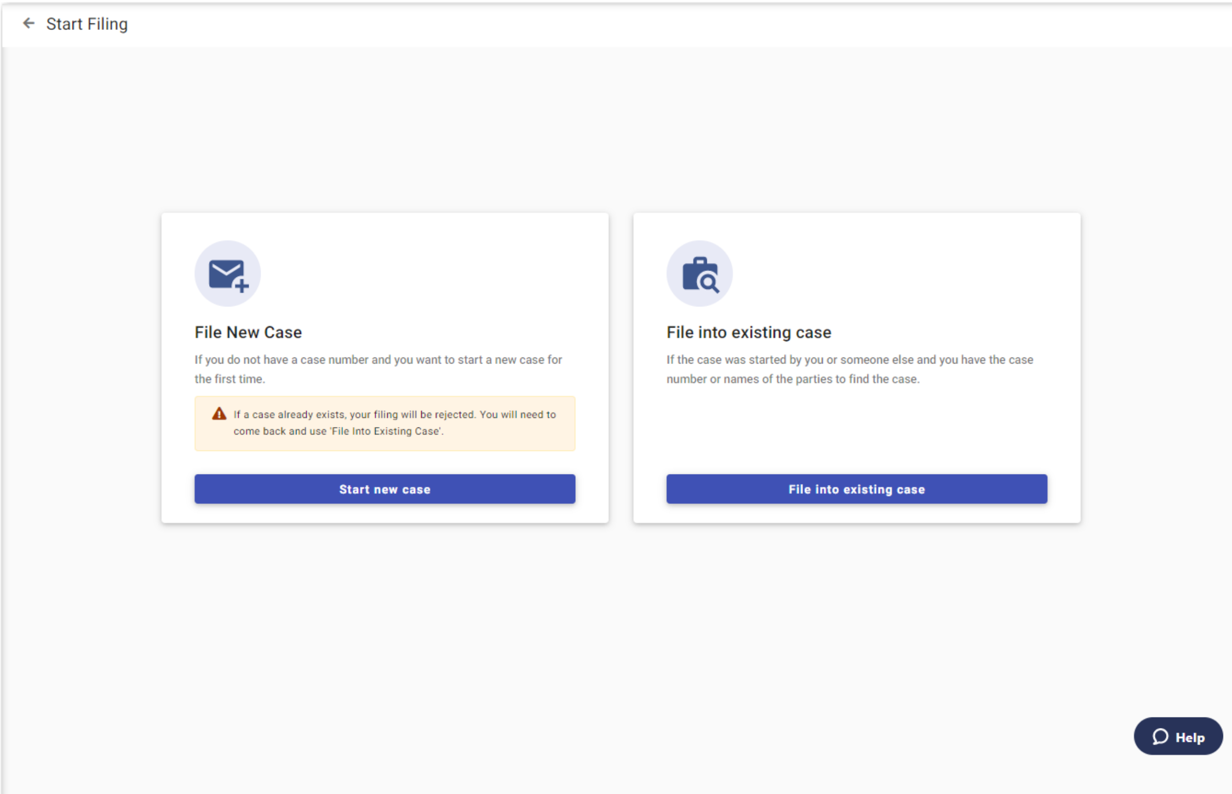


Figure 9.15 – Start Filing Page

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.

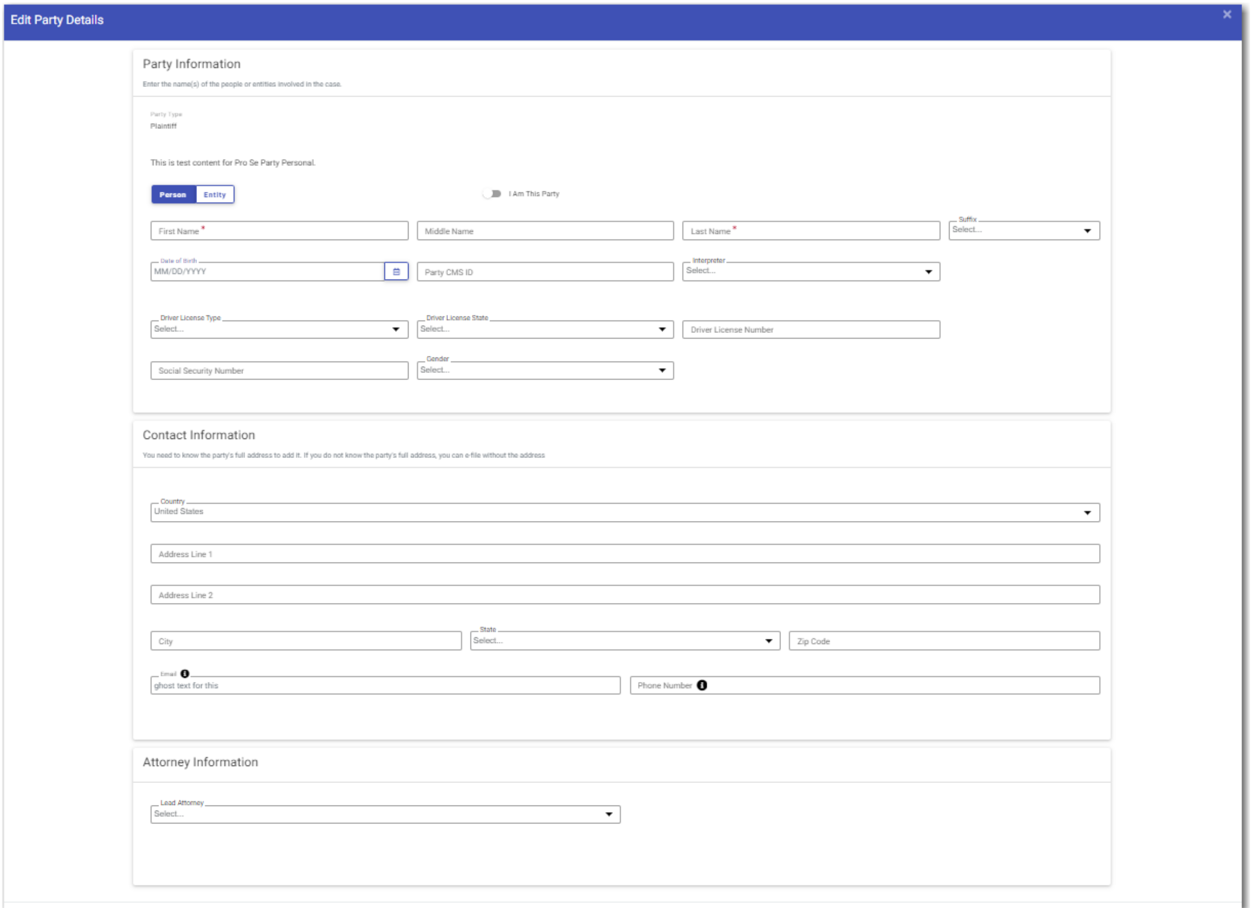
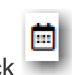


Figure 9.16 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window

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. If you are the first party, select **I Am This Party**.
7. 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.
8. Type the deceased party's birth date in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
9. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
10. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
11. Select the type of driver's license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
12. Select the state where the driver's license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
13. Type the party's driver's license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
14. 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.

15. Select the deceased party's gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
16. Type the deceased party's date of death in the **Date of Death** field, or click  to select a date from the calendar.
17. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, and phone number for the specified party.
18. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select **Pro Se** for the filing attorney.
19. After all of 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.

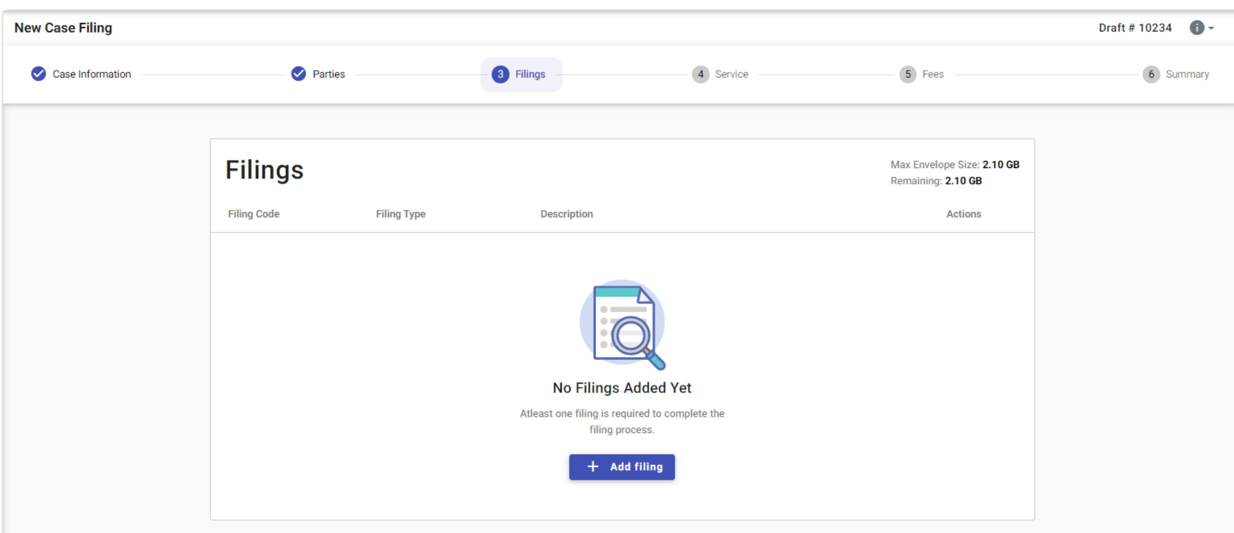


Figure 9.17 – Filings Page

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 

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   The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

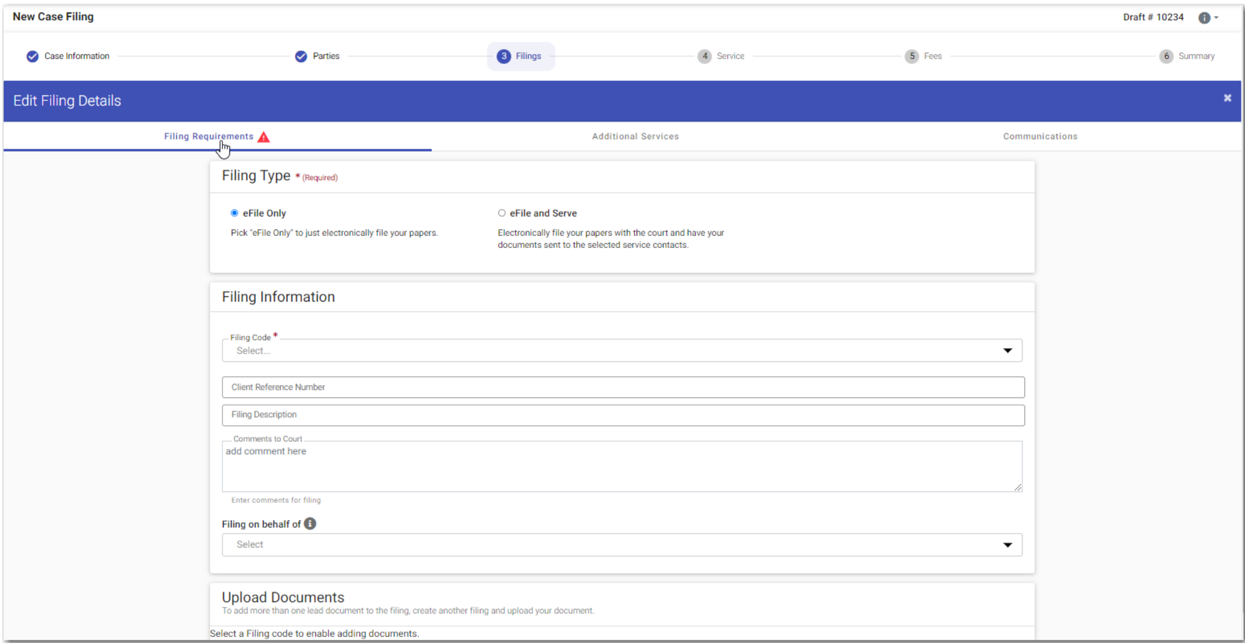
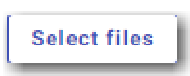


Figure 9.18 – Edit Filing Details Page

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."

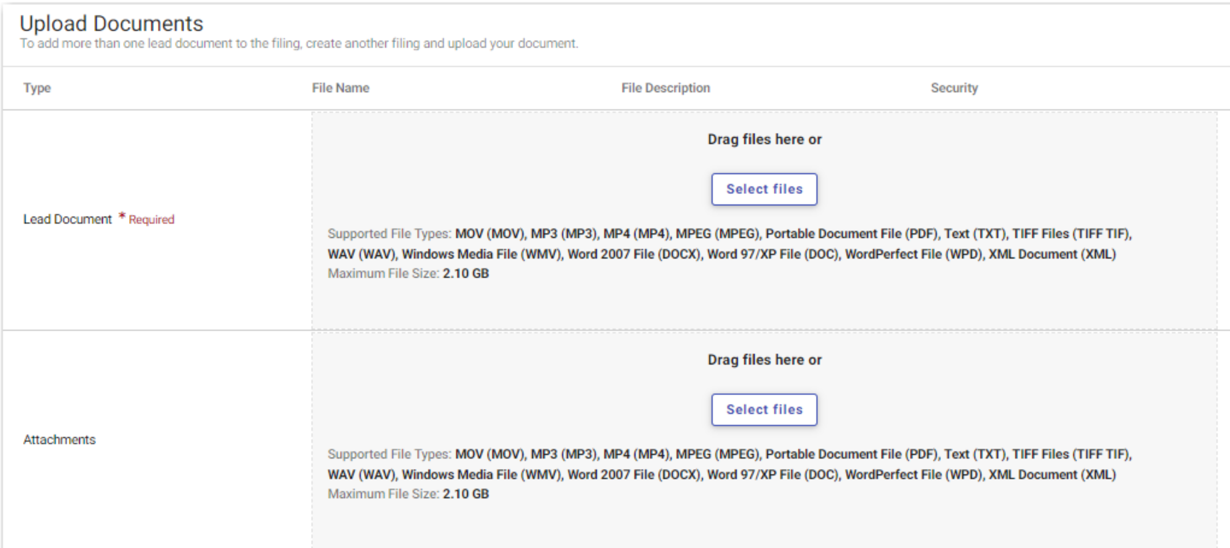


Figure 9.19 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

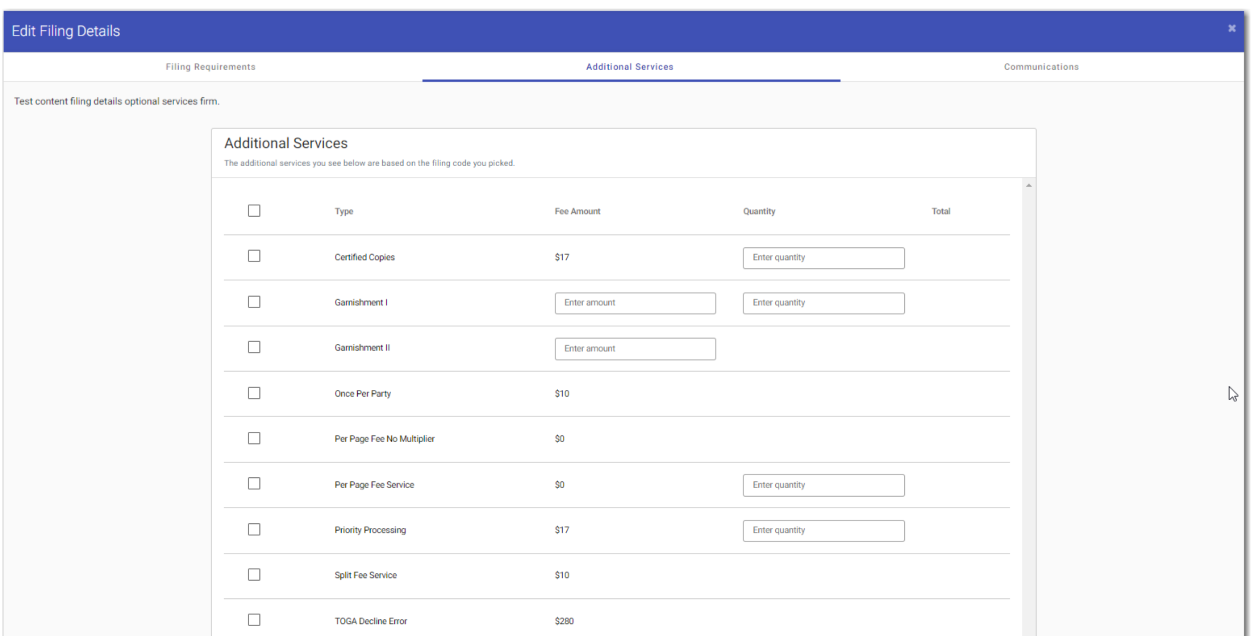


Figure 9.20 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

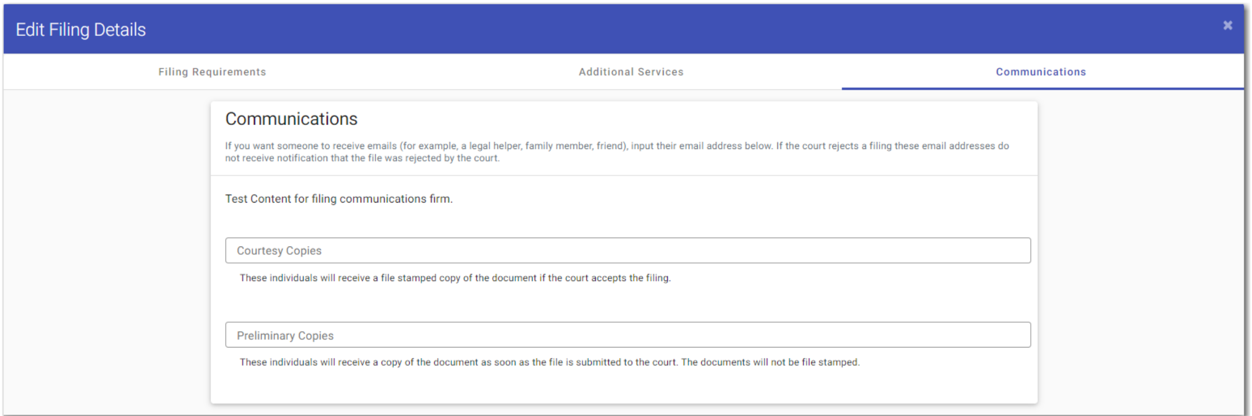


Figure 9.21 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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**.

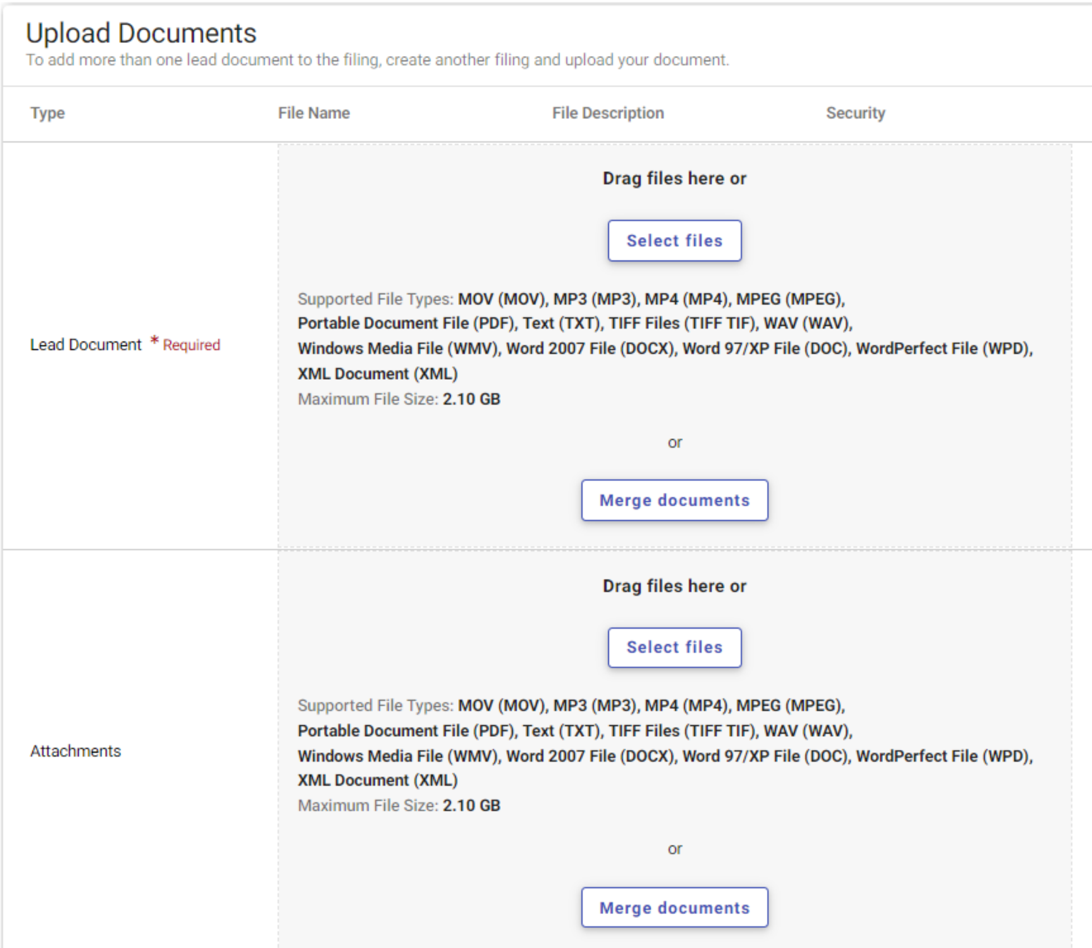


Figure 9.22 – Example of the Upload Documents Pane

The *Merge Documents* window is displayed.

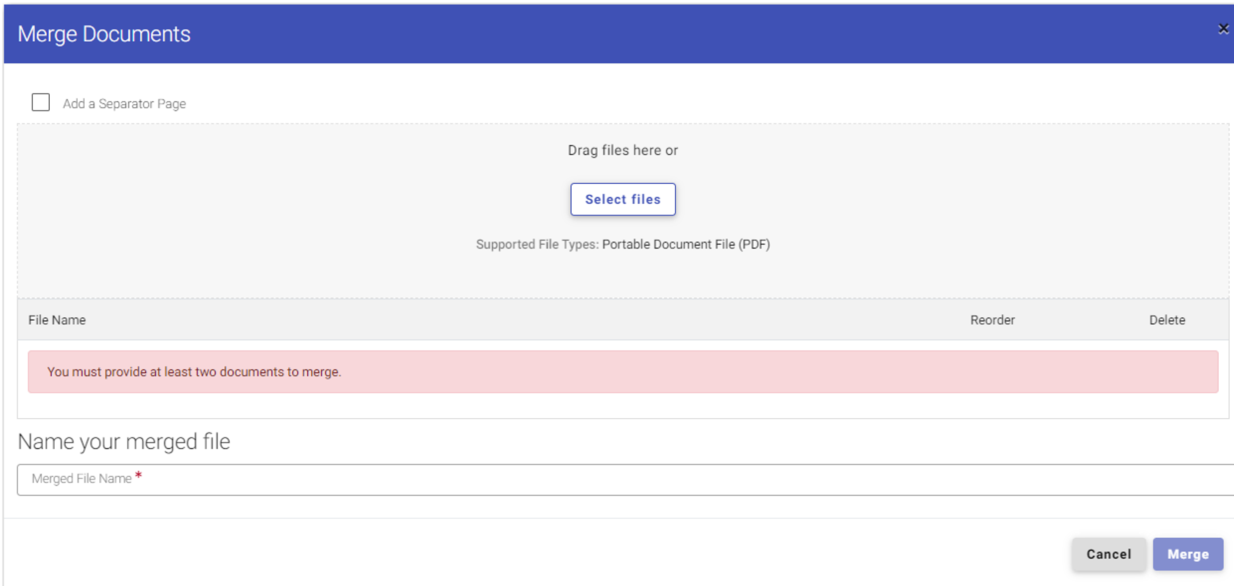


Figure 9.23 – Merge Documents Window

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.

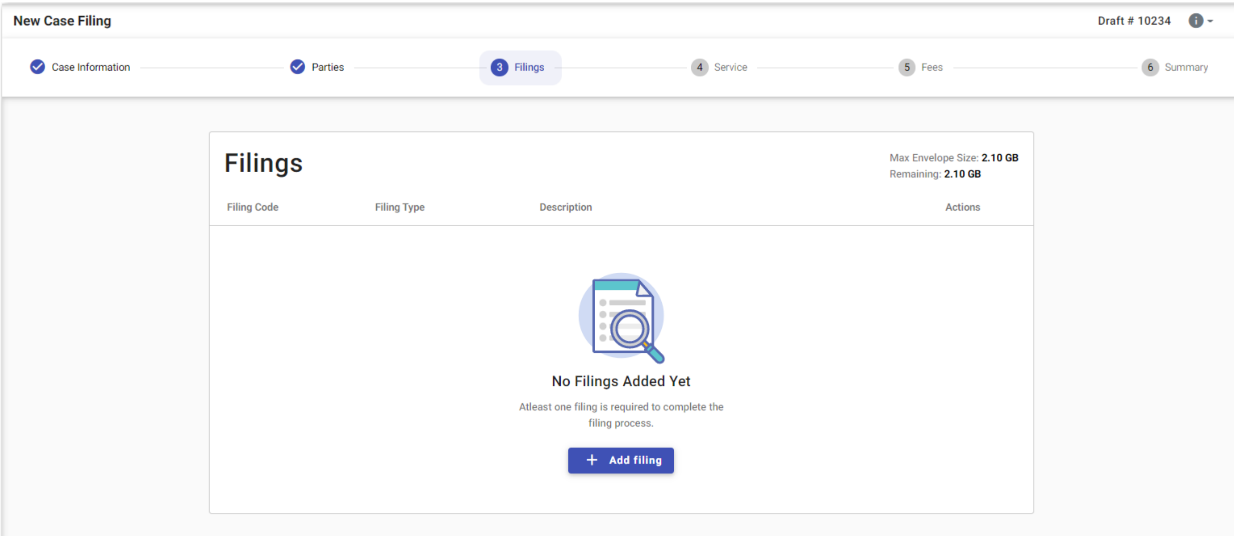


Figure 9.24 – Filings Page

To enter the filing details:

1. On the *Filings* page, click 

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   The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

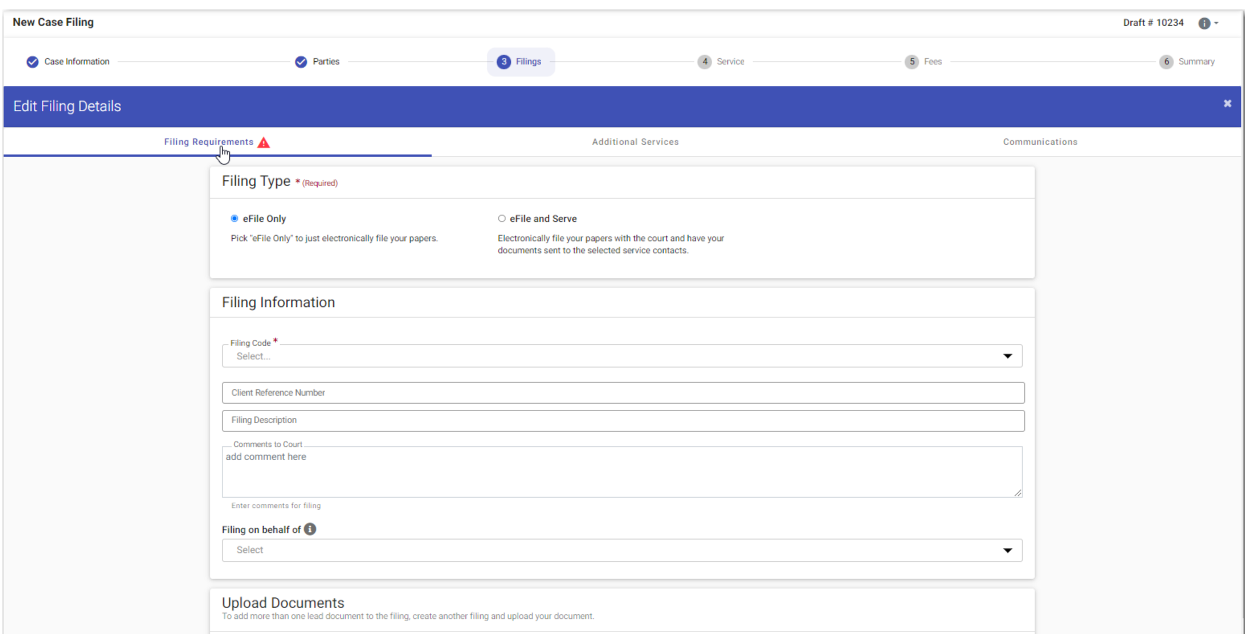


Figure 9.25 – Edit Filing Details Page

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."

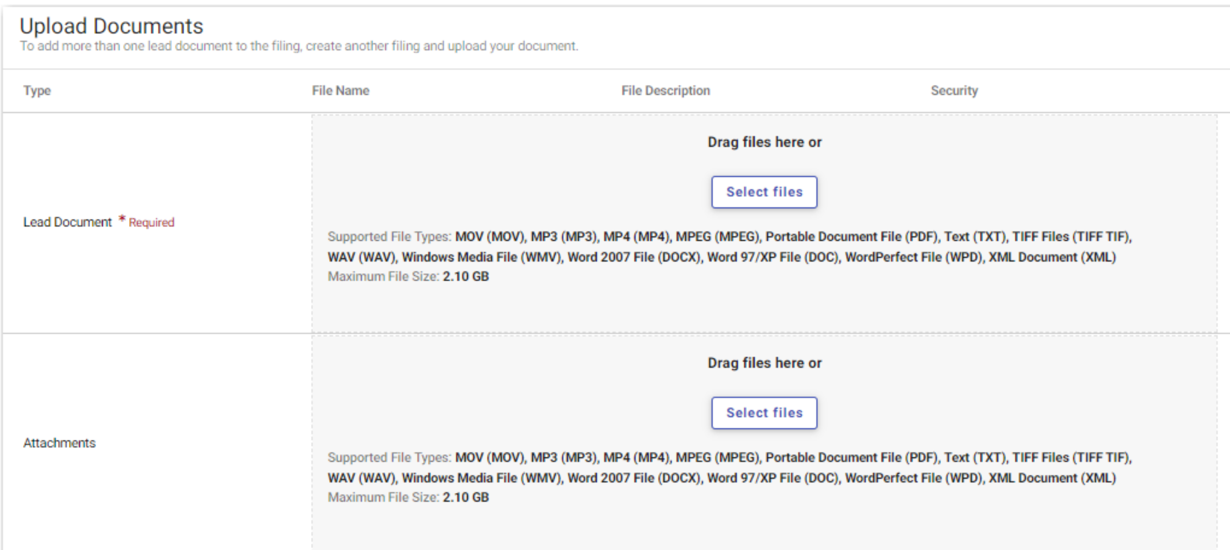
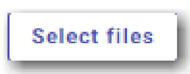


Figure 9.26 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

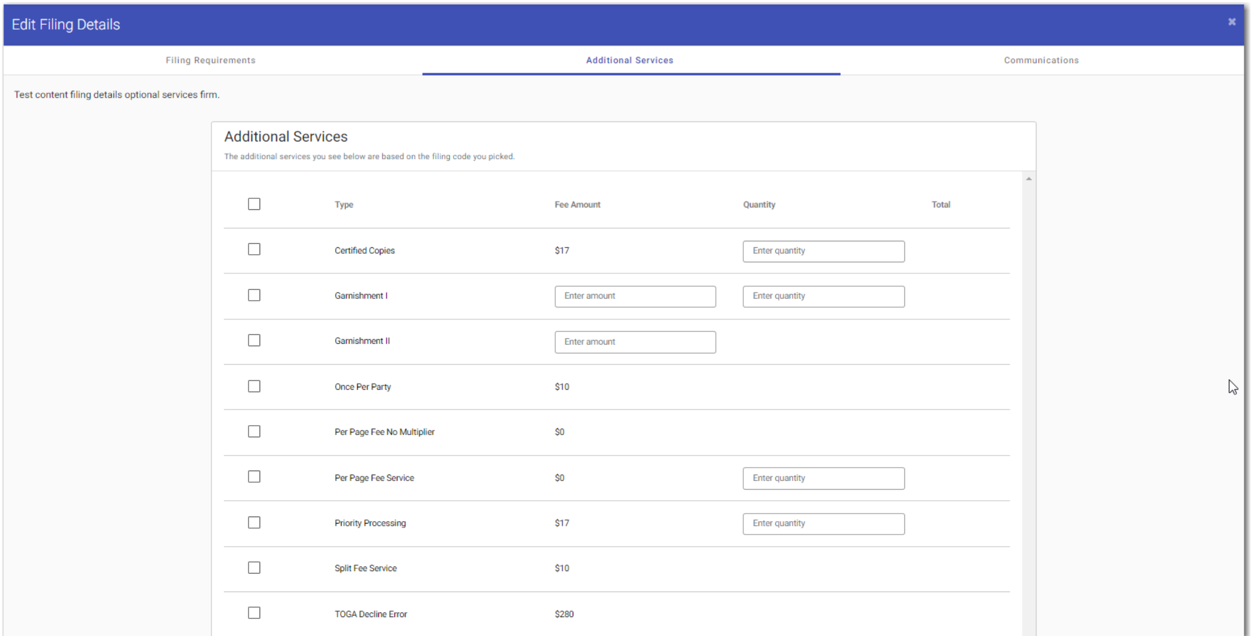


Figure 9.27 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

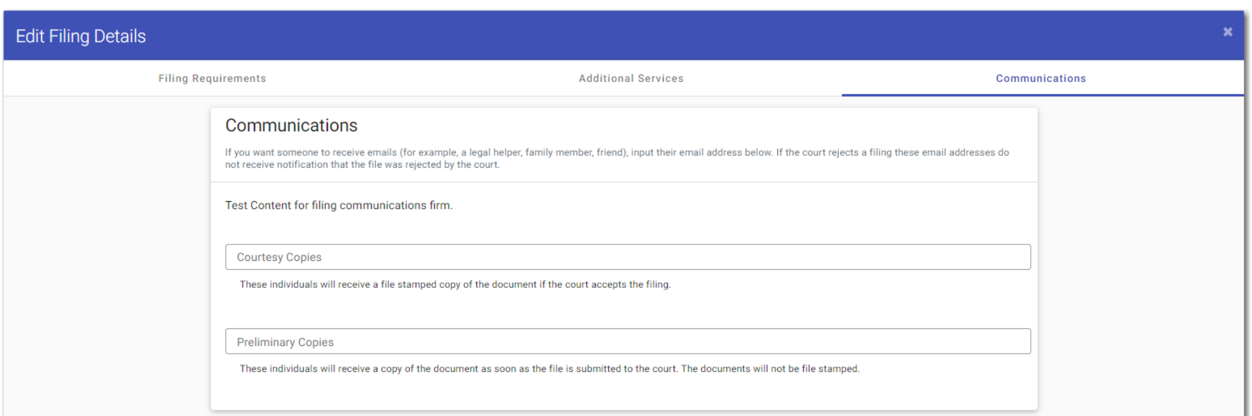


Figure 9.28 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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 

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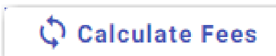
    The *Fees* page is displayed.

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, or follow the steps to create a new payment account.
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 filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.
22. Click 

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    The fees for the filing are displayed.

23. Click 

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.

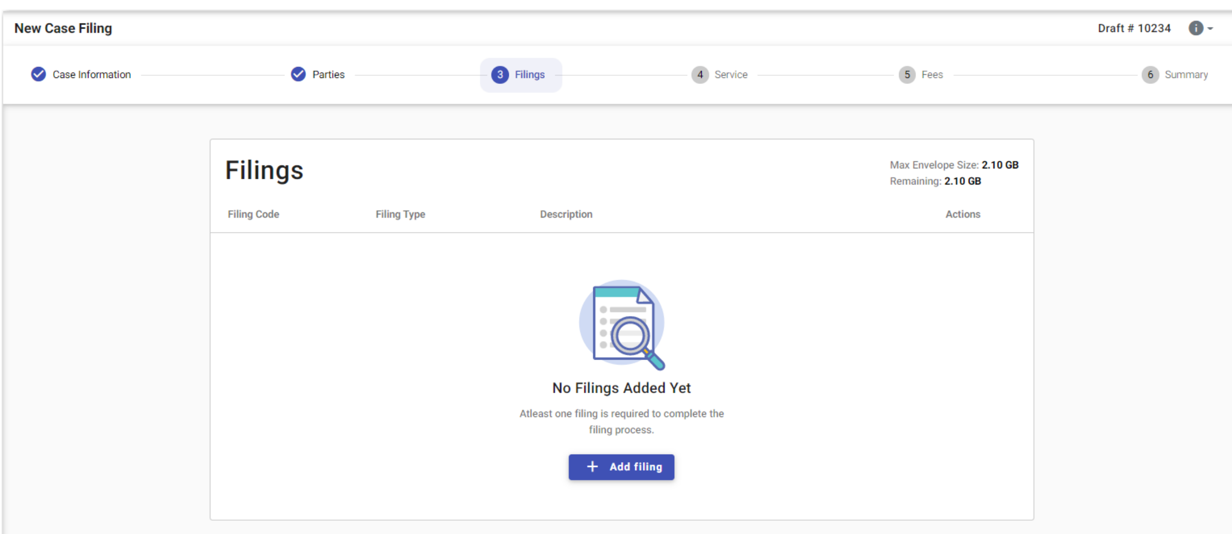
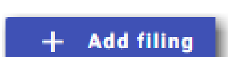


Figure 9.29 – Filings Page

To enter a filing with a Motion Type code:

1. On the *Filings* page, click 

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The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

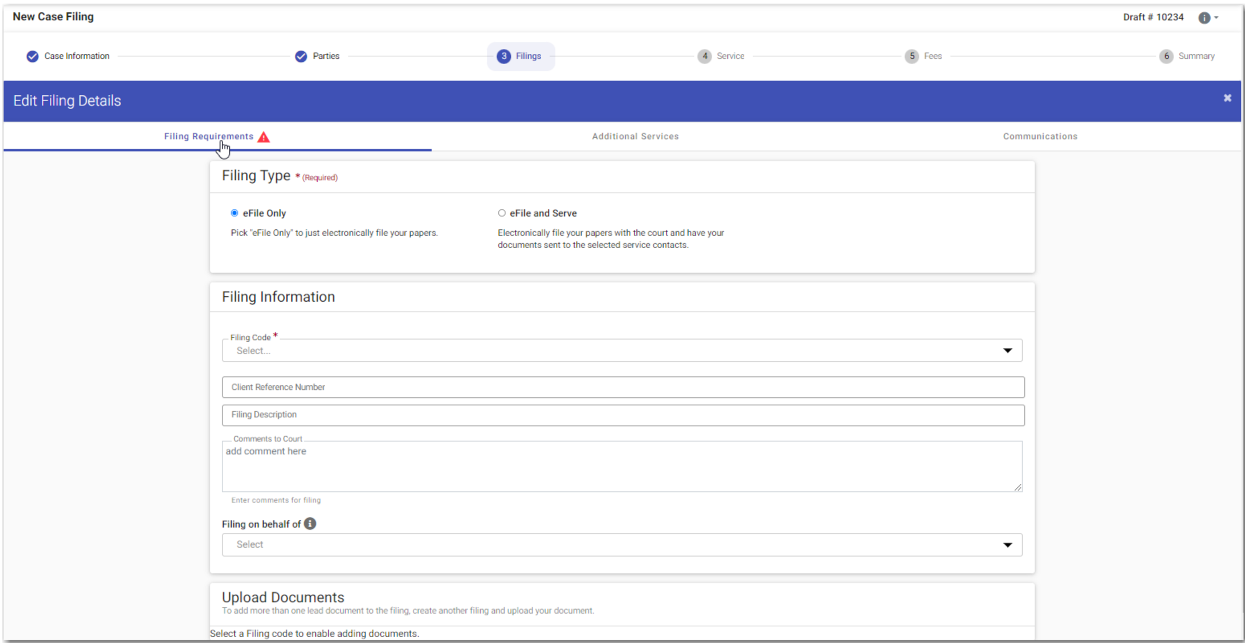
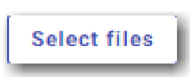


Figure 9.30 – Edit Filing Details Page

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.”

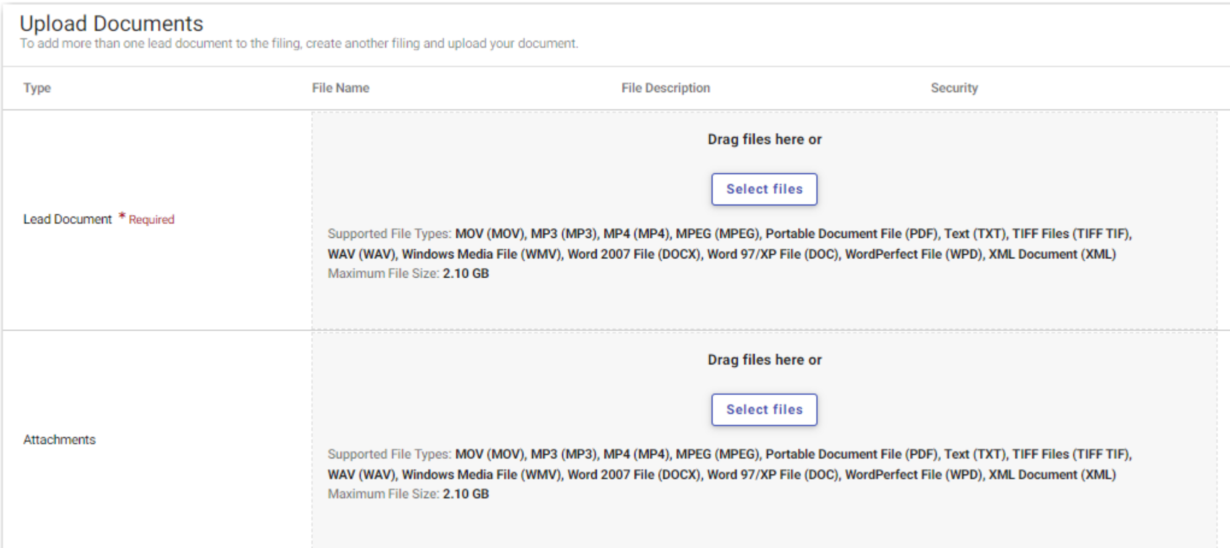


Figure 9.31 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

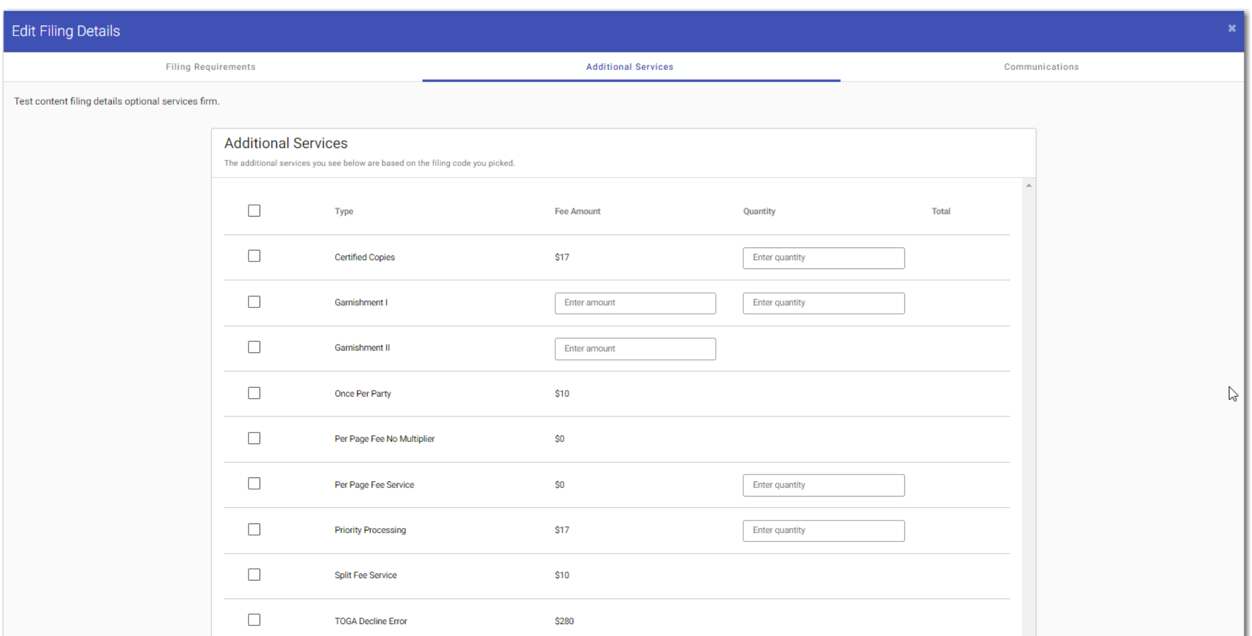


Figure 9.32 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

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

    The Communications pane is displayed.

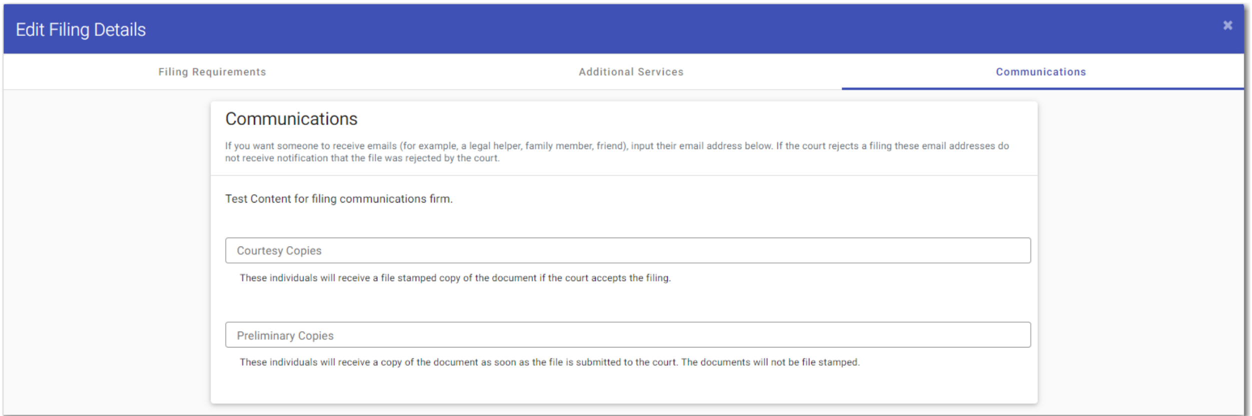


Figure 9.33 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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

16. Click **Save**.

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 **Service →**.

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.

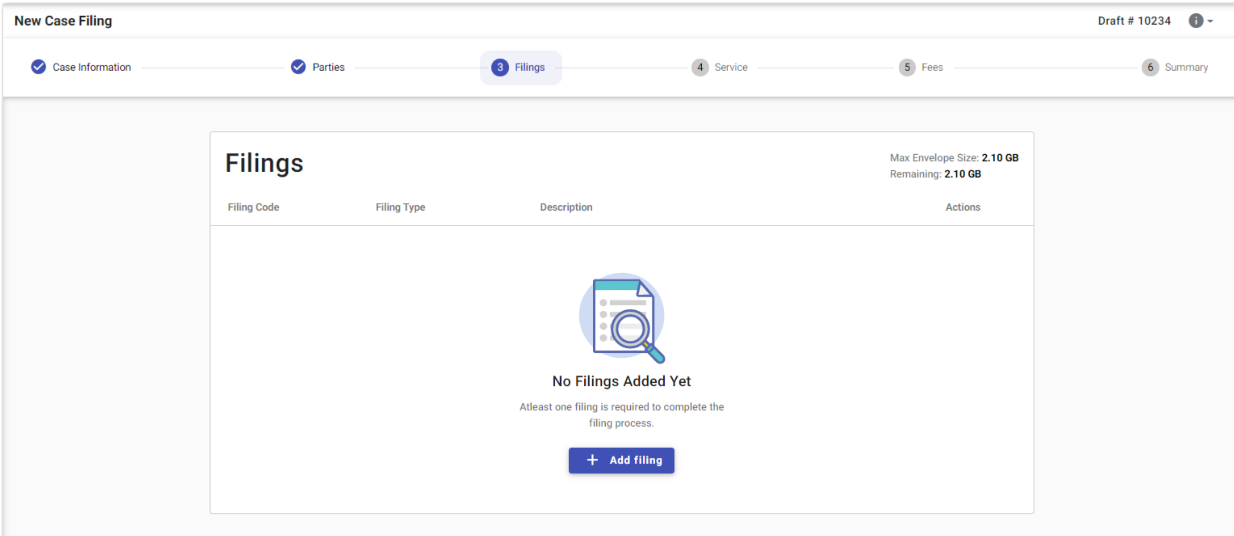


Figure 9.34 – Filings Page

To enter the filing details:

1. On the *Filings* page, click 

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   The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

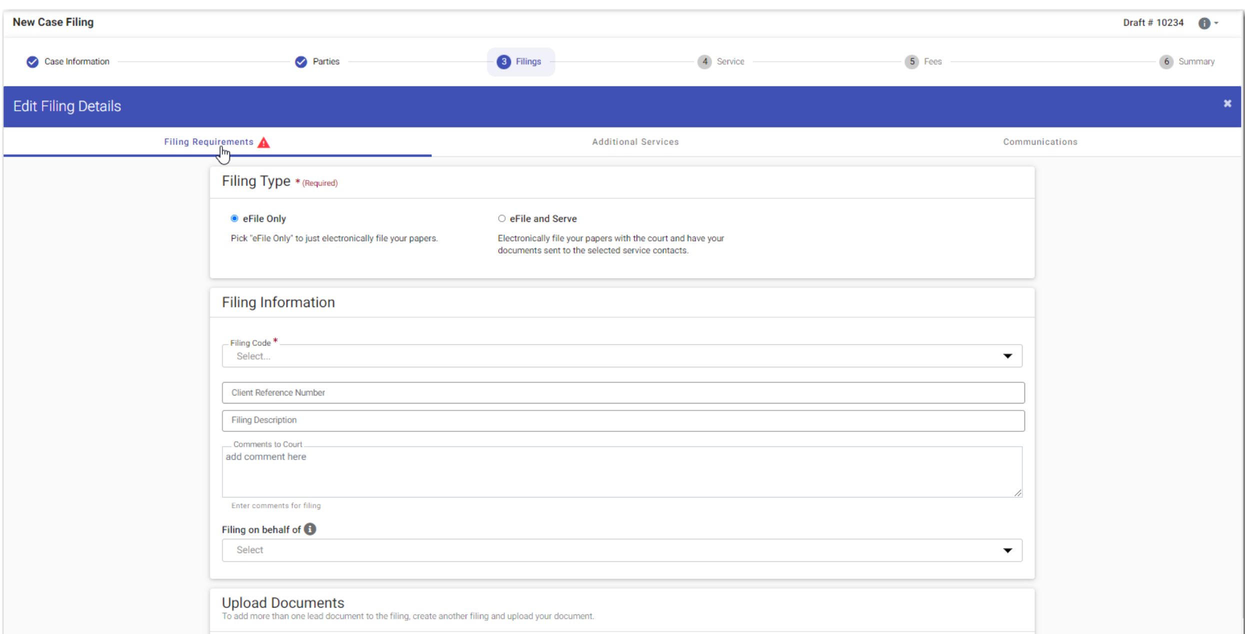


Figure 9.35 – Edit Filing Details Page

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."

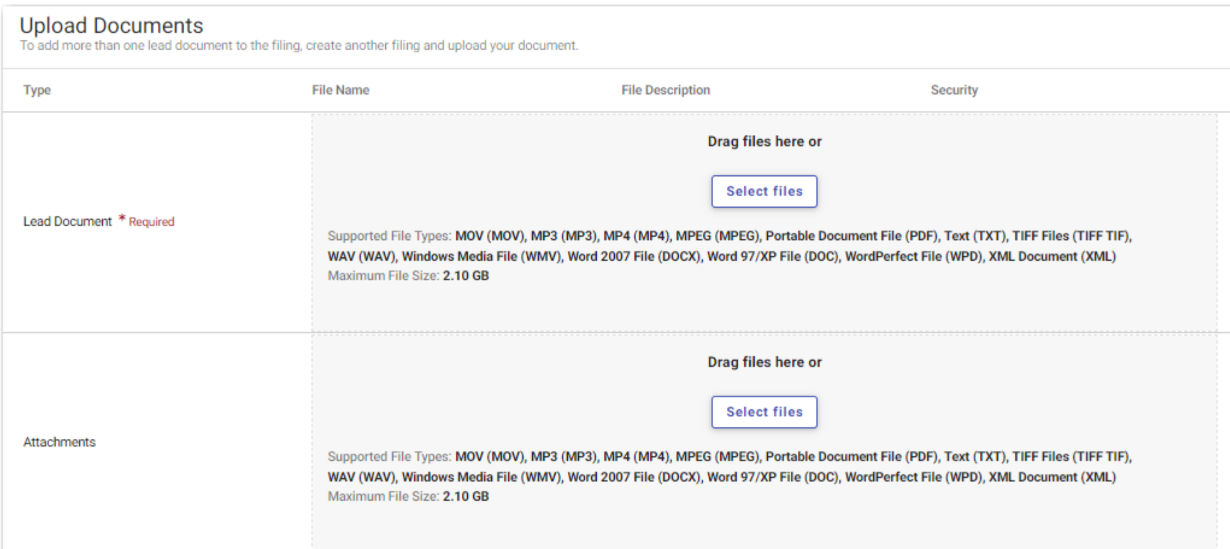
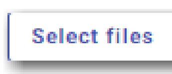


Figure 9.36 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

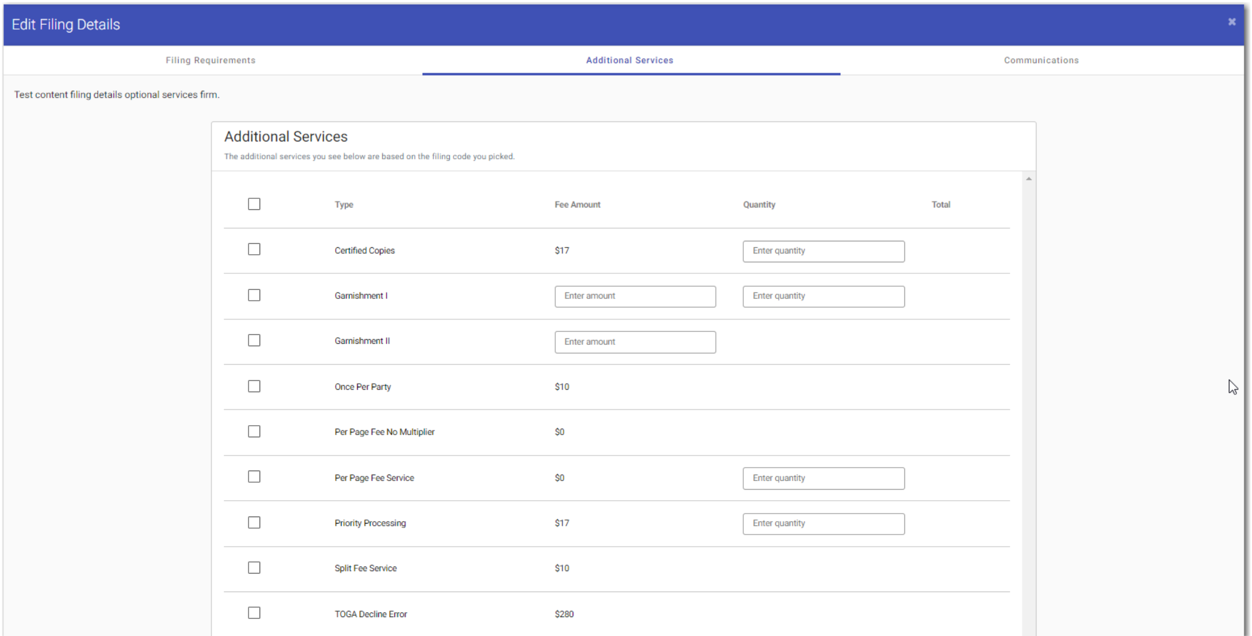


Figure 9.37 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

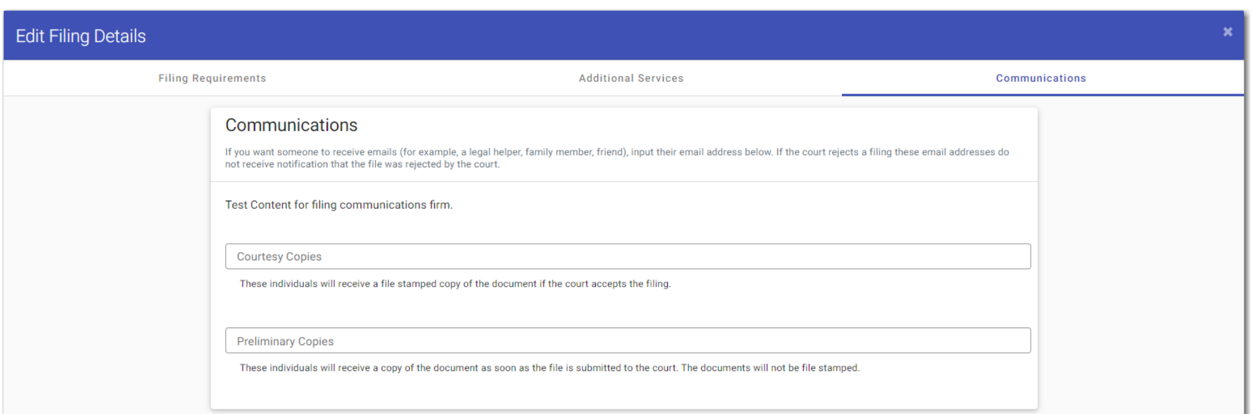


Figure 9.38 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

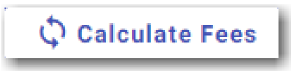
17. Select the service contacts, and then click 

.

    The *Fees* page is displayed.

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, or follow the steps to create a new payment account.
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 filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.
22. Click 

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    The fees for the filing are displayed.

23. Click 

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.

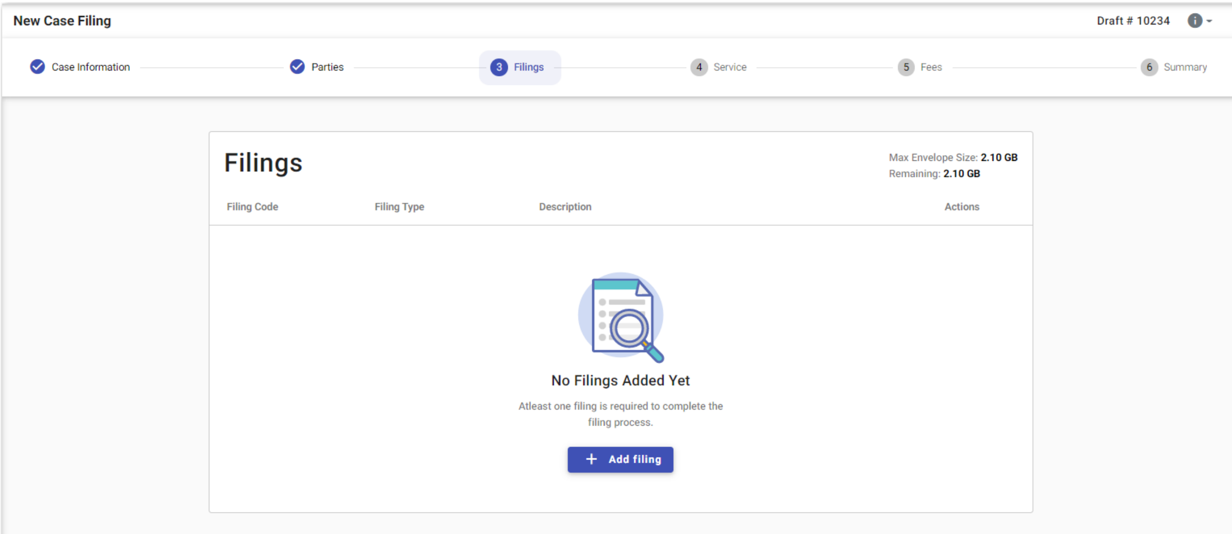

Figure 9.39 – Filings Page

To enter the filing details:

1. On the *Filings* page, click 

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   The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

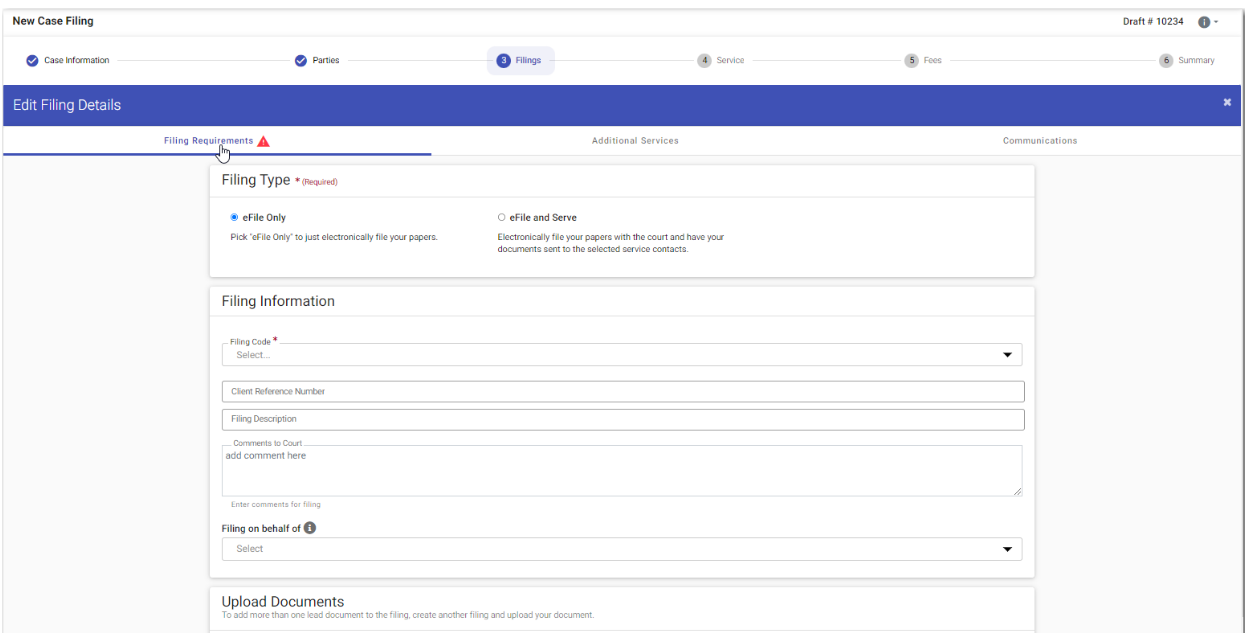


Figure 9.40 – Edit Filing Details Page

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."

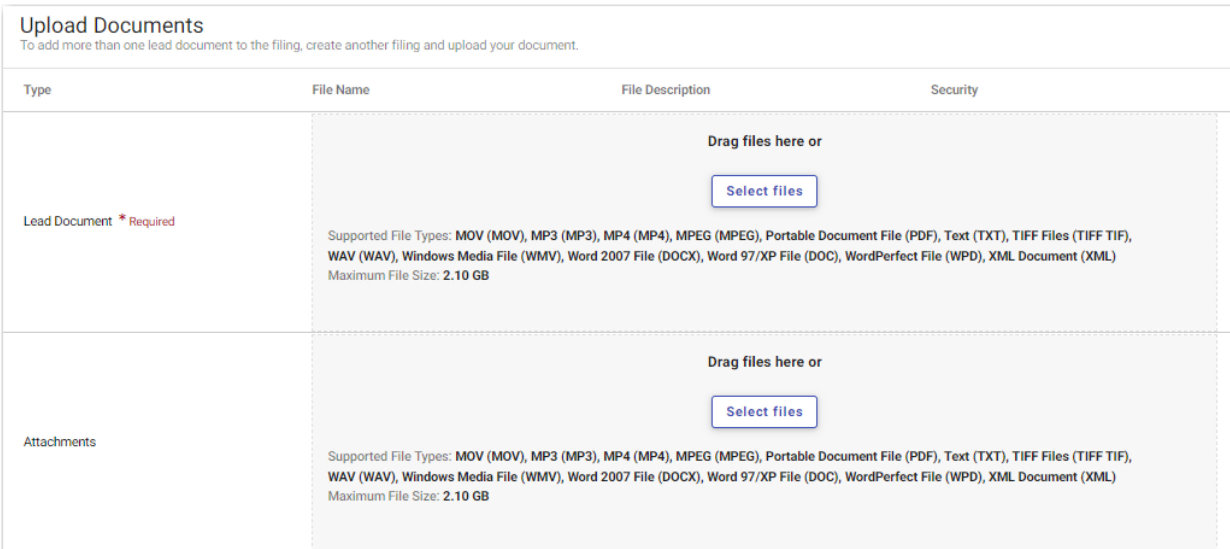


Figure 9.41 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

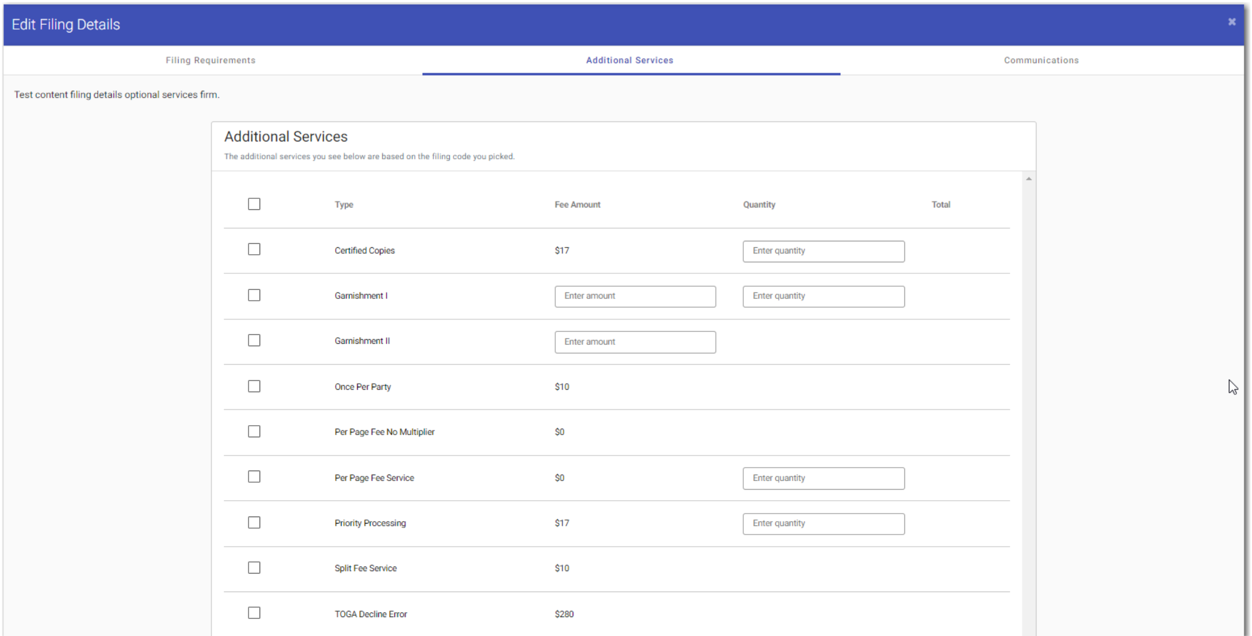


Figure 9.42 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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 

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

    The Communications pane is displayed.

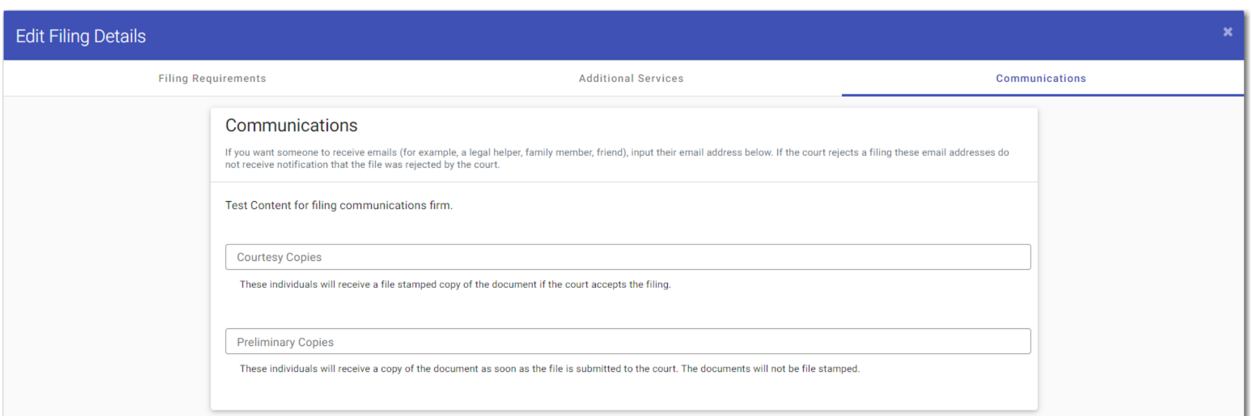
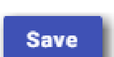


Figure 9.43 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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

15. Click 

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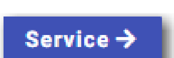
16. Click 

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    The *Service* page is displayed.

17. Select the service contacts, and then click 

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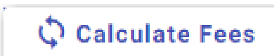
    The *Fees* page is displayed.

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, or follow the steps to create a new payment account.
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 filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.
22. Click 

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    The fees for the filing are displayed.

23. Click 

to review and complete your filing.

Entering Payment Information

You can create a payment account before you begin your filing. You can also create a payment account during your filing from the *Fees* page.

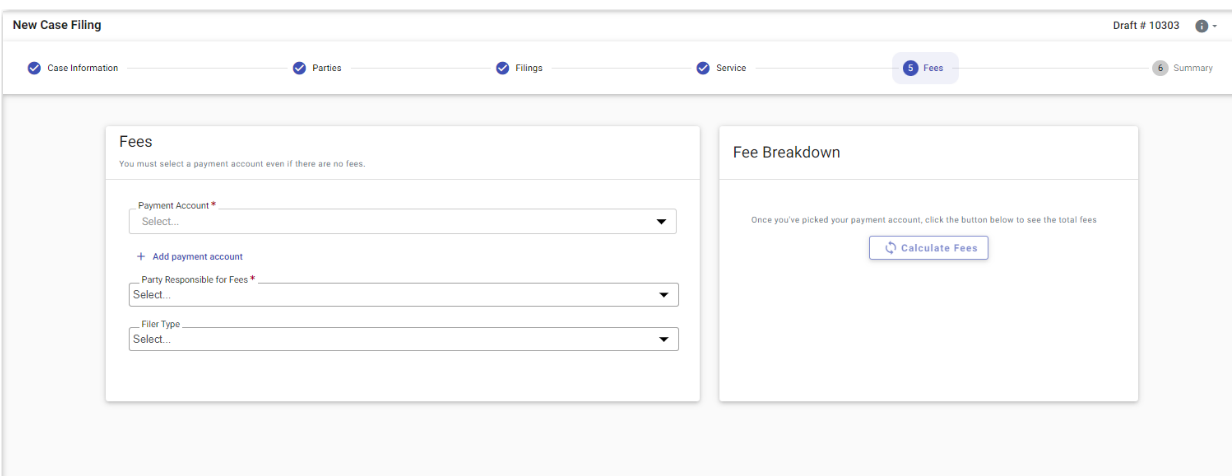

Figure 9.44 – Example of a Fees Page

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

To enter the payment information for your filing:

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

If you do not have an existing payment account, click **+ Add payment account**. Additional fields are displayed. Then, follow the steps to create a new payment account.

Refer to the following topics for details on creating the various types of payment accounts:

- Adding a Credit Card Payment Account, page 37
- Adding an E-Check Payment Account, page 41
- Adding a Draw-Down Account, page 45

2. 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.

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

4. In the Fee Breakdown pane, click **Calculate Fees**.

   The fees for the filing are displayed.

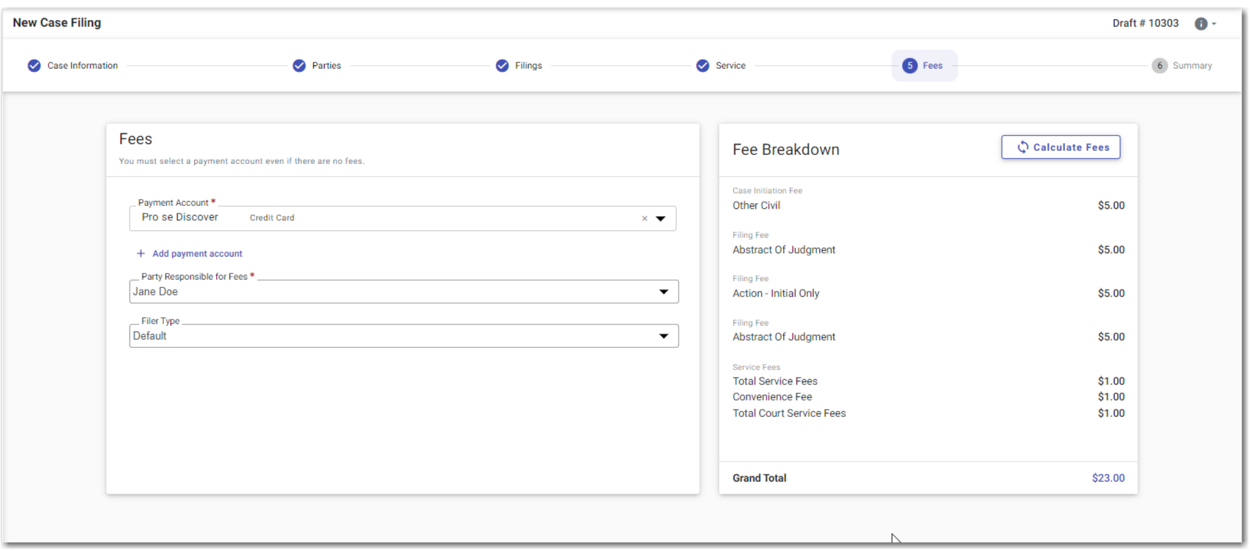

Figure 9.45 – Example of a Fees Page with the Filing Fees Displayed

   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.

5. Review the filing fees, and then click **Summary →**.

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.

Figure 9.46 – 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 9.47 – 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.

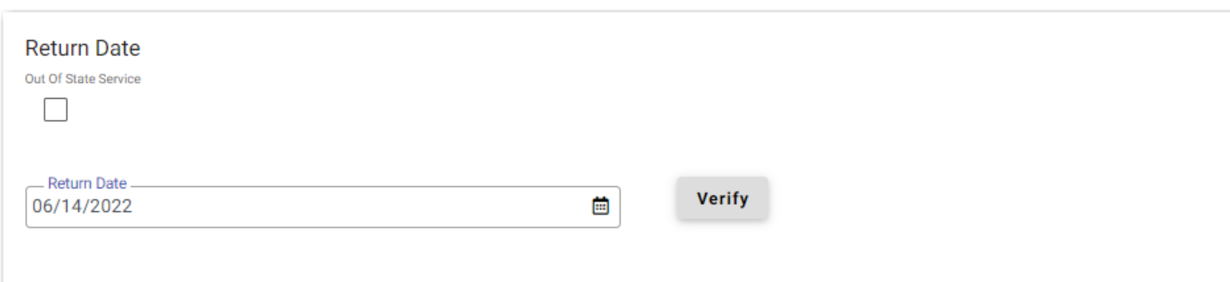

Figure 9.48 – Example of the Return Date Pane with a Valid Date Displayed

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.

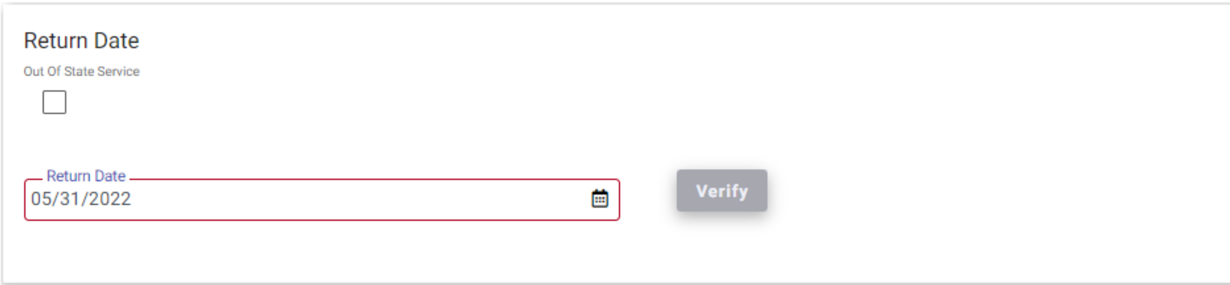

Figure 9.49 – Example of the Return Date Pane with an Error in the Return Date Field

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.

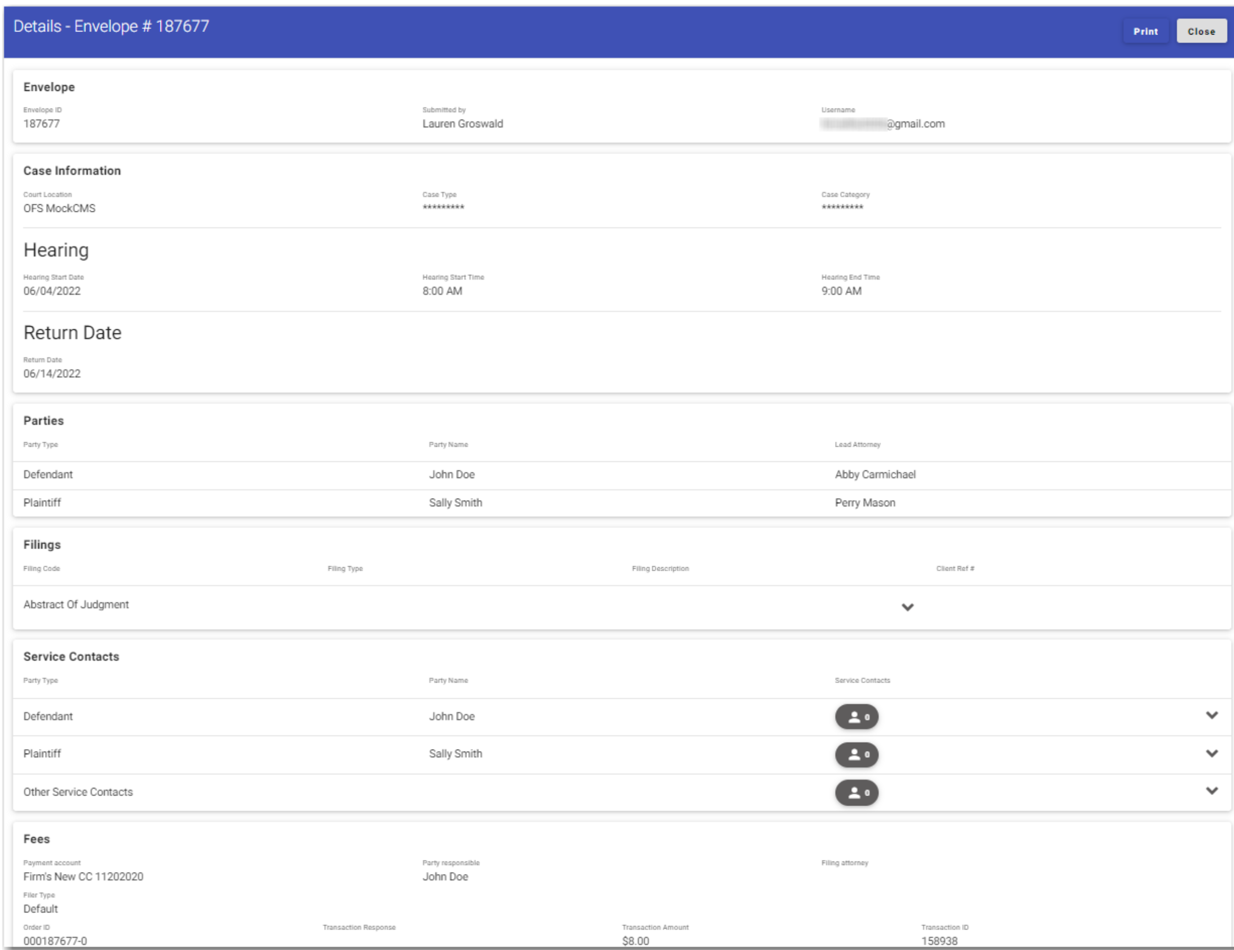

Figure 9.50 – Example of the Return Date in the Envelope Details

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 

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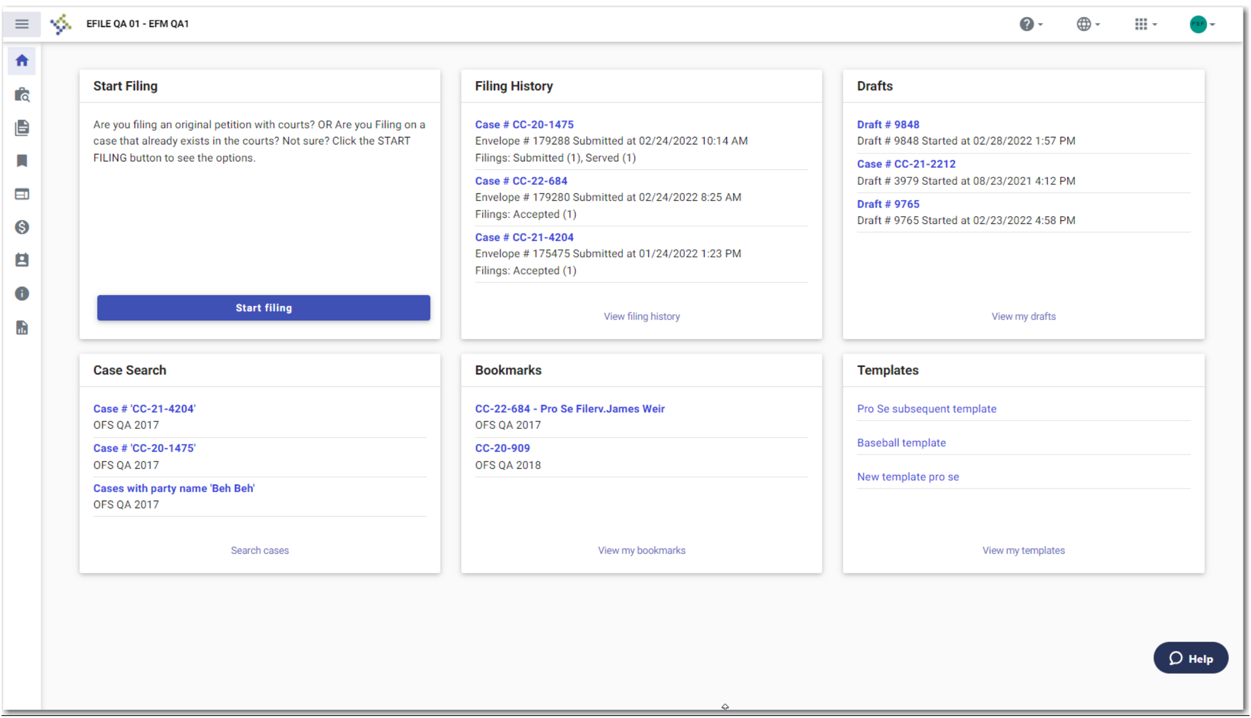


Figure 9.51 – Dashboard Page

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

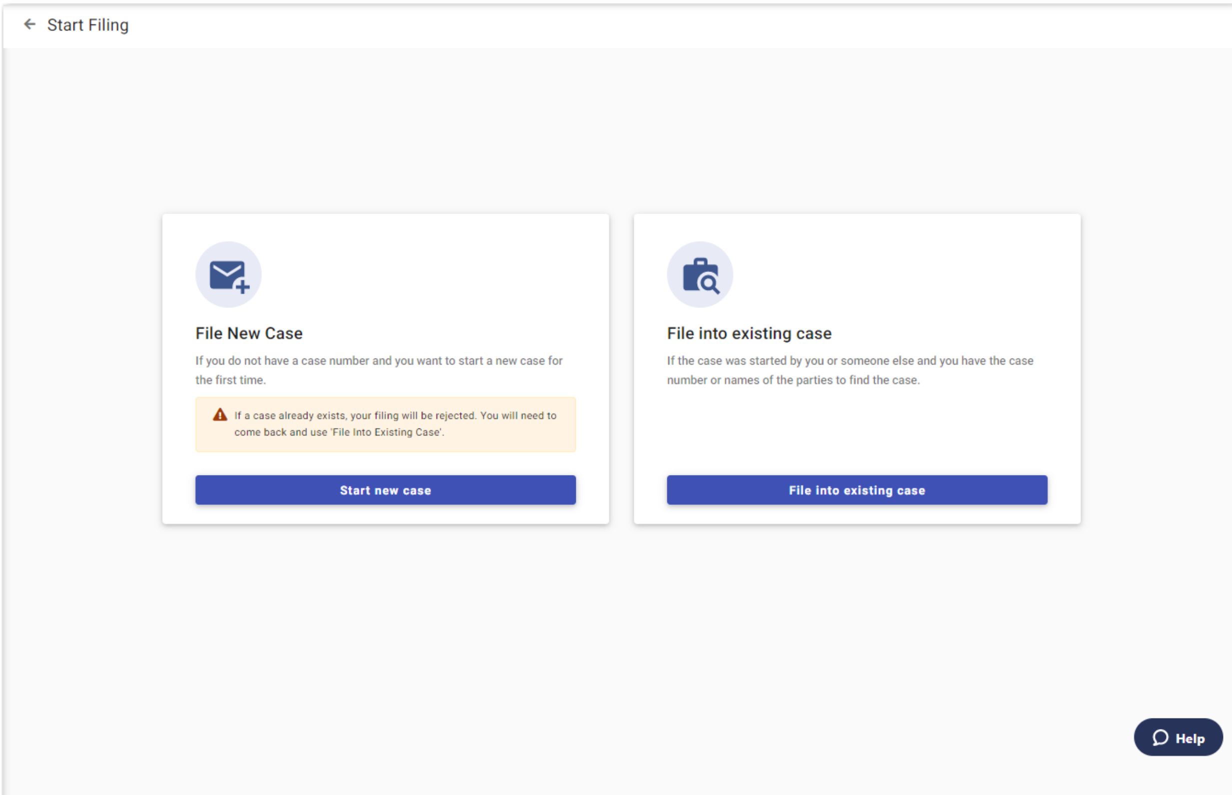
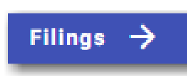


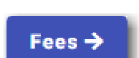
Figure 9.52 – Start Filing Page

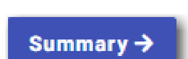
2. Click .

   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.

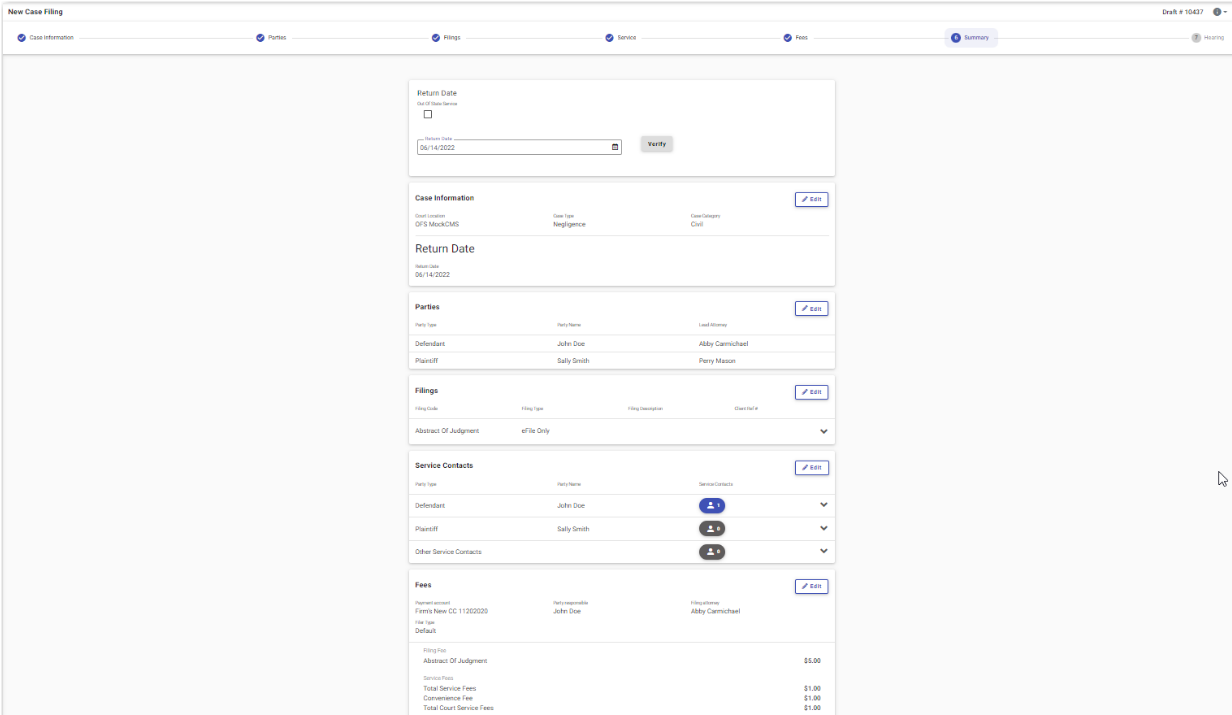


Figure 9.53 – Return Date Pane on the Summary Page

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.

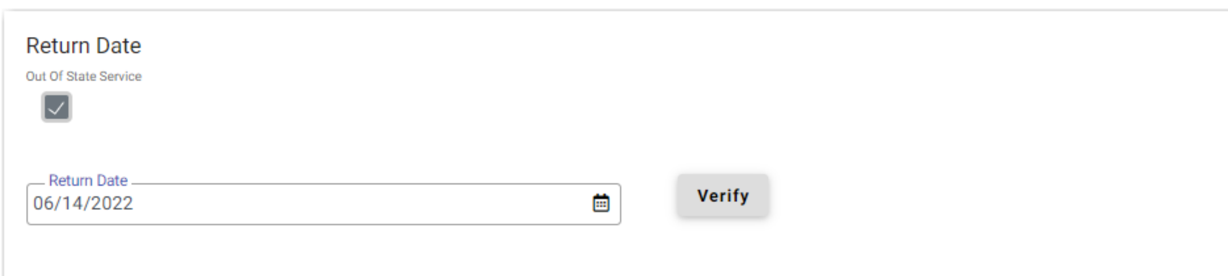


Figure 9.54 – Out of State Service Check Box Selected in the Return Date Pane

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

   c. Click 

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

Figure 9.55 – 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.

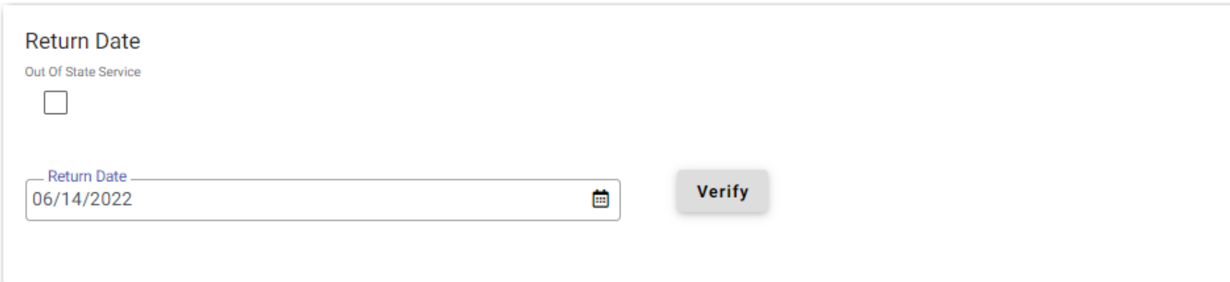

Figure 9.56 – Example of the Return Date Pane with a Valid Date Displayed

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.

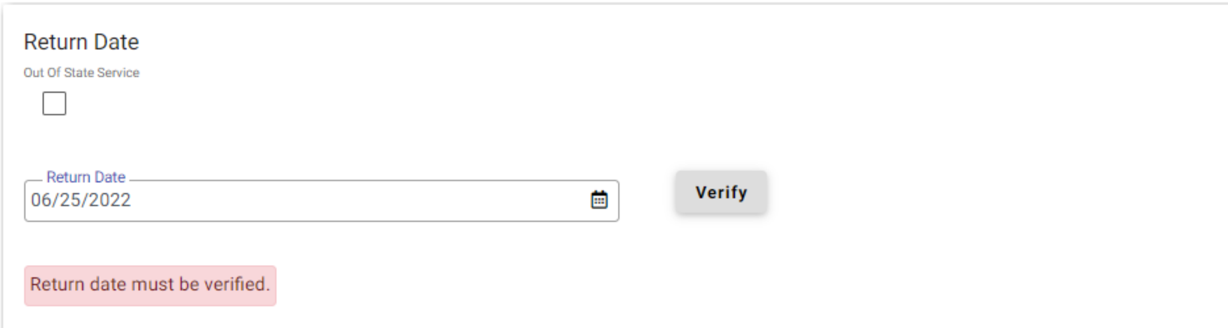

Figure 9.57 – Return Date Pane

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

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.

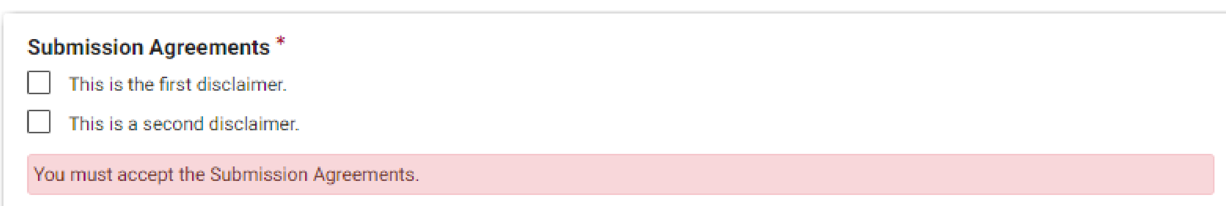

Figure 9.58 – Example of a Submission Agreements Pane with Two Disclaimers

Figure 9.59 – 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 

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   The *Summary* page is displayed.

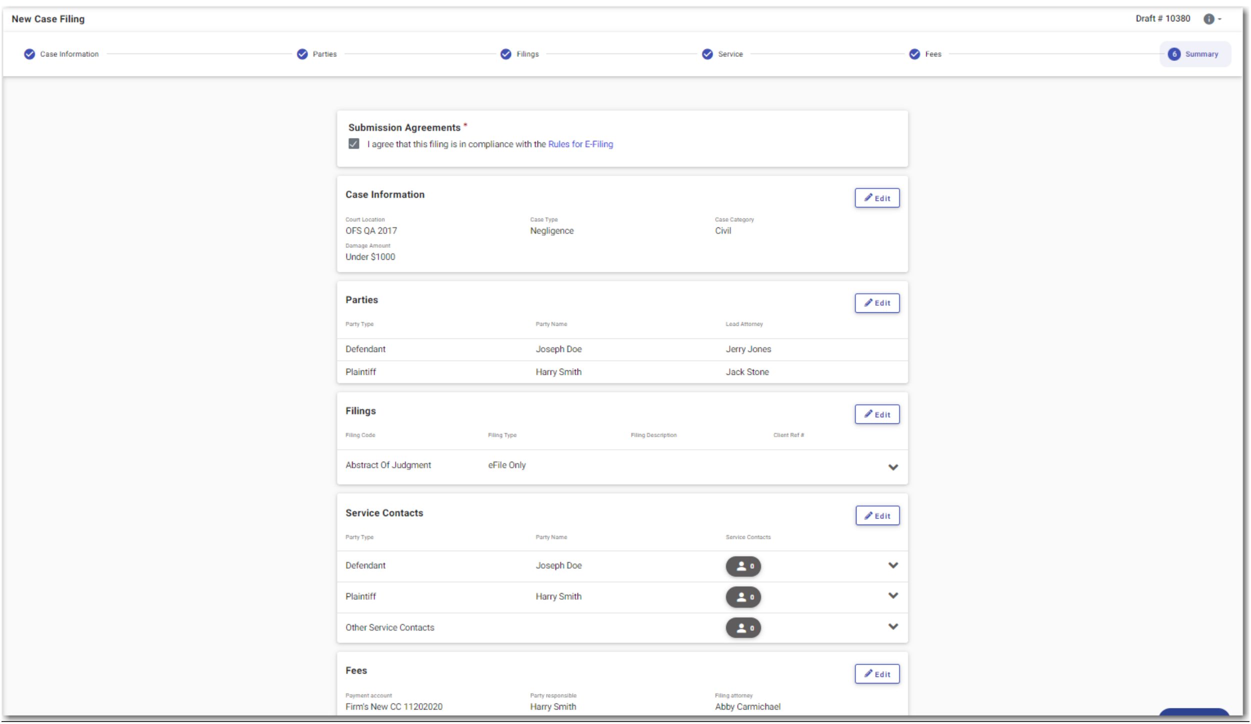

Figure 9.60 – Example of a Summary Page

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.

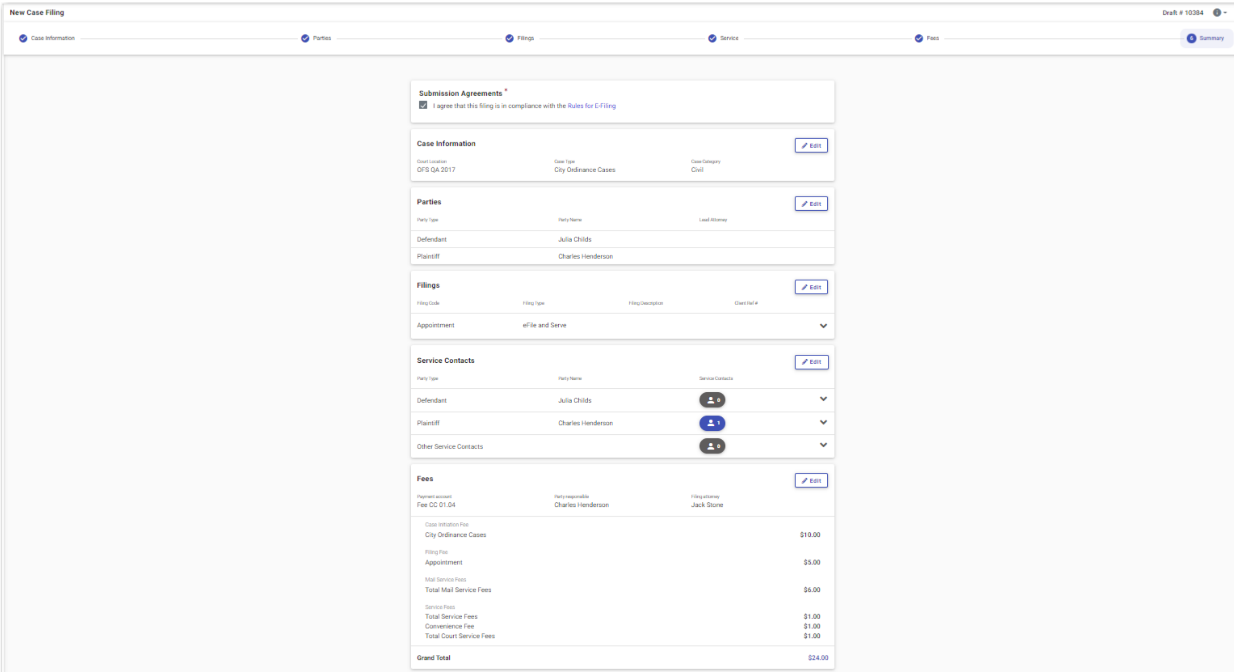

Figure 9.61 – Example of a Summary Page with Mail Service Fees Displayed

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.

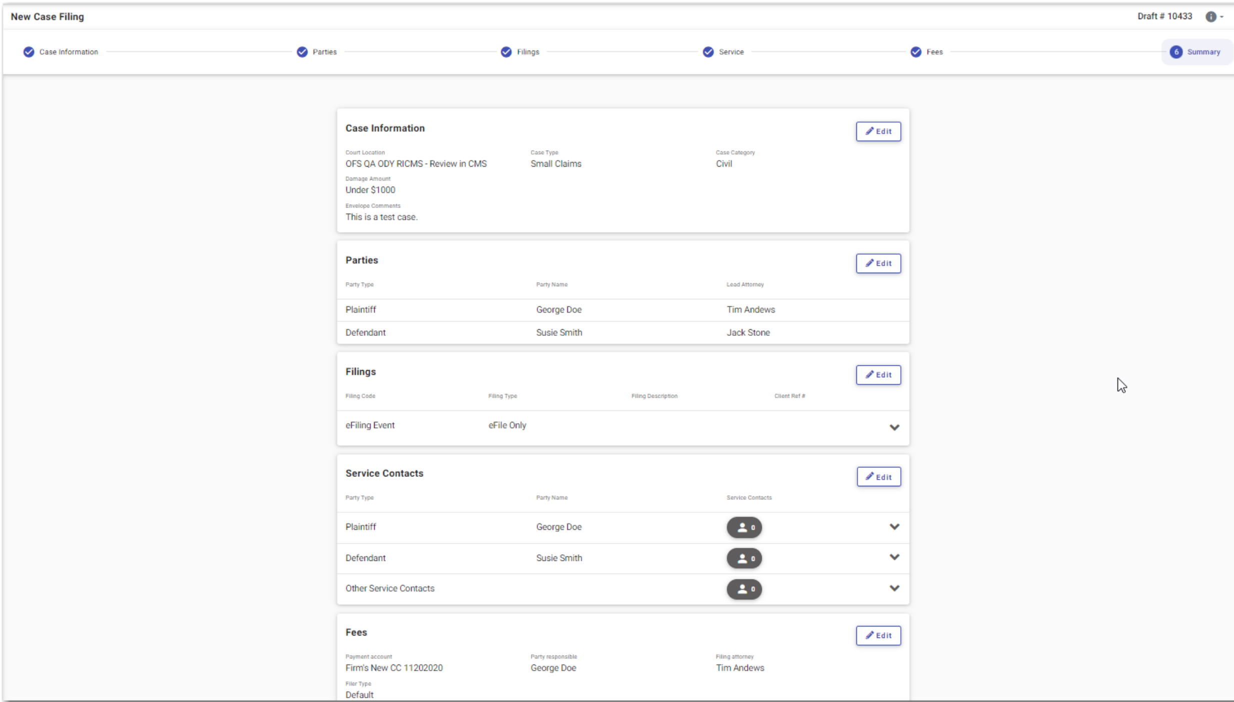

Figure 9.62 – Example of a Summary Page with Envelope Comments Displayed

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 **Edit** in the pane in which you want to change the information.
5. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click **Submit**.

   The *Envelope Submitted* window is displayed.

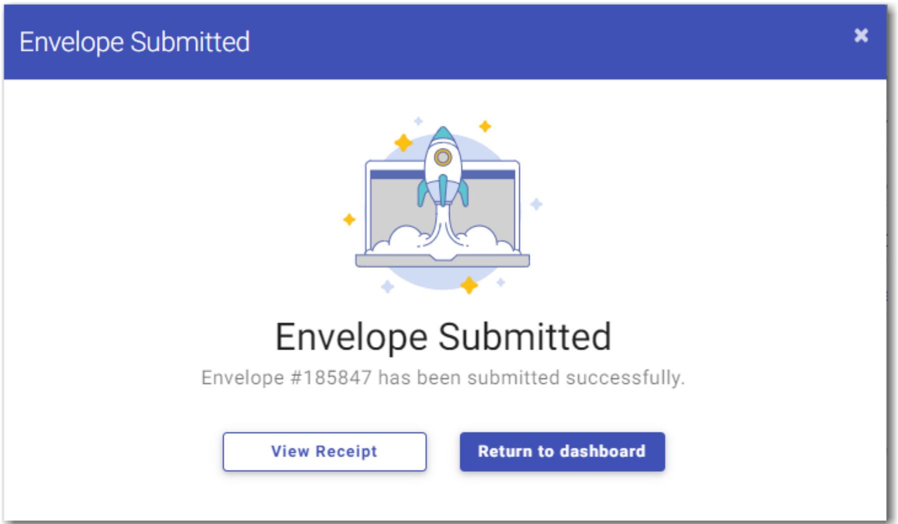

Figure 9.63 – Envelope Submitted Window

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 

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   The *Summary* page is displayed.

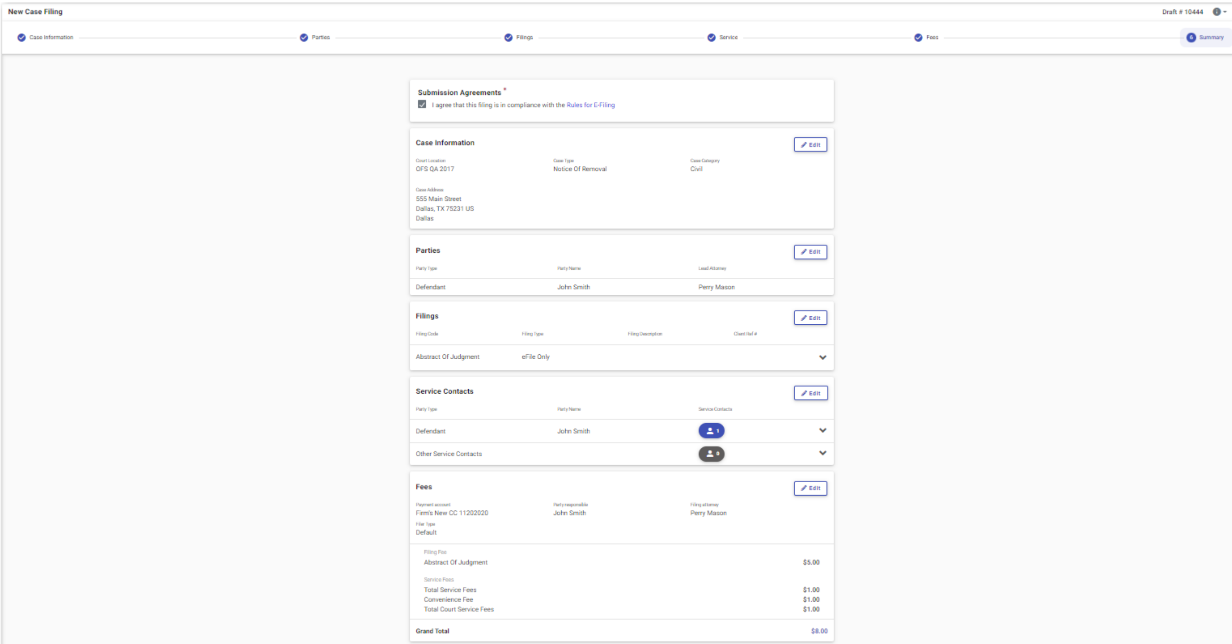


Figure 9.64 – Case Address Information on the Summary Page

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

   The *Envelope Submitted* window is displayed.

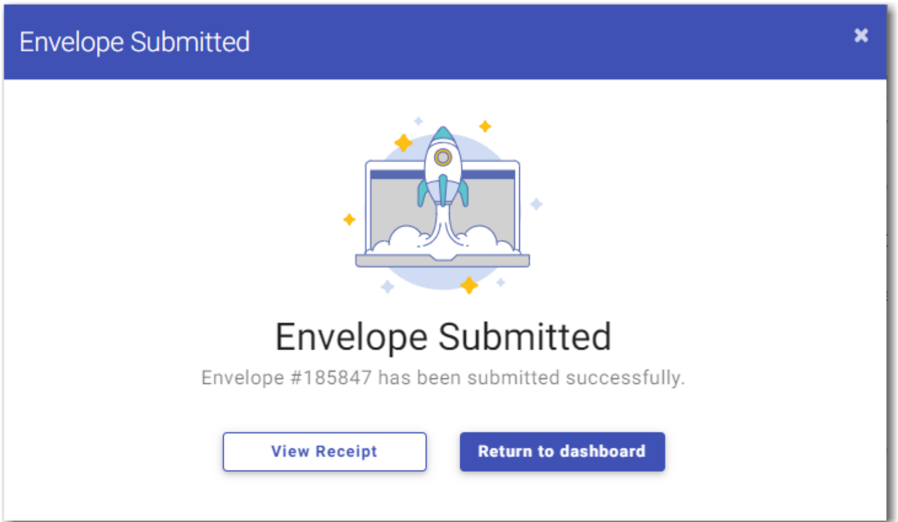


Figure 9.65 – Envelope Submitted Window

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

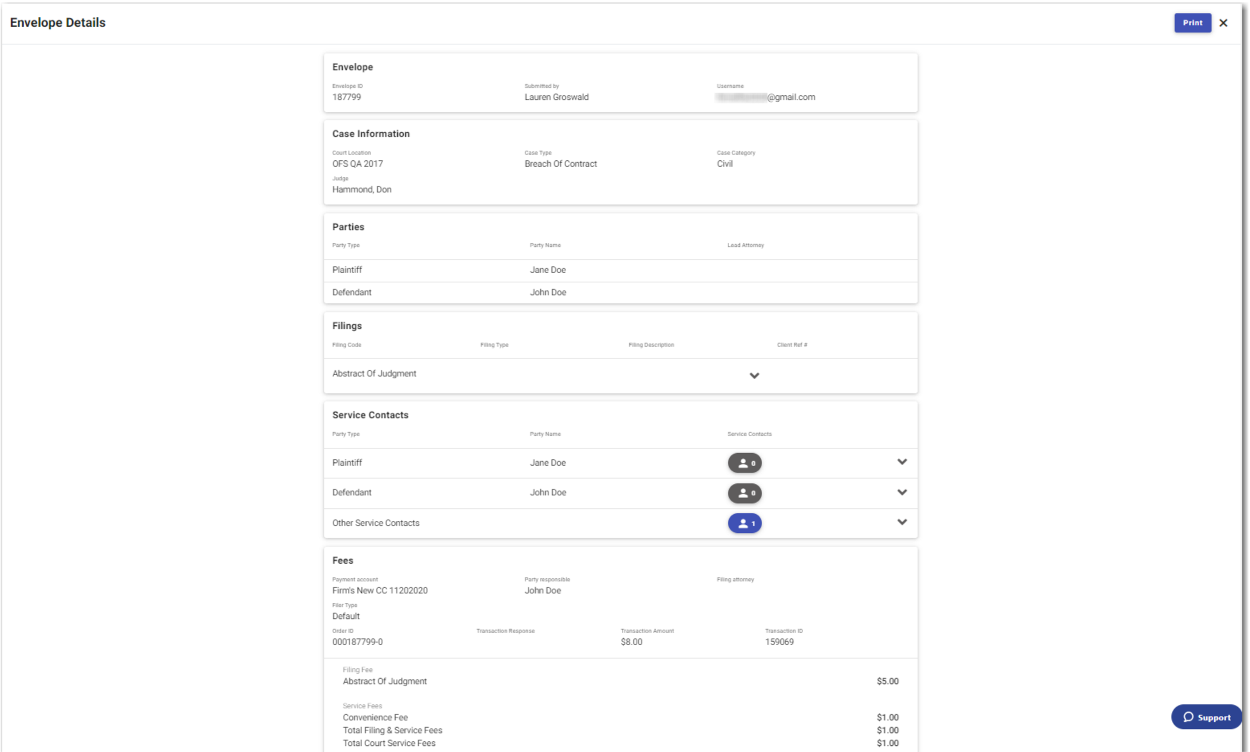


Figure 9.66 – Example of the Judge Information on the Envelope Details Page

- *Summary* page for subsequent filings

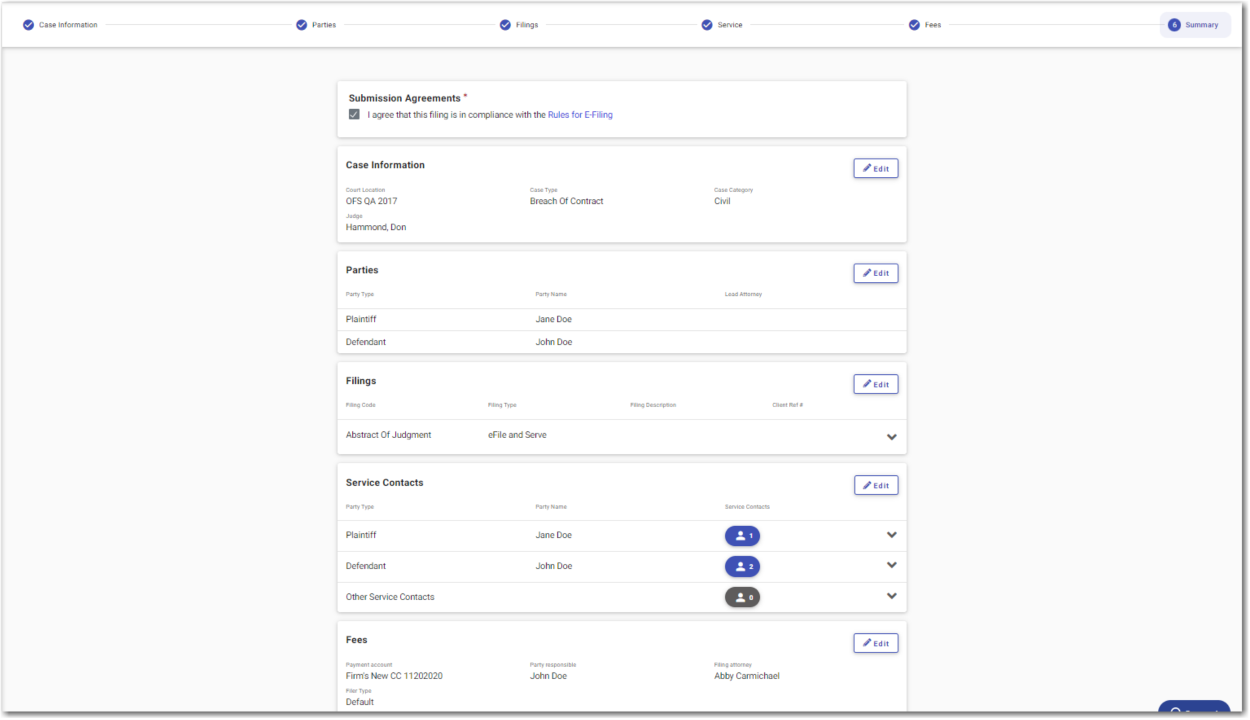


Figure 9.67 – Example of the Judge Information on the Summary Page

- *Case Information* page for subsequent filings

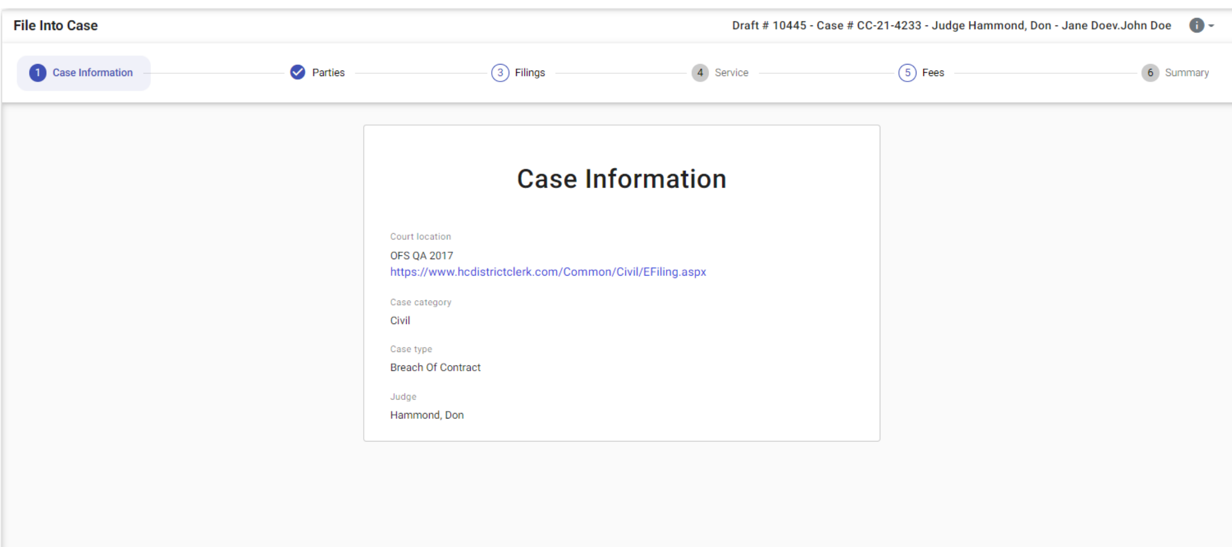


Figure 9.68 – Example of the Judge Information on the Case Information Page

- *Bookmarks* page for subsequent filings

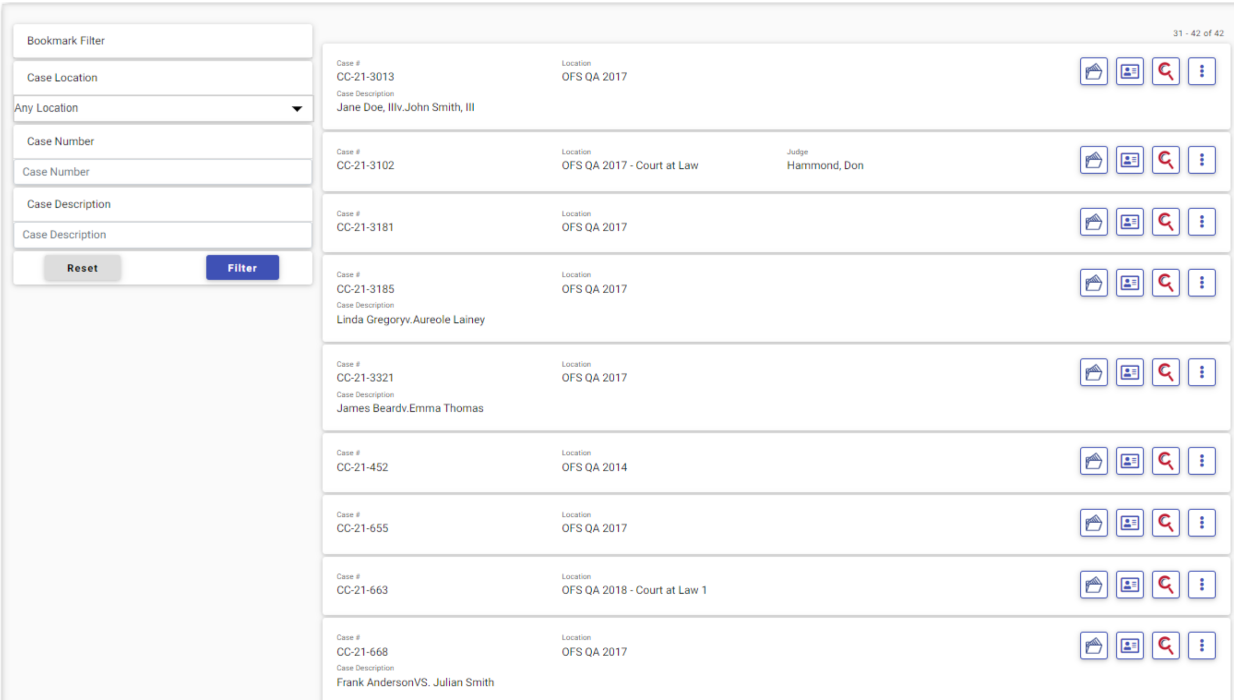


Figure 9.69 – Example of the Judge Information on the Bookmarks Page

Capability for Hearing Dates

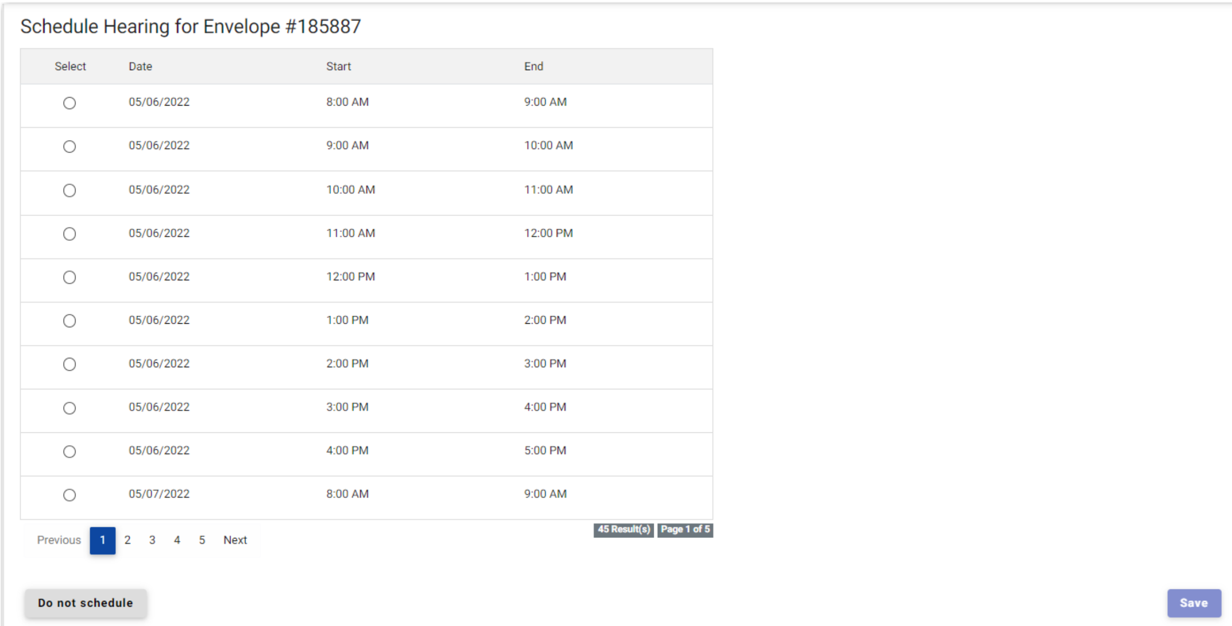
Filers can search for available hearing dates and then select a specified date. The hearing date is reserved in the system.

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
○	05/06/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
○	05/06/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
○	05/06/2022	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
○	05/06/2022	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
○	05/07/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM

Previous 1 2 3 4 5 Next

45 Result(s) Page 1 of 5

Do not schedule

Save

Figure 9.70 – Example of a Schedule Hearing Page

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

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 **Start filing**.

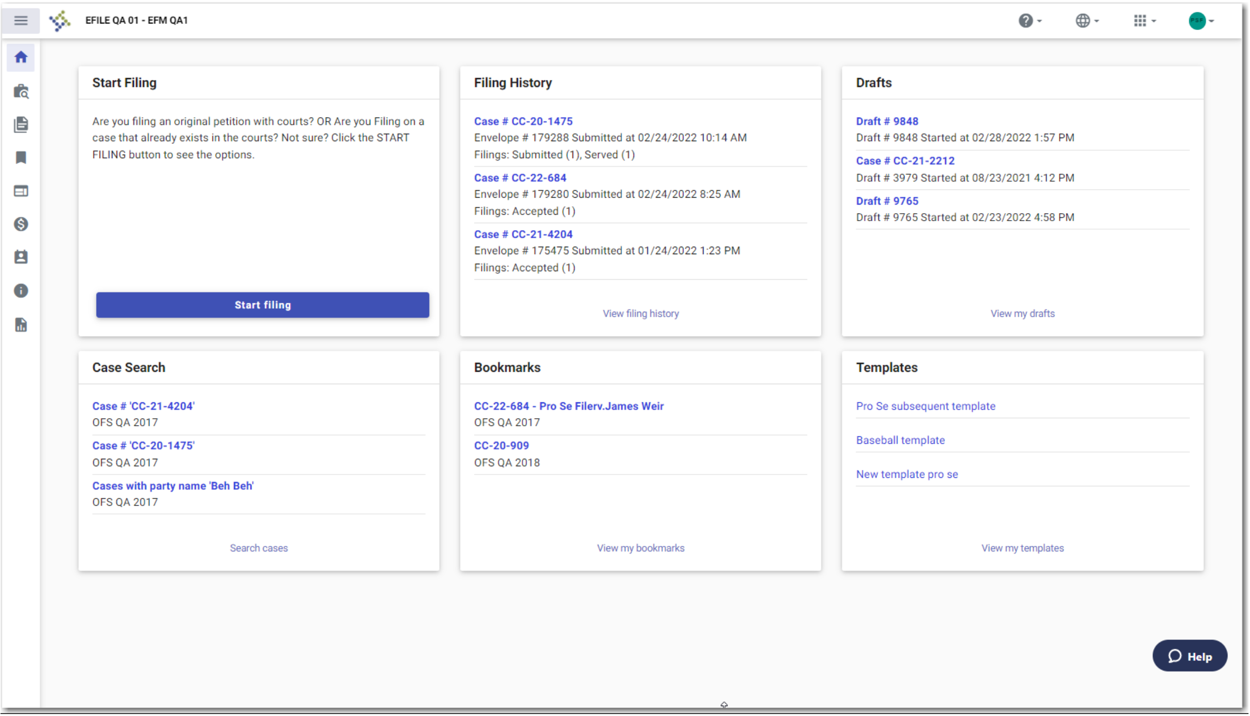


Figure 9.71 – Dashboard Page

The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

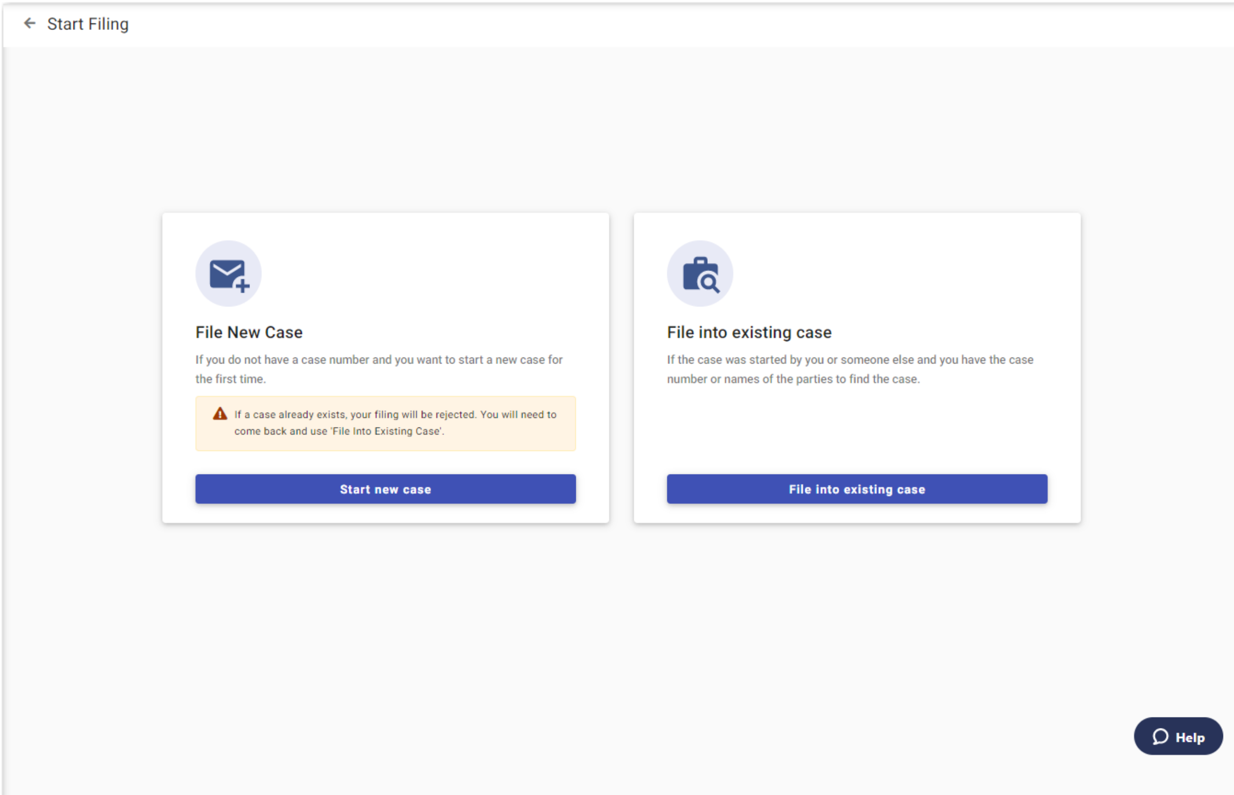


Figure 9.72 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

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   The *Case Information* page is displayed.

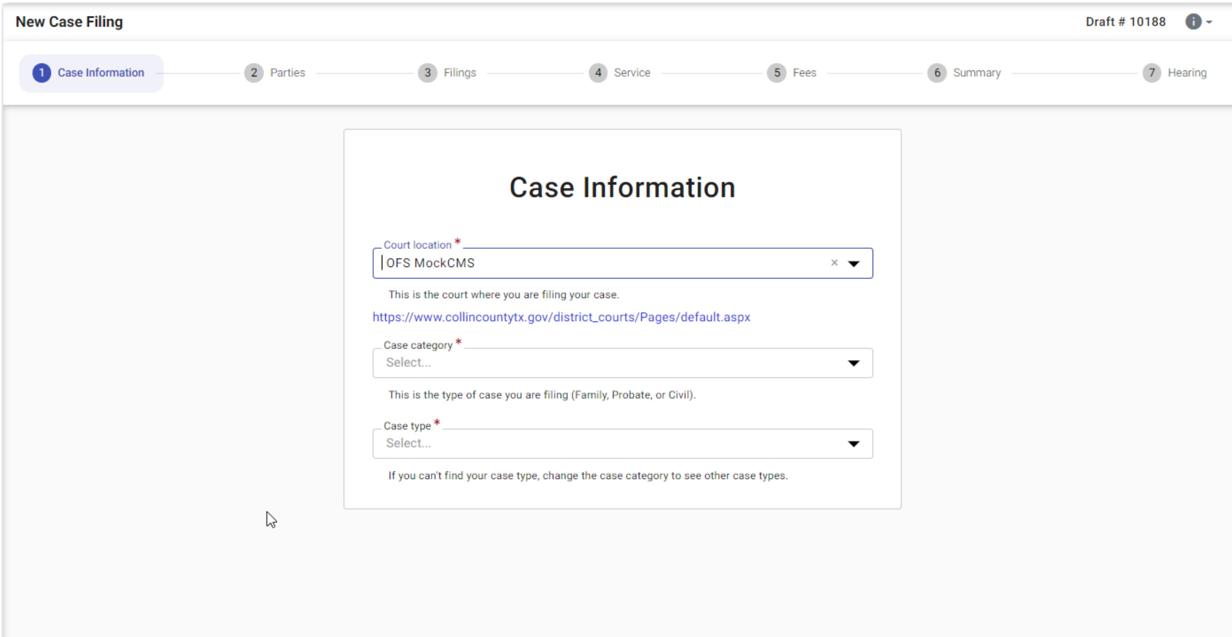

Figure 9.73 – Case Information Page

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

   The *Parties* page is displayed.

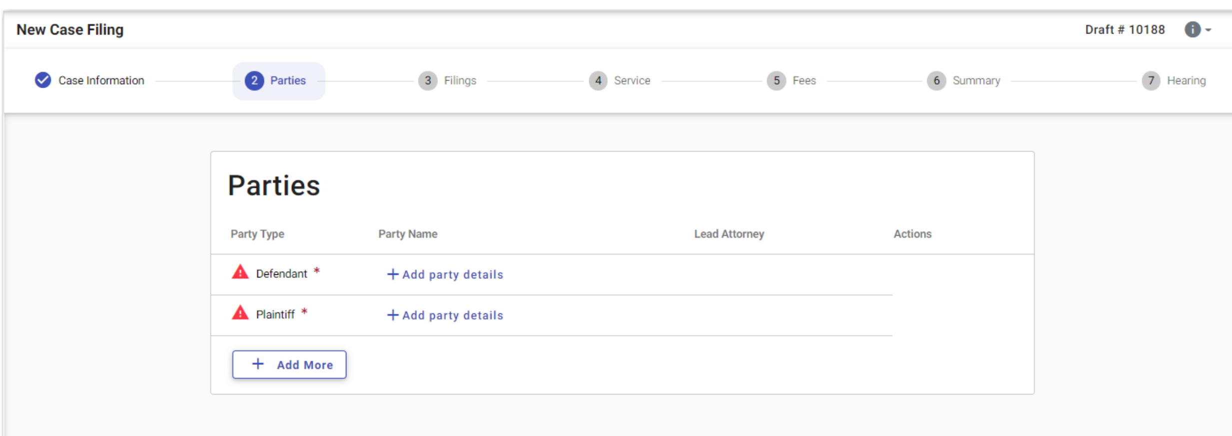

Figure 9.74 – Parties Page

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

   The *Filings* page is displayed.

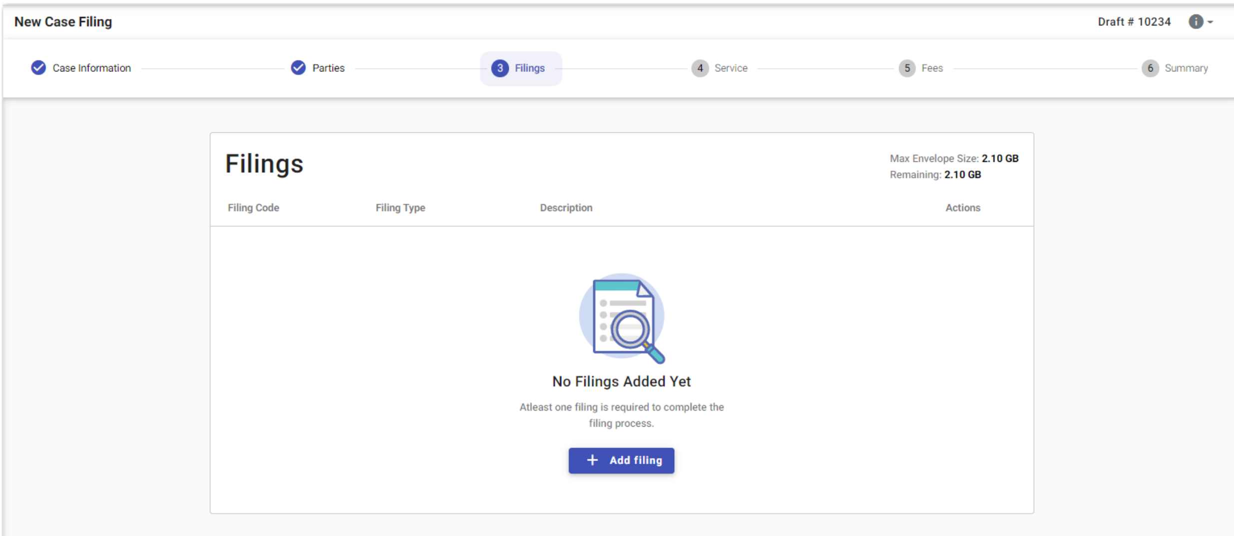

Figure 9.75 – Filings Page

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.

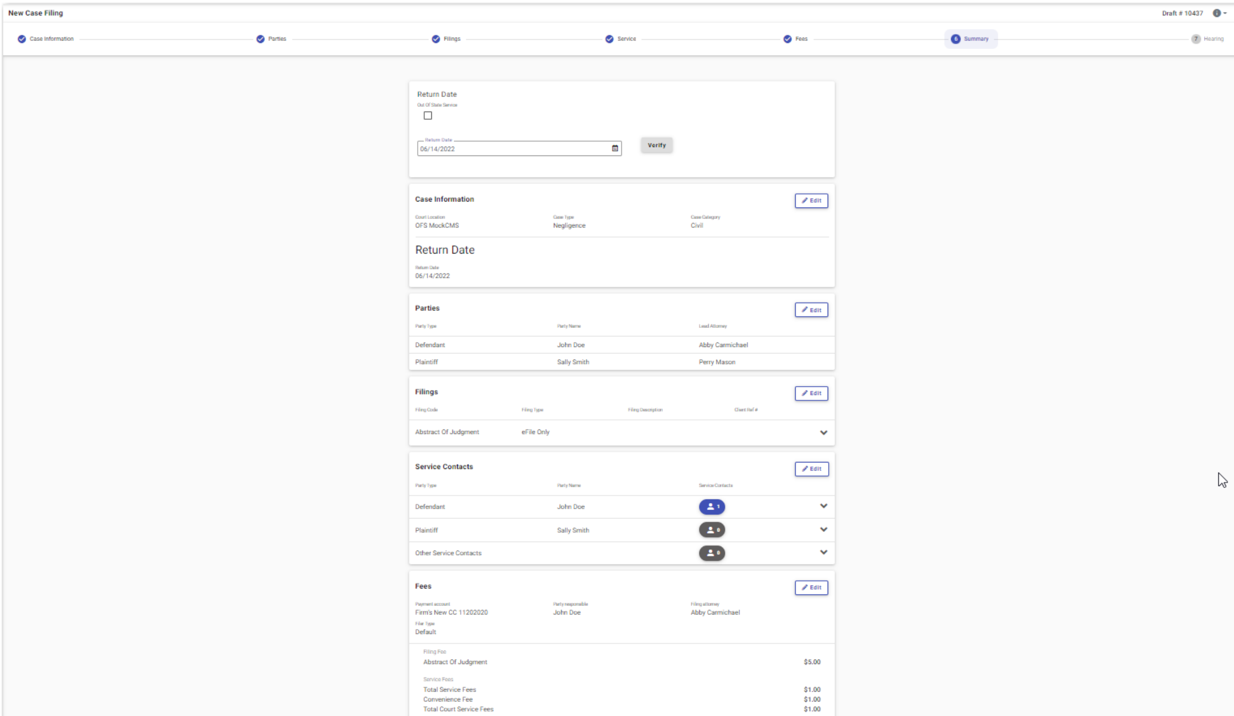

Figure 9.76 – Example of a Summary Page

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

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   The *Schedule Hearing* page is displayed.

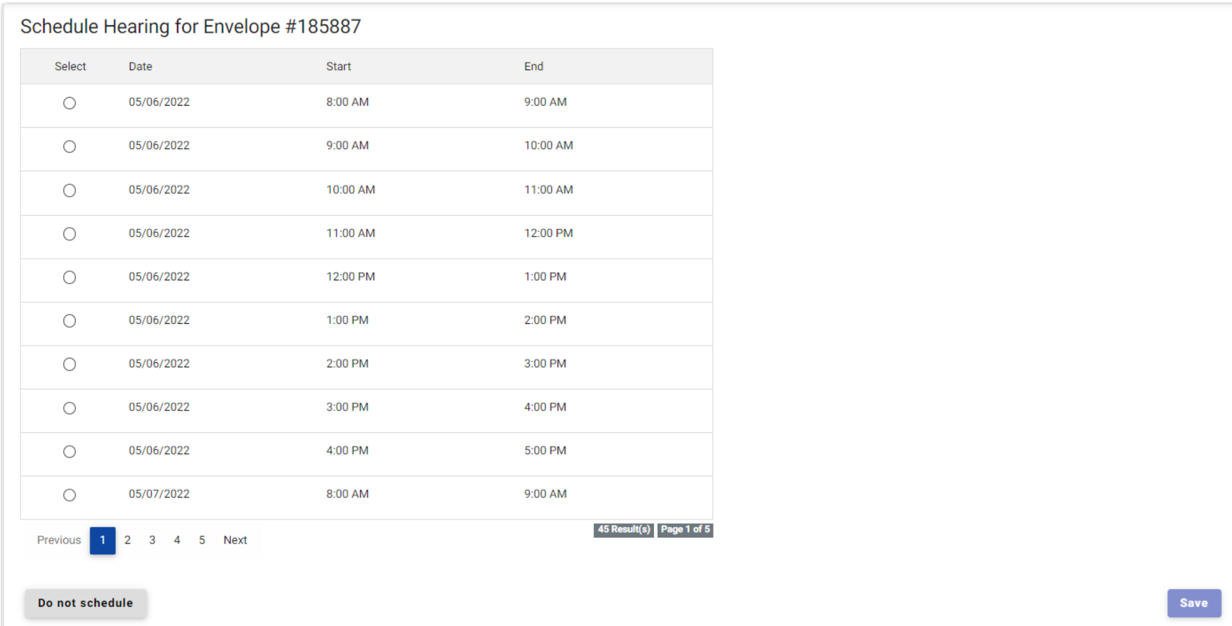

Figure 9.77 – Example of a Schedule Hearing Page

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

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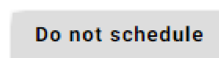
    A confirmation message is displayed, and then the *Dashboard* page is displayed.

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

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

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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.

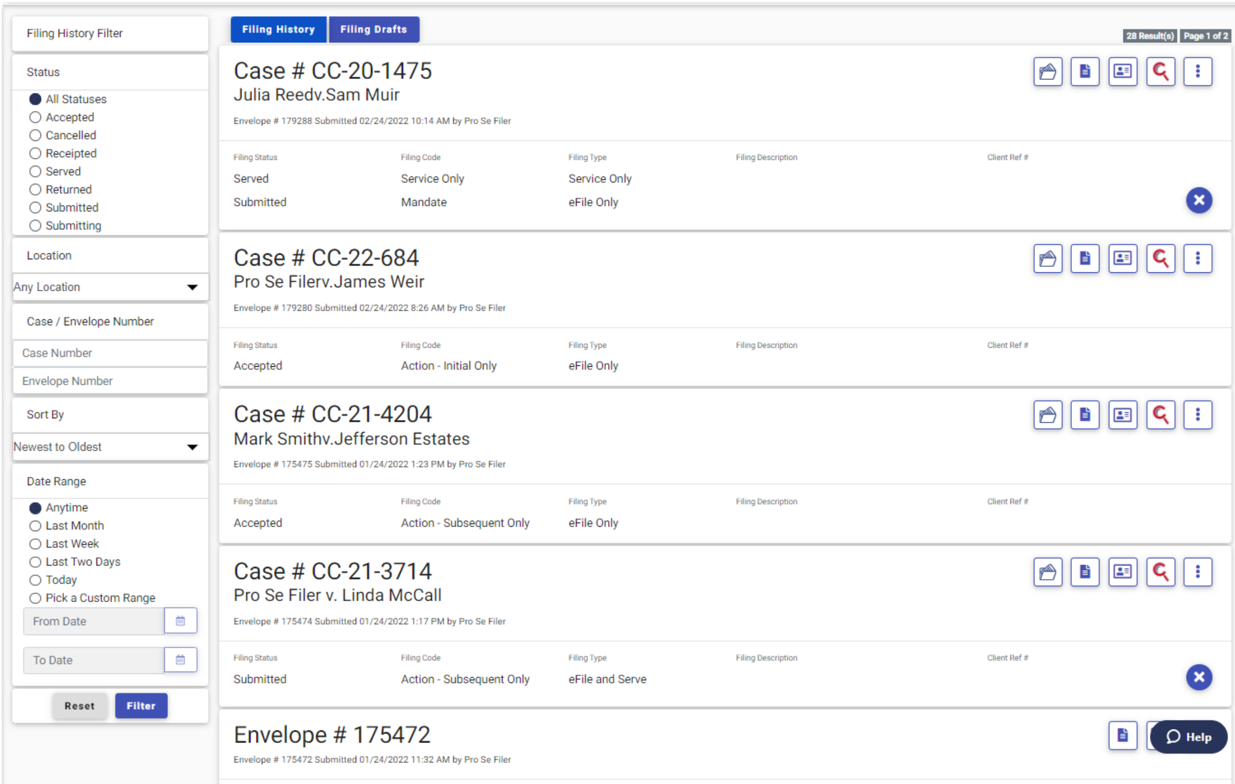


Figure 9.78 – Example of a Filing History Page

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

3. Click .

   The envelope details are displayed.

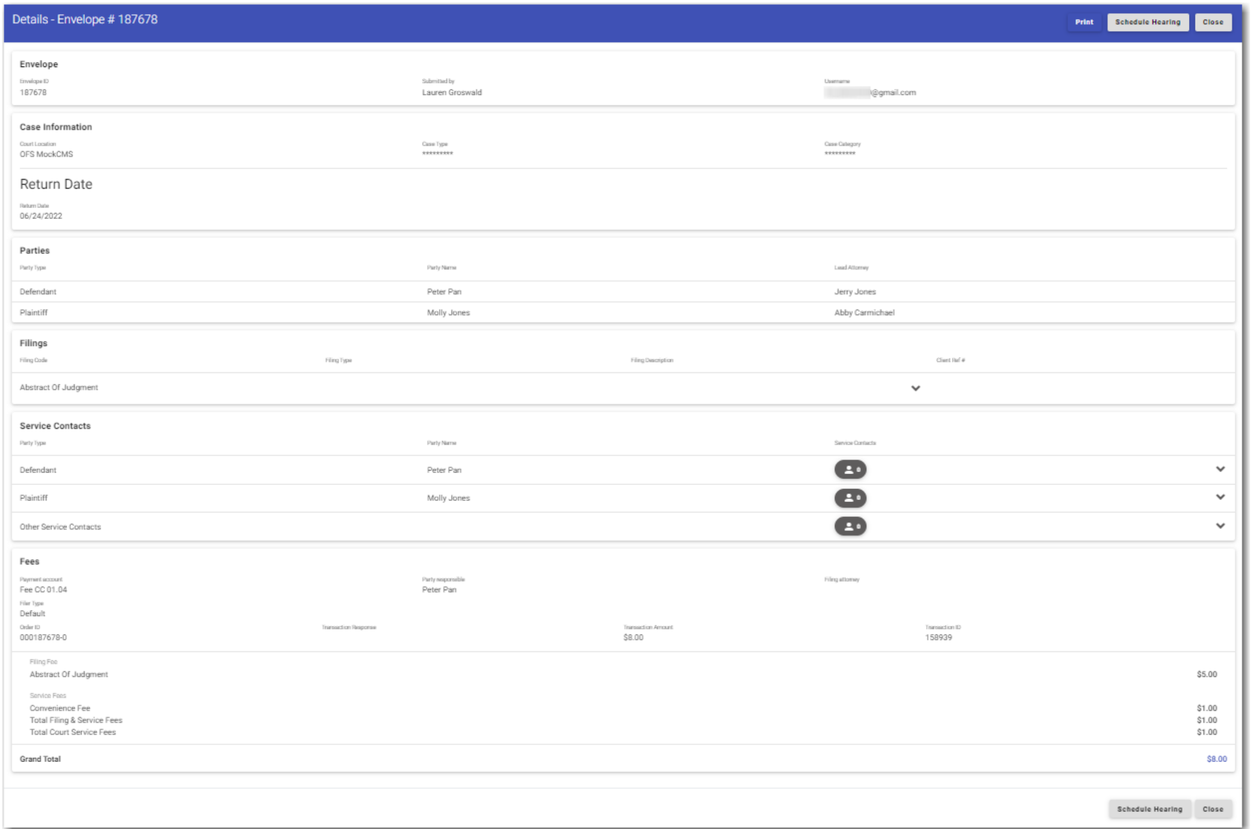
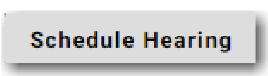


Figure 9.79 – Example of an Envelope Details Page

4. Click 

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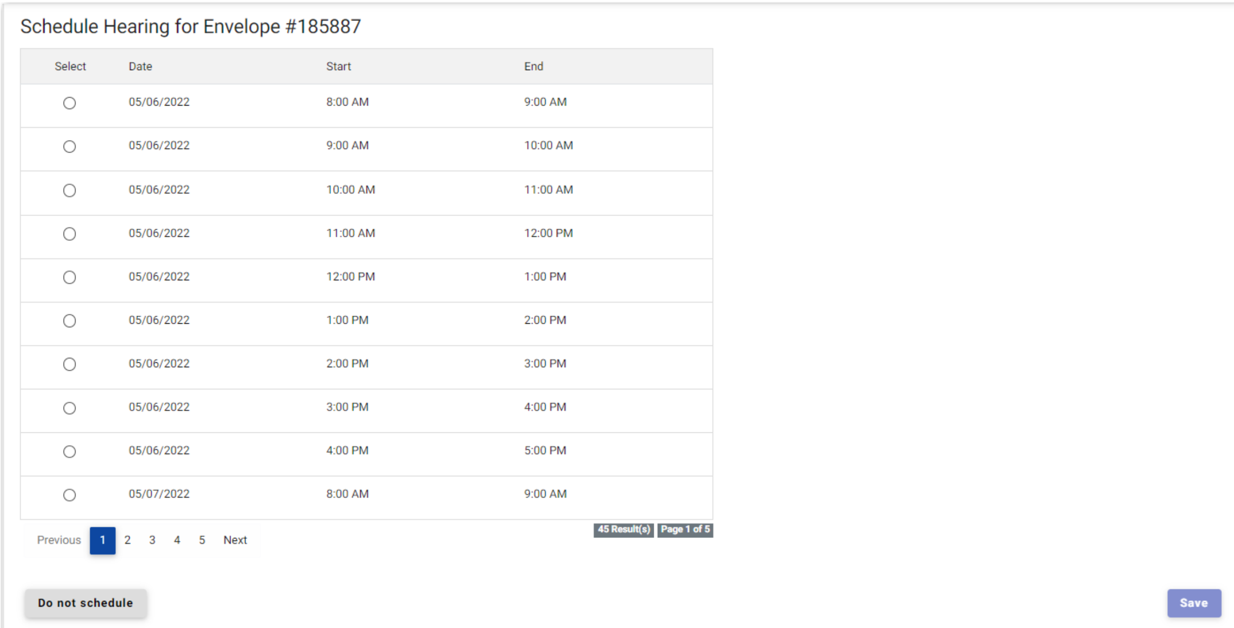
   The *Schedule Hearing* page is displayed.



Select	Date	Start	End
○	05/06/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM
○	05/06/2022	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
○	05/06/2022	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
○	05/06/2022	11:00 AM	12:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	3:00 PM	4:00 PM
○	05/06/2022	4:00 PM	5:00 PM
○	05/07/2022	8:00 AM	9:00 AM

Figure 9.80 – Example of a Schedule Hearing Page

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

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

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

10 Auto Generated Documents

Topics covered in this chapter

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.

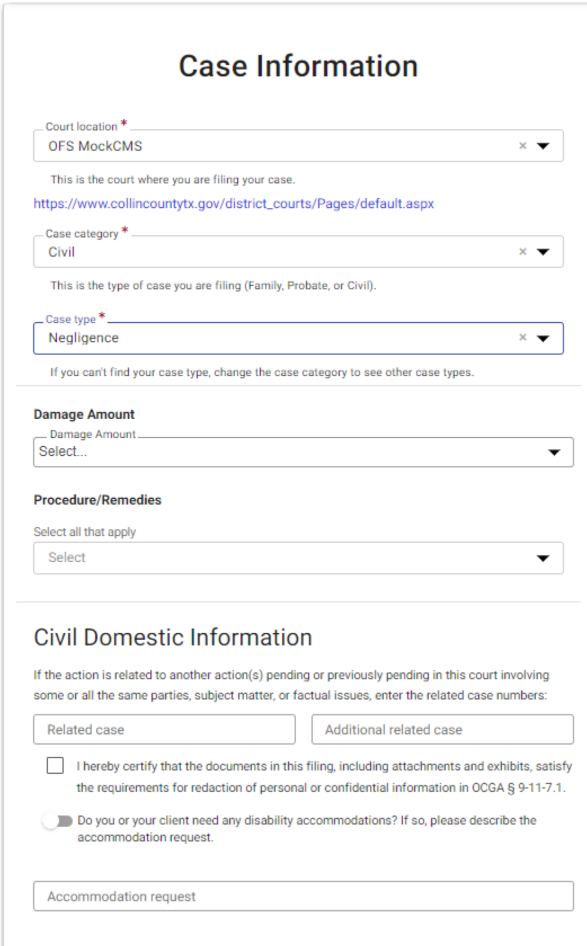

Figure 10.1 – Civil Domestic Information Section on the Case Information Page

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.

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

10. 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.

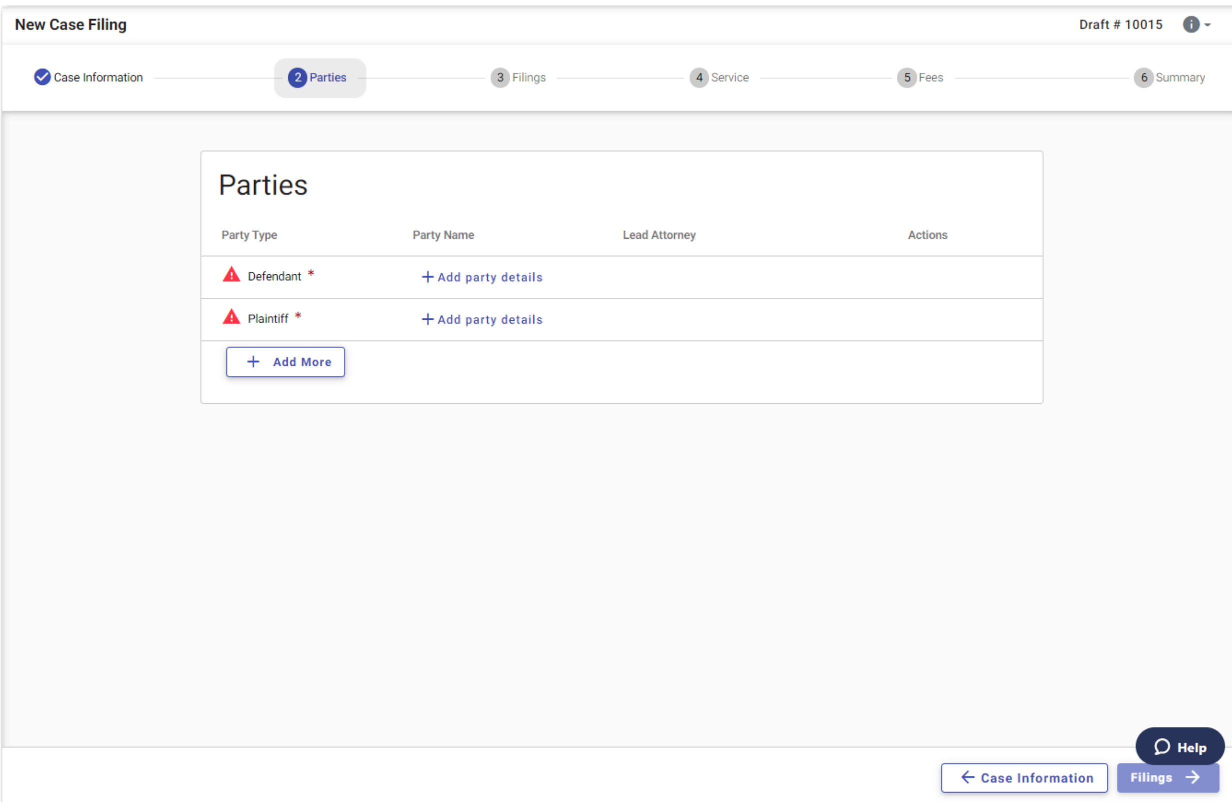

Figure 10.2 – Example of a Parties Page

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

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

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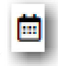
   The *Edit Party Details* window for the specified party is displayed.

2. Click either **Person** or **Entity**.

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

3. If you are the first party, select **I Am This Party**.
4. 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.
5. Type the party's date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
6. Type the party case management system identification (ID) in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
7. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
8. Select the type of driver's license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
9. Select the state where the driver's license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
10. Type the party's driver's license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
11. 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.

12. Select the party's gender from the **Gender** drop-down list.
13. If available, select an option from the **Service of Process** drop-down list.
14. In the Contact Information pane, enter the country, address, city, state, ZIP code, and phone number for the specified party.
15. In the Attorney Information pane, from the **Lead Attorney** drop-down list, select **Pro Se** for the filing attorney.
16. After all of the required fields for the specified party are completed, click **Save**.
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 **+ Add More**, 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 **Filings →** 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.

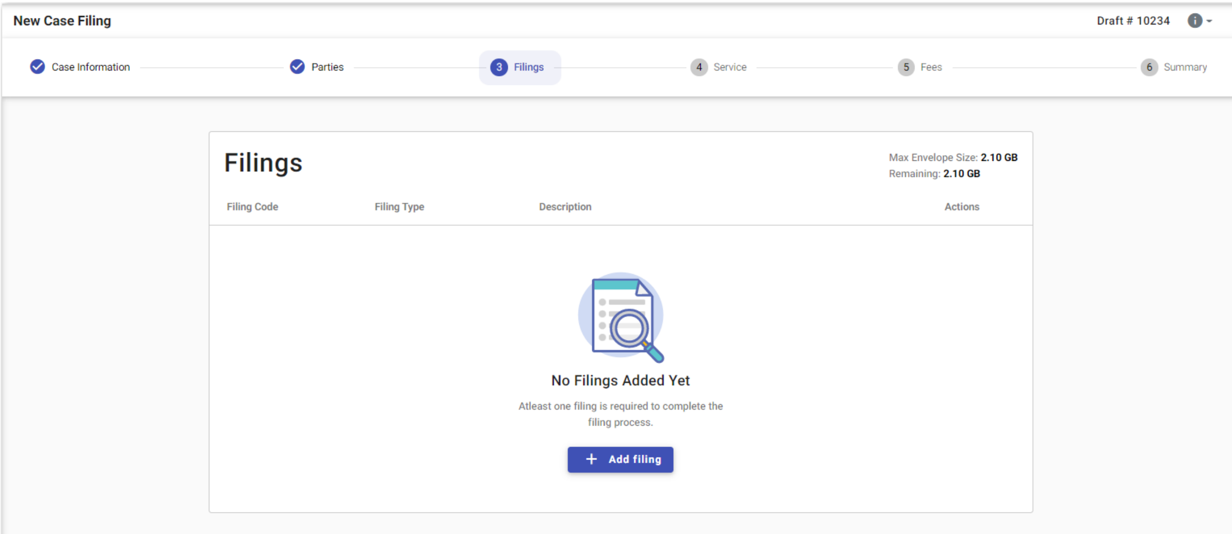
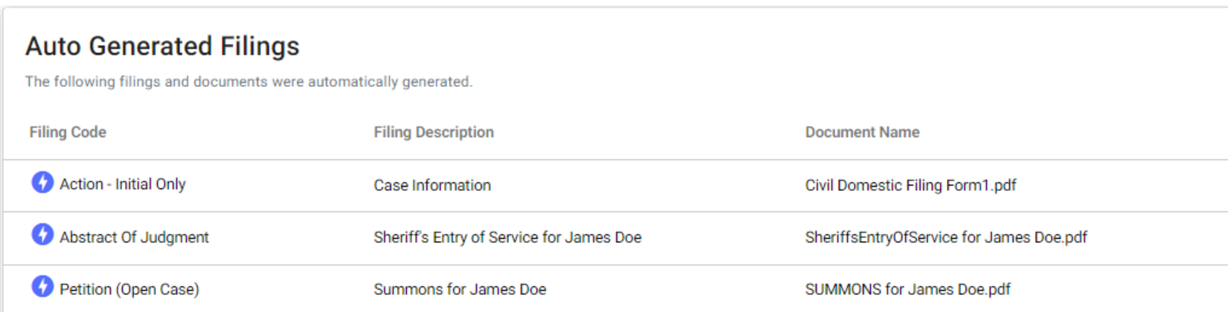


Figure 10.3 – Filings Page

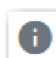


Auto Generated Filings

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 10.4 – 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 

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   The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

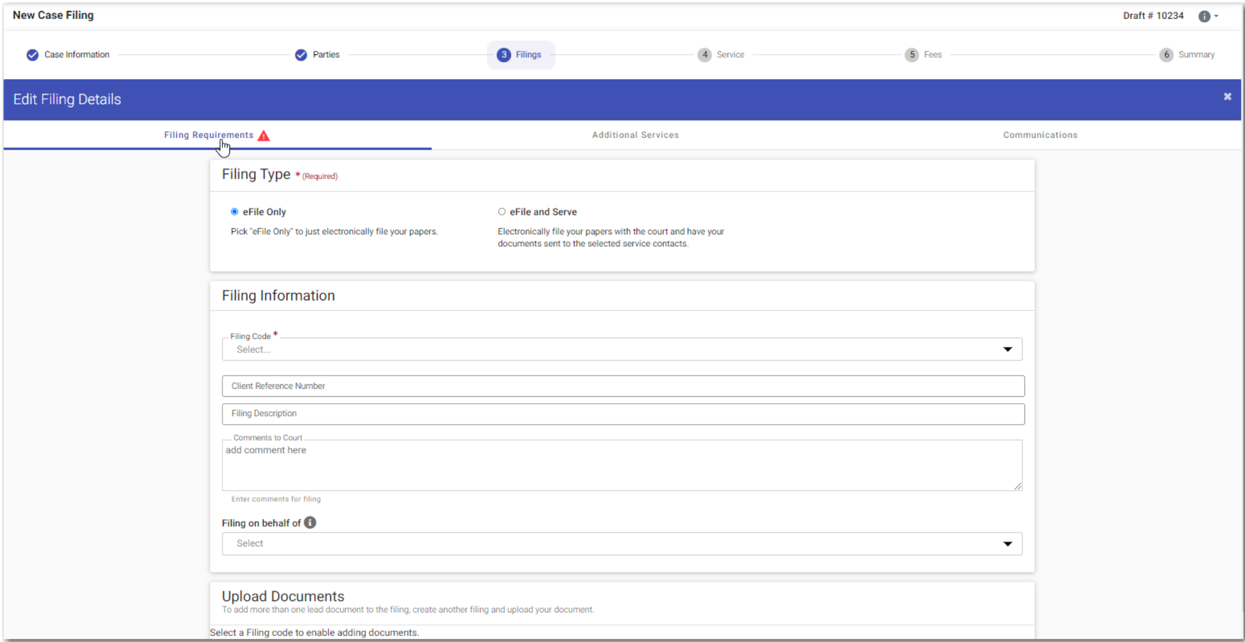
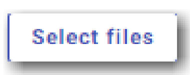


Figure 10.5 – Edit Filing Details Page

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."

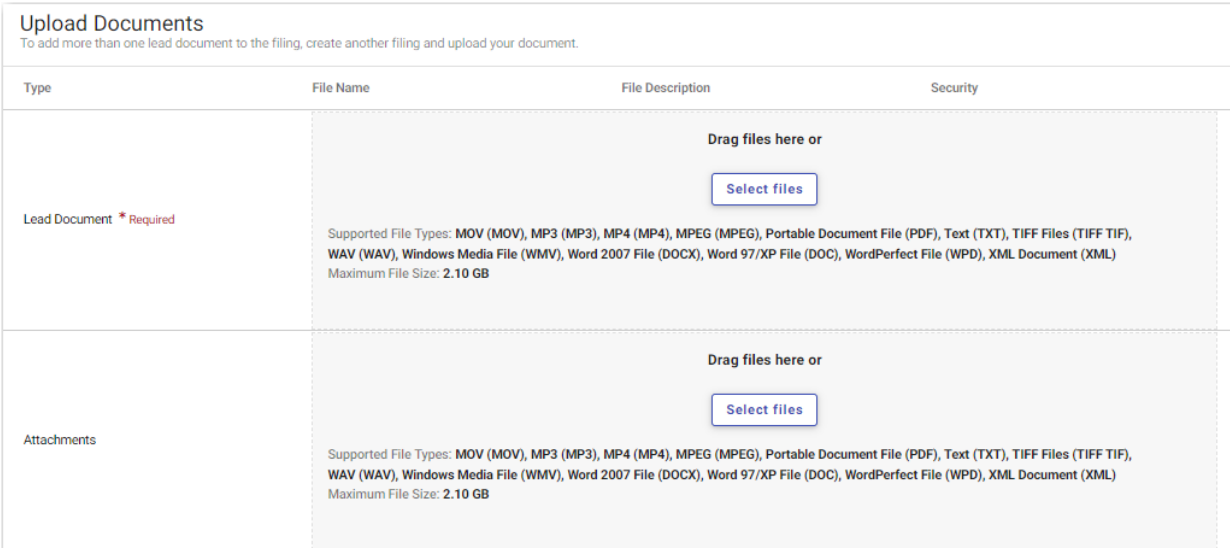


Figure 10.6 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

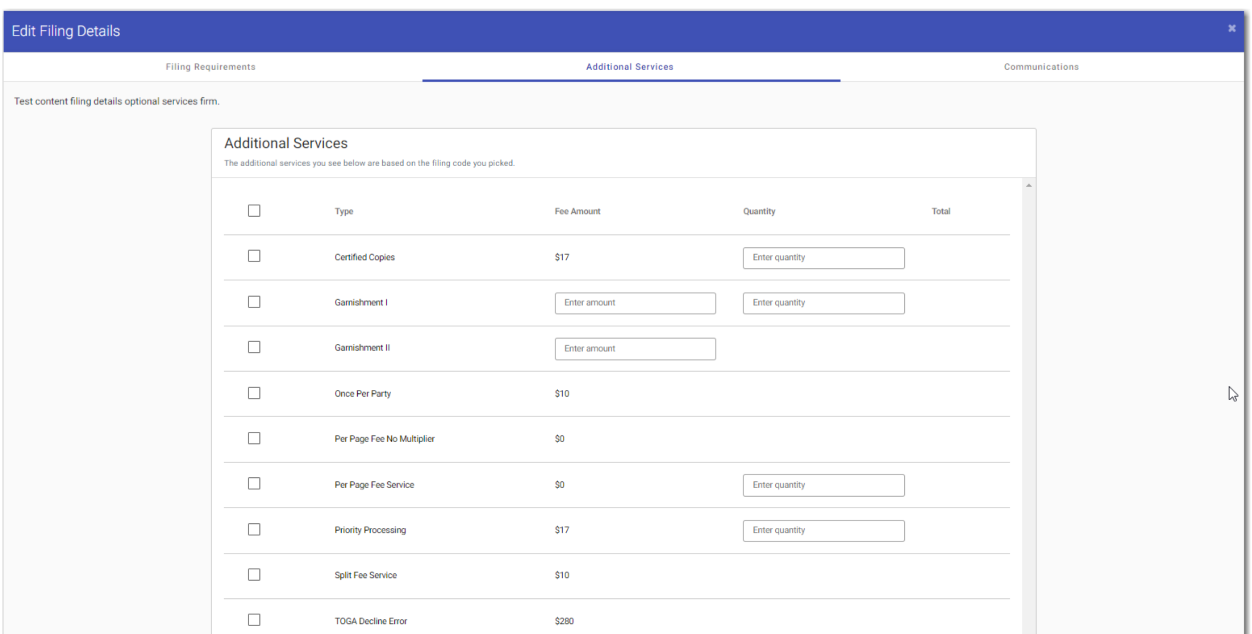


Figure 10.7 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

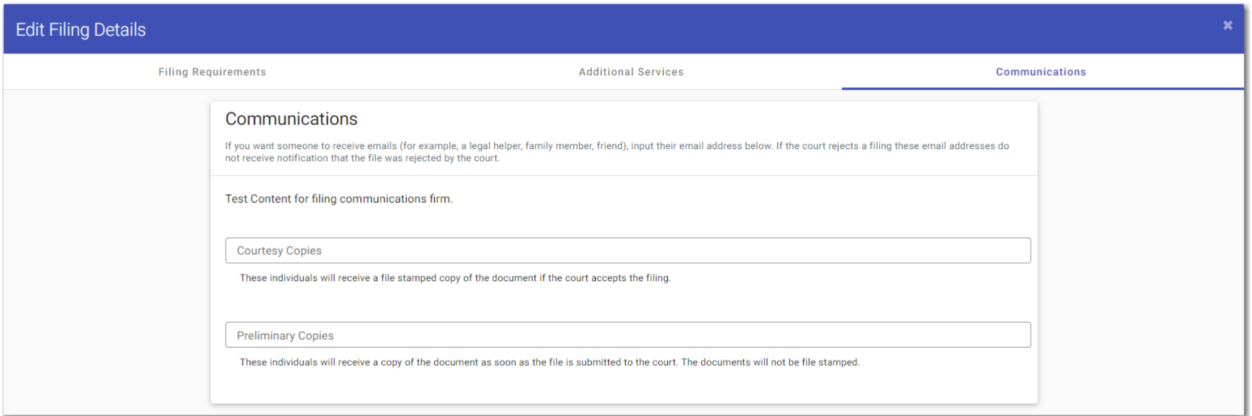


Figure 10.8 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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

You can create a payment account before you begin your filing. You can also create a payment account during your filing from the *Fees* page.

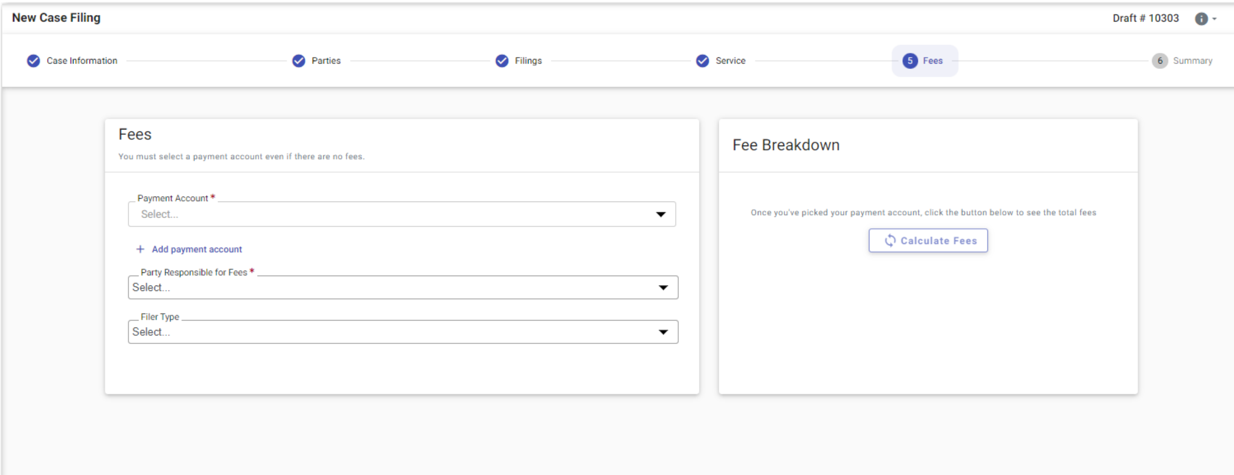


Figure 10.9 – Example of a Fees Page

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

To enter the payment information for your filing:

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

   If you do not have an existing payment account, click + Add payment account. Additional fields are displayed. Then, follow the steps to create a new payment account.

   Refer to the following topics for details on creating the various types of payment accounts:

   - Adding a Credit Card Payment Account, page 37
   - Adding an E-Check Payment Account, page 41
   - Adding a Draw-Down Account, page 45

2. 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.

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

4. In the Fee Breakdown pane, click Calculate Fees.

   The fees for the filing are displayed.

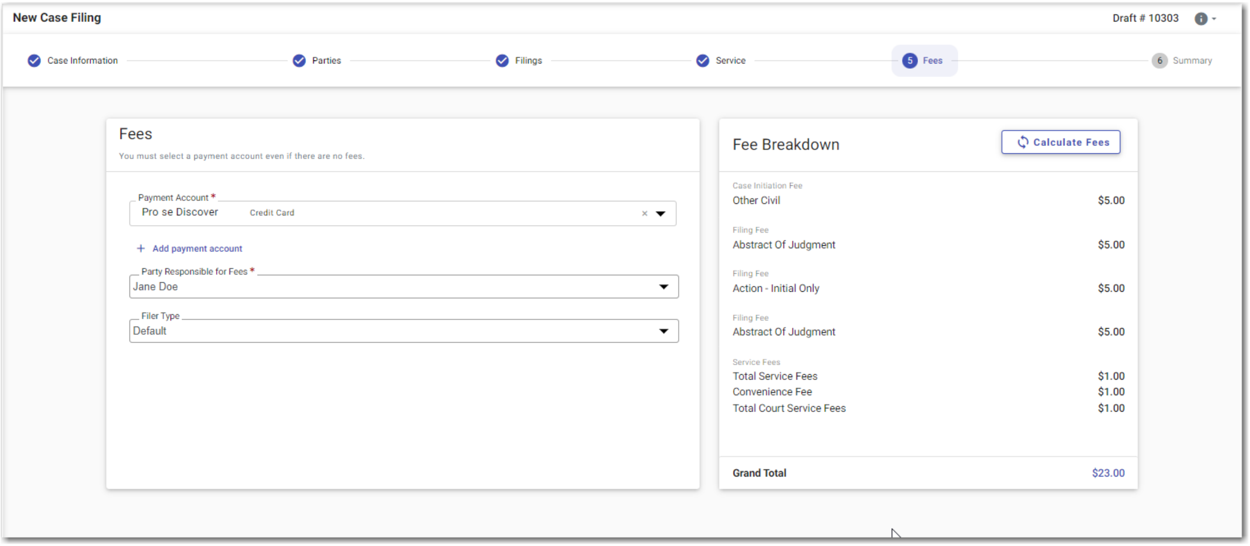


Figure 10.10 – Example of a Fees Page with the Filing Fees Displayed

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.

5. Review the filing fees, and then click 

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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 

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   The *Summary* page is displayed.

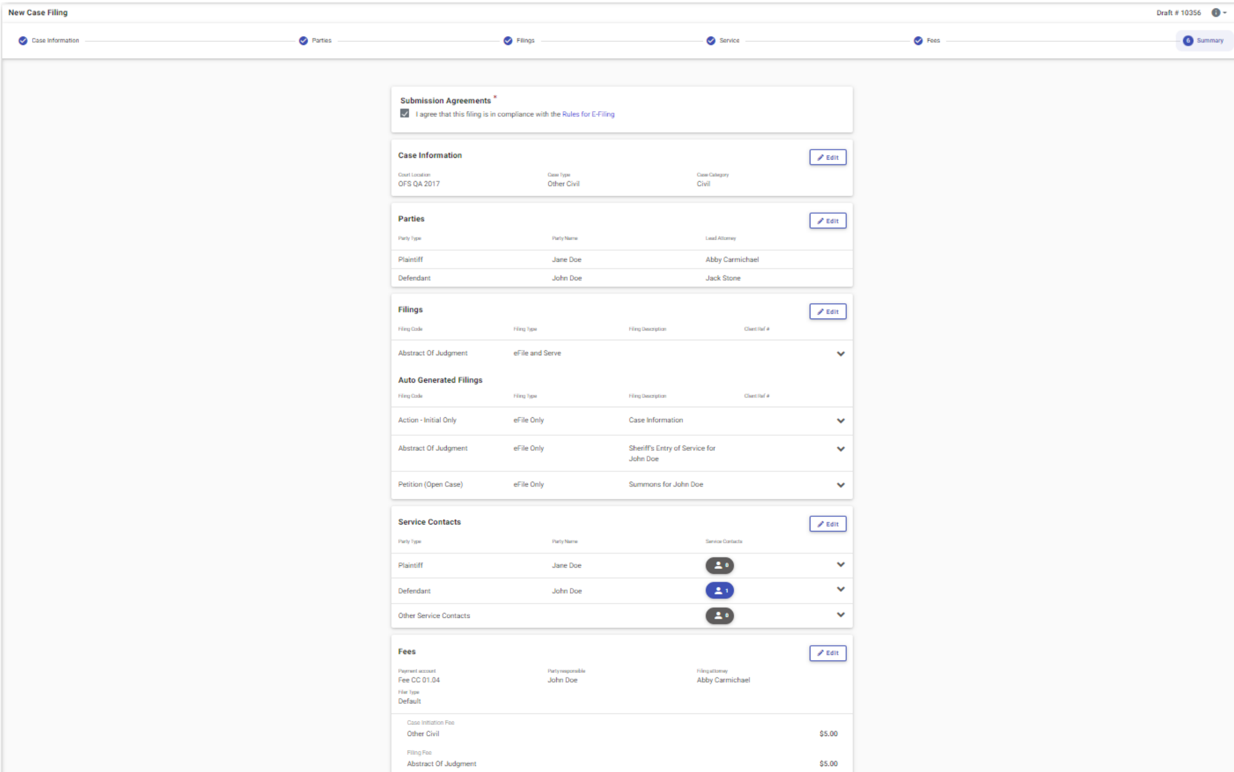

Figure 10.11 – Example of a Summary Page

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 

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   The *Envelope Submitted* window is displayed.

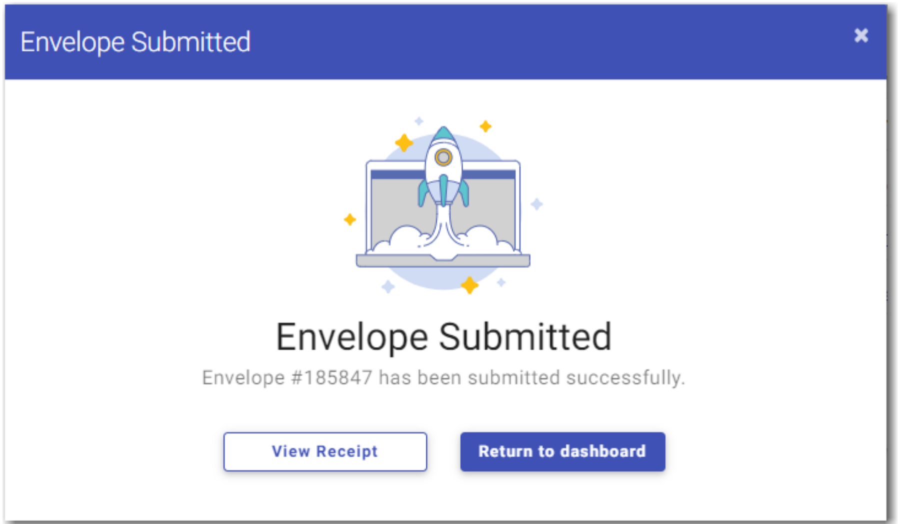


Figure 10.12 – Envelope Submitted Window

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: This feature is 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.

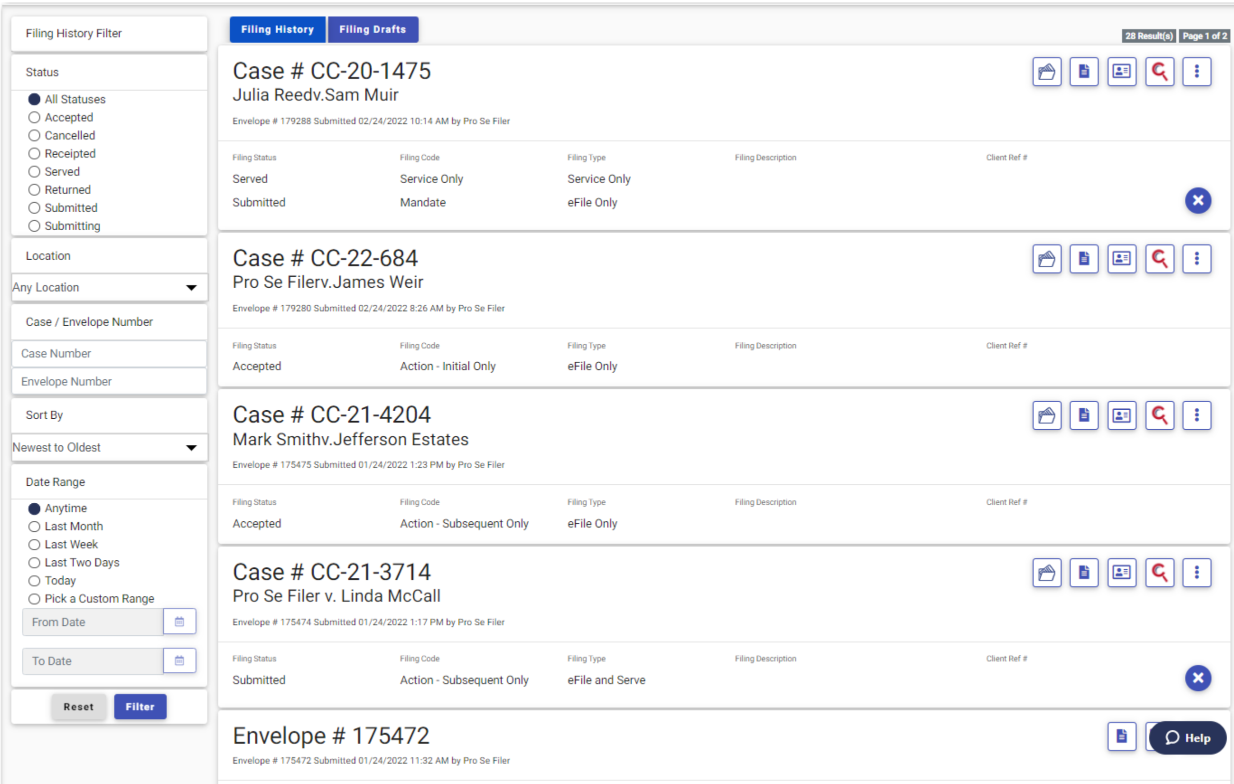


Figure 10.13 – Filing History Page

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

   The envelope details are displayed.

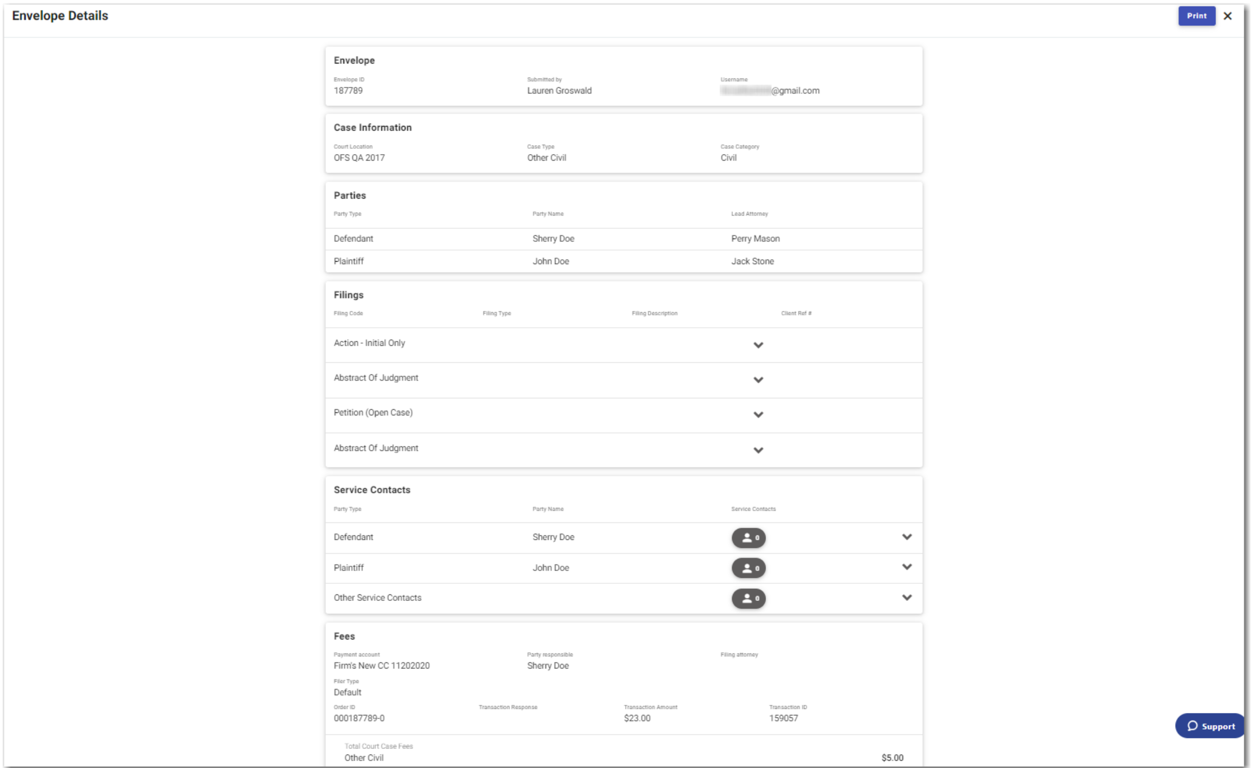


Figure 10.14 – Example of an Envelope Details Page

4. Click 

to print a copy of the envelope details.

11 Redaction Feature

Topics covered in this chapter

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 **Start filing**.

   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

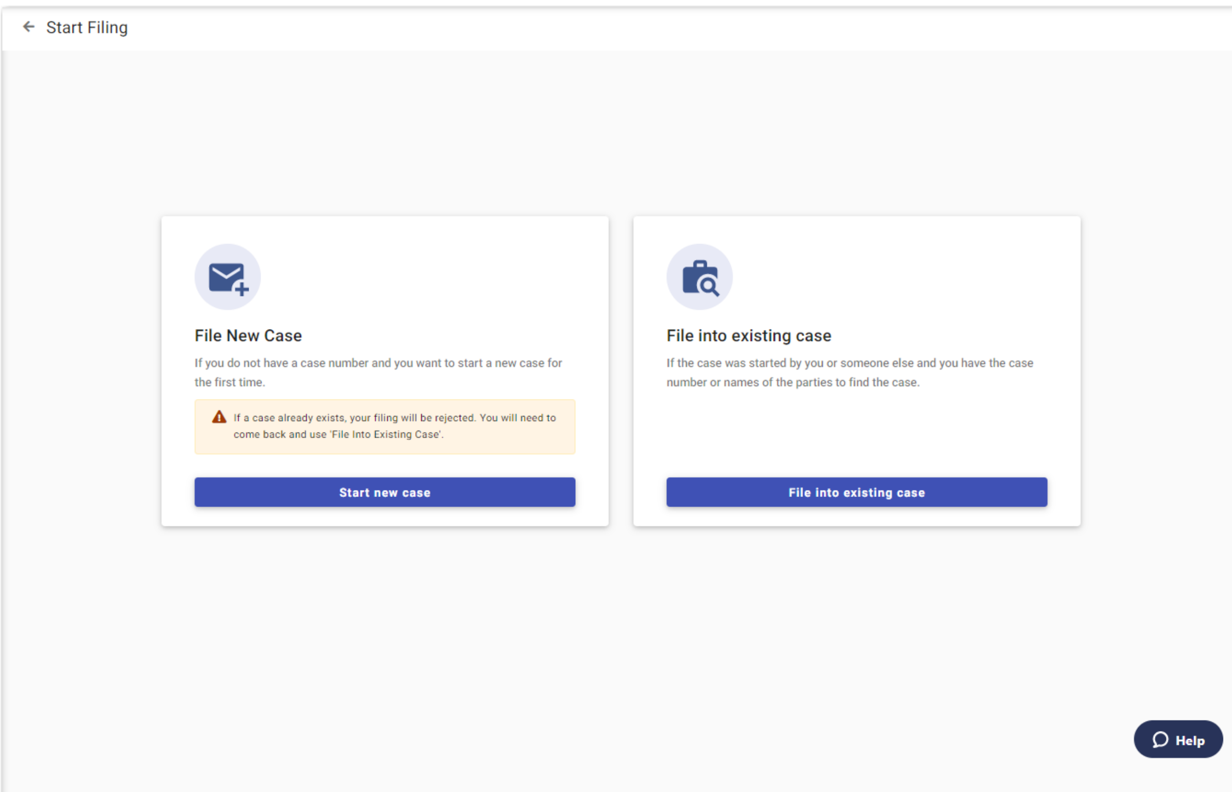


Figure 11.1 – Start Filing Page

2. Click **Start new case**.

   The *Case Information* page is displayed.

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

   The *Parties* page is displayed.

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

The *Filings* page is displayed.

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

   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.

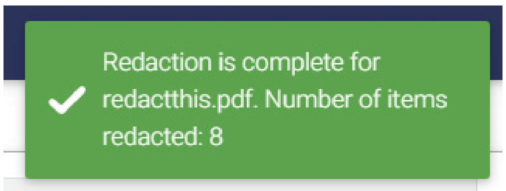


Figure 11.2 – Example of a Message for a Completed Redaction

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

   The *Service* page is displayed.

7. Complete the required fields on the *Service* page, and then click **Fees →**.

   The *Fees* page is displayed.

8. Complete the required fields on the *Fees* page, and then click **Summary →**.

   The *Summary* page is displayed.

9. Review the envelope summary. If you want to edit the redacted document, click **Edit Redactions**.

   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.

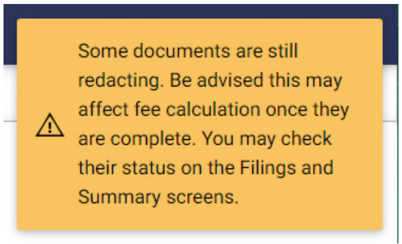


Figure 11.3 – Example of a Message with Redaction in Progress

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.

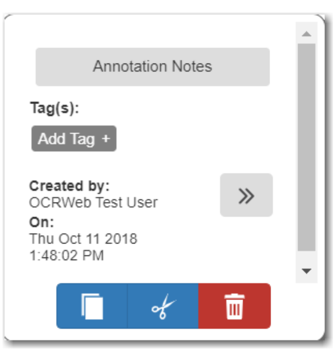


Figure 11.4 – Annotation Notes Dialog Box

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.

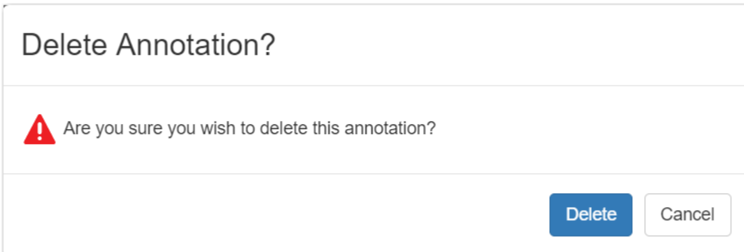


Figure 11.5 – Delete Annotation? Dialog Box

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:

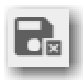
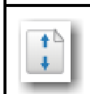
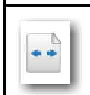
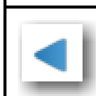
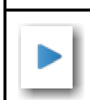
1. Turn off the manual redaction capability by clicking .
2. Locate the existing redaction that you want to resize or move, and then click the block of text.
3. Resize the redaction, or move the redaction to another location in the document.
4. When you are done, click to save your changes, or click 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. **Note: You will be prompted to save the document before you download it.**
	Click this icon to display the thumbnail pane, where you can then navigate through the pages of the document. **Note: Click the icon again to close the thumbnail pane.**

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

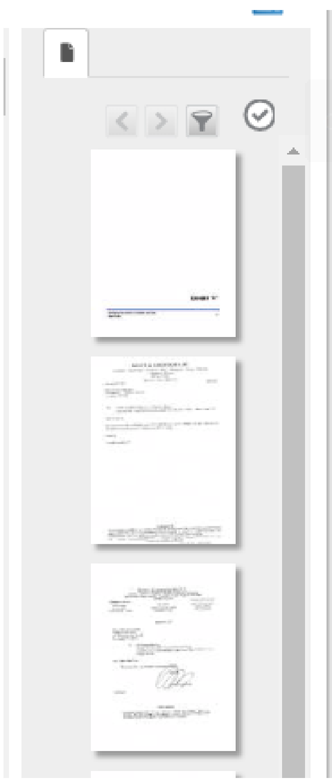


Figure 11.6 – Example of a Thumbnail Pane

The following table describes the icons in the thumbnail pane.

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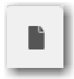
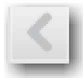
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to view the pages of the document in the Redaction Editor.
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to display the previous annotation page.
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to display the next annotation page.
	Click this icon in the thumbnail pane to view only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

12 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 **Start filing**. On the *Start Filing* page that is displayed, click **File into existing case**.
  - Click **Search cases**.

  When the *File into Existing Case* window is displayed, enter the search criteria for the case that you want to file into. Then, click **Search** 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 **Start filing**. On the *Start Filing* page that is displayed, click **File into existing case**.
   - Click **Search cases**.

   The *File into Existing Case* window is displayed.

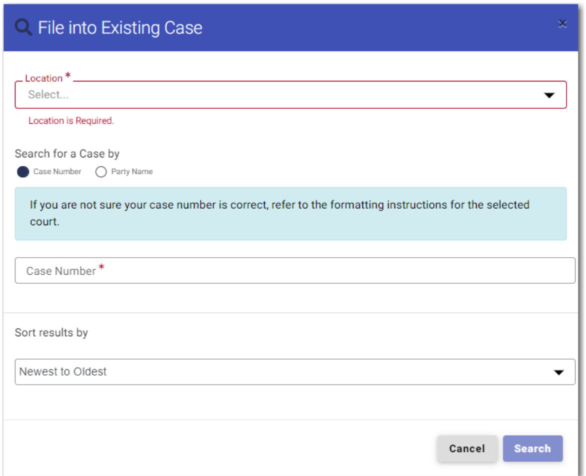


Figure 12.1 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

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.

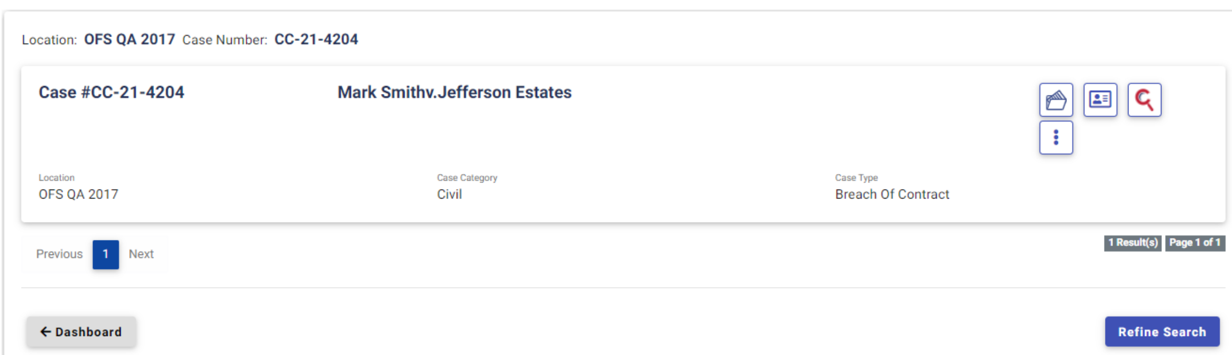


Figure 12.2 – Case Search Results

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, + Add More is displayed on the *Parties* page.

6. Click Filings → .

   The *Filings* page is displayed.

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

   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 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."

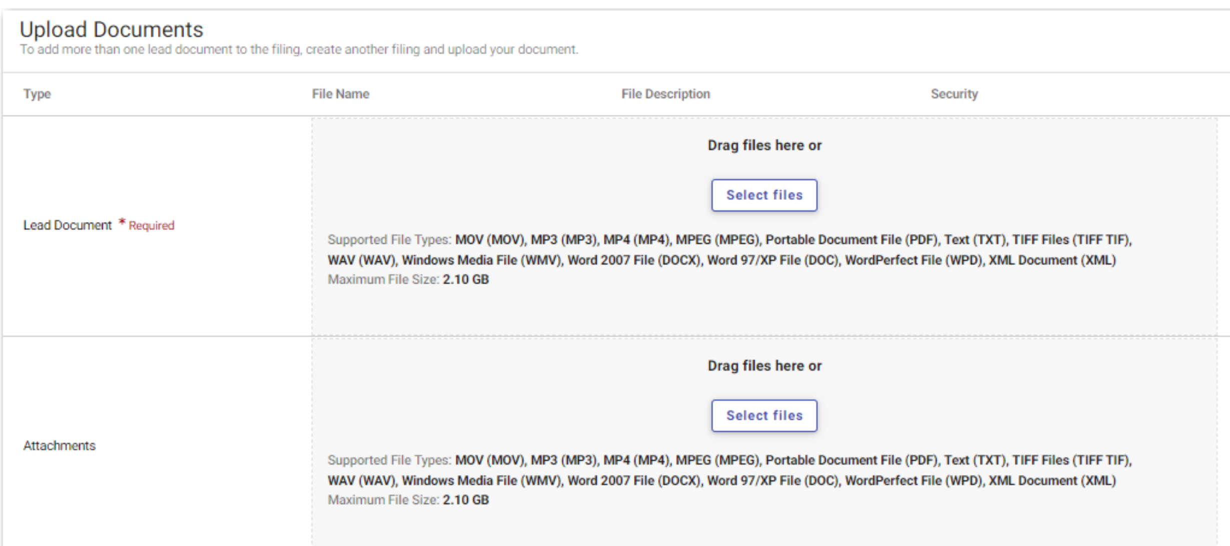


Figure 12.3 – Upload Documents Pane

16. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click Select files 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 Go to Communication, 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 Save.
23. After you have added all of the filings, click Service →.
24. On the *Service* page, add service contacts if applicable. Then, click Fees →.
25. On the *Fees* page, select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list, or follow the steps to create a new payment account.
26. 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.
27. Select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.
28. Click Calculate Fees if you want to view the fee total.
29. Click Summary →.
30. Review the summary. If applicable, select the **Submission Agreements** check box.
31. When you are satisfied with your filing, click Submit.

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 .

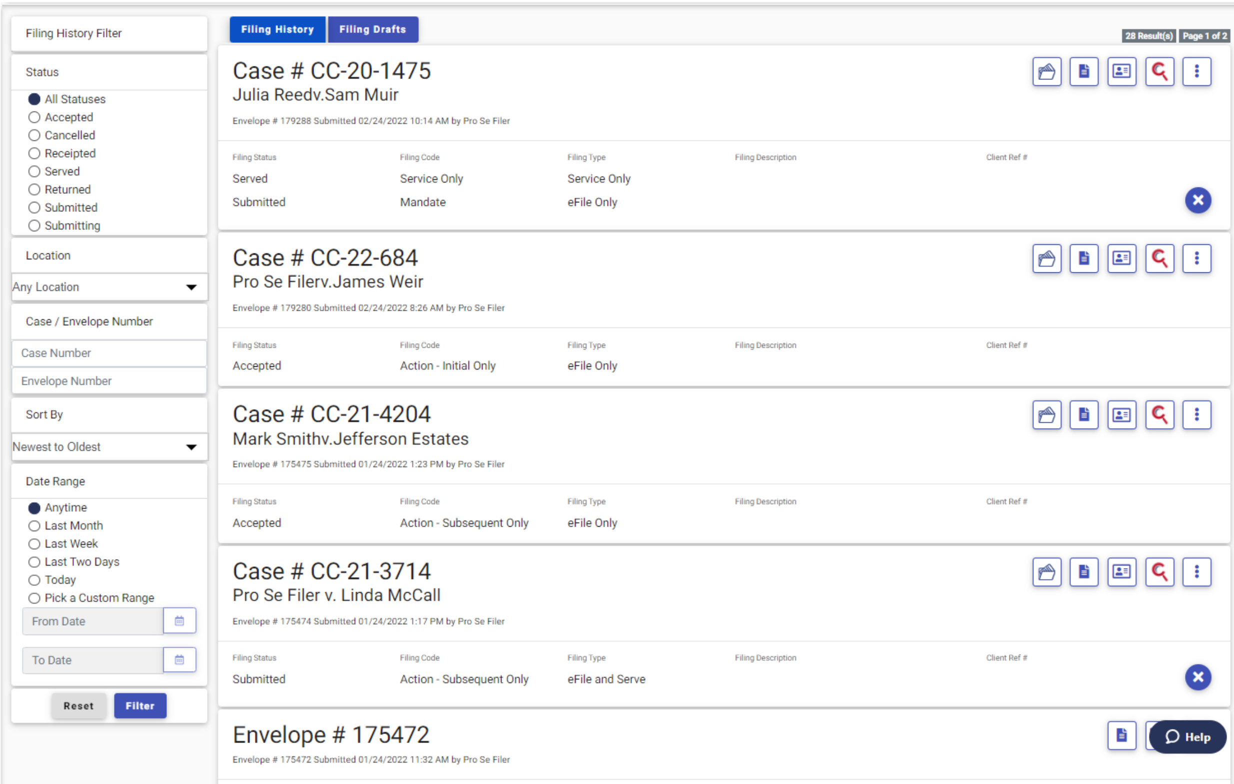


Figure 12.4 – Example of a Filing History Page

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 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."

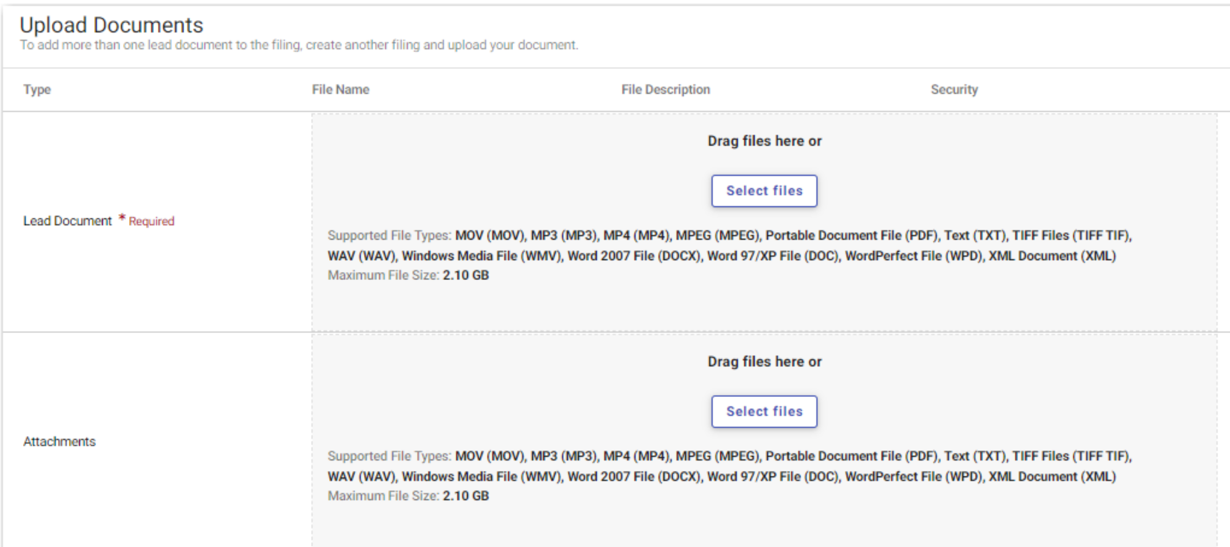


Figure 12.5 – Upload Documents Pane

14. If you have attachments to add to the filing, click Select files 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.

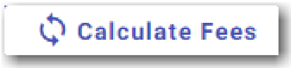
17. Select the additional services that you want to add. Also, if applicable, type the fee amount and/or select the quantity of the specified service.
18. Click Go to Communication, or click **Communications** at the top of the page.

    The Communications pane is displayed.

19. Type a valid email address to specify the recipient of the courtesy or preliminary copies.
20. Click Save.
21. After you have added all of the filings, click Service →.
22. On the *Service* page, add service contacts, if applicable. Then, click Fees →.

23. On the *Fees* page, select the payment account from the **Payment Account** drop-down list, or follow the steps to create a new payment account.
24. 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.

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

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

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28. Review the summary. If applicable, select the **Submission Agreements** check box.
29. When you are satisfied with your filing, click 

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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.

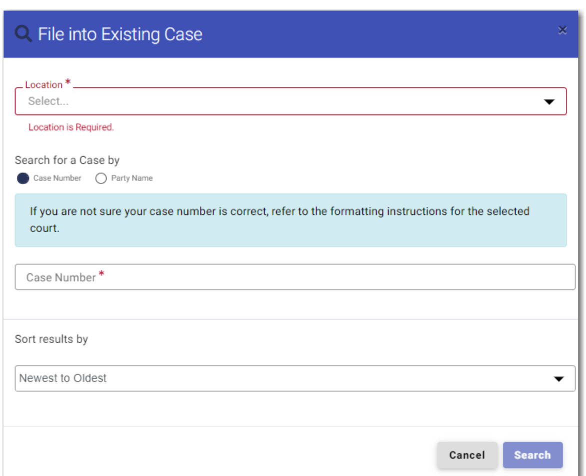


Figure 12.6 – Example of a File into Existing Case Window

   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 **Search** or press ENTER.

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

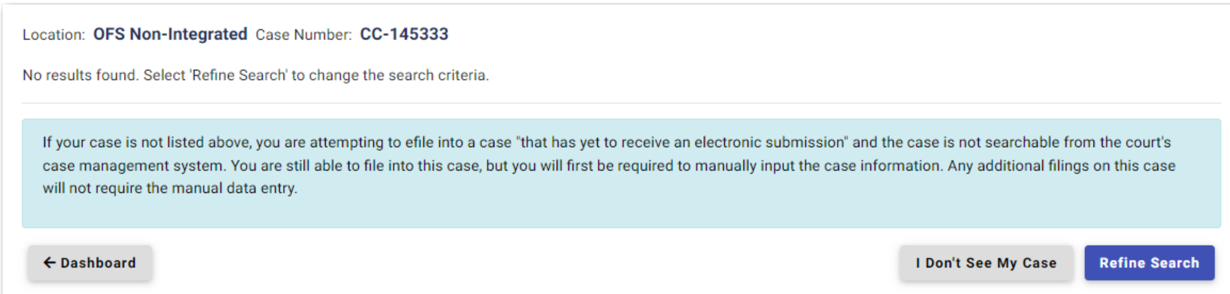


Figure 12.7 – Case Search Window with No Results Found

5. To continue, click **I Don't See My Case**.

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

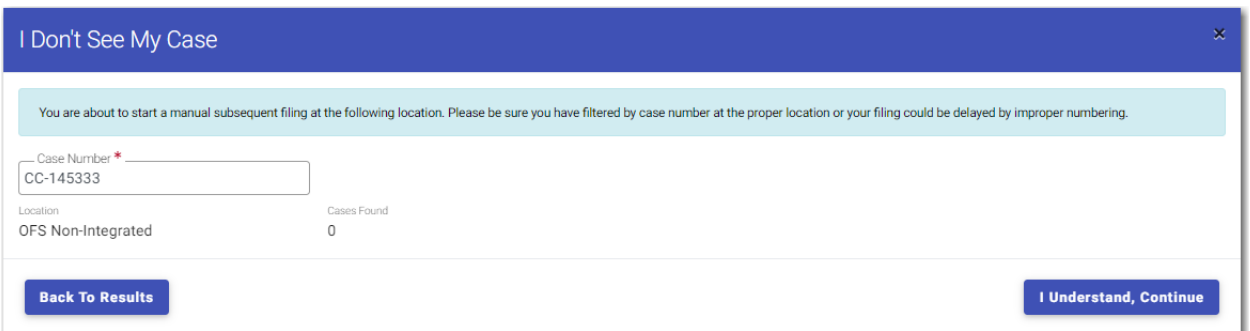


Figure 12.8 – I Don't See My Case Window

6. Click **I Understand, Continue** to continue filing into the case.

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

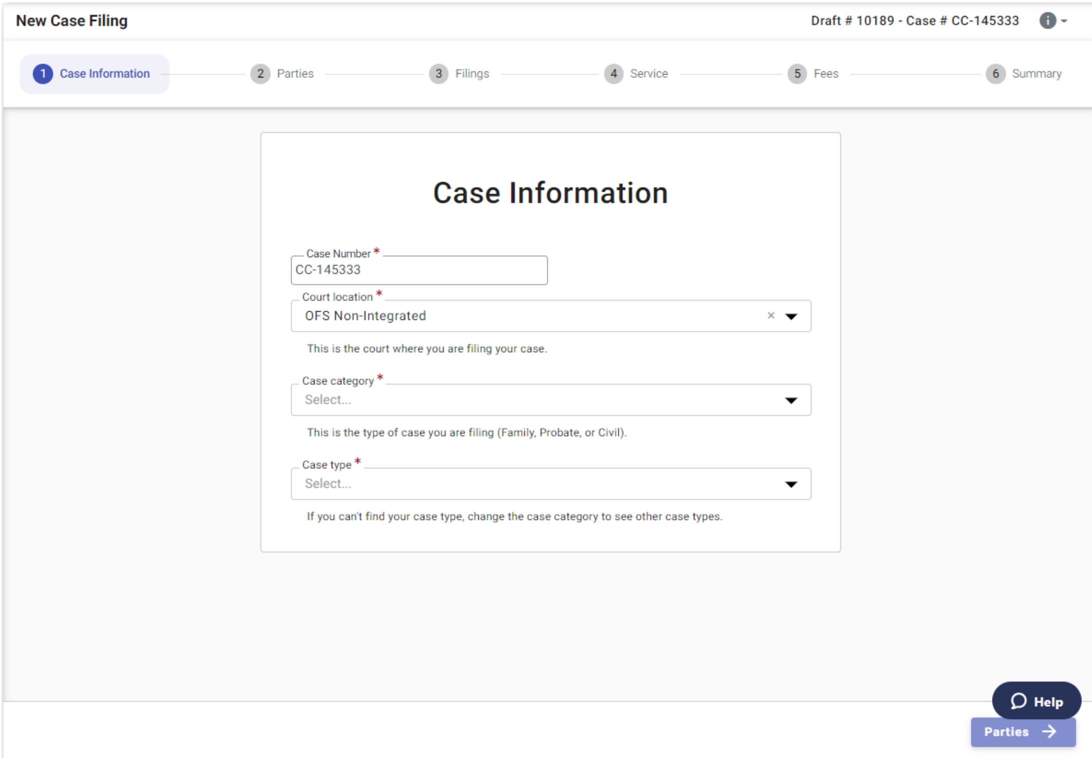


Figure 12.9 – Case Information Page

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.

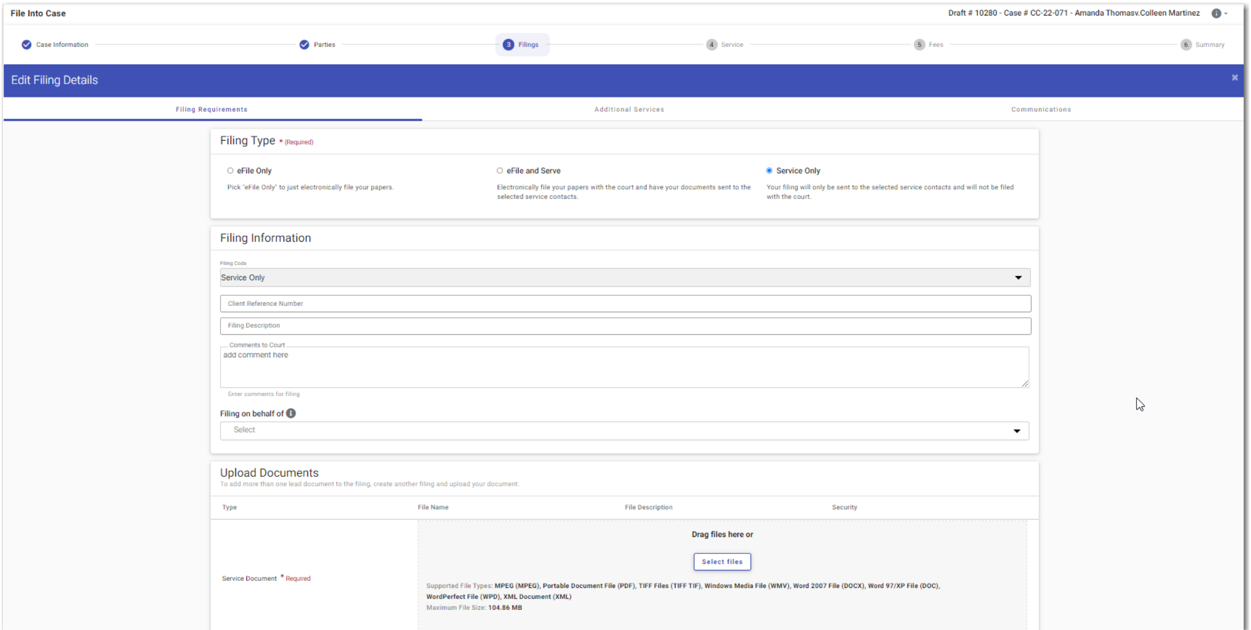


Figure 12.10 – Example of the Edit Filing Details Page—Service Only Filing

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.”

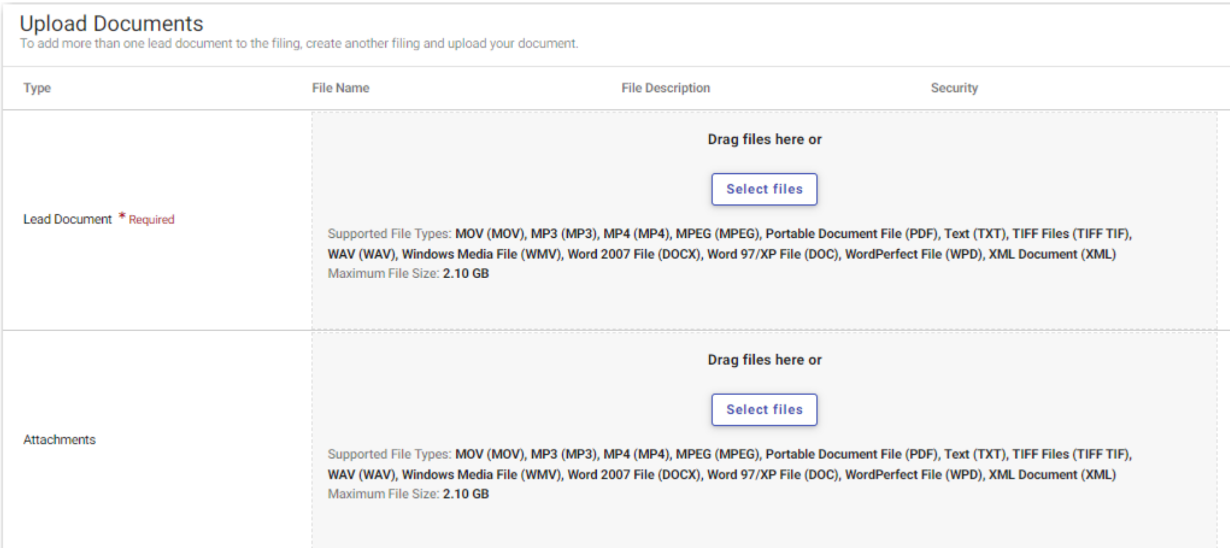
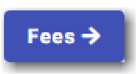


Figure 12.11 – Upload Documents Pane

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 

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13. Select the check boxes for the submission agreements, if applicable.
14. Review the information on the *Summary* page, and then click 

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13 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

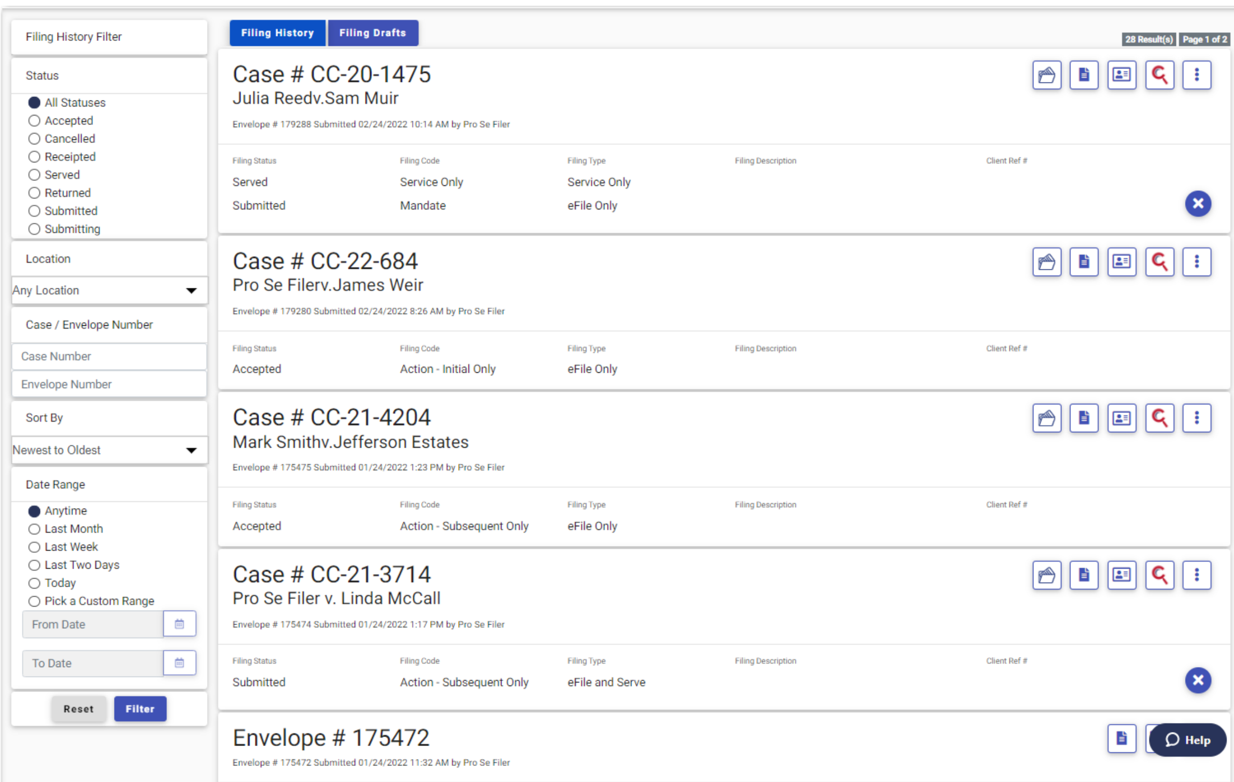


Figure 13.1 – re:Search Icon on the Filing History Page

- *Filing Drafts* page

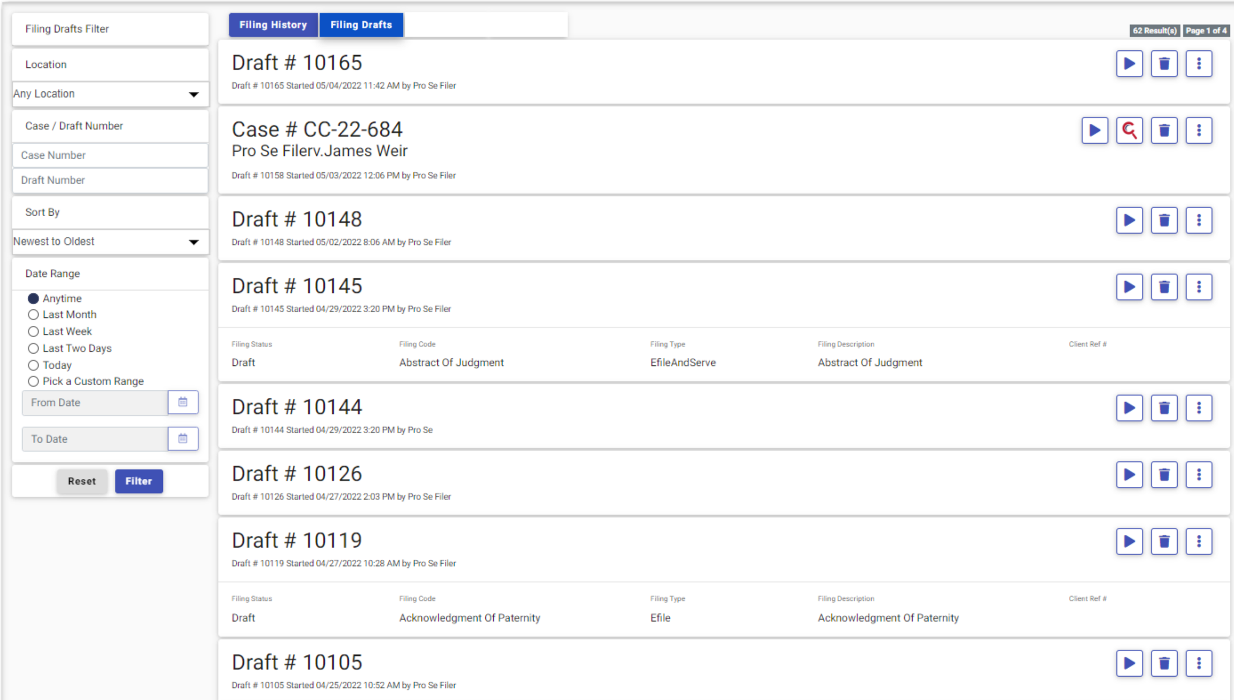


Figure 13.2 – re:Search Icon on the Filing Drafts Page

- *Case Search* page

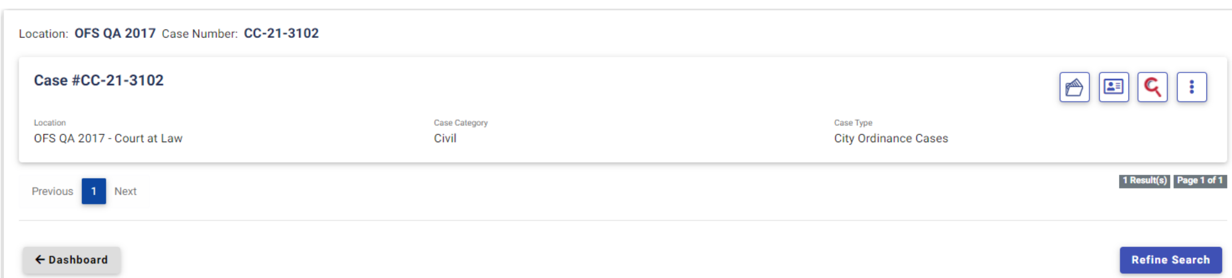


Figure 13.3 – re:Search Icon on the Case Search Page

- *Bookmarks* page

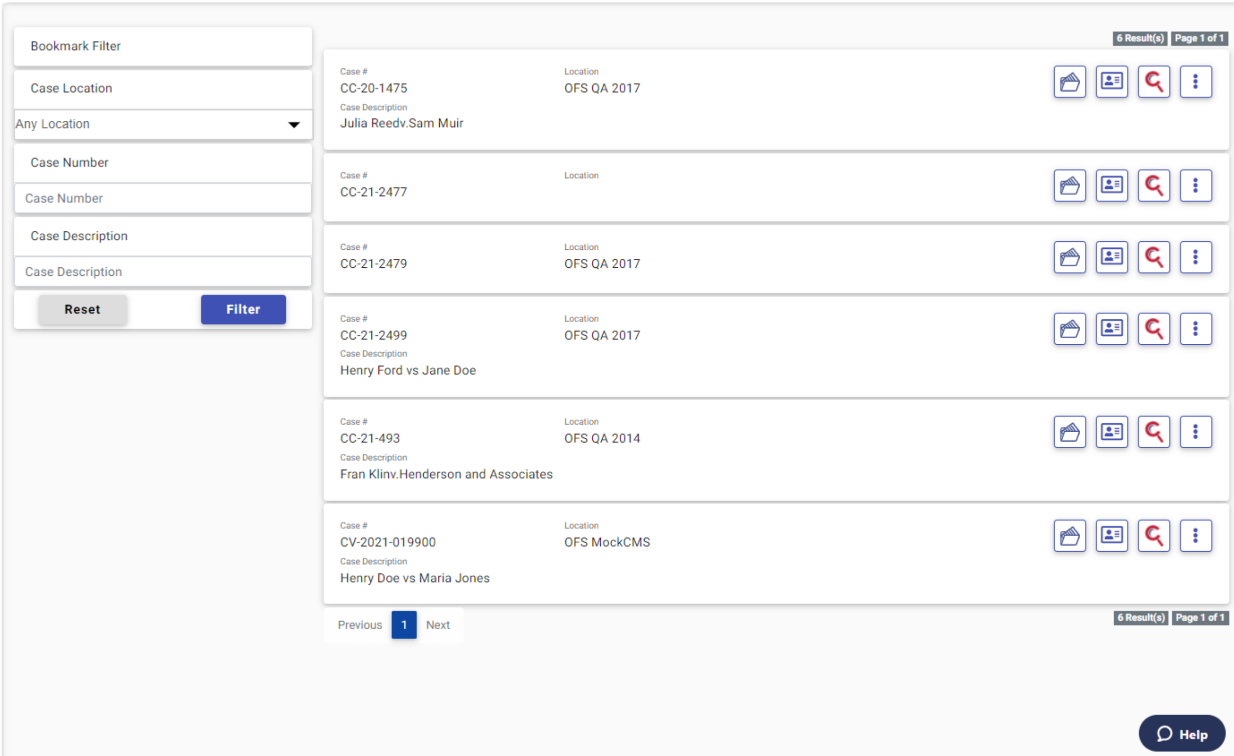


Figure 13.4 – re:Search Icon on the Bookmarks Page

14 Service Contacts

Topics covered in this chapter

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

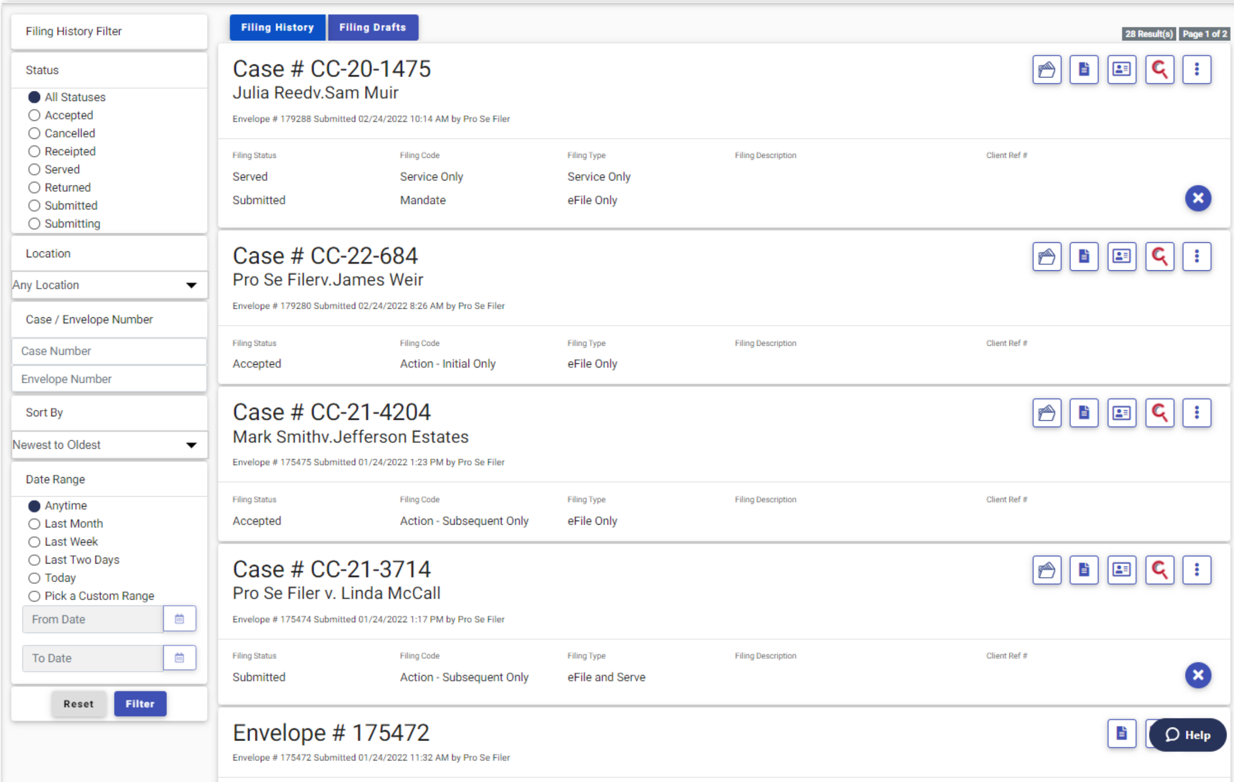


Figure 14.1 – Example of a Filing History Page

- *Case Search* page

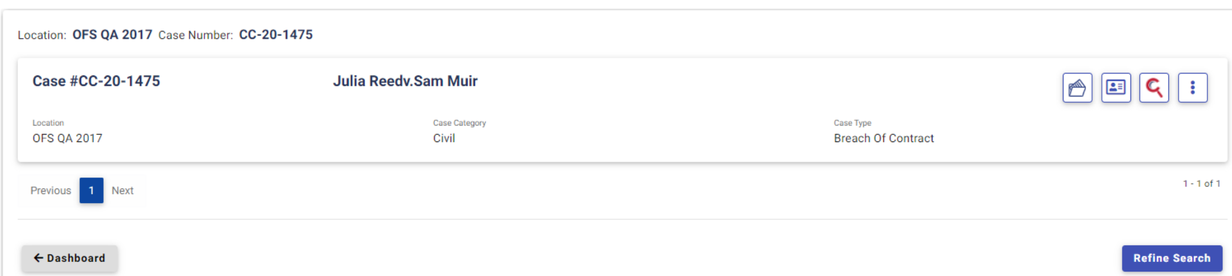


Figure 14.2 – Example of a Case Search Page

- *Bookmarks* page

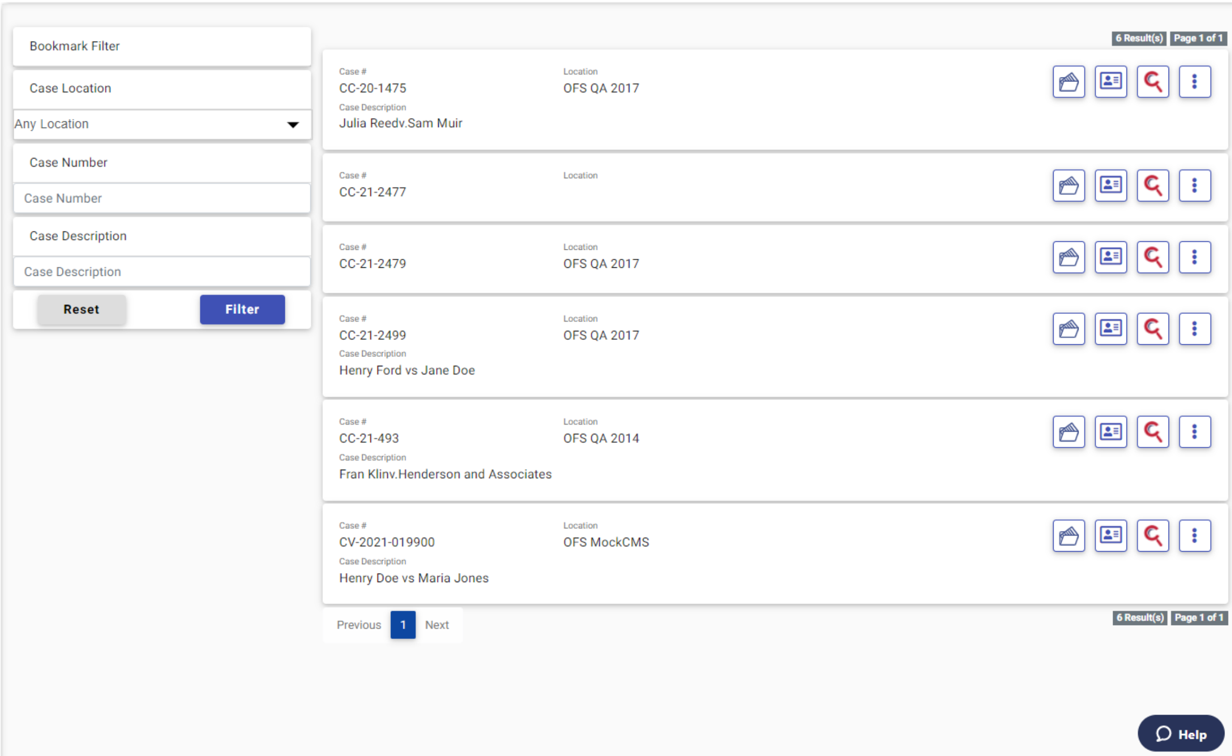


Figure 14.3 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

Adding a New Service Contact

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

To add a new service contact to your contacts list:

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

   The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.

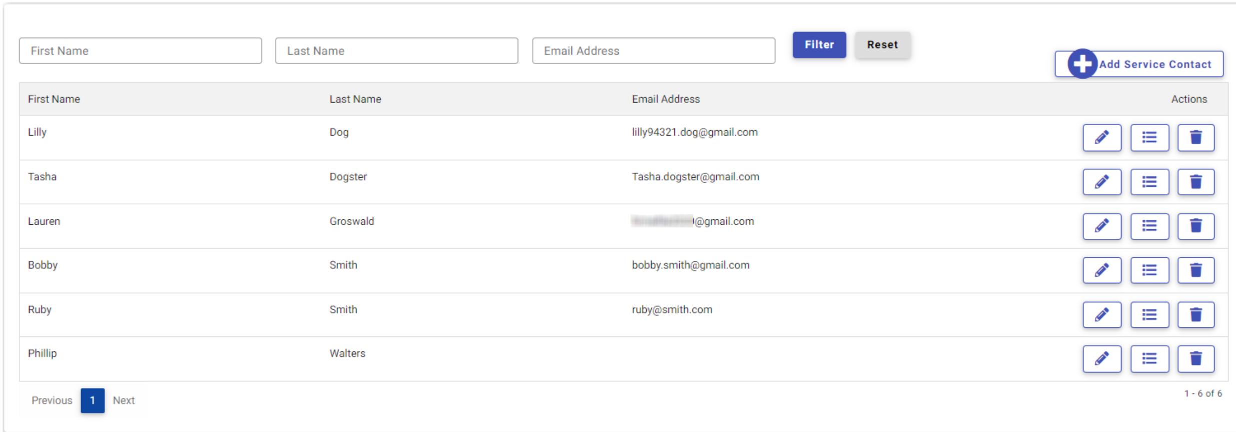
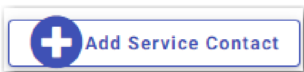


Figure 14.4 – Service Contacts Page

2. Click  .

   Additional fields are displayed.

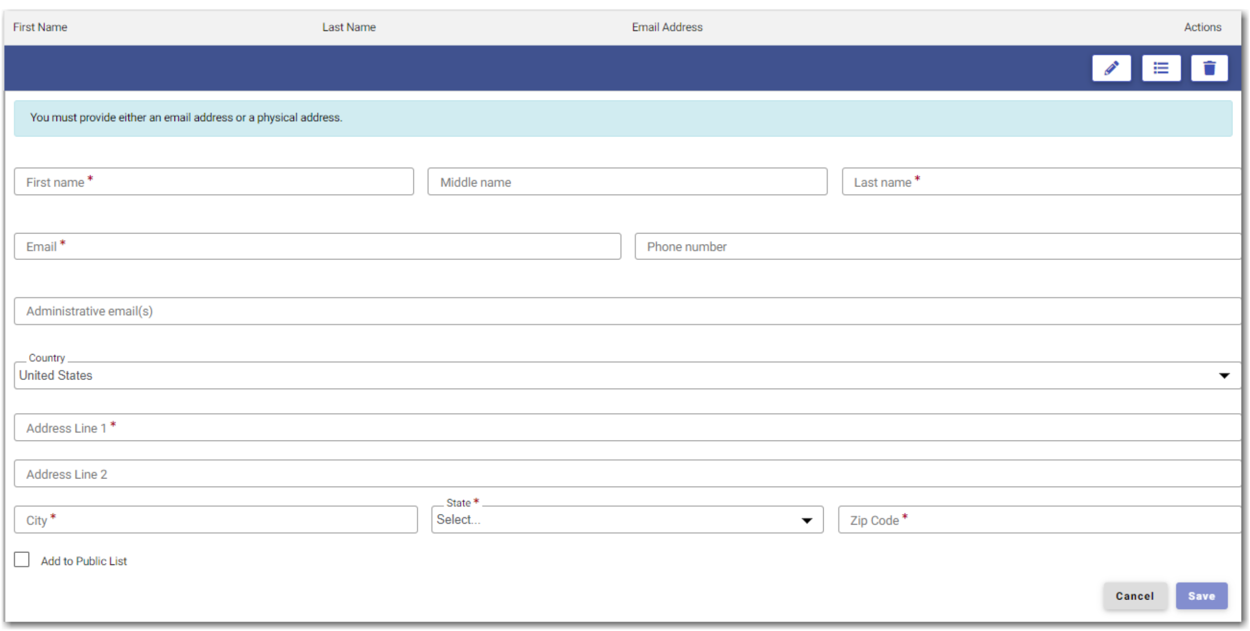


Figure 14.5 – Service Contacts—Additional Fields

3. Complete the required information in the **First Name** and **Last Name** fields. Add a middle name, if applicable, in the **Middle Name** field.
4. 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.

5. If applicable, type a phone number in the **Phone Number** field.
6. If applicable, type the administrative email address in the **Administrative email(s)** field.
7. 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 

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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.

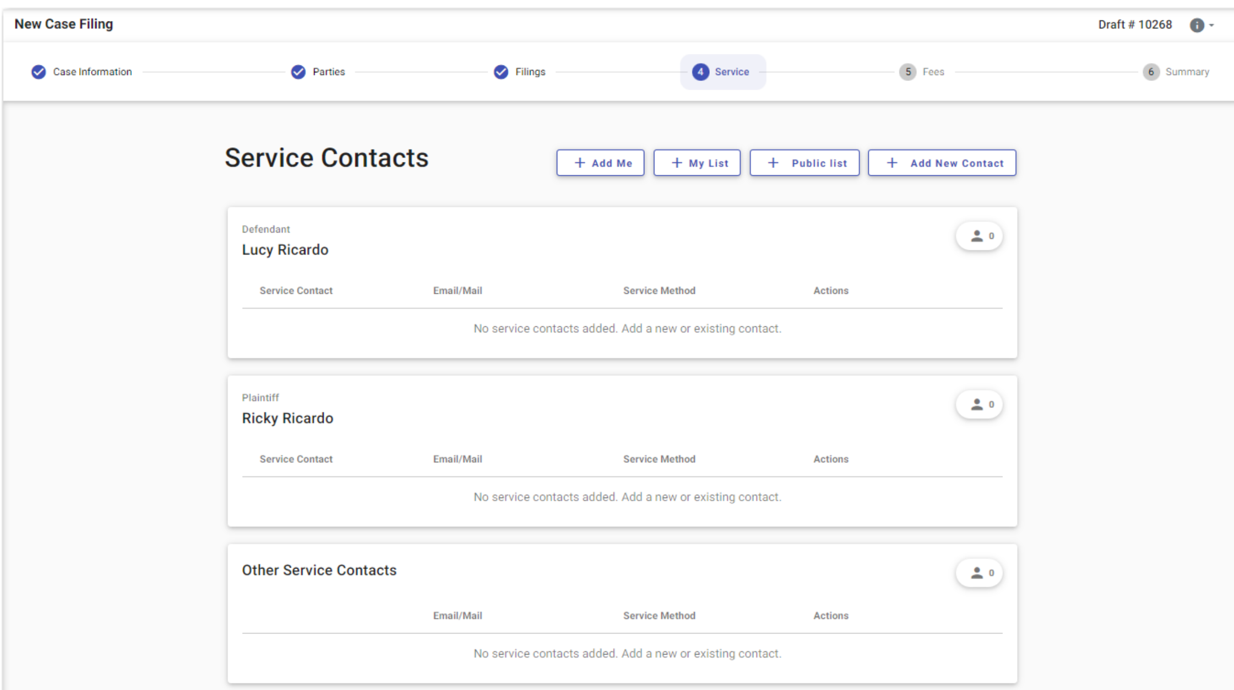

Figure 14.6 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing

To add yourself as a service contact on a case filing:

1. On the *Service* page, click 

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   The *Add Me As Service Contact* page is displayed.

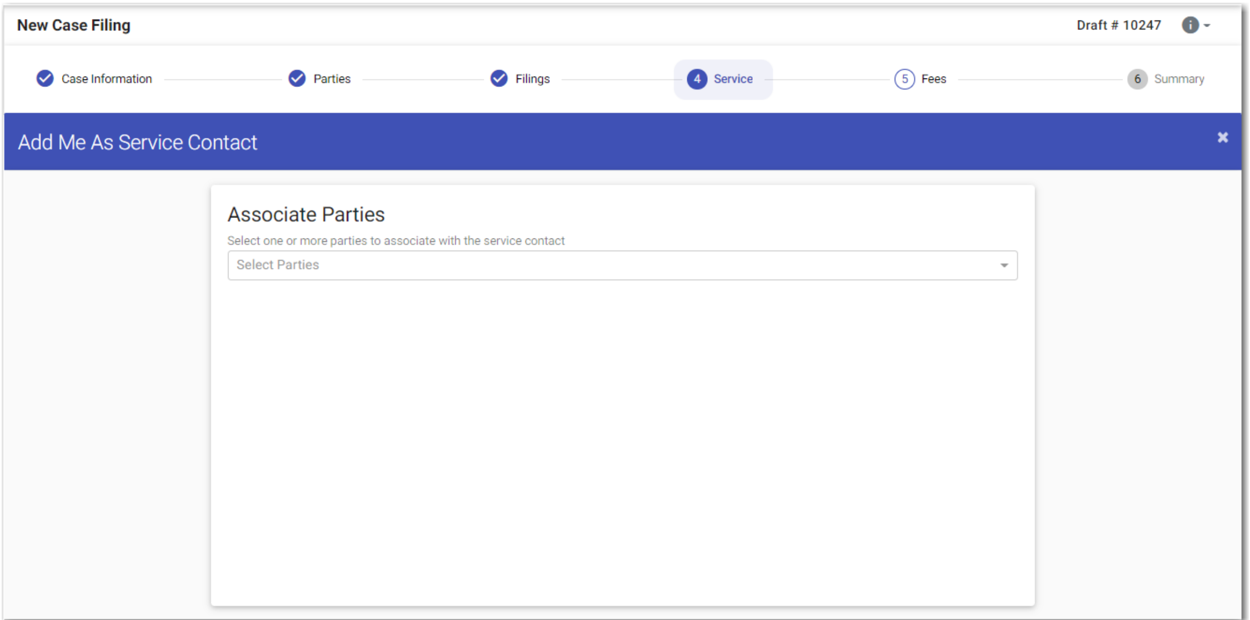

Figure 14.7 – Example of an Add Me As Service Contact Page

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 drop-down list in the *Associate Parties* drop-down list.

3. Click 

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Adding a Service Contact from Your Service Contact List to a Filing

You can add a service contact from your service contact list to a filing.

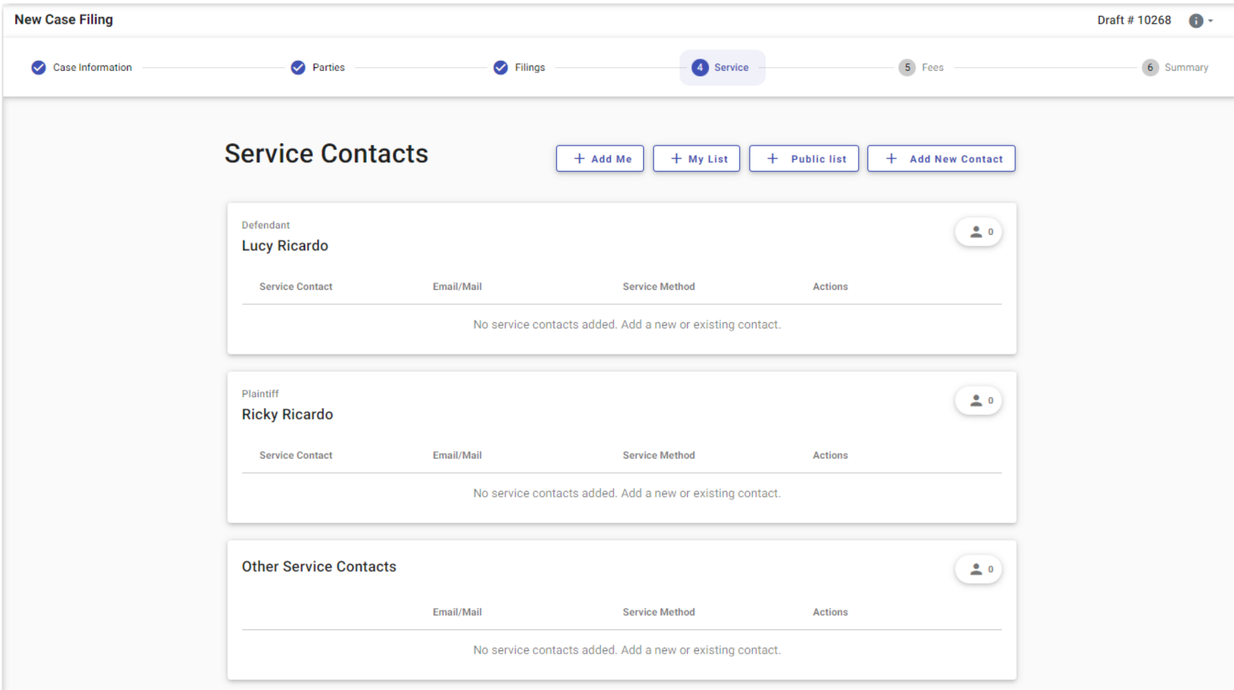
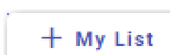


Figure 14.8 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing

To add a service contact from your contact list to a filing:

1. On the *Service* page, click  .

   The *Add from My Service Contacts* page is displayed.

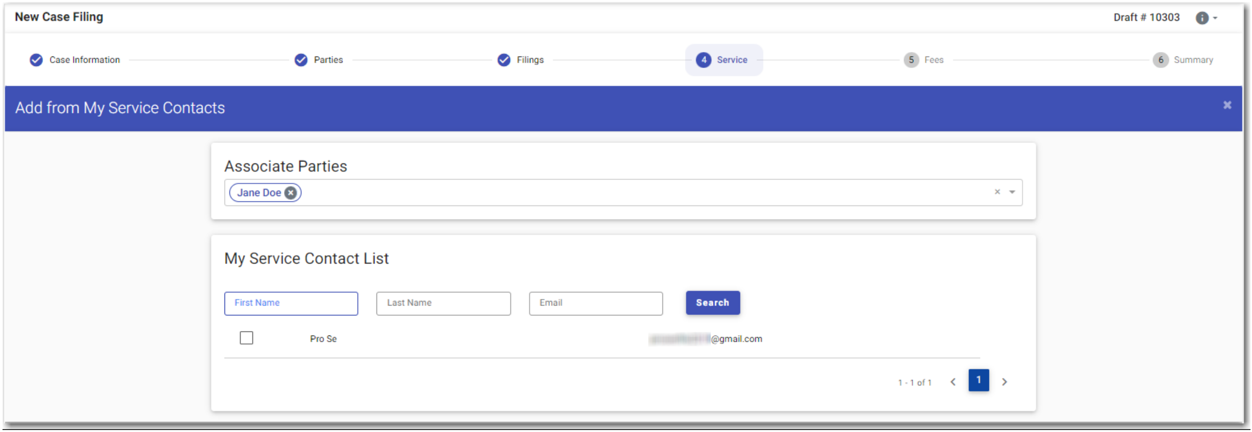


Figure 14.9 – Example of an Add from My Service Contacts Page

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 My Service Contact List pane, select the check box for each contact that you want to add to the filing.

4. Click 

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Adding a Service Contact from a Public List to a Filing

You can add a service contact from a public list to a filing.

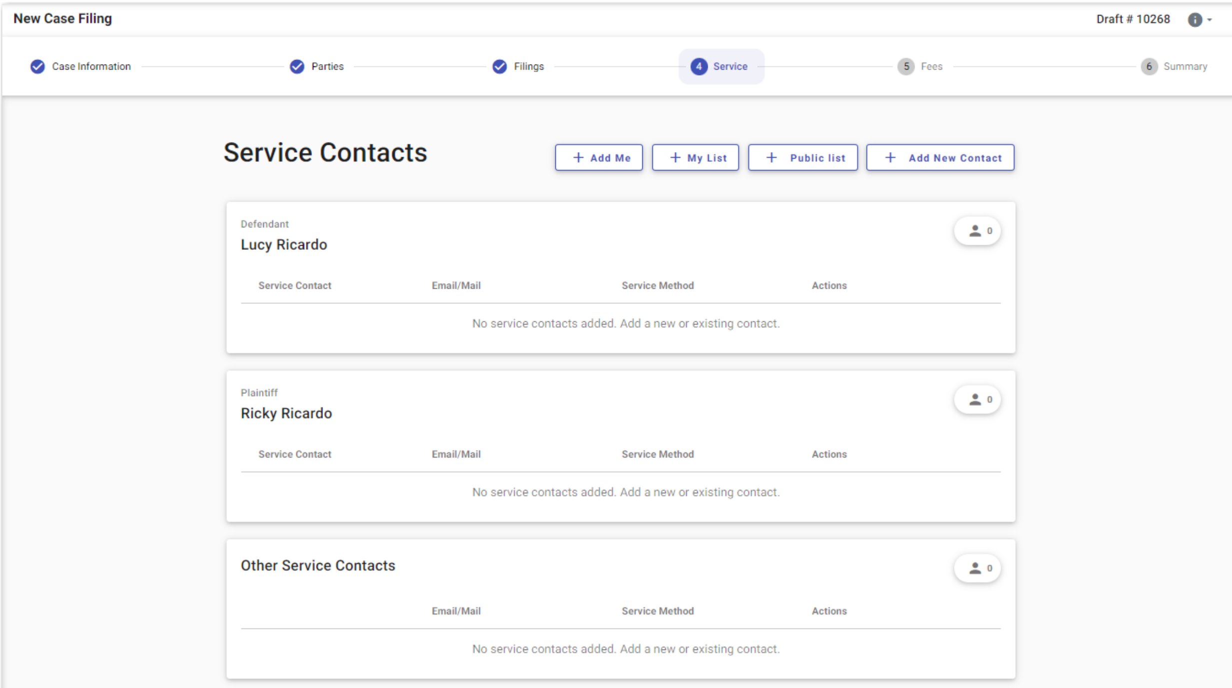

Figure 14.10 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing

To add a service contact from the public list to a filing:

1. On the *Service* page, click 

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   The *Add Existing Public Contact* page is displayed.

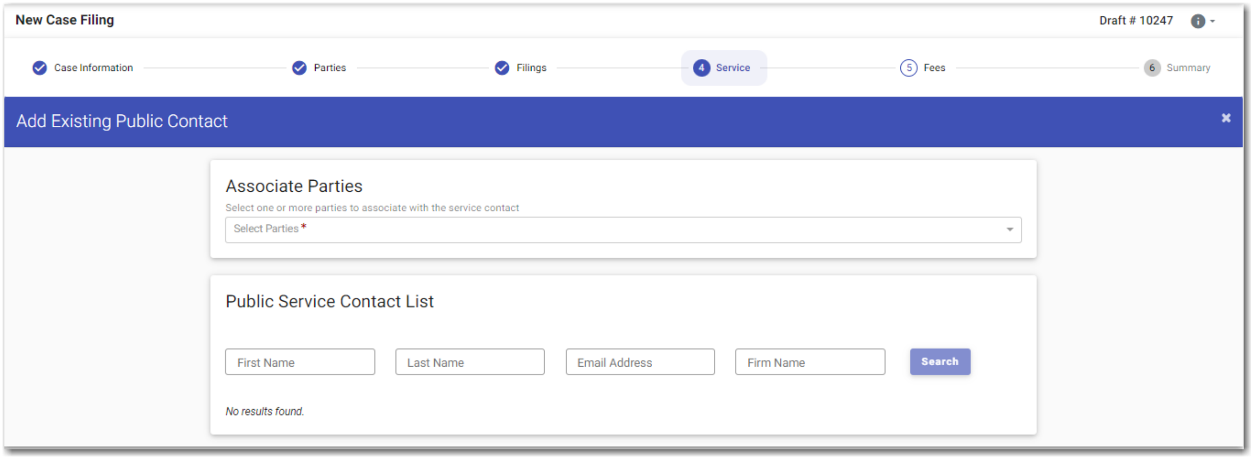

Figure 14.11 – Example of an Add Existing Public Contact Page

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 Public Service Contact List pane, type at least one letter in a field, and then click **Search**.

   The public service contacts that match the information you entered are displayed. The system returns a maximum of 100 public service contacts.

4. Locate the contacts that you want to add to your filing.
5. Select the check box for each contact that you want to add.
6. Click **Save**.

Adding a New Service Contact to a Filing

You can add a new service contact to a filing.

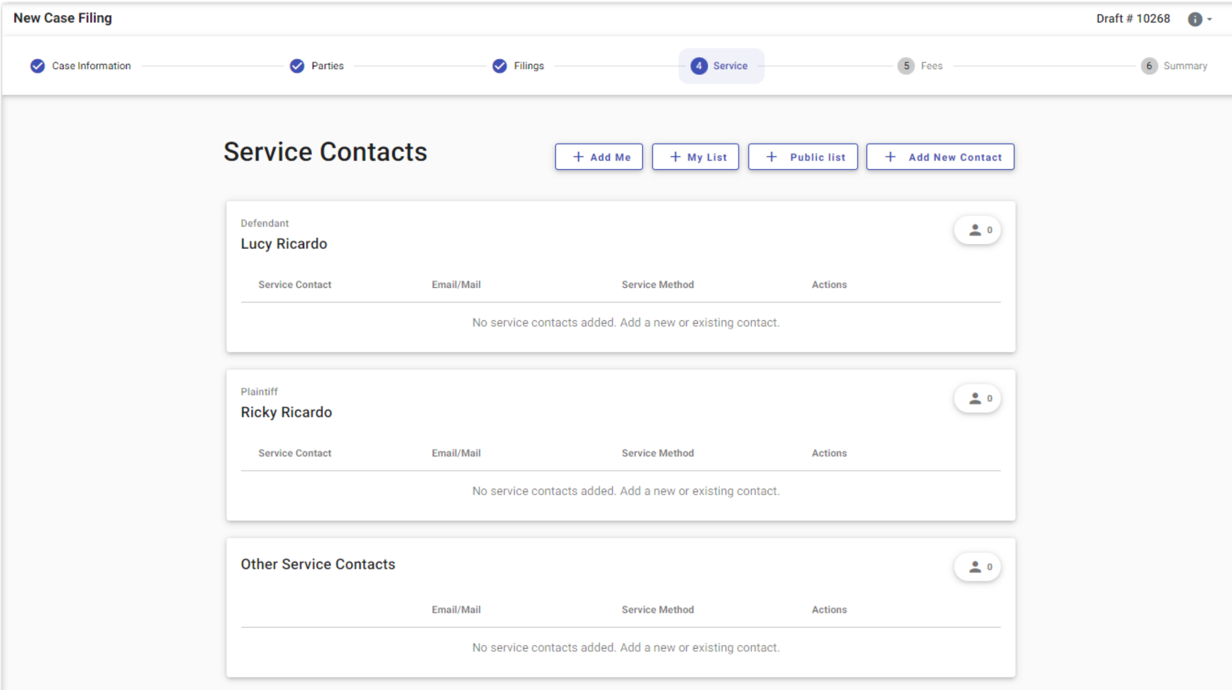

Figure 14.12 – Example of a Service Page in a Case Filing

To add a new service contact to a filing:

1. On the *Service* page, click 

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   The *Add Service Contact* page is displayed.

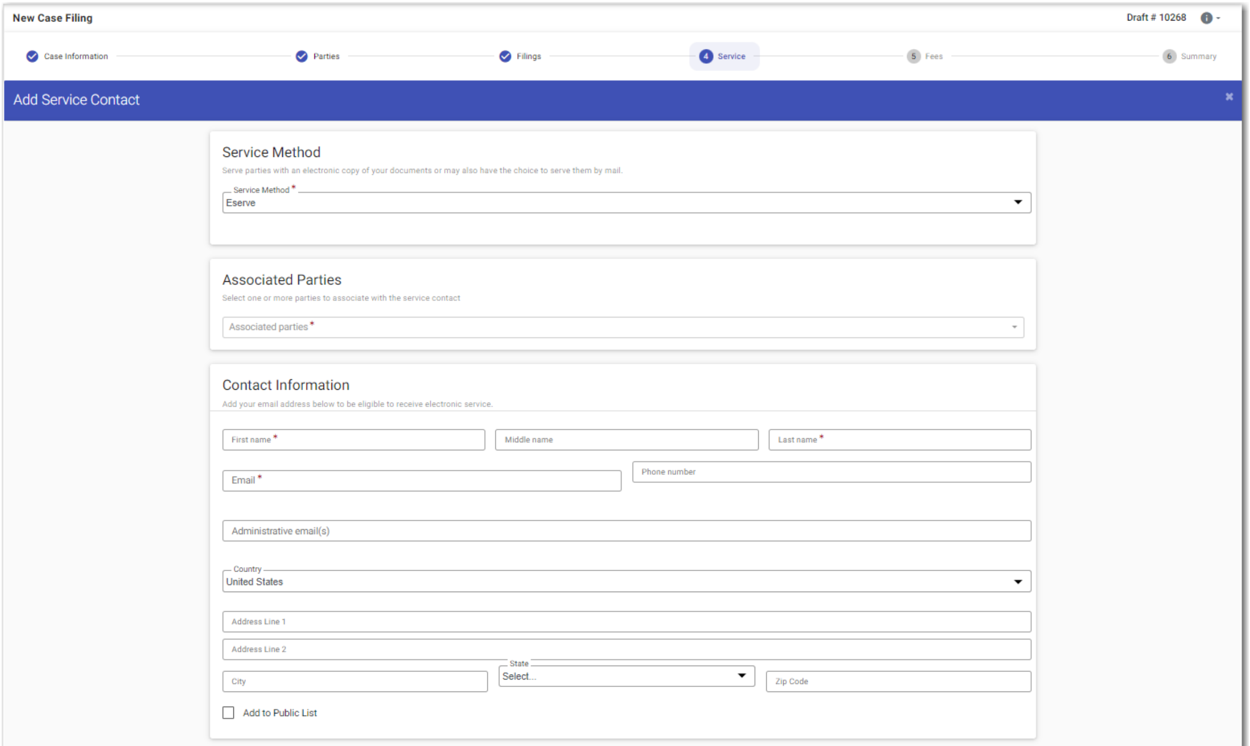

Figure 14.13 – Example of an Add Service Contact Page

2. 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.

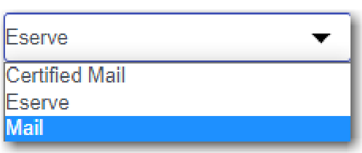

Figure 14.14 – Example of a Service Method Drop-Down List

3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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.

6. If applicable, type a phone number in the **Phone Number** field.
7. If applicable, type the administrative email address in the **Administrative email(s)** field.

8. 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**.
9. If a physical address is required for the service contact, type the address in the **Address Line 1** field.
10. If applicable, type an address in the **Address Line 2** field.
11. Type the name of the city in the **City** field.
12. Select the state from the **State** drop-down list.
13. Type the ZIP code in the **Zip Code** field.
14. 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.
15. 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.

To update the information for an existing service contact:

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

   The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.

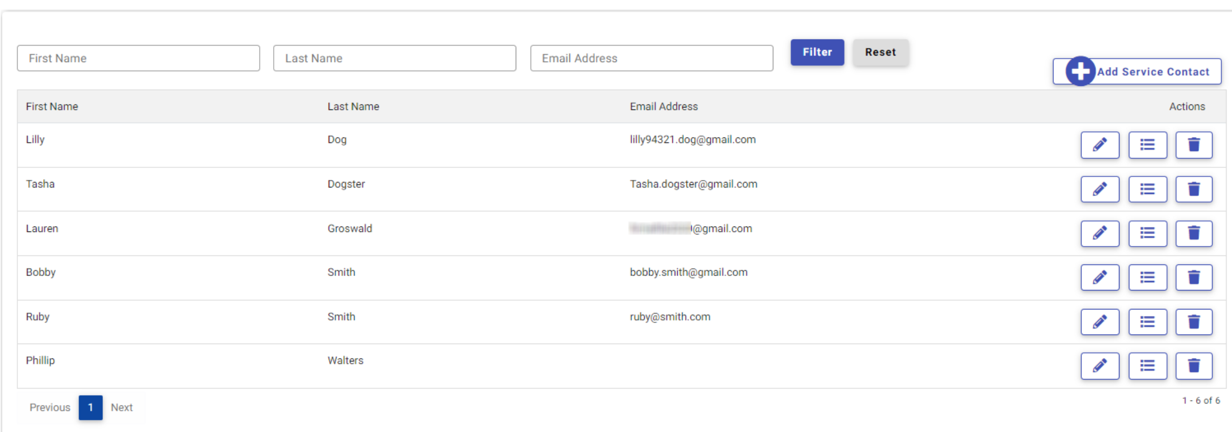

Figure 14.15 – Service Contacts Page

2. 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.
3. 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 **My Service Contacts**.

   The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.

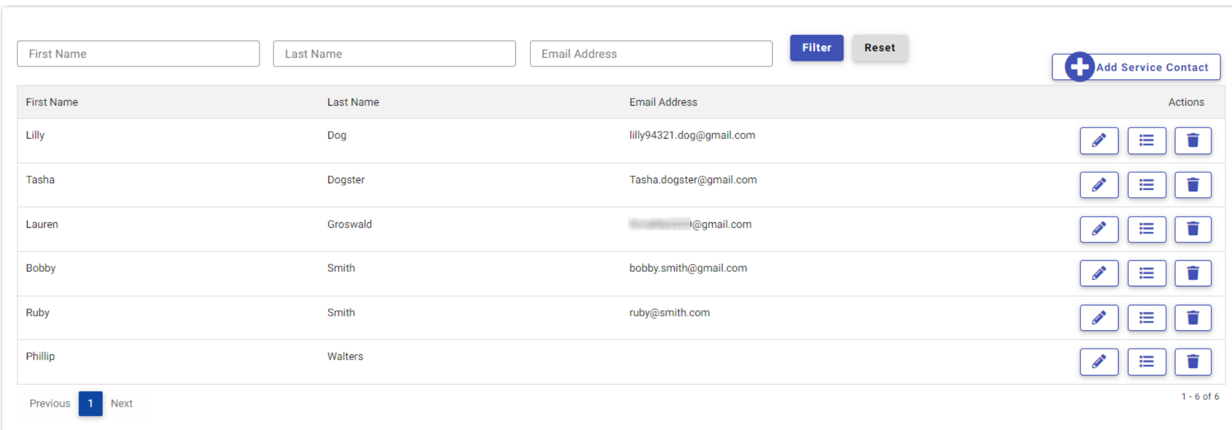

Figure 14.16 – Service Contacts Page

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 14.17 – Service Contact Attached Cases Window

3. Click 

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.

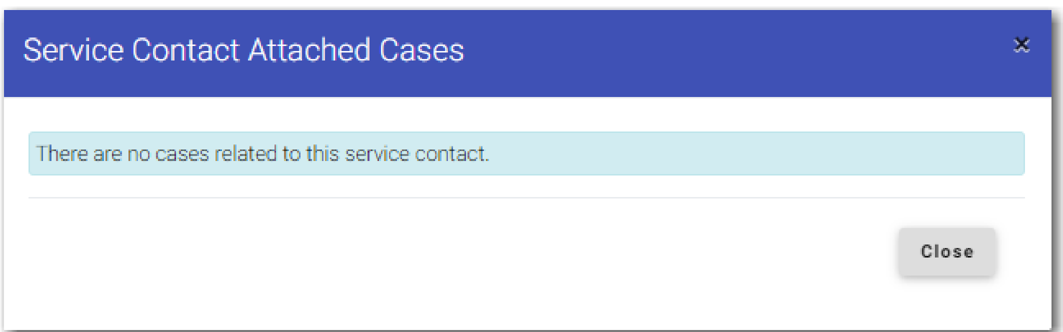

Figure 14.18 – Service Contact Attached Cases Window—No Attached Cases

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:

1. Locate the case for which you want to view the service contact history.
2. Click .

   The *Service Contacts* window for the specified case is displayed.

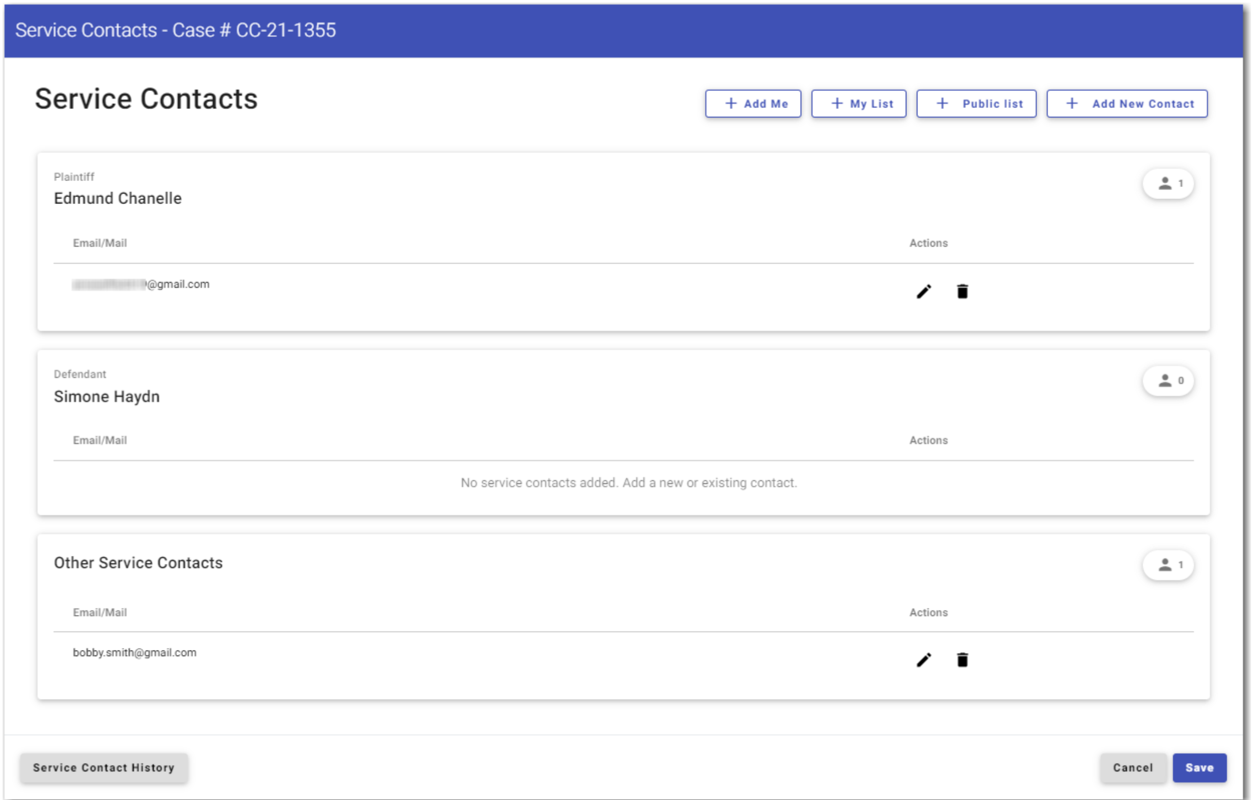

Figure 14.19 – Example of a Case Service Contacts Window

3. Click 

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   The *Service Contact History* window is displayed.

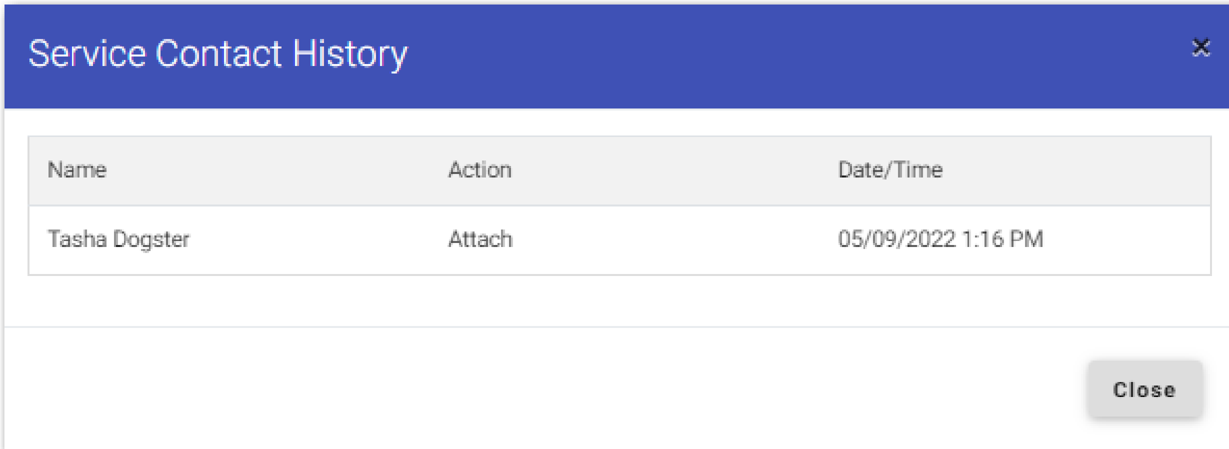


Figure 14.20 – Example of a Service Contact History Window

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.

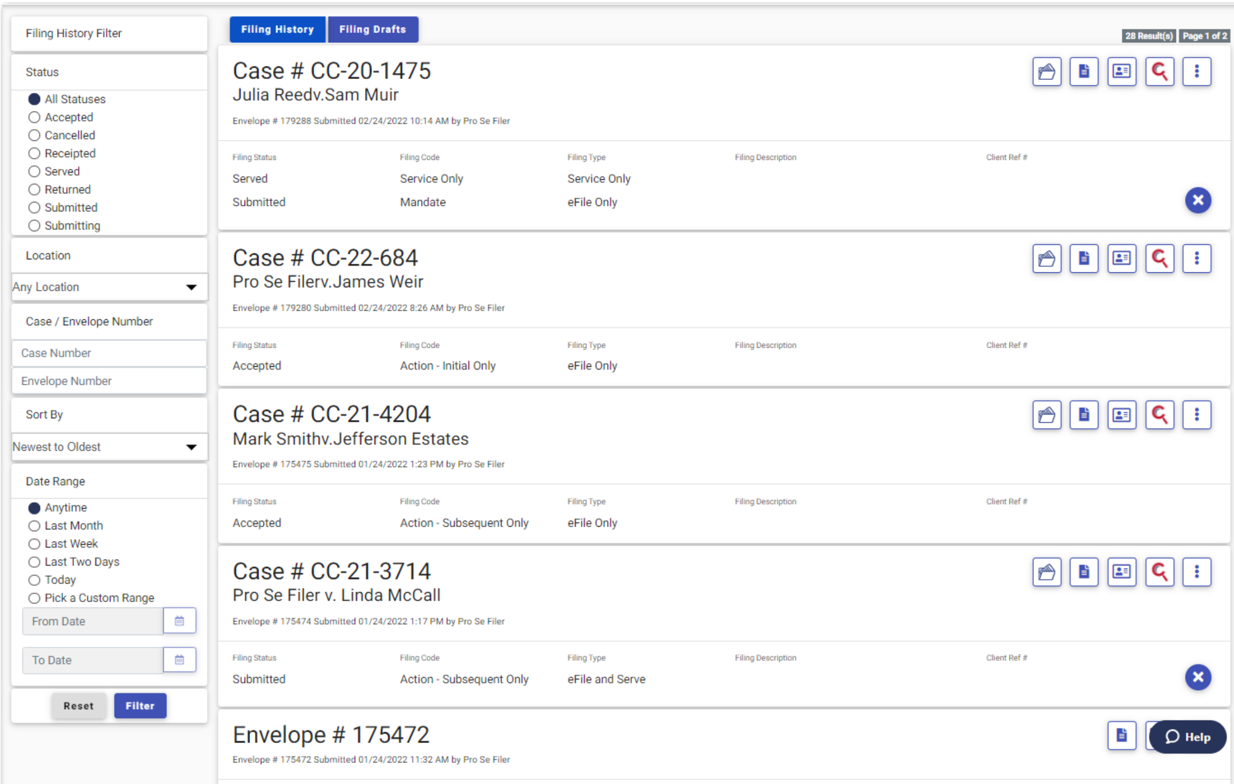
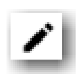


Figure 14.21 – Filing History Page

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.

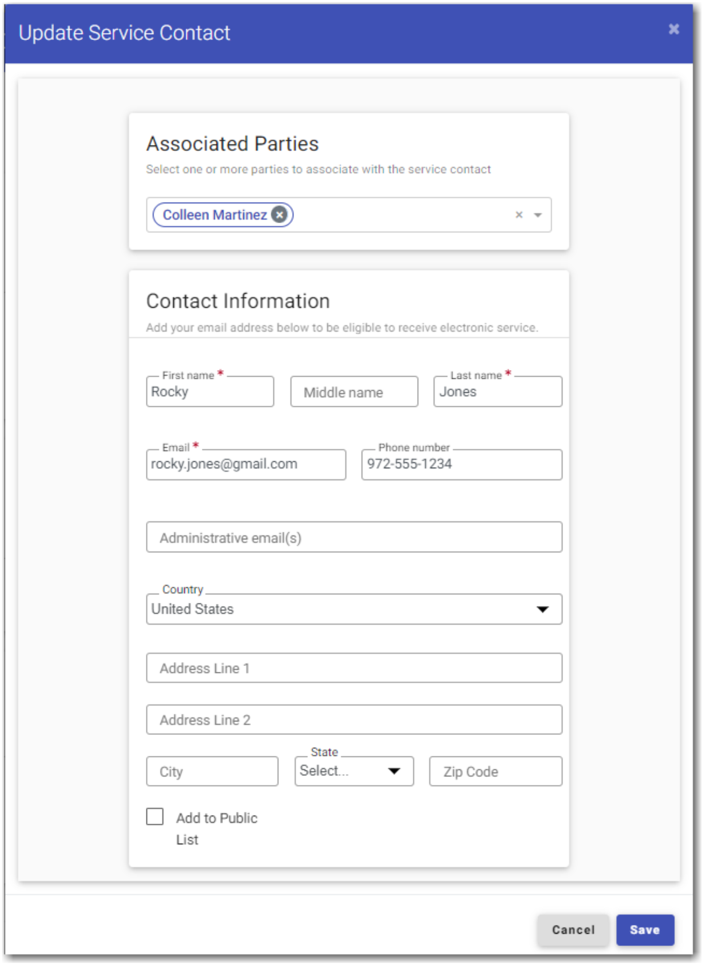


Figure 14.22 – Update Service Contact Window

5. Update the information for the service contact, and then click 

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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 **My Service Contacts**.

   The *Service Contacts* page is displayed.

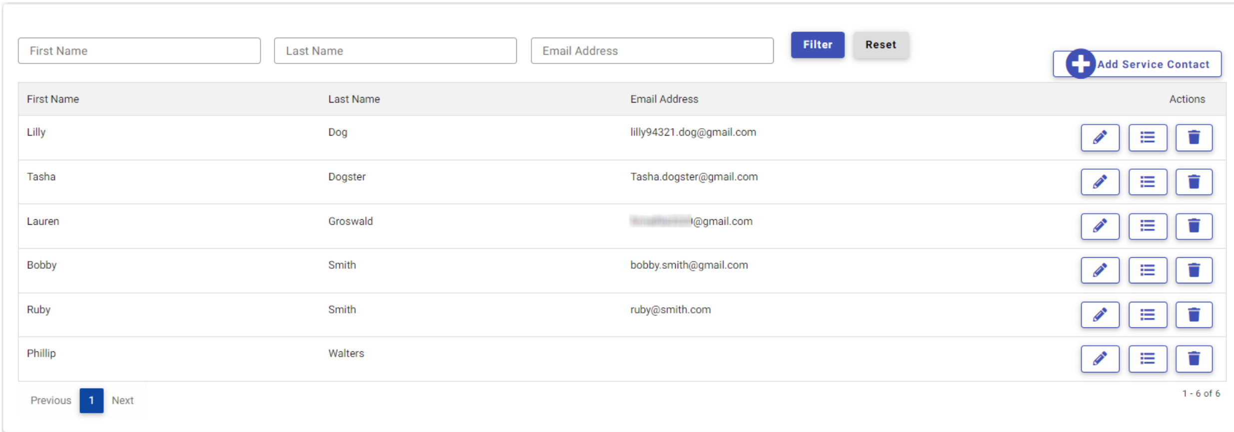


Figure 14.23 – Service Contacts Page

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.

15 Templates

Topics covered in this chapter

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.

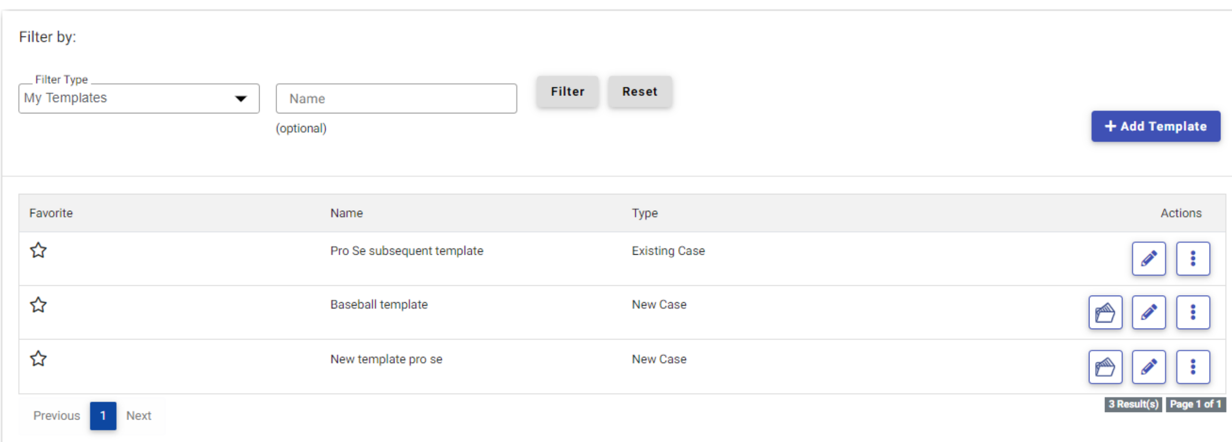


Figure 15.1 – Templates Page

2. Click  .

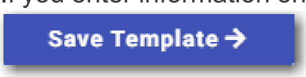
   A pane is displayed.

Figure 15.2 – 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


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   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.

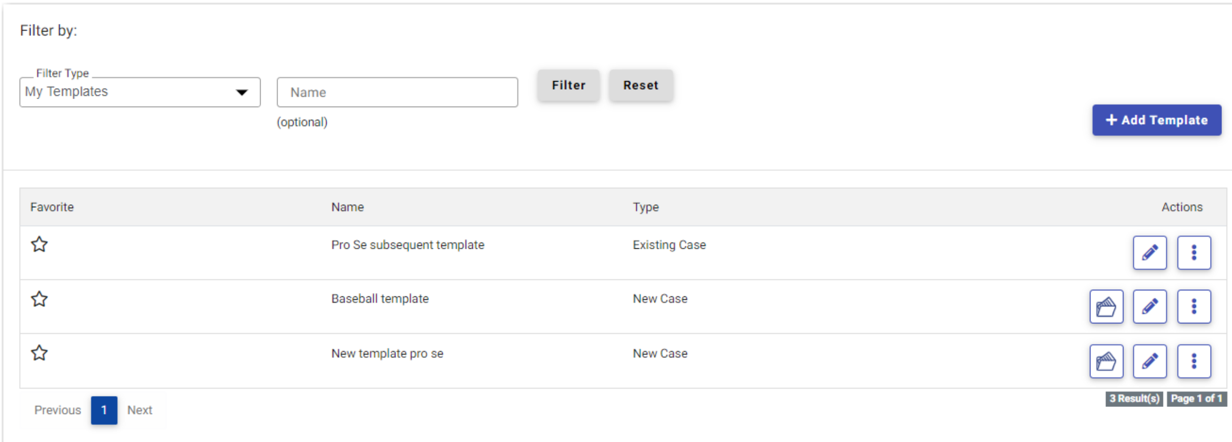
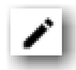


Figure 15.3 – Templates Page

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 

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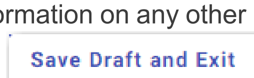
   The *Case Information* page is displayed. Any information that you previously entered on this page remains.

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 

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   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.

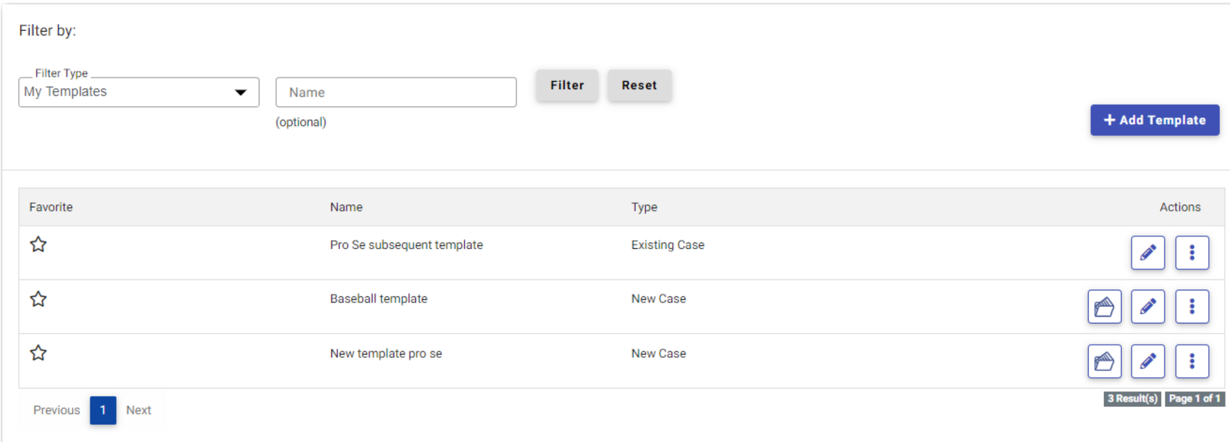


Figure 15.4 – Templates Page

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 

.

   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.

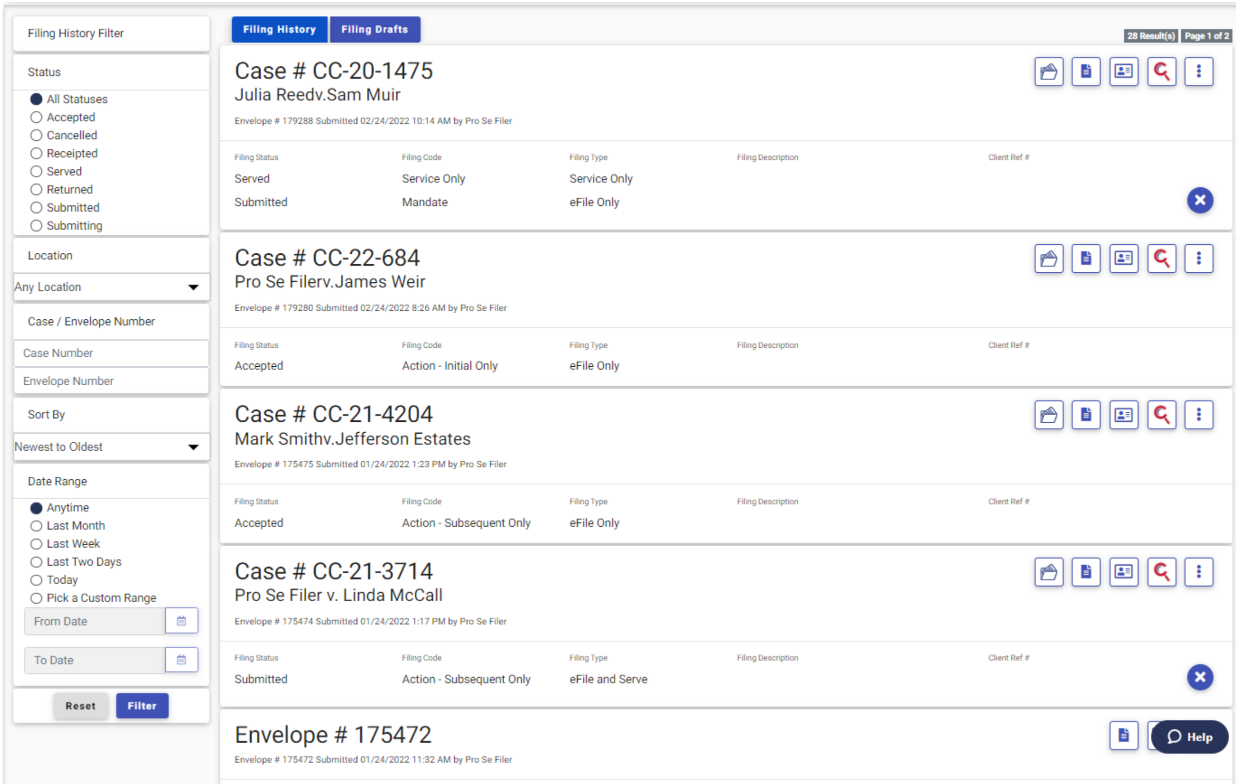
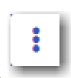


Figure 15.5 – Filing History Page

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.

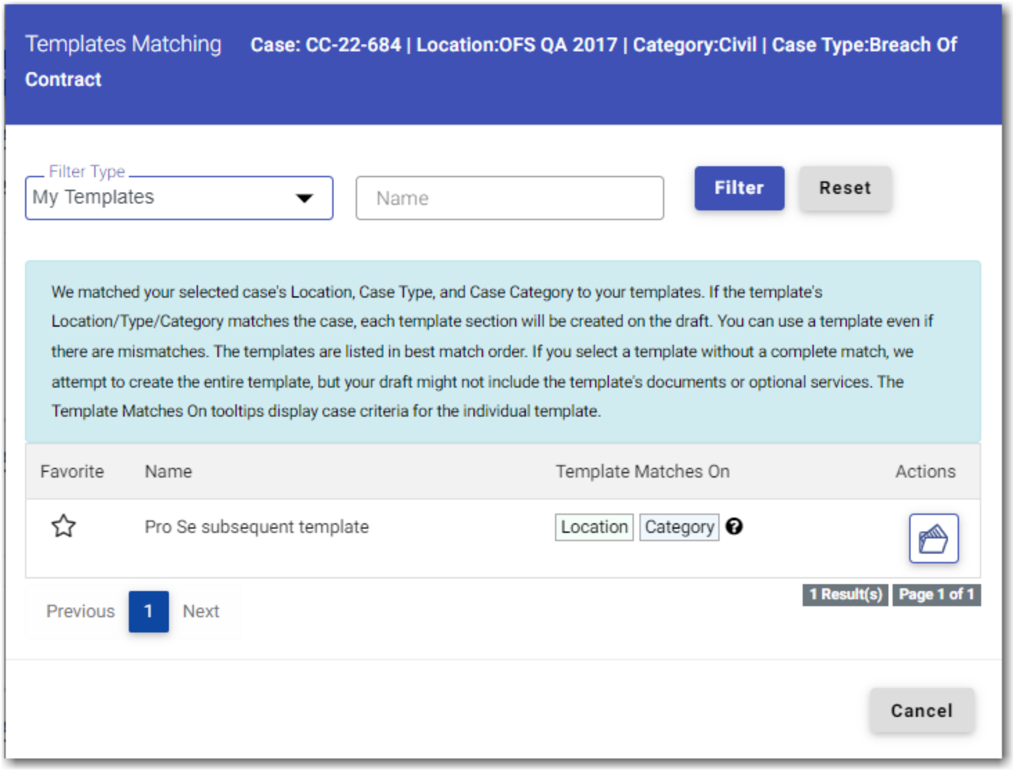
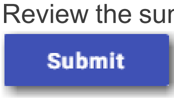


Figure 15.6 – Templates Matching Window

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 

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   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.

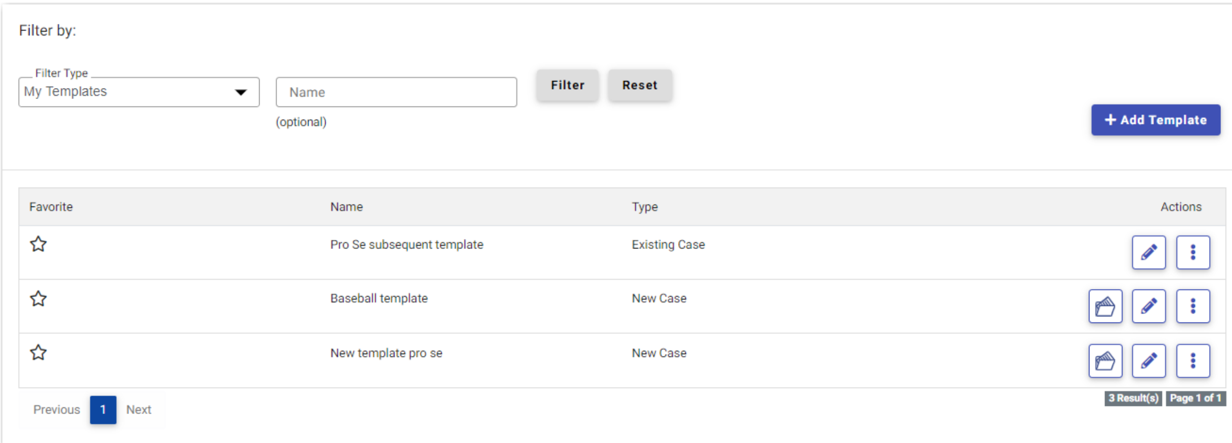
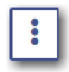


Figure 15.7 – Templates Page

2. Locate the template that you want to copy, and then click  .

   A drop-down list is displayed.

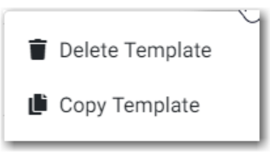


Figure 15.8 – More Options Drop-Down List

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.

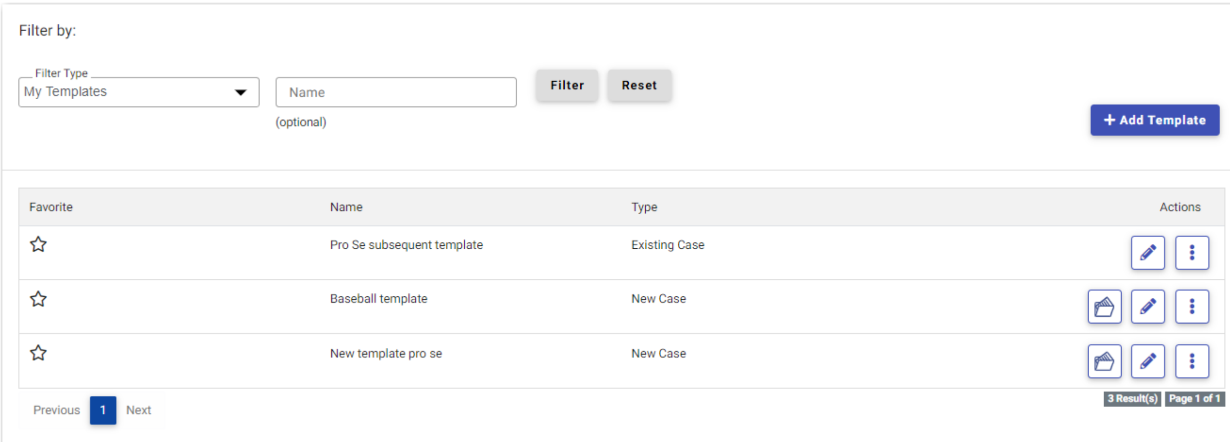


Figure 15.9 – Templates Page

2. Locate the template that you want to delete, and then click .

   A drop-down list is displayed.

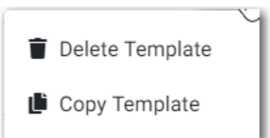
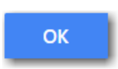
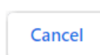


Figure 15.10 – More Options Drop-Down List

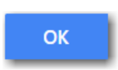
3. Click **Delete Template**.

   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.

16 Filings

Topics covered in this chapter

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.

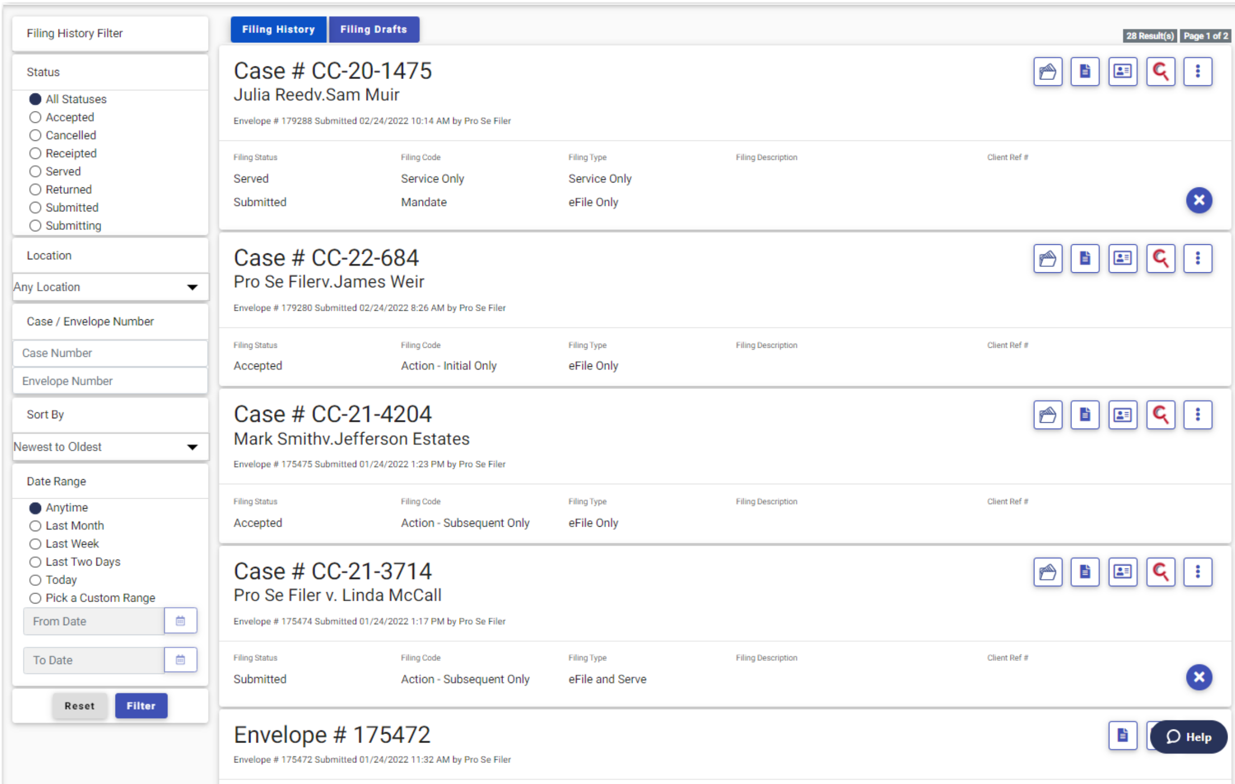


Figure 16.1 – Filing History Page

2. In the Status pane, select **Returned**, and then click 

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   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**.

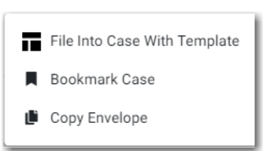


Figure 16.2 – More Options Drop-Down List

A copy of the envelope is displayed on the *Case Information* page.

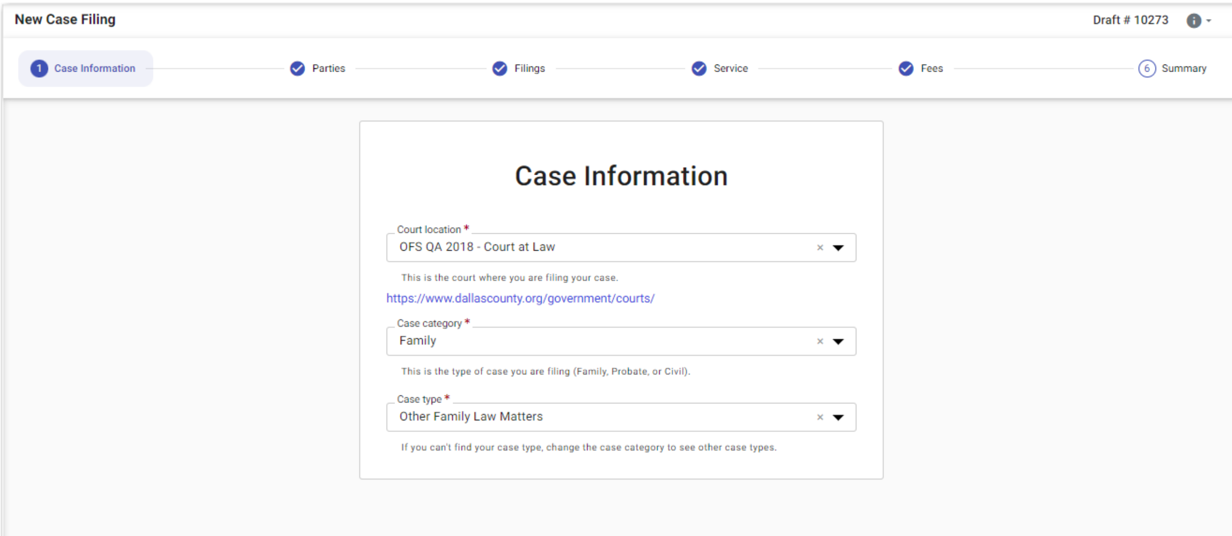


Figure 16.3 – Example of a Case Information Page for a Copied Envelope

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.

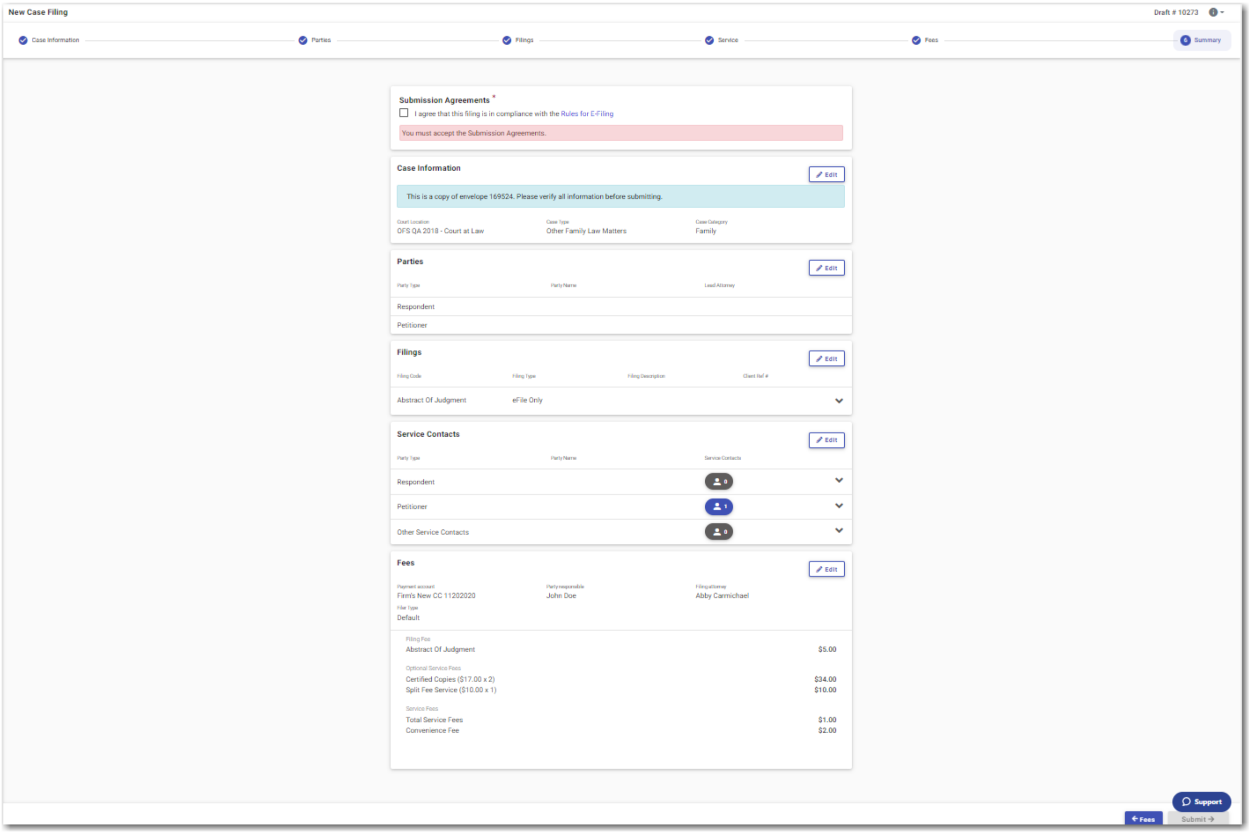


Figure 16.4 – Example of a Summary Page for a Copied Envelope

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.

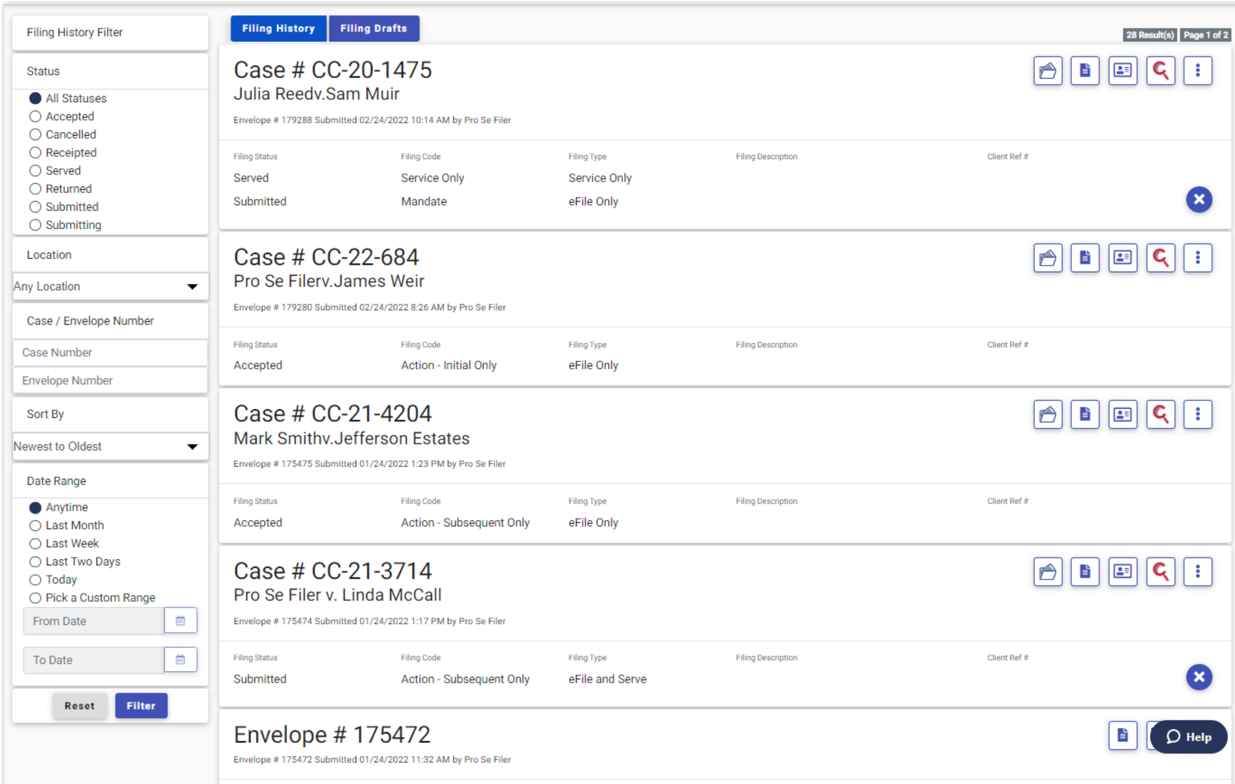


Figure 16.5 – Filing History Page

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.

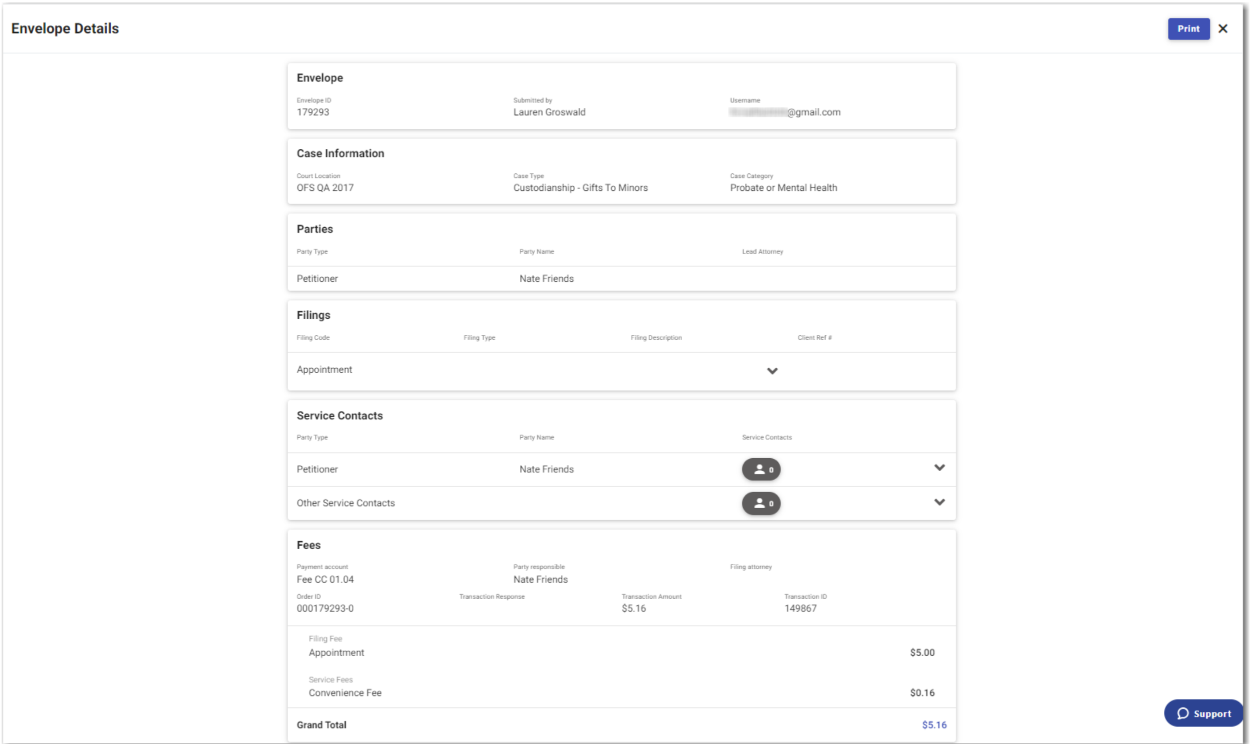


Figure 16.6 – Example of an Envelope Details Page

4. 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:

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

   The *Filing History* page is displayed.

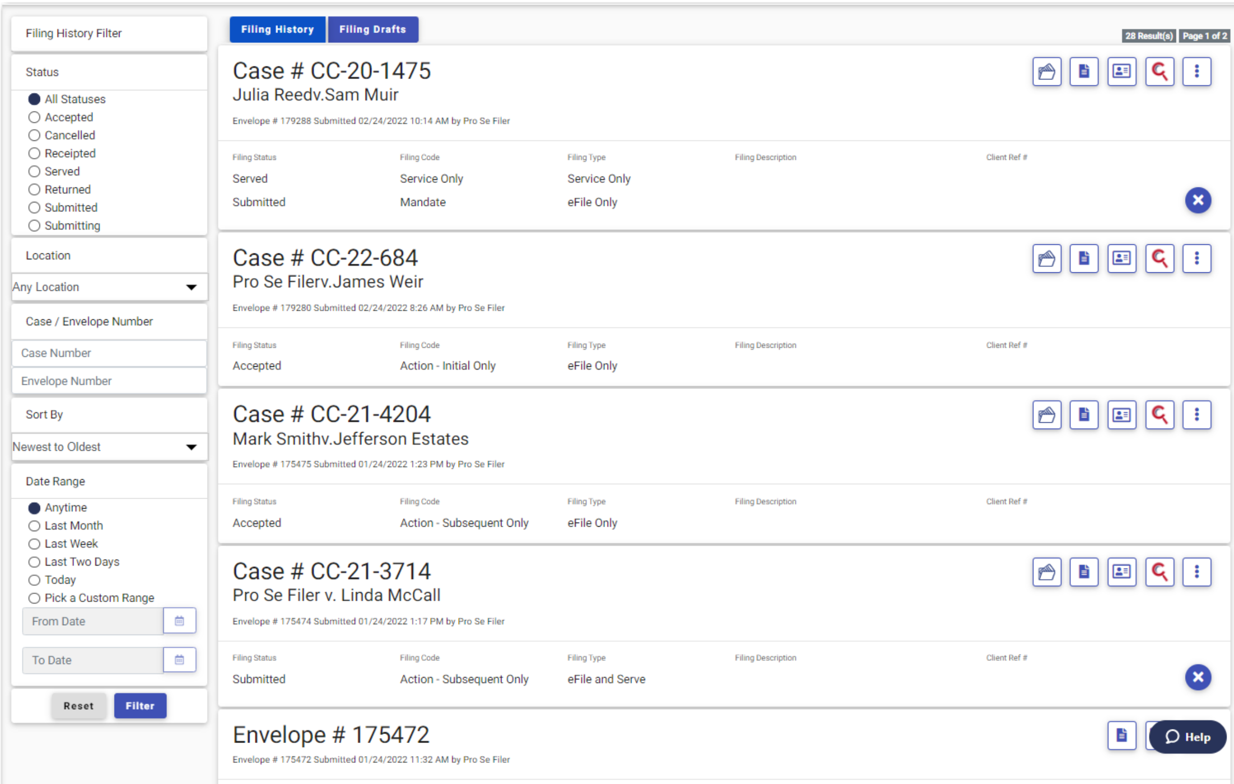


Figure 16.7 – Filing History Page

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

   The envelope details are displayed.

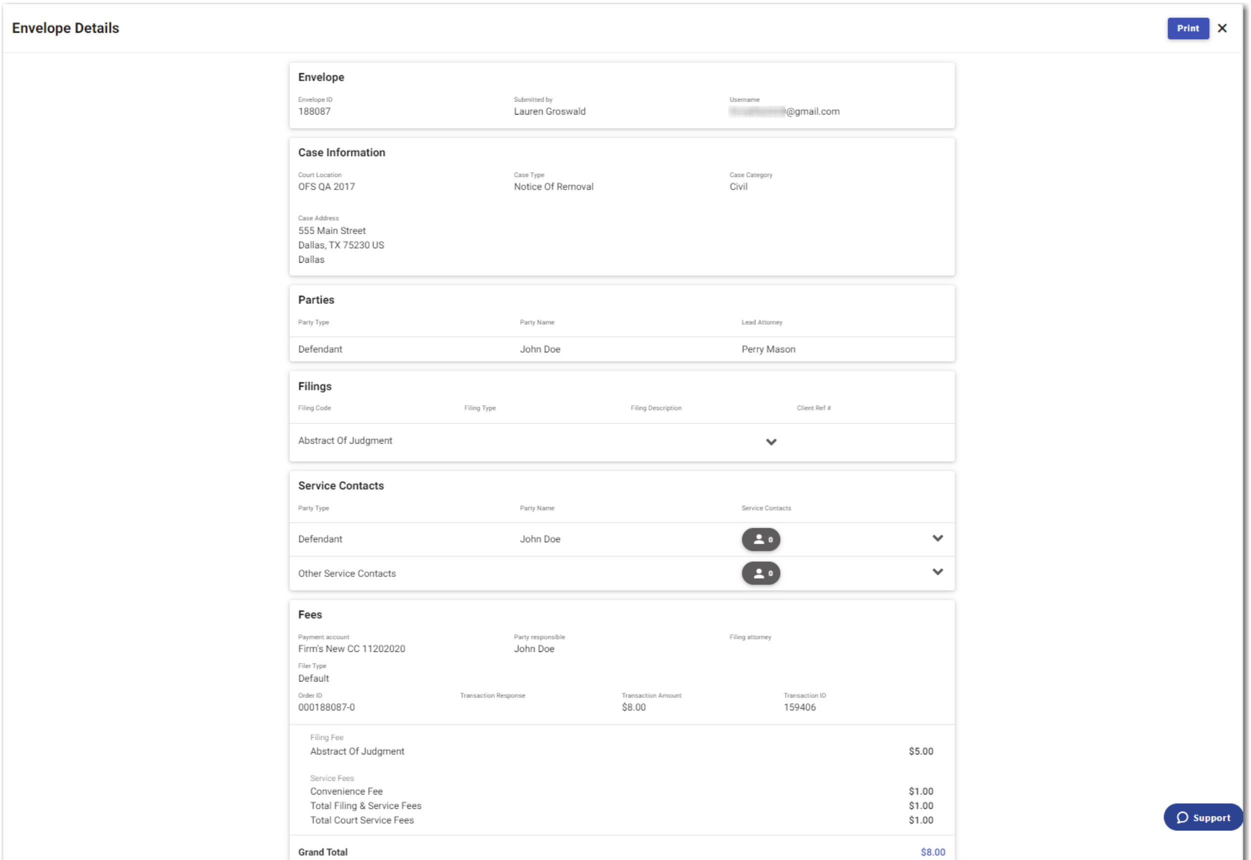


Figure 16.8 – Case Address Information on the Envelope Details Page

4. Click 

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:

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

   The *Filing History* page is displayed.

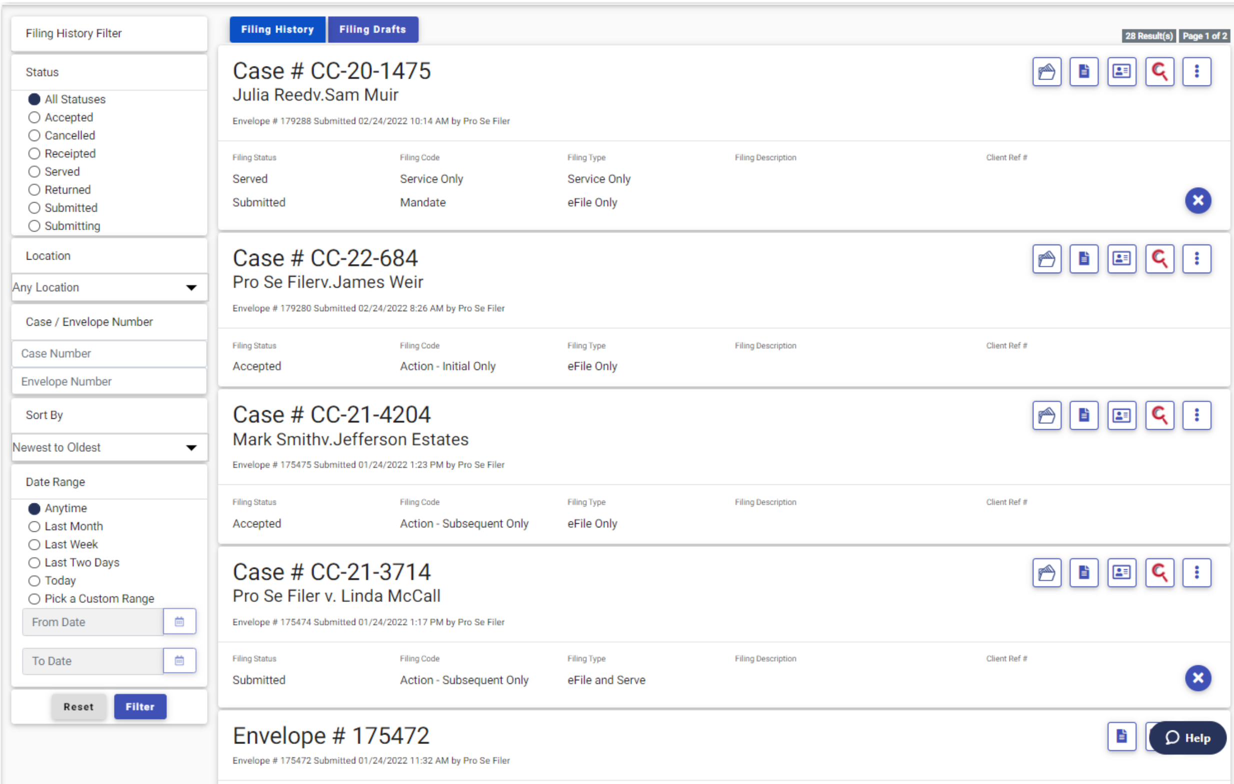


Figure 16.9 – Filing History Page

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.

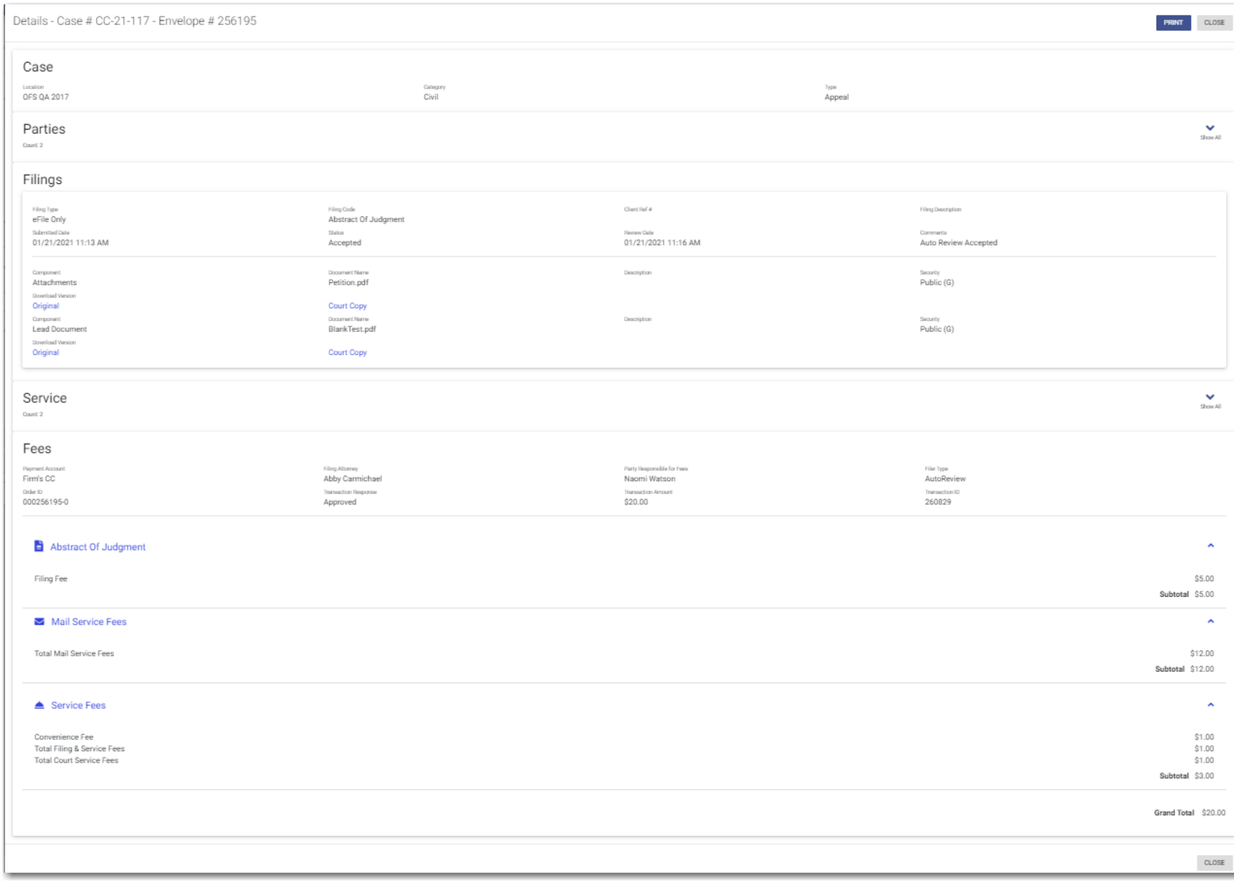


Figure 16.10 – Example of an Envelope Details Page with the Mail Service Fees Displayed

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.

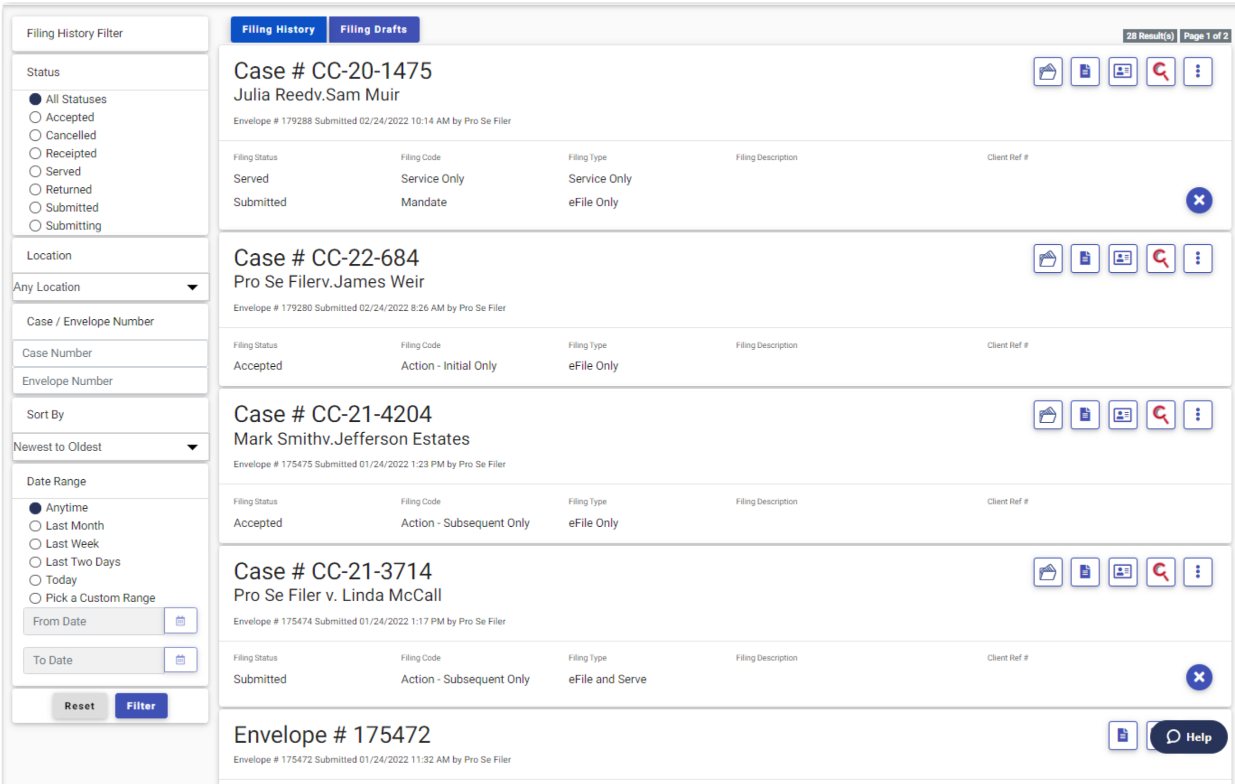


Figure 16.11 – Filing History Page

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.

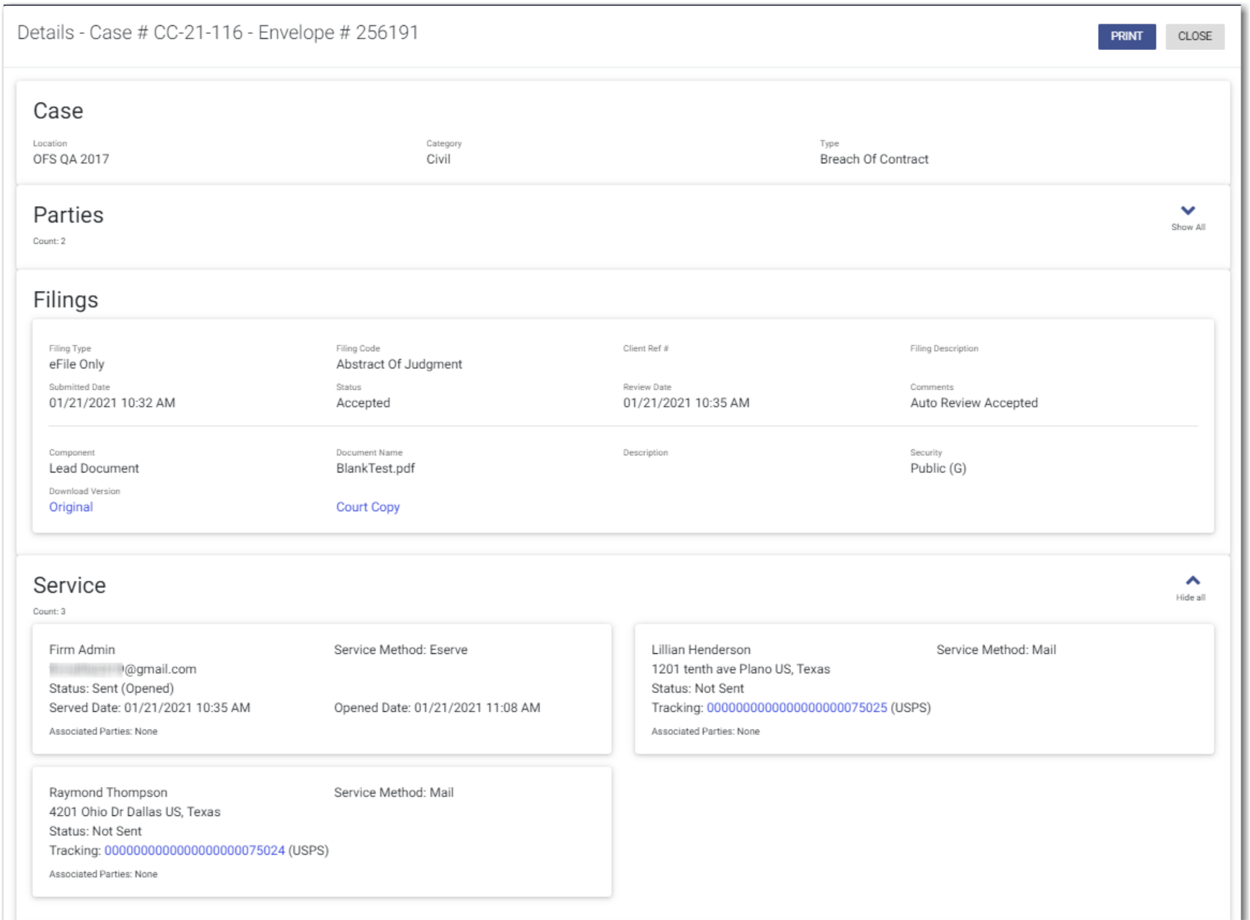


Figure 16.12 – Example of an Envelope Details Page with the Certified Mail Services Information Displayed

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.

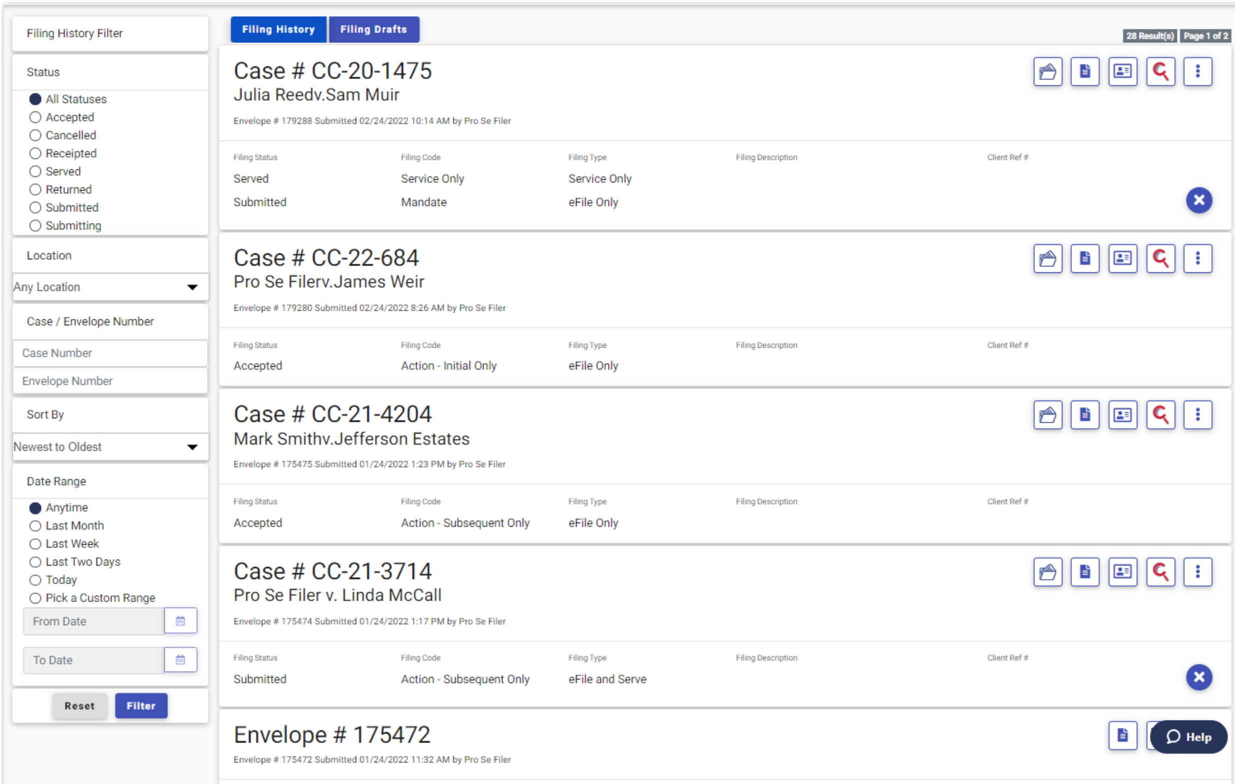


Figure 16.13 – Filing History Page

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.

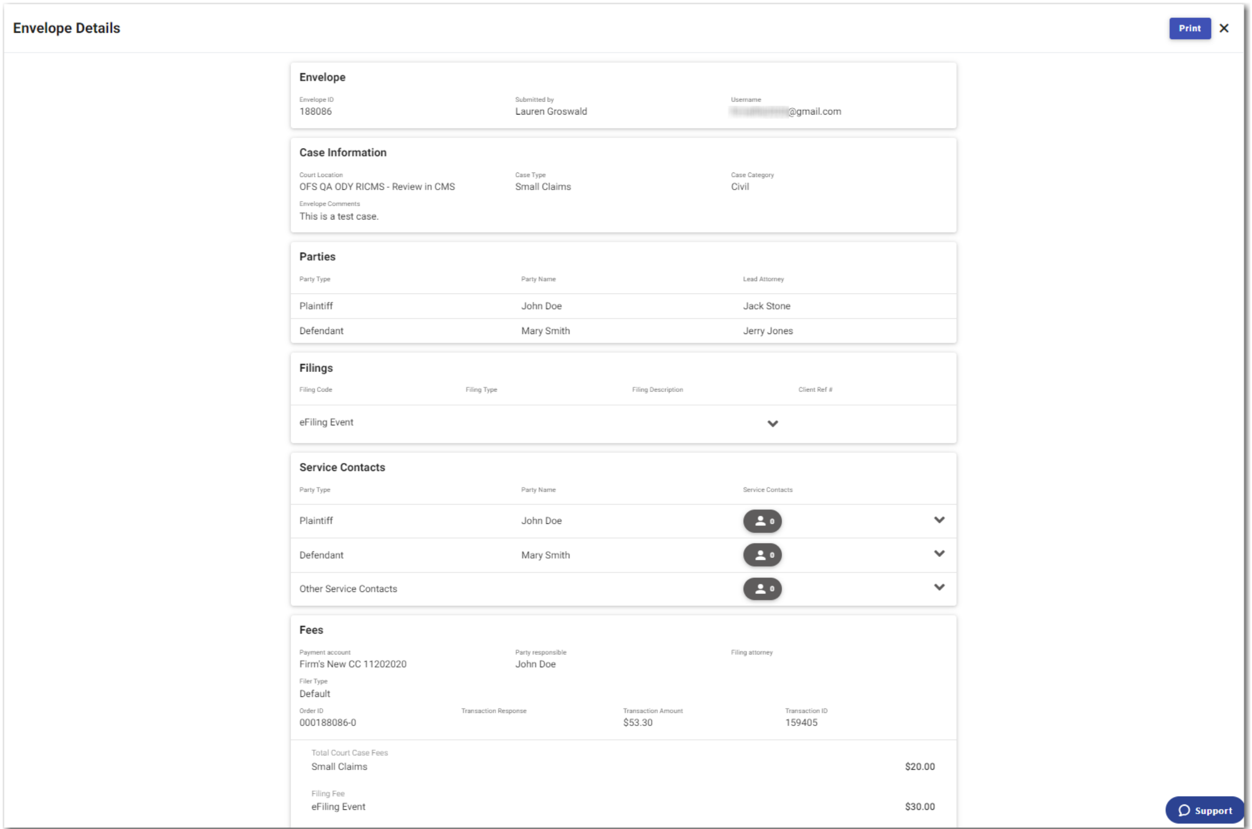


Figure 16.14 – Example of an Envelope Details Page with the Envelope Comments Displayed

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.

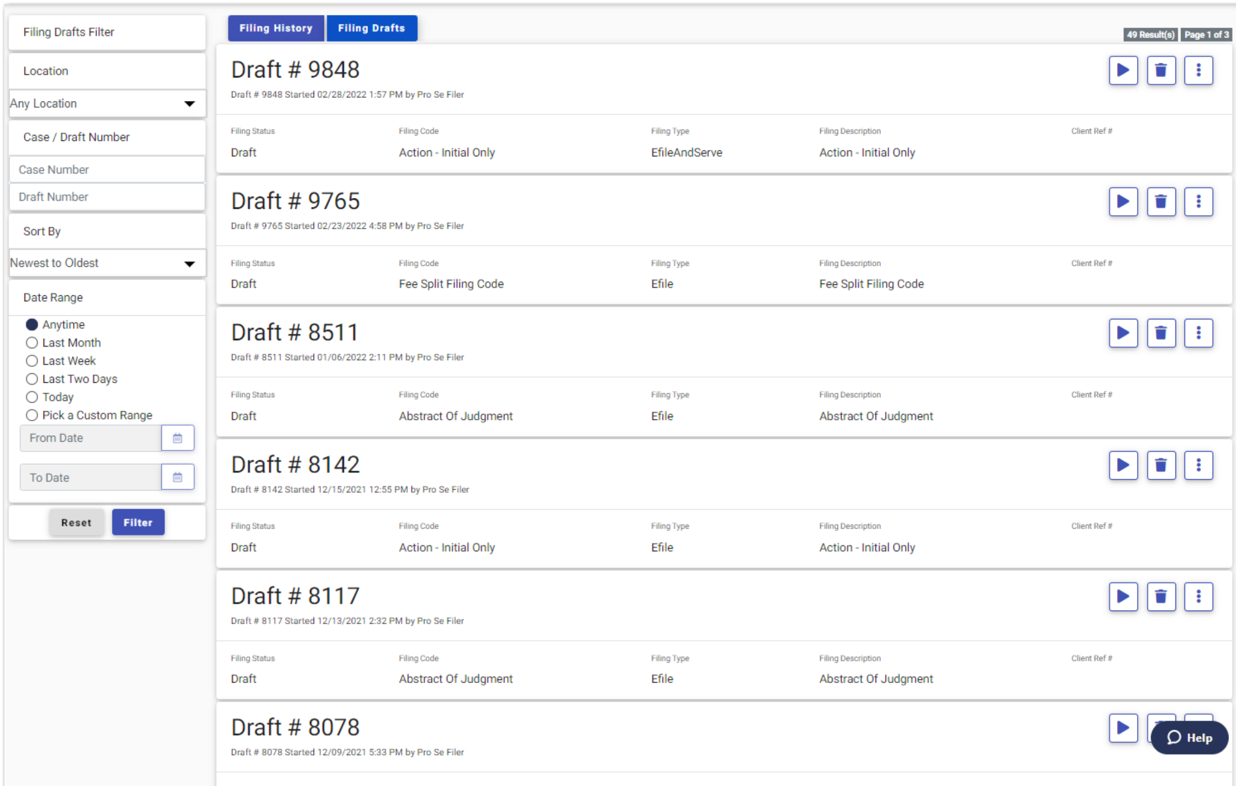


Figure 16.15 – Filing Drafts Page

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.

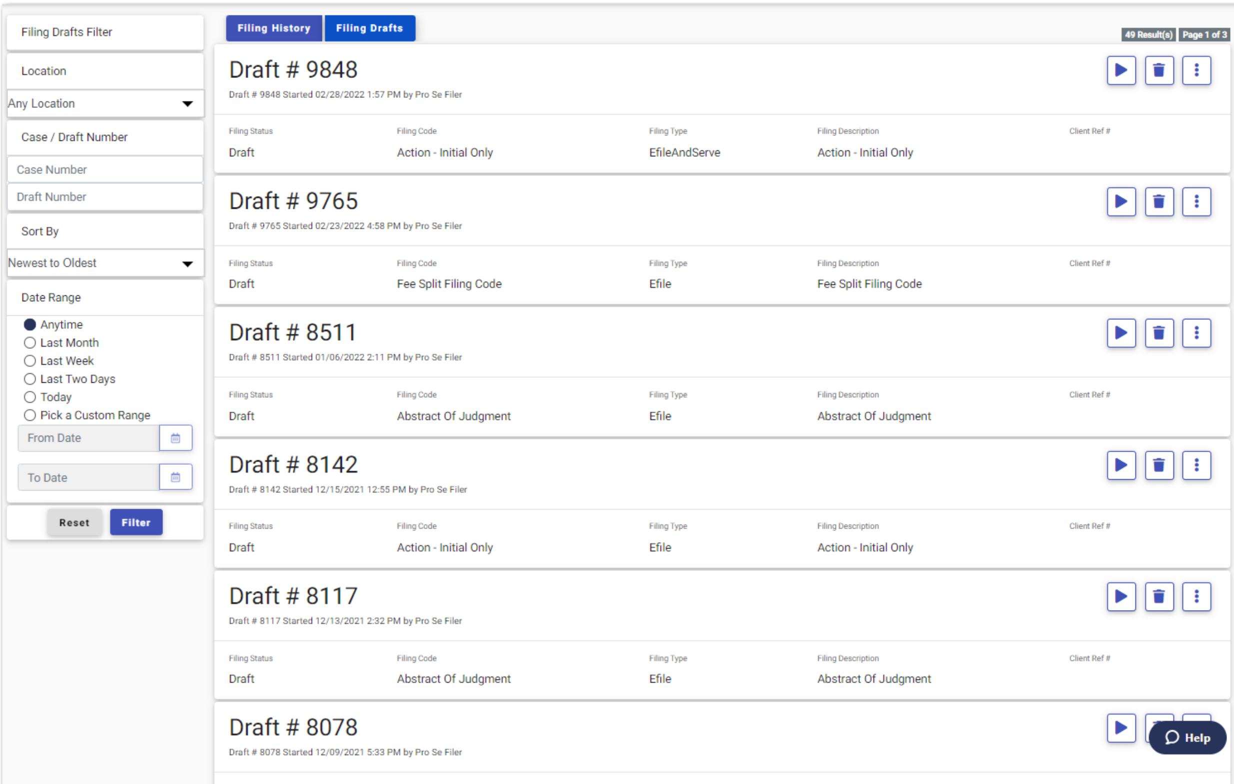
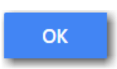
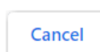


Figure 16.16 – Filing Drafts Page

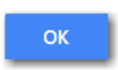
2. Locate the draft filing that you want to delete, and then click  .

   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.

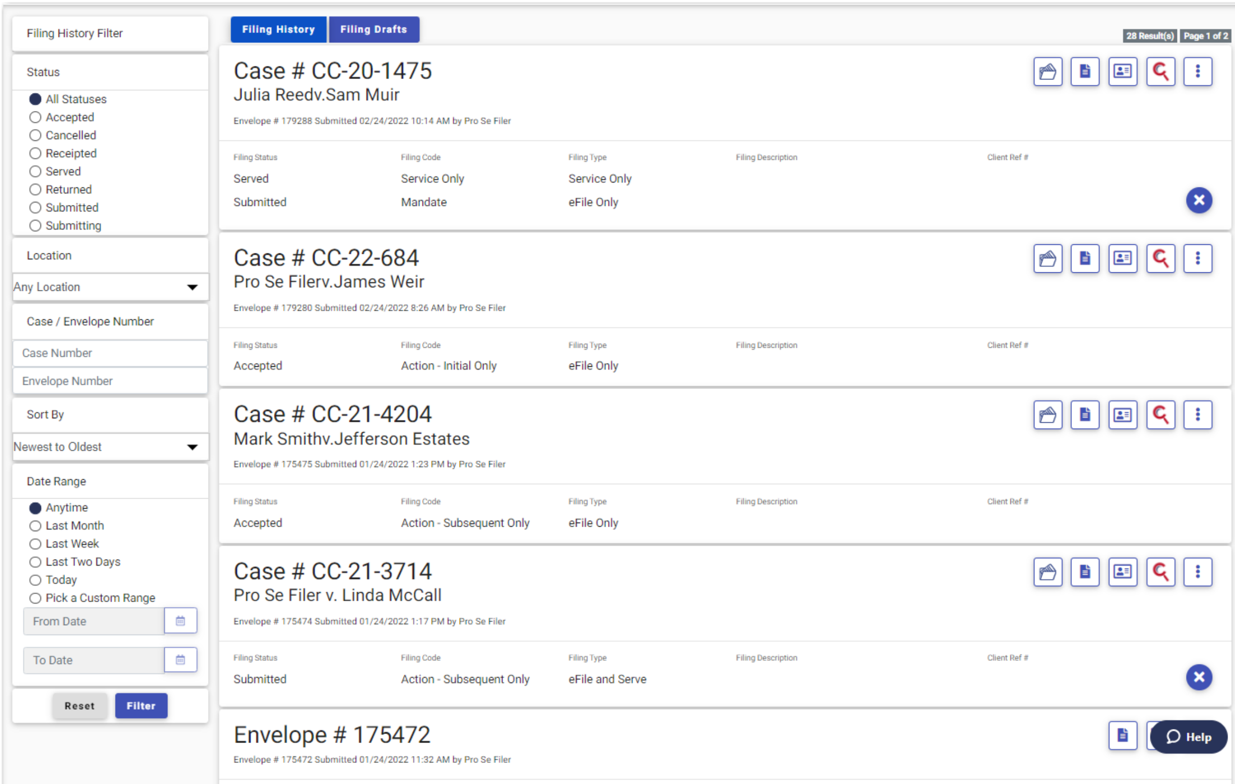


Figure 16.17 – Filing History Page

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 **OK** to cancel the filing, or click **Cancel** to cancel the action.

   If you clicked **OK**, a confirmation message is displayed, and the filing is canceled.

17 Bookmarks

Topics covered in this chapter

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.

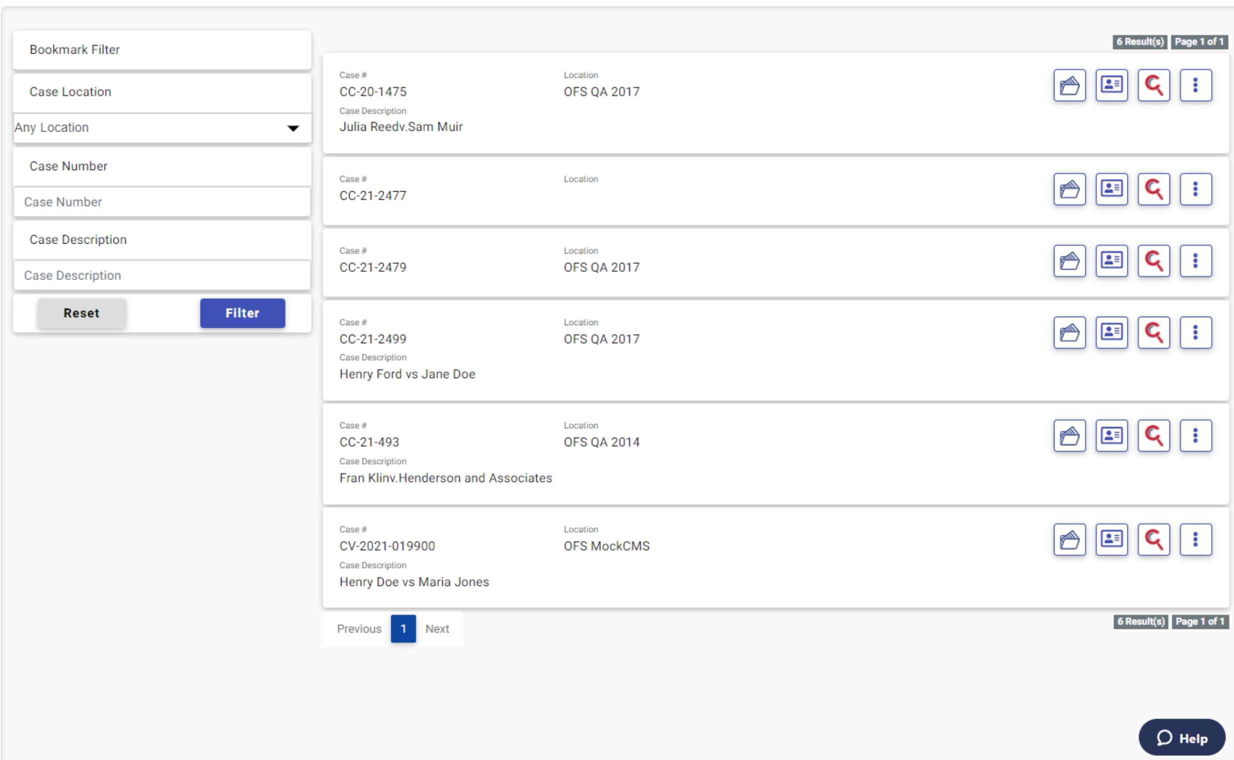


Figure 17.1 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

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.

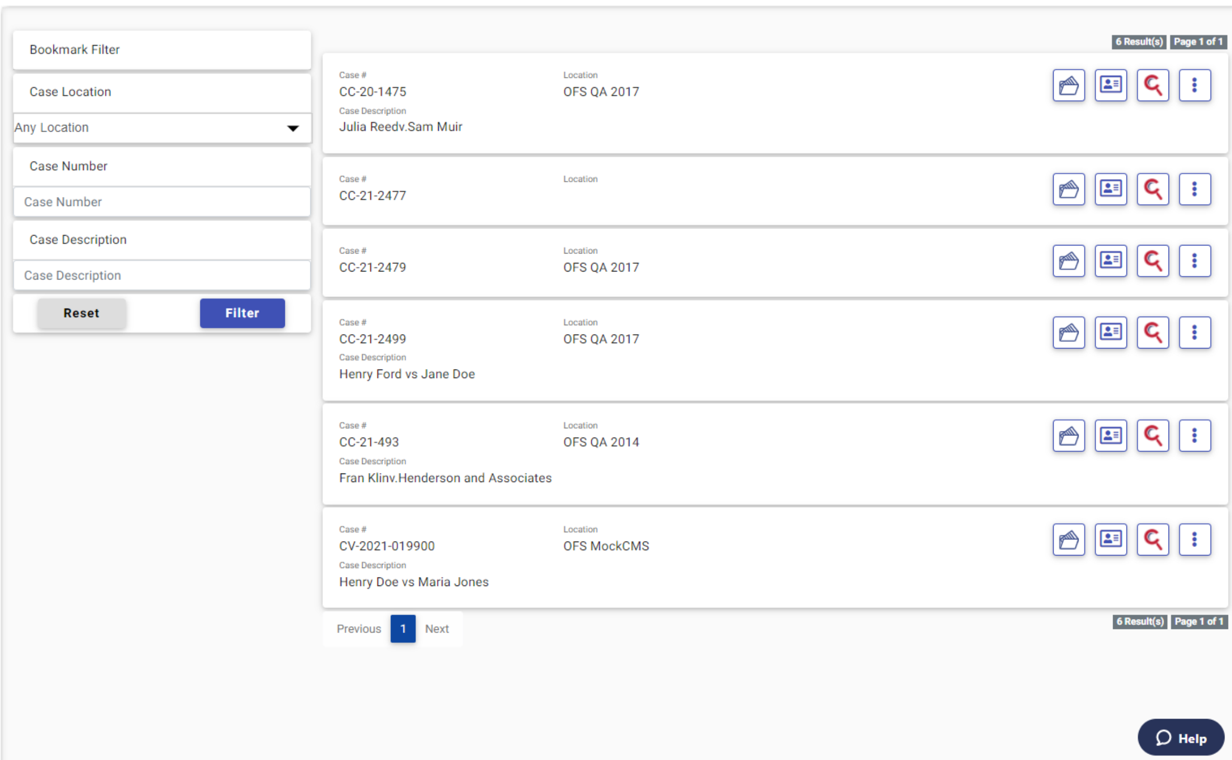


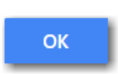
Figure 17.2 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

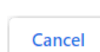
2. Locate the case for which you want to remove the bookmark, and then click  .

   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.

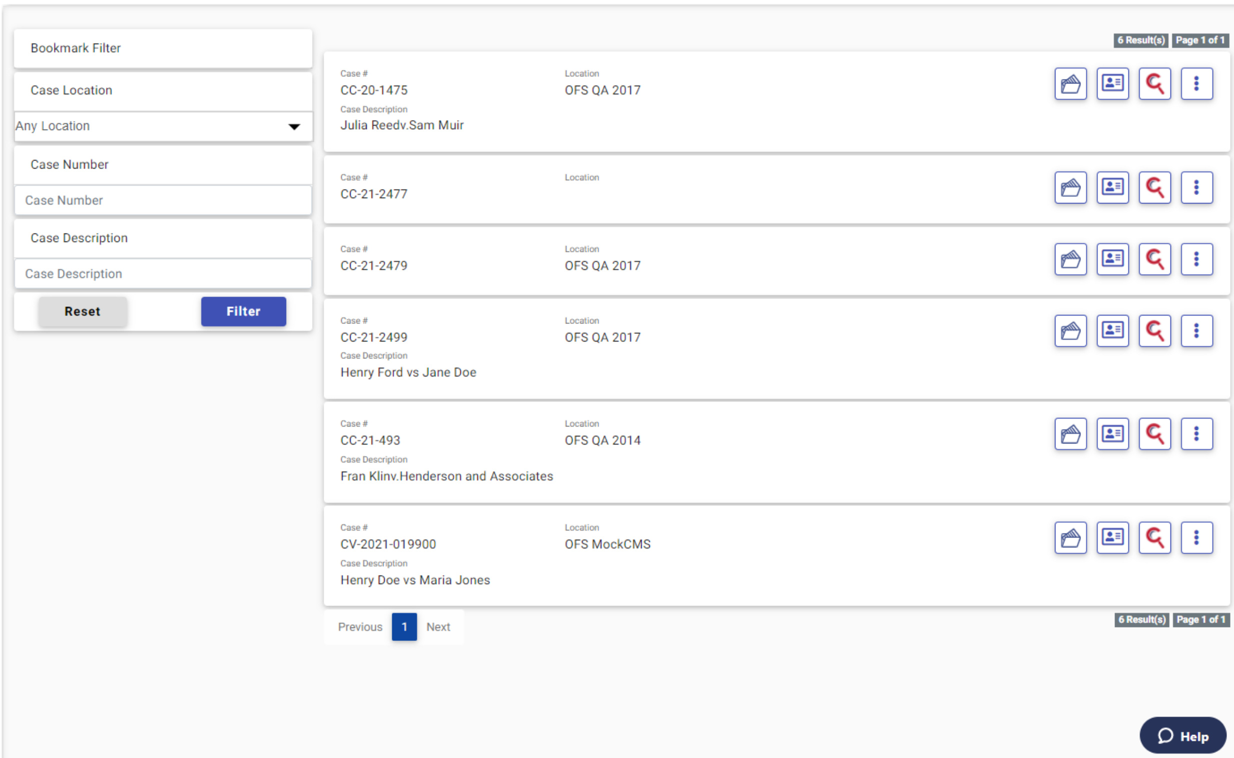


Figure 17.3 – Example of a Bookmarks Page

2. Set the parameters for the cases that you want to view, and then click 

.

   The cases that you selected in your filter are now displayed on the *Bookmarks* page.

18 Bulk Filing

Topics covered in this chapter

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 filer actions.

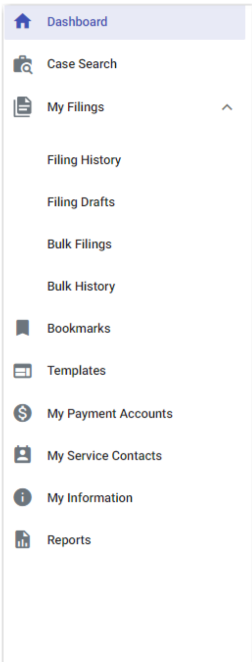


Figure 18.1 – Dashboard

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 bulk draft filings.
- Access the *Bulk History* page to view a list of your bulk filings.

For information regarding the other options displayed on the Dashboard, refer to Dashboard, page 29.

Bulk History

The *Bulk History* page includes the filing history for your bulk filings.

From the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk History**. From here, you can view a history of your bulk filings. You can also view the details for each case in the bulk filing.

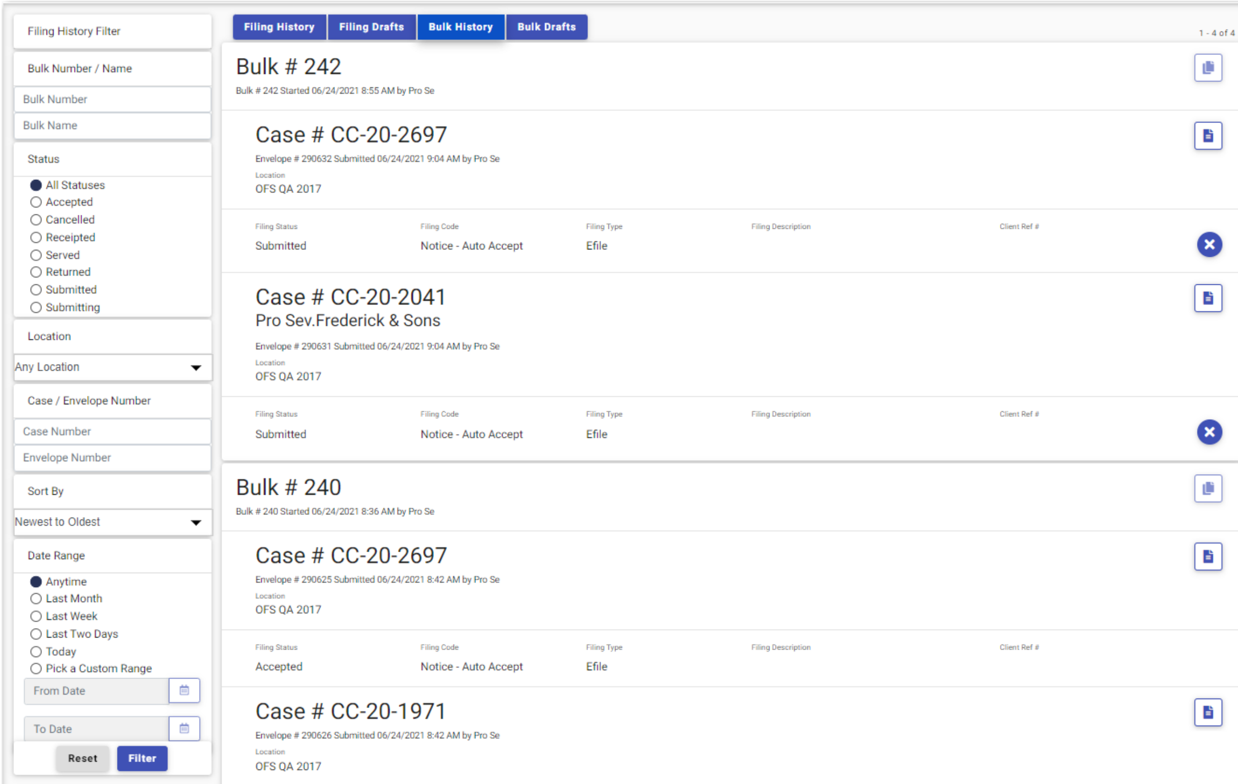


Figure 18.2 – Example of a Bulk History Page

Bulk Drafts

The *Bulk Drafts* page includes the drafts of your bulk filings.

On the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk Drafts**. From here, you can view a list of your bulk filing drafts, resume a bulk filing draft, or delete a bulk filing draft.

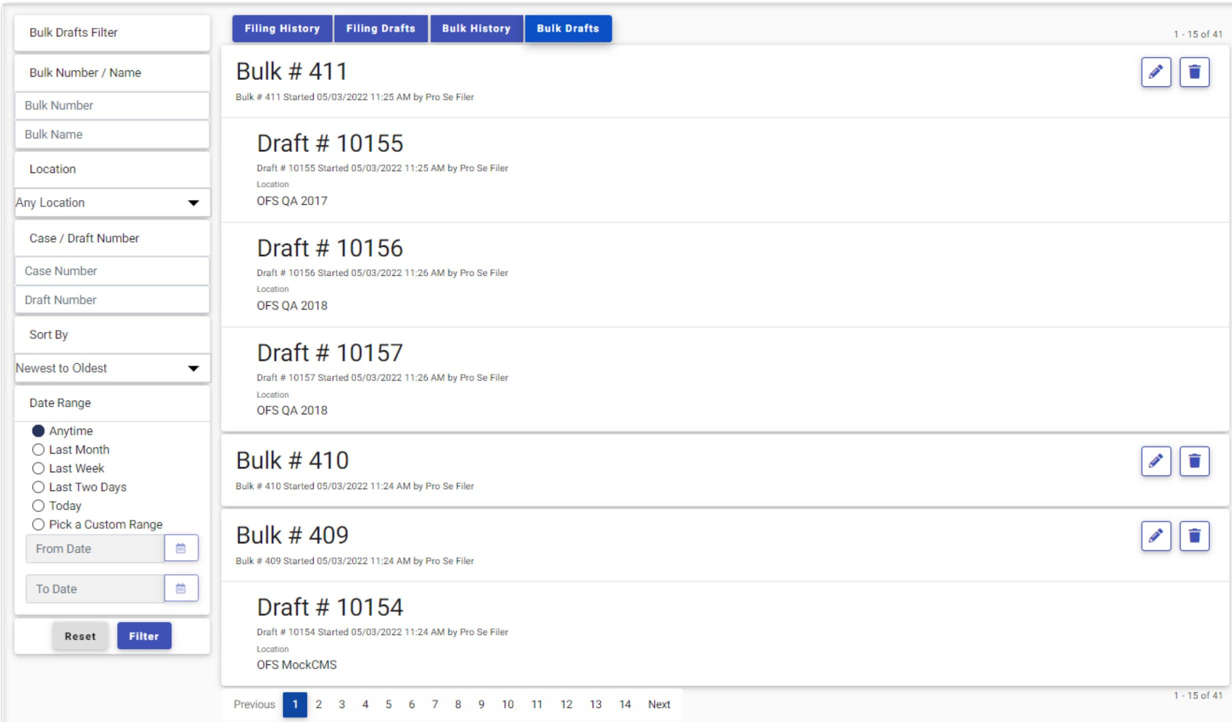


Figure 18.3 – Example of a Bulk Drafts Page

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.

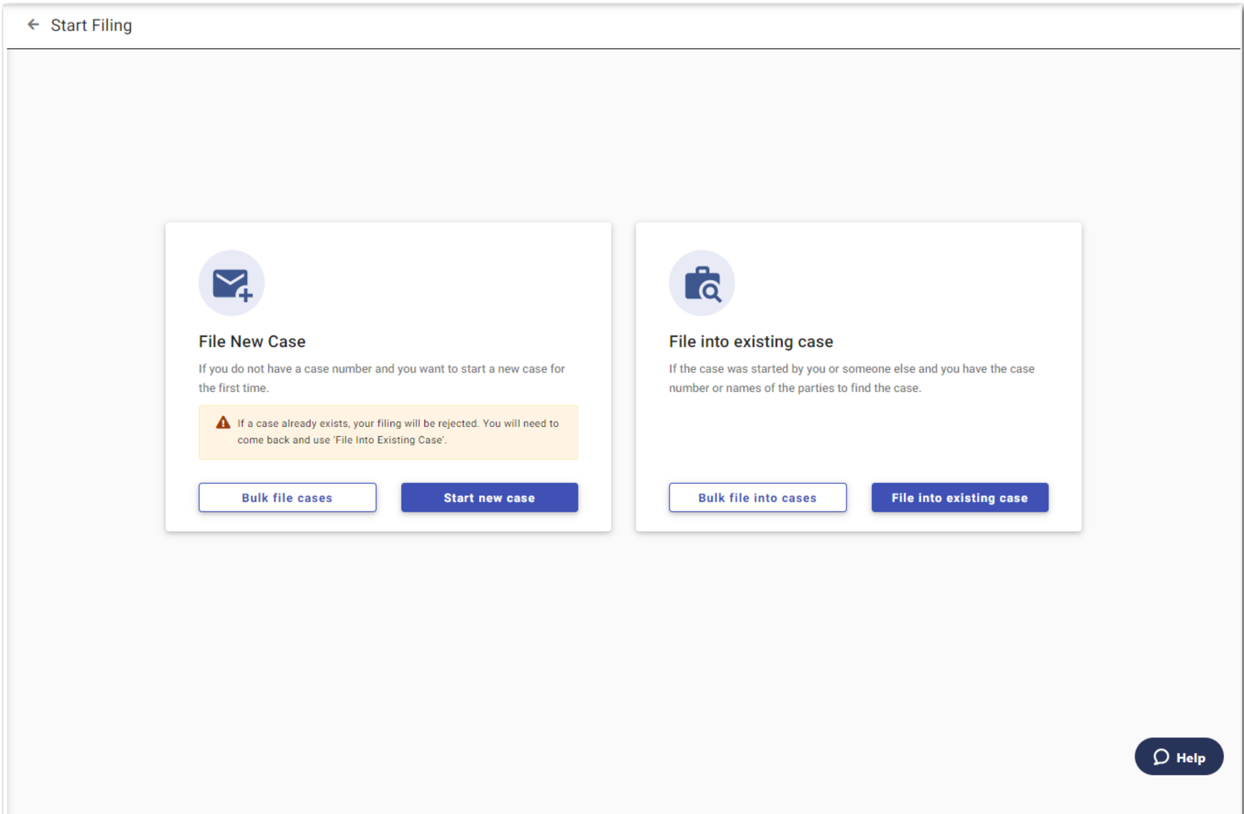


Figure 18.4 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

.

The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

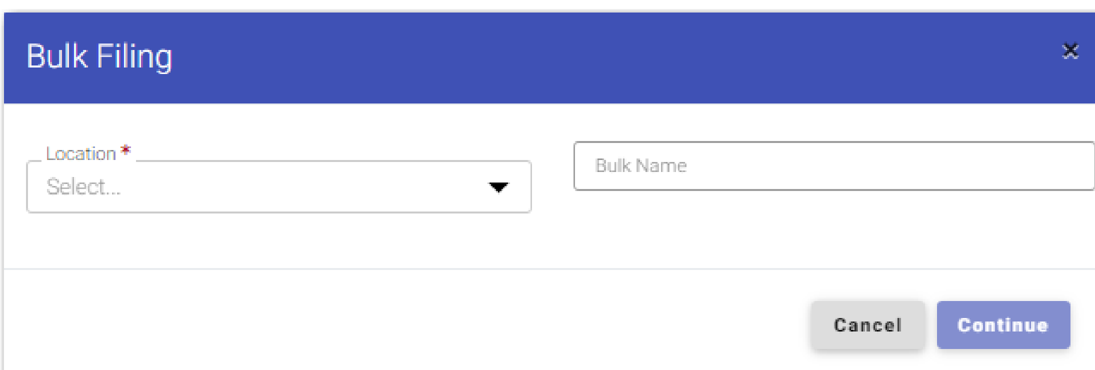


Figure 18.5 – Bulk Filing Window

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.

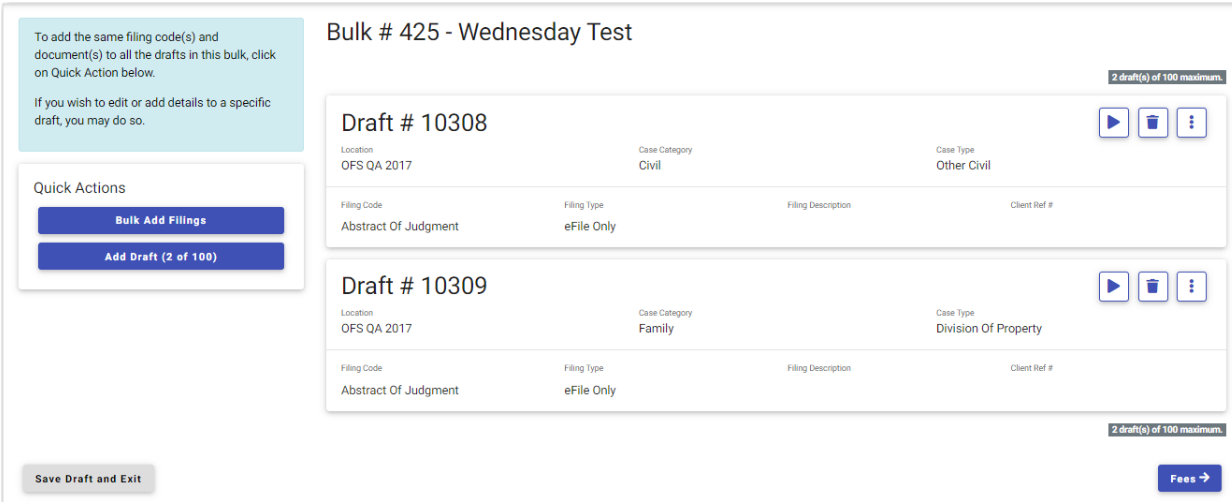


Figure 18.6 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard

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.

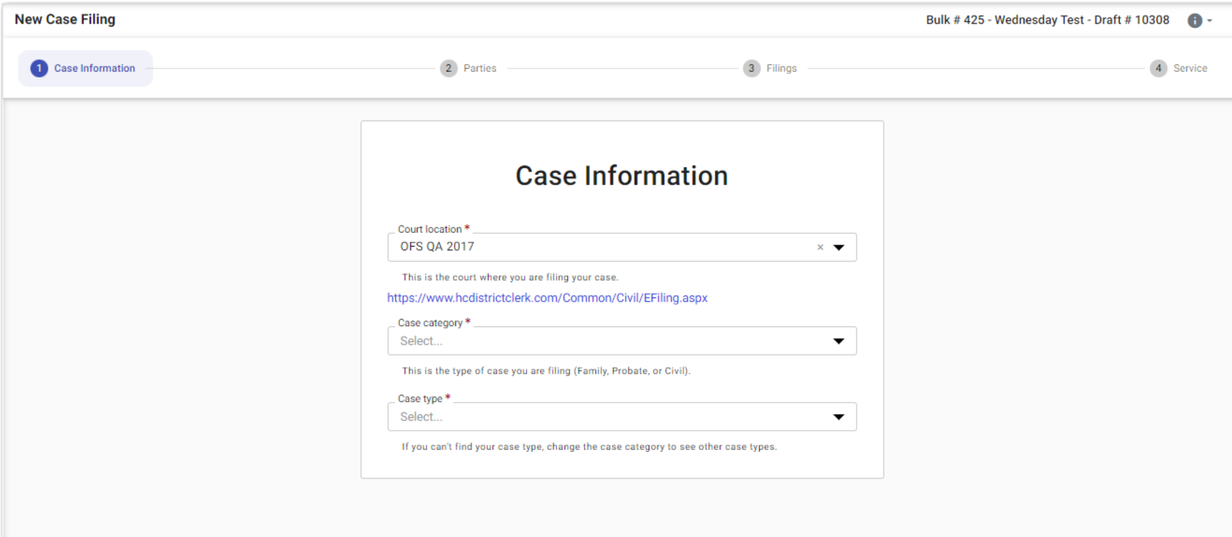


Figure 18.7 – Example of a Case Information Page

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.

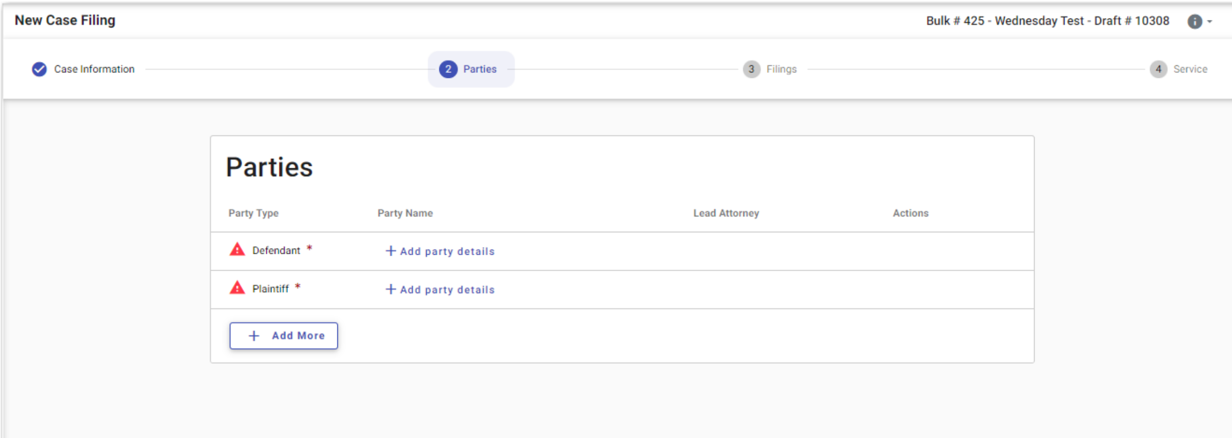


Figure 18.8 – Example of a Parties Page in a Bulk Filing

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 **+ Add party details**.

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

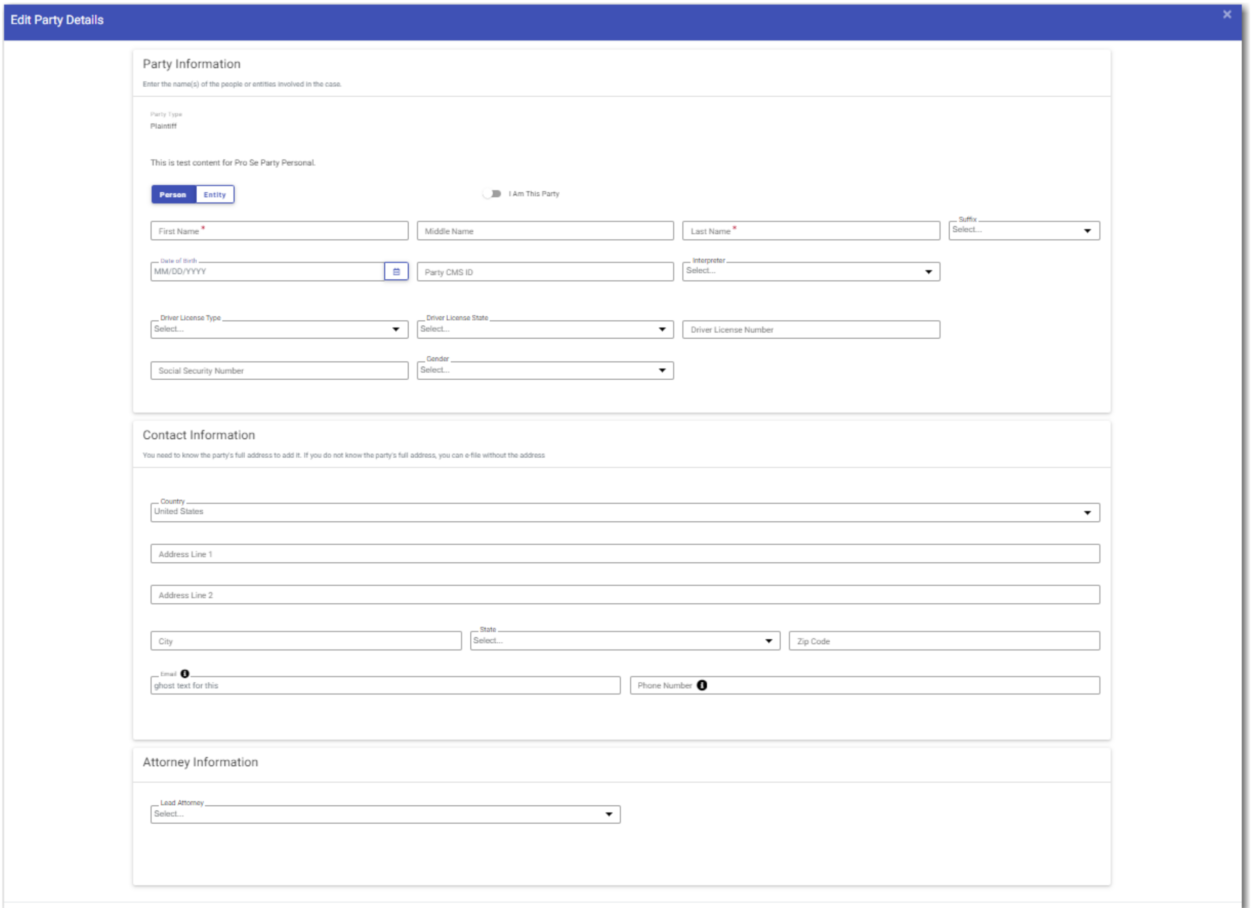


Figure 18.9 – Example of the Edit Party Details Window

2. Click either  or  .

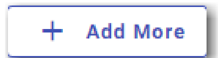
   Note: The following steps describe the fields that are displayed if you select "Person."

3. If you are the first party, select **I Am This Party**.
4. 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.
5. Type the party's date of birth in the **Date of Birth** field, or click  to select the date from the calendar.
6. Type the party case management system ID in the **Party CMS ID** field, if appropriate.
7. Select a language from the **Interpreter** drop-down list, if appropriate.
8. Select the type of driver's license from the **Drivers License Type** drop-down list.
9. Select the state where the driver's license was issued from the **Drivers License State** drop-down list.
10. Type the party's driver's license number in the **Drivers License Number** field.
11. 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.

12. Select the party's gender from the **Gender** 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 **Pro Se** for the filing attorney.
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.
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.
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.

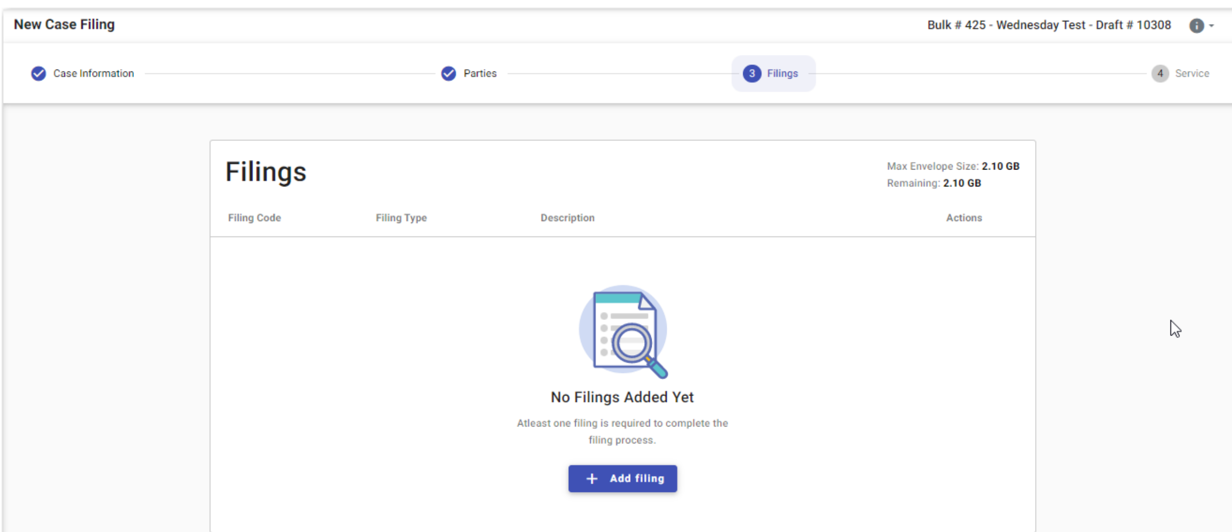
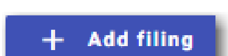


Figure 18.10 – Example of a Filings Page

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:

1. On the *Filings* page, click 

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   The *Edit Filing Details* page is displayed.

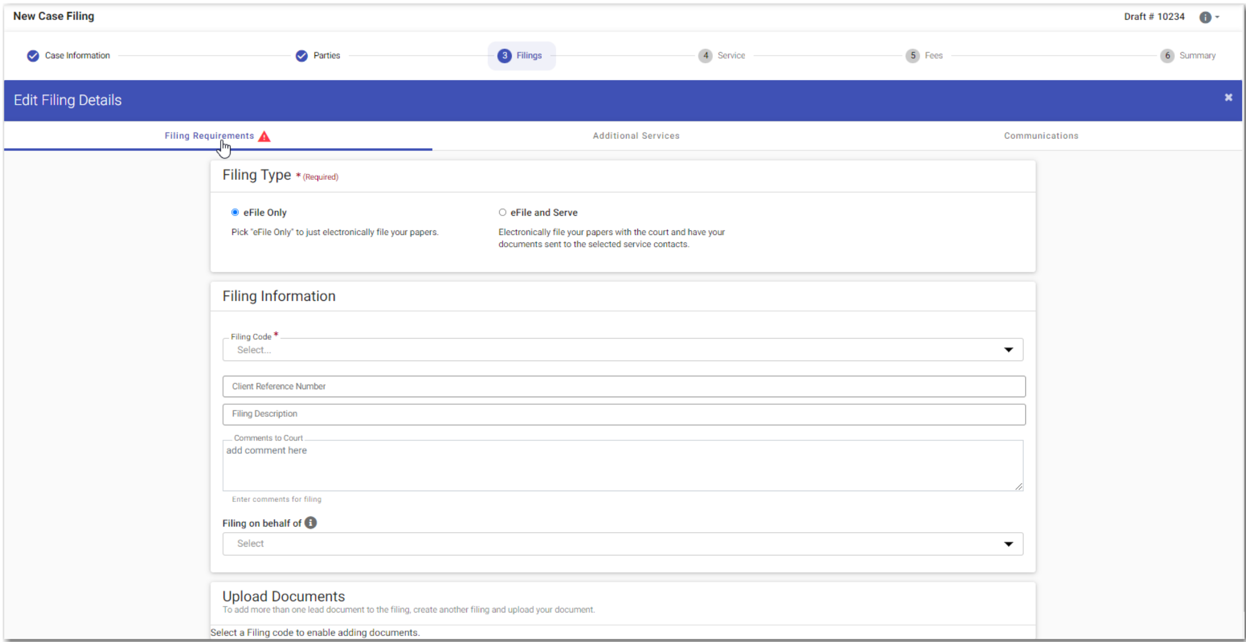
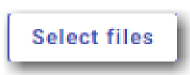


Figure 18.11 – Edit Filing Details Page

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."

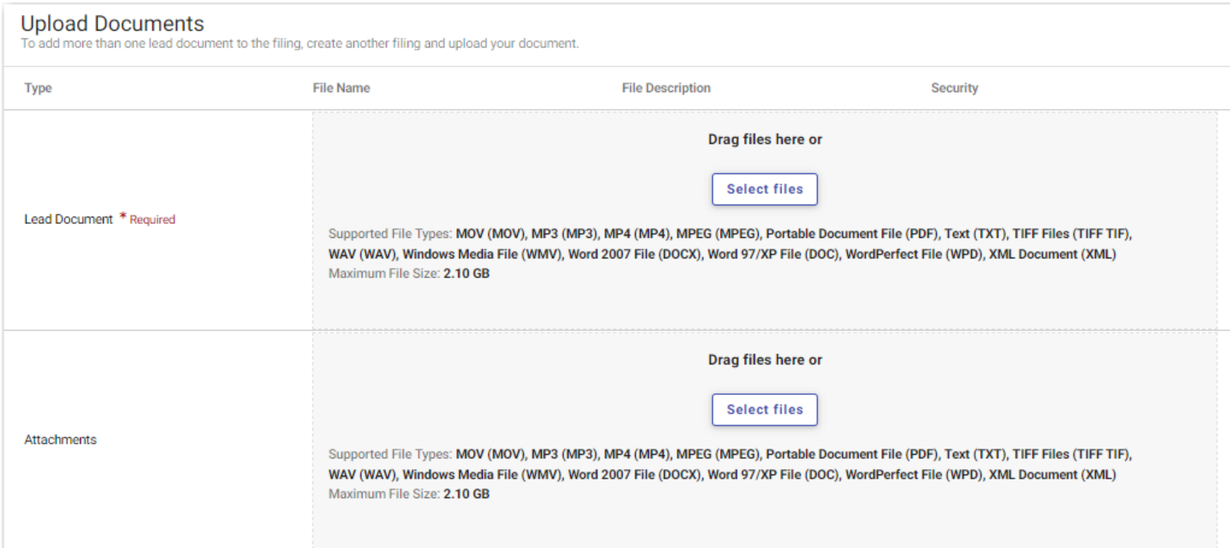


Figure 18.12 – Upload Documents Pane

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.

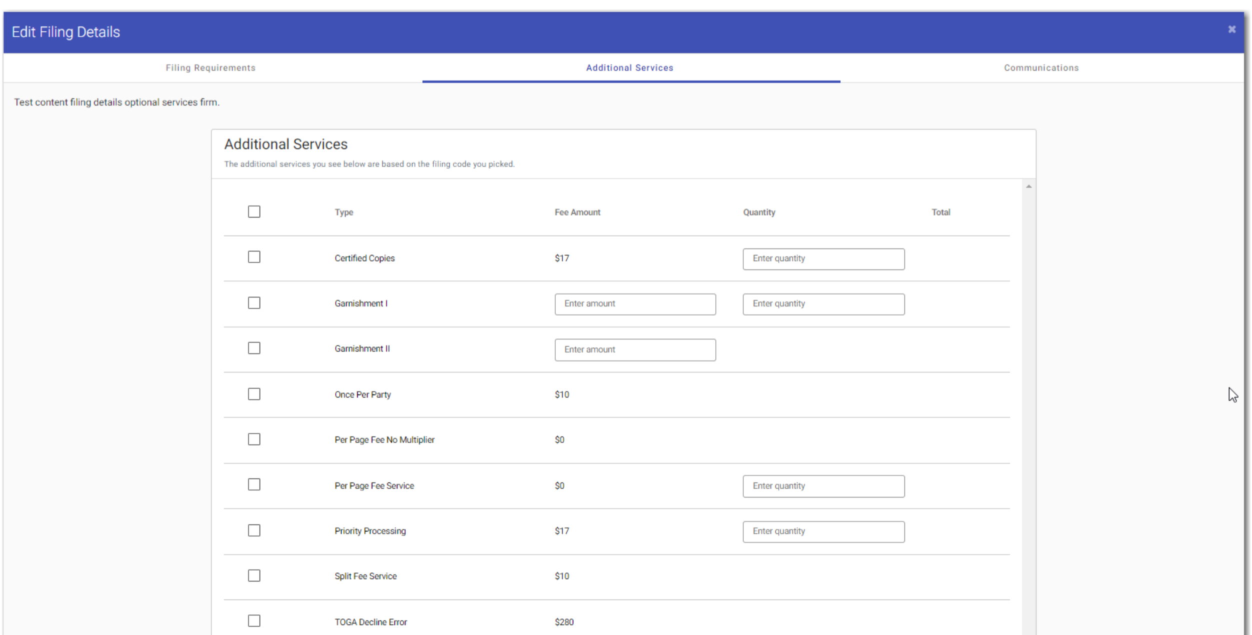


Figure 18.13 – Additional Services Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

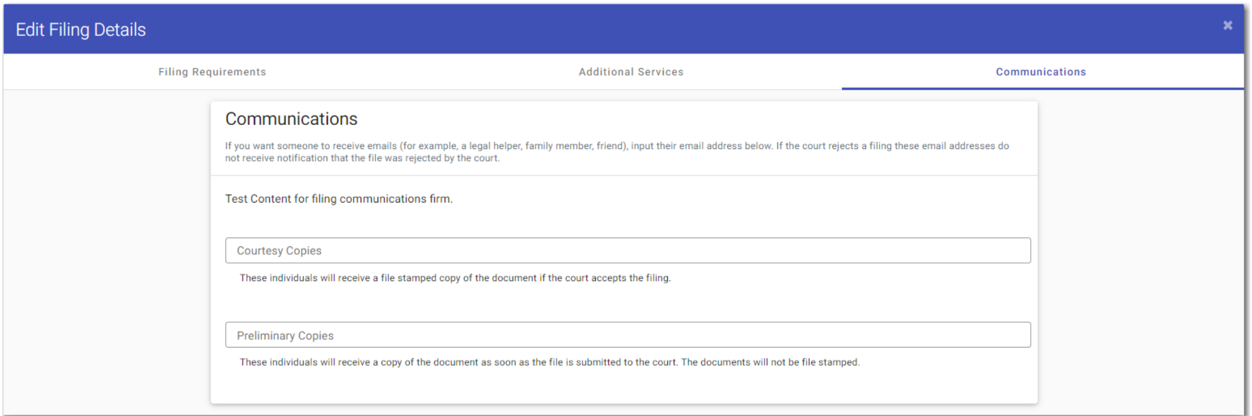


Figure 18.14 – Communications Pane on the Edit Filing Details Page

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.

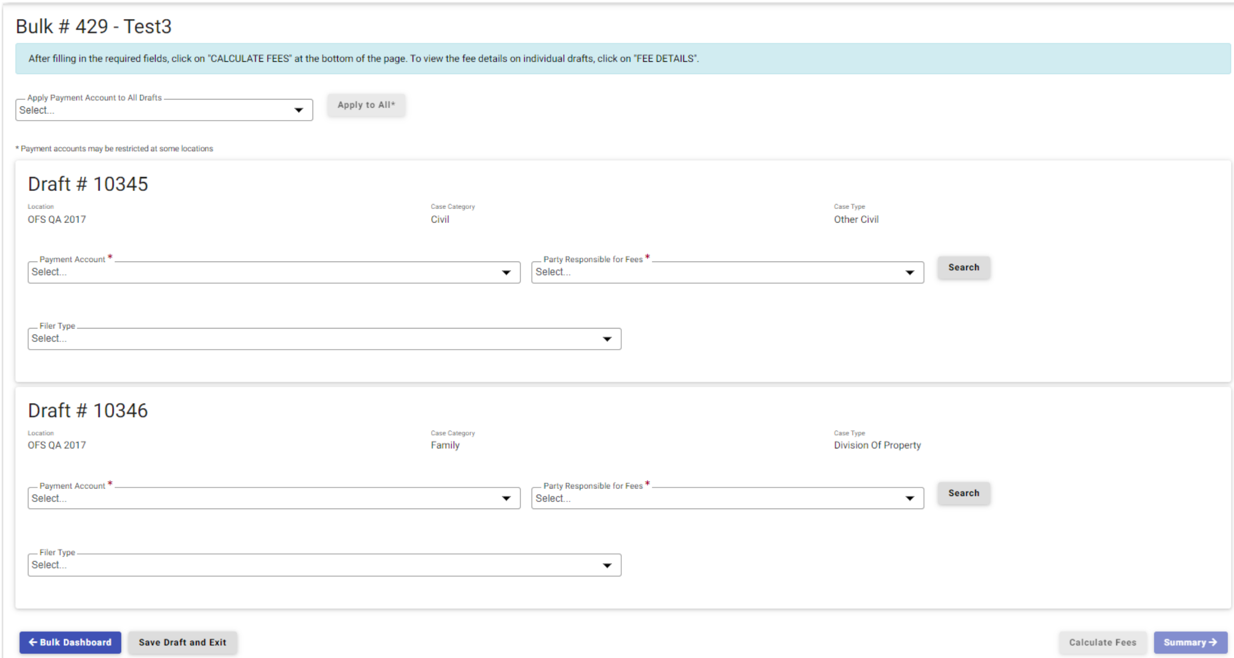
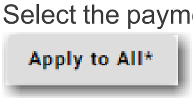


Figure 18.15 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Blank Fields

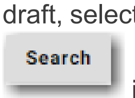
Note: While you are entering a case filing, click  **to view the case number or draft number.**

To enter the payment information for your bulk filing:

1. Select the payment account from the **Apply Payment Account to All Drafts** drop-down list. Then, click 

to apply the selected payment account to all of the drafts in the bulk.

   Note: If you do not want to apply the same payment account to all of the drafts in the bulk, you must select the payment account for each individual draft.

2. For each draft, 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. For each draft, select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

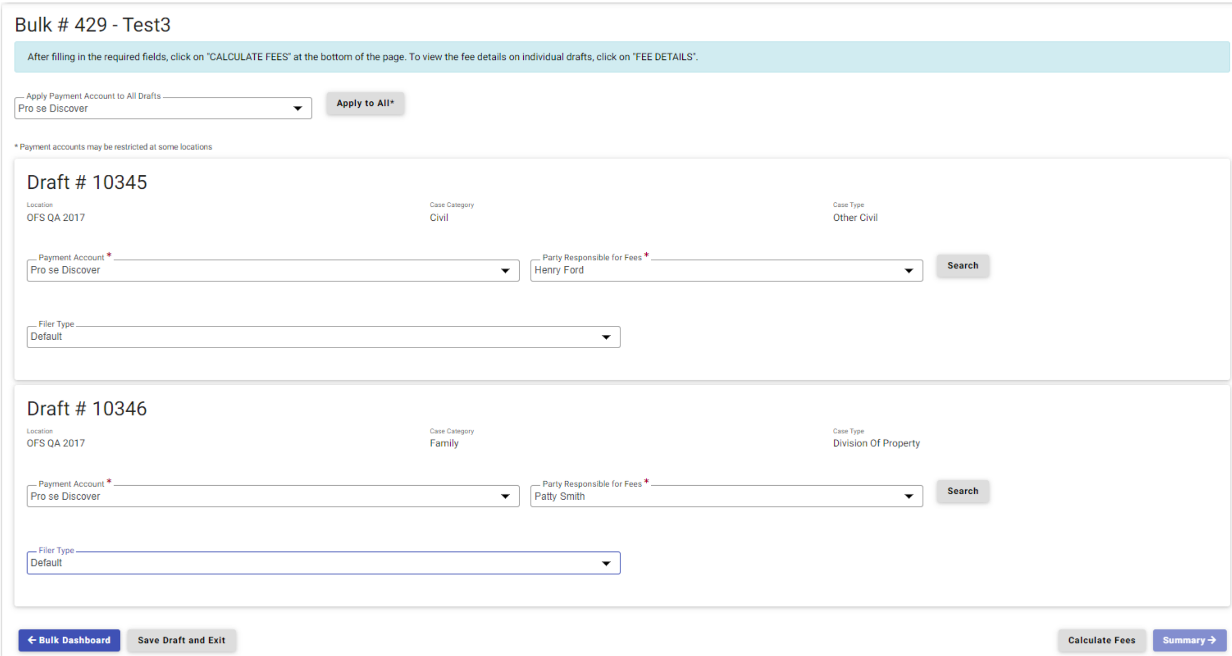
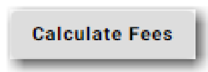


Figure 18.16 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Completed Fields

4. When all of the fields on the page have been completed, click 

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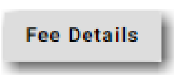
   The **Fee Details** button is displayed.

5. Click 

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   The *Fee Details* window is displayed.

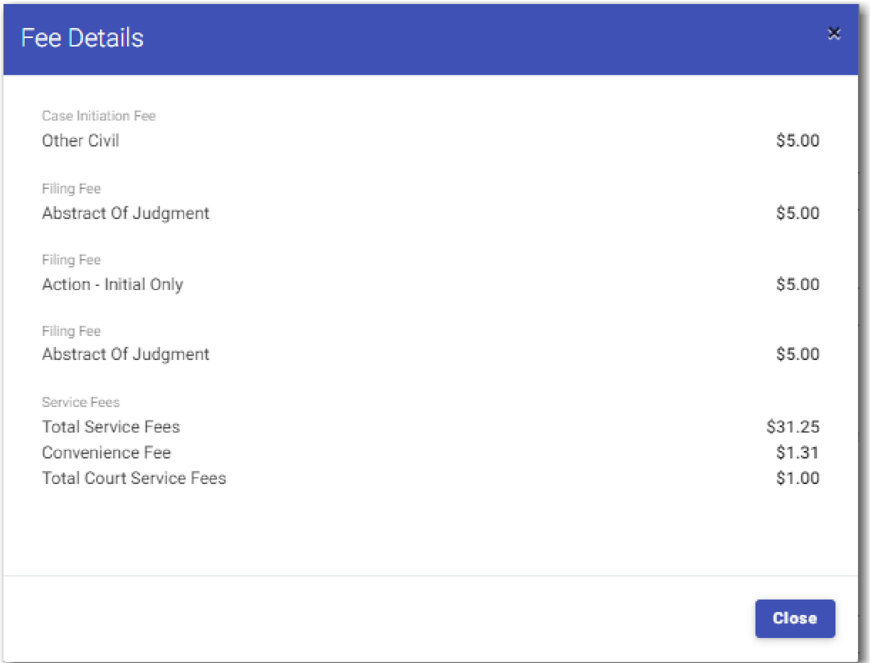

Figure 18.17 – Example of a Fee Details Window

6. Review the filing fees, and then click 

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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 

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   The *Bulk Summary* page is displayed.

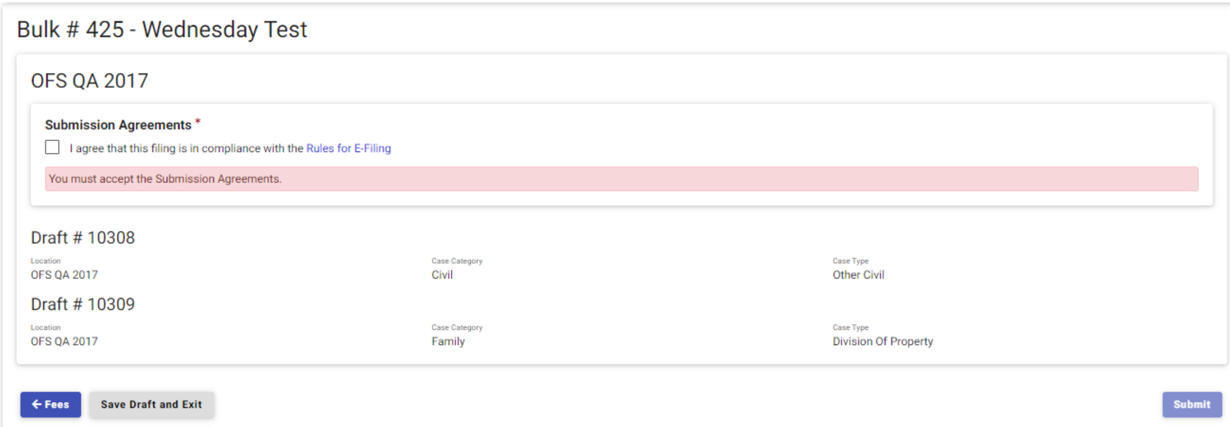


Figure 18.18 – Example of a Bulk Summary Page—Submission Agreements Not Accepted

3. If there are submission agreements for your bulk filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
4. Review the summary of the bulk filing. After you are satisfied with the information in your bulk filing, click  .

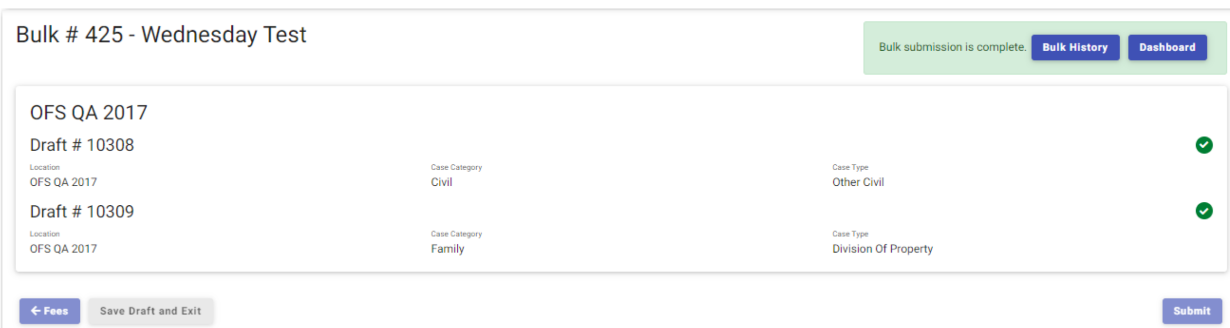
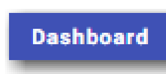


Figure 18.19 – Example of a Bulk Summary Page After Filing is Submitted

5. Click  to return to the *Bulk History* page, or click  to return to the *Dashboard* page.

Associating Parties to a Bulk Filing

You can associate parties to a bulk filing.

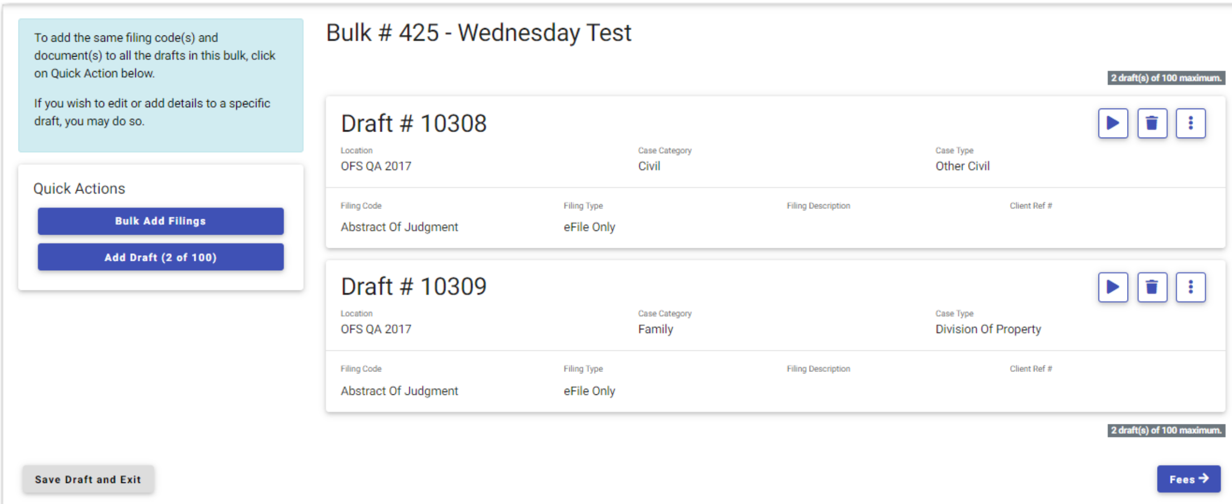


Figure 18.20 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

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.

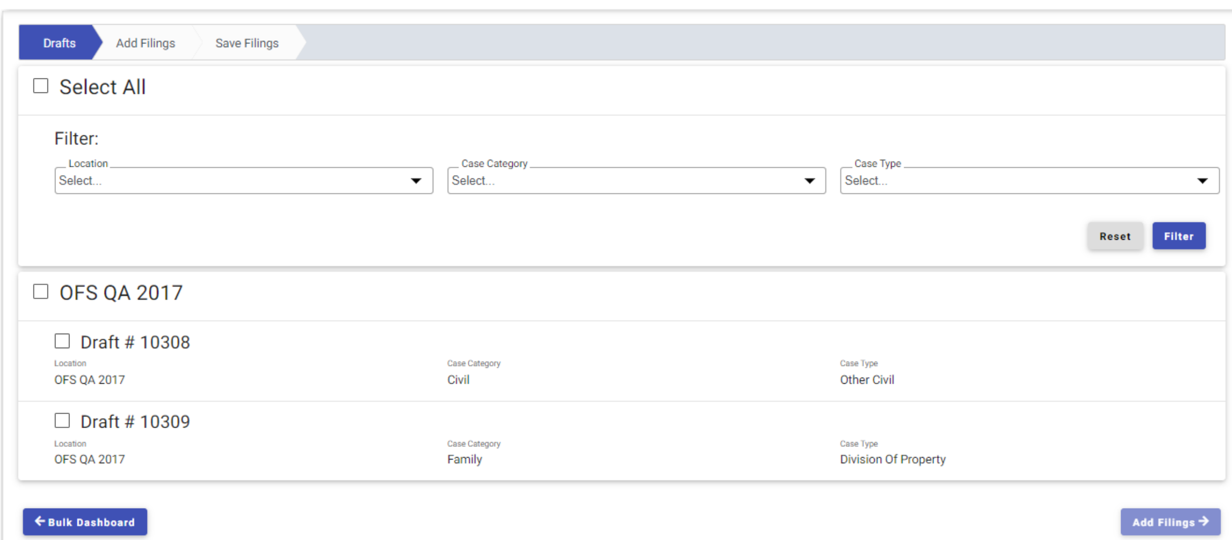


Figure 18.21 – Example of a Drafts Tab

2. On the **Drafts** tab, if you want to filter the drafts, select the location, case category, and case type from the drop-down lists. Then, click  .

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 

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   The **Add Filings** tab is displayed.

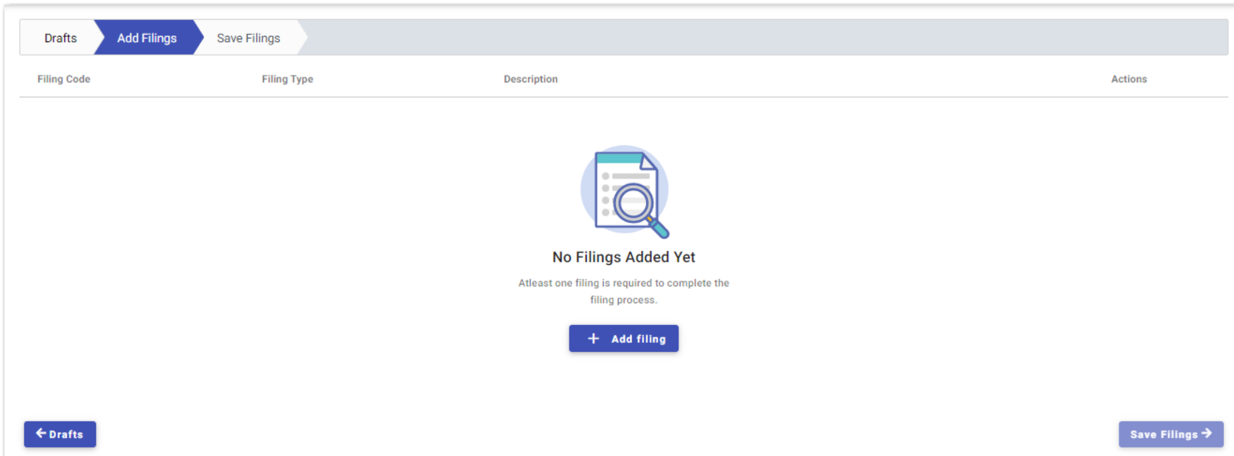

Figure 18.22 – Example of an Add Filings Tab—No Filings Added Yet

5. Click 

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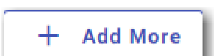
   The next page is displayed.

6. Click 

. Continue to click the button until all of the filings have been added.

7. Click 

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   The **Save Filings** tab is displayed.

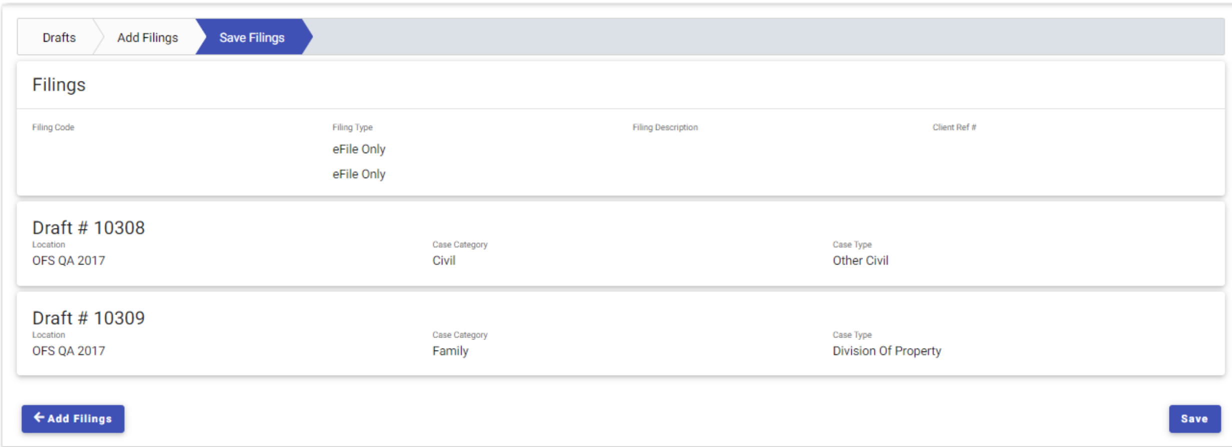

Figure 18.23 – Example of a Save Filings Tab

8. On the **Save Filings** tab, click **Save**.

   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 **Select All**. 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 **Filter**.

12. Select the check box for the filing that you want to associate with the added party, or click **Select All**.

13. Click **Save**, and then click **Done**.

    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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

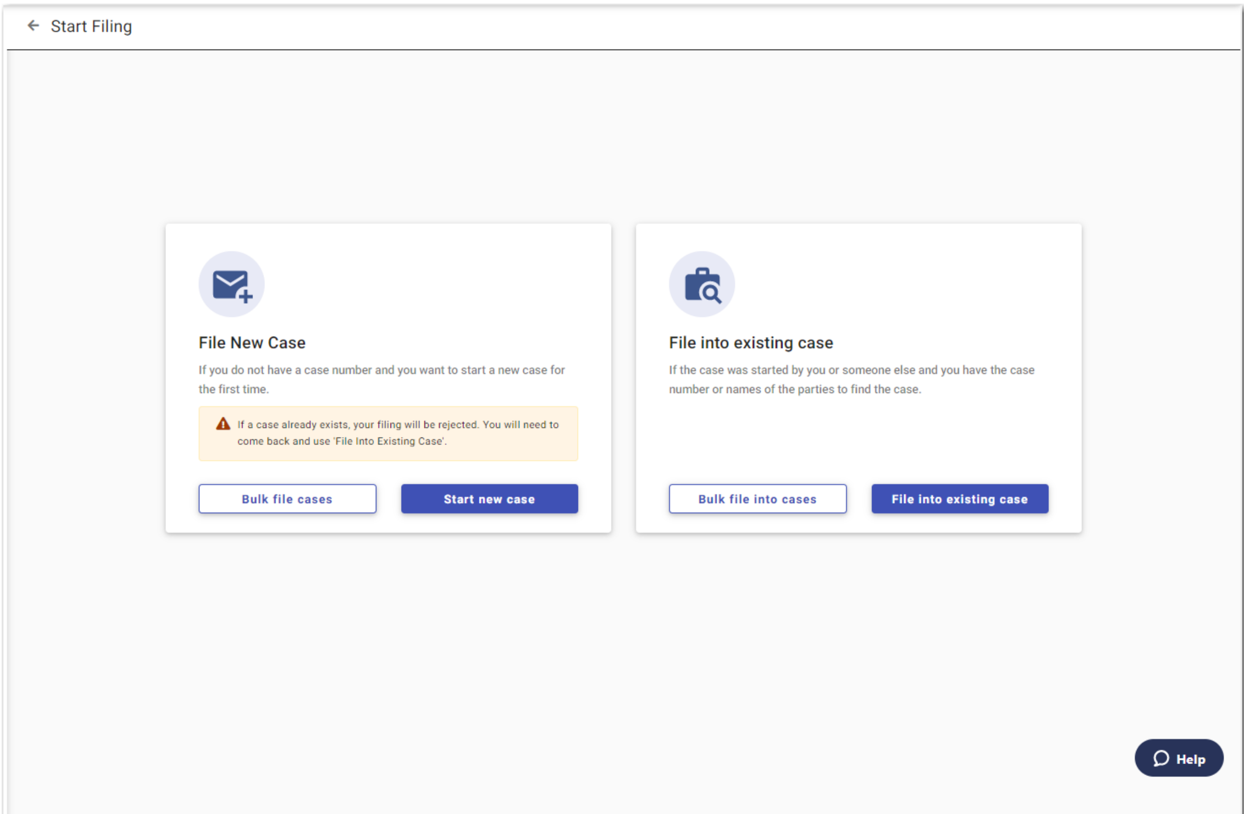

Figure 18.24 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

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   The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

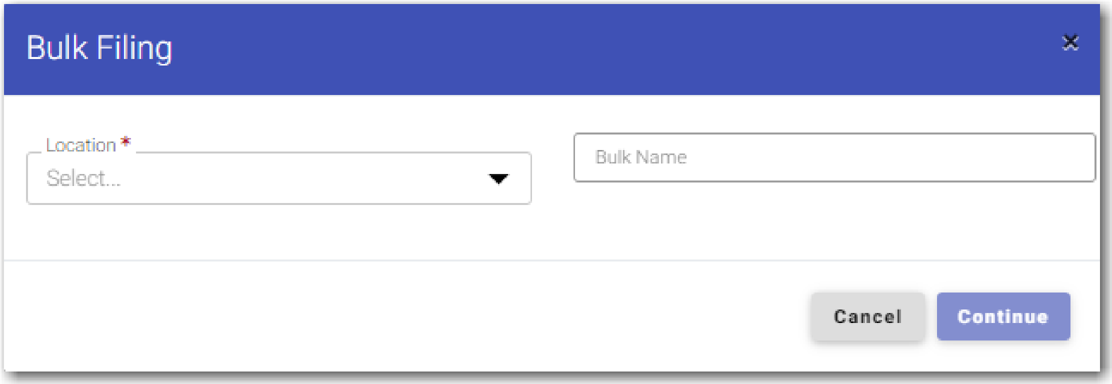

Figure 18.25 – Bulk Filing Window

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.

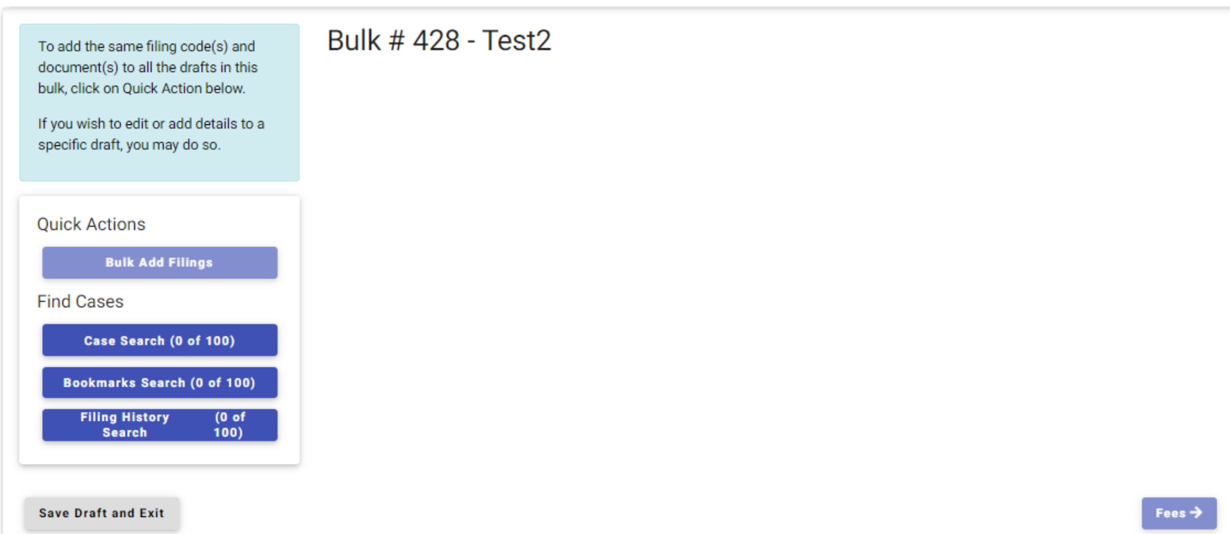

Figure 18.26 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

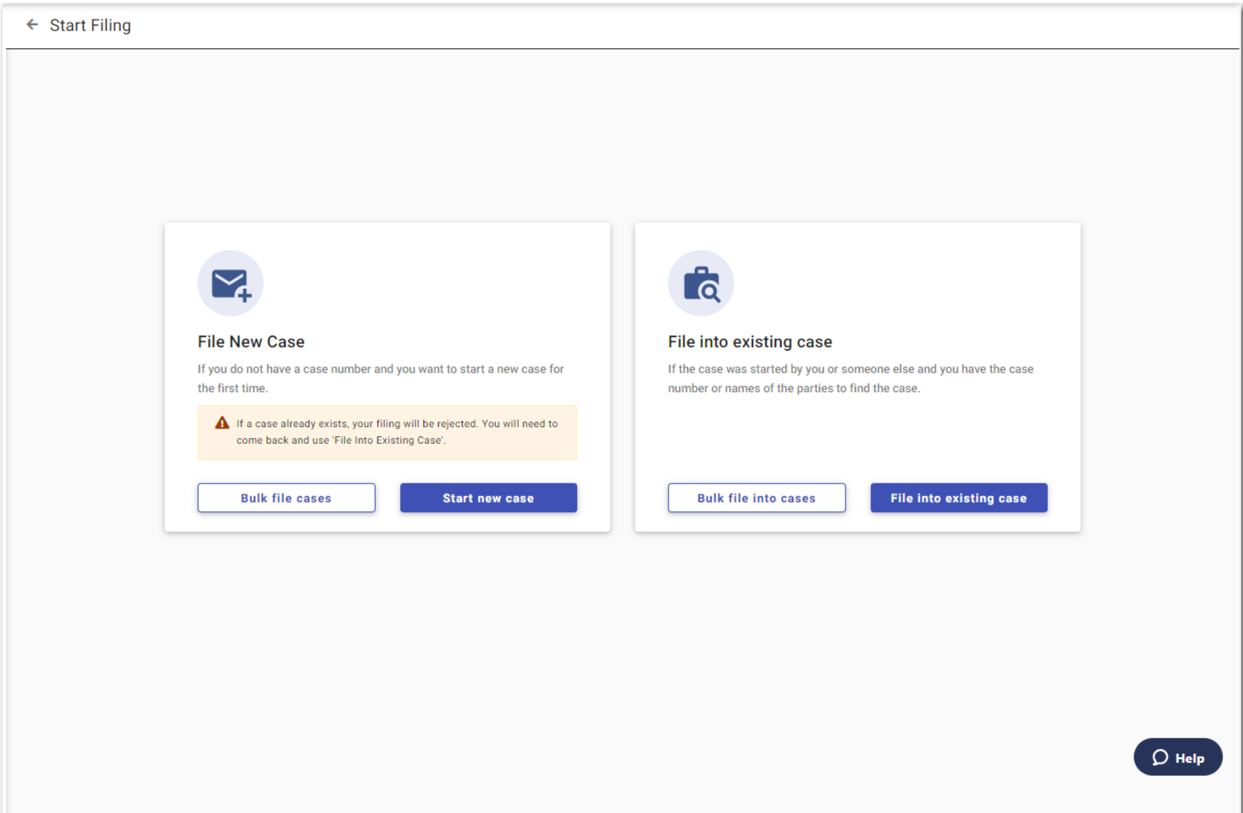

Figure 18.27 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

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   The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

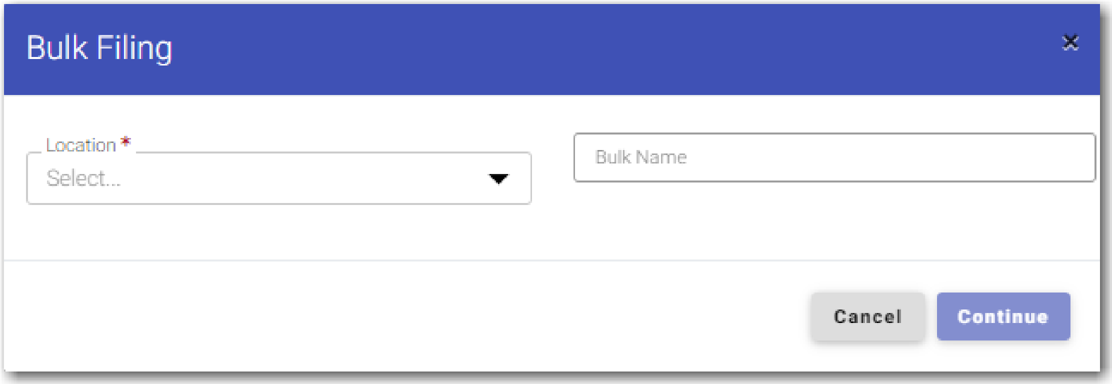

Figure 18.28 – Bulk Filing Window

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 

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   The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

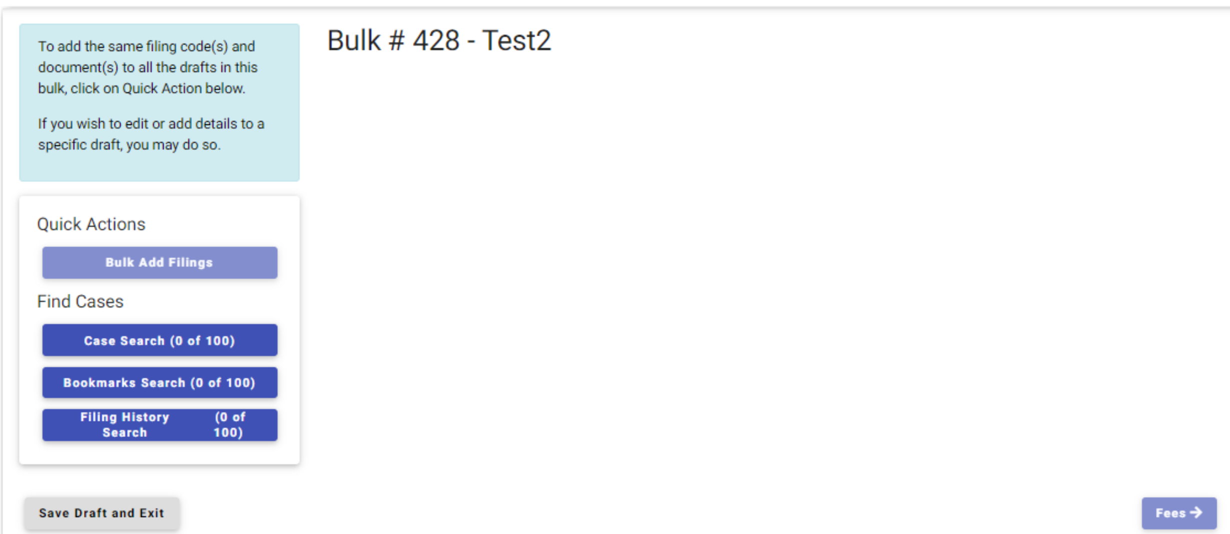

Figure 18.29 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, click 

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   The *Bookmarks* window is displayed. If previous bulk filings were bookmarked, they are displayed in the window.

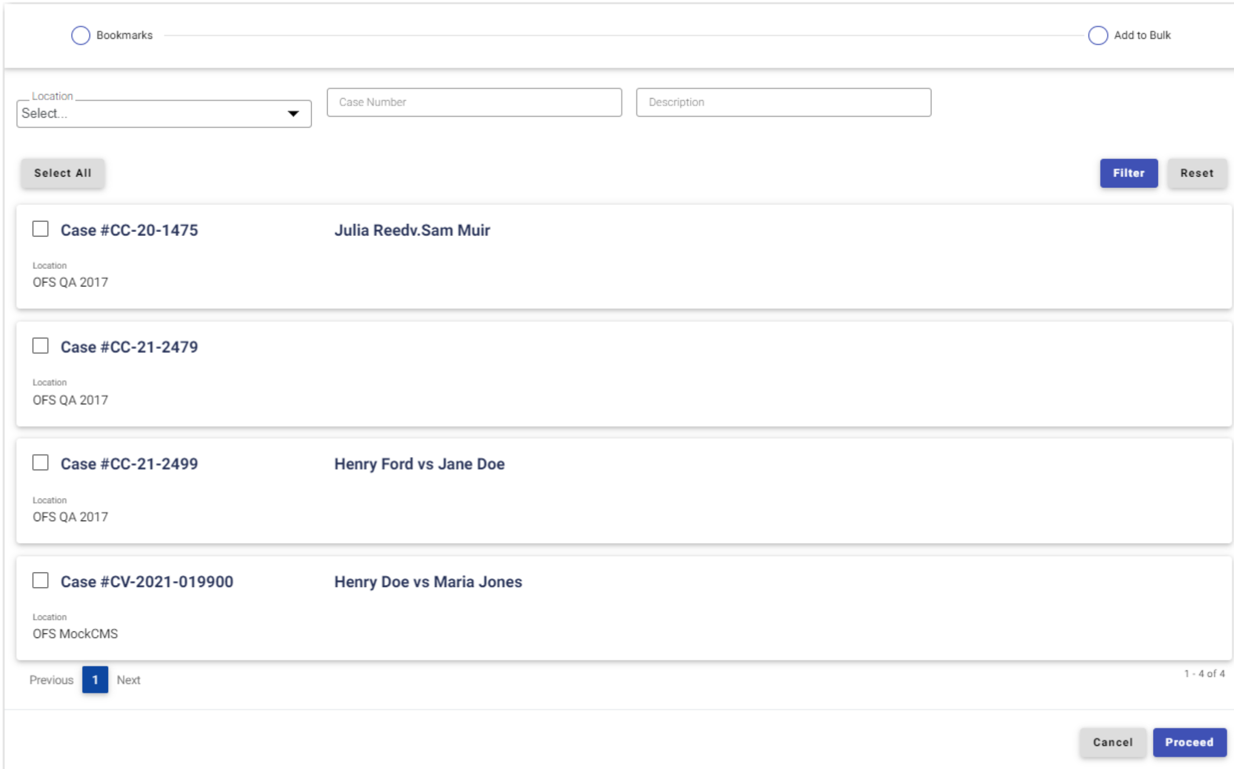

Figure 18.30 – Example of a Bookmarks Window

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.

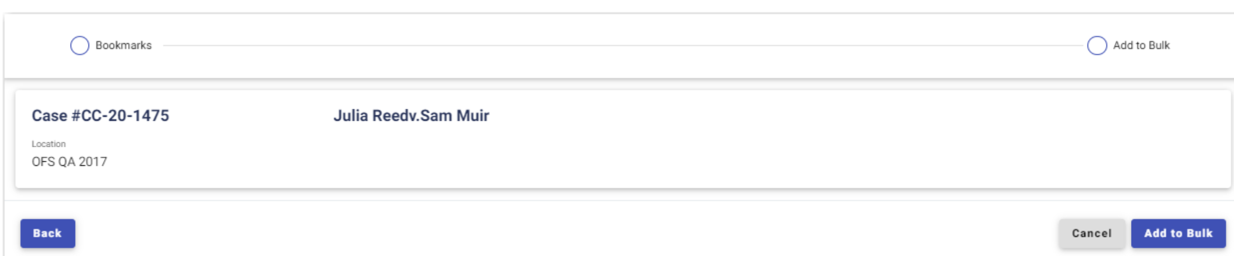

Figure 18.31 – Add to Bulk Window

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.

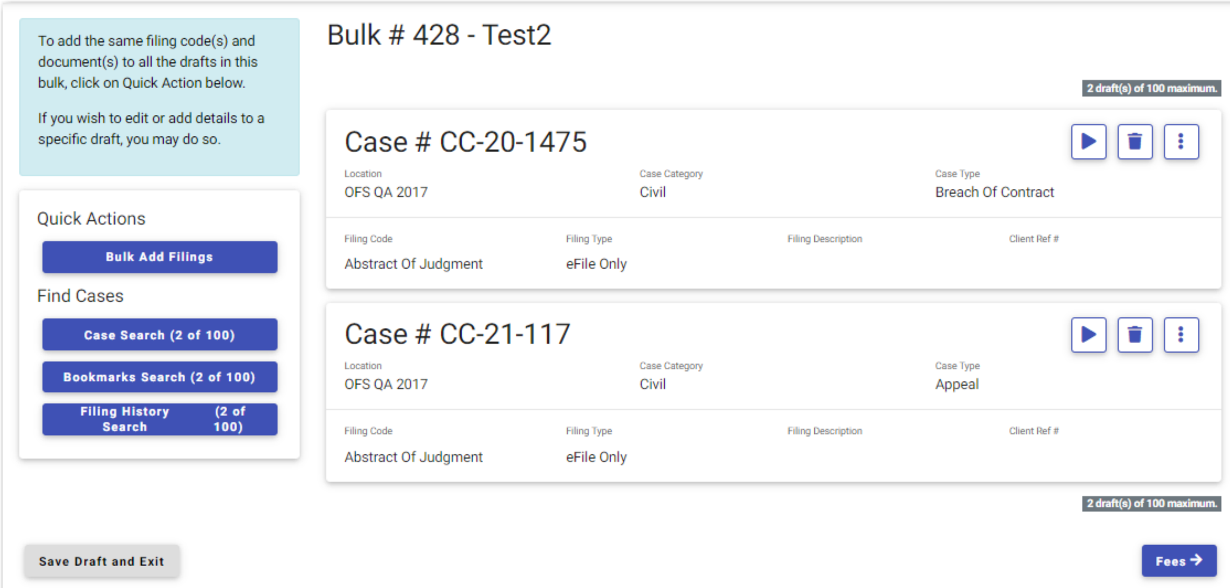

Figure 18.32 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page—Case Added to Bulk Filing

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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

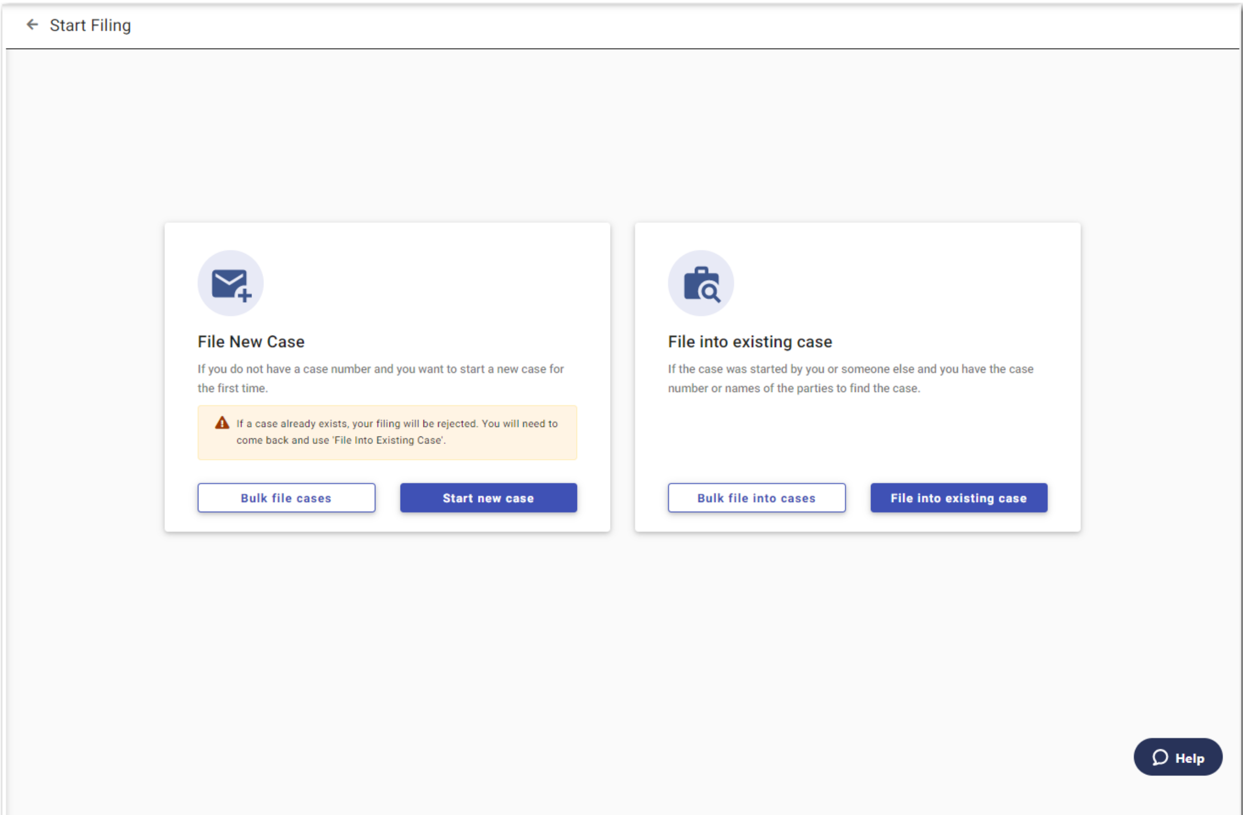

Figure 18.33 – Start Filing Page

2. Click **Bulk file into cases**.

   The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

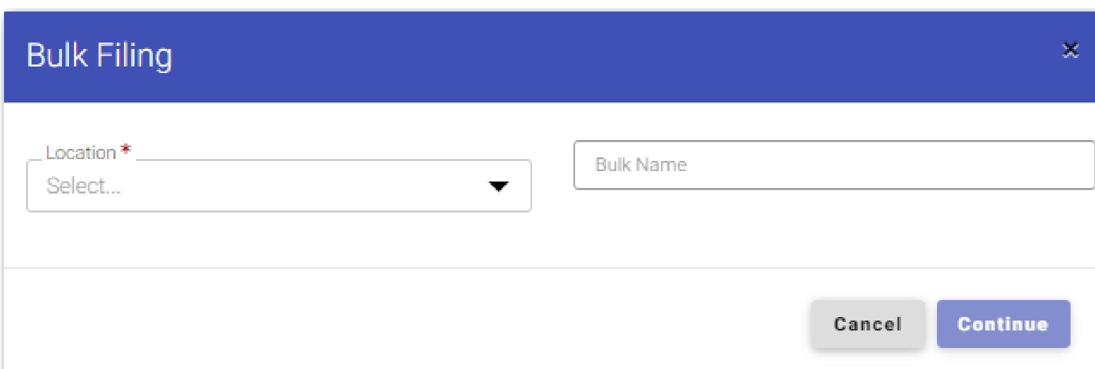

Figure 18.34 – Bulk Filing Window

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 **Continue**.

   The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

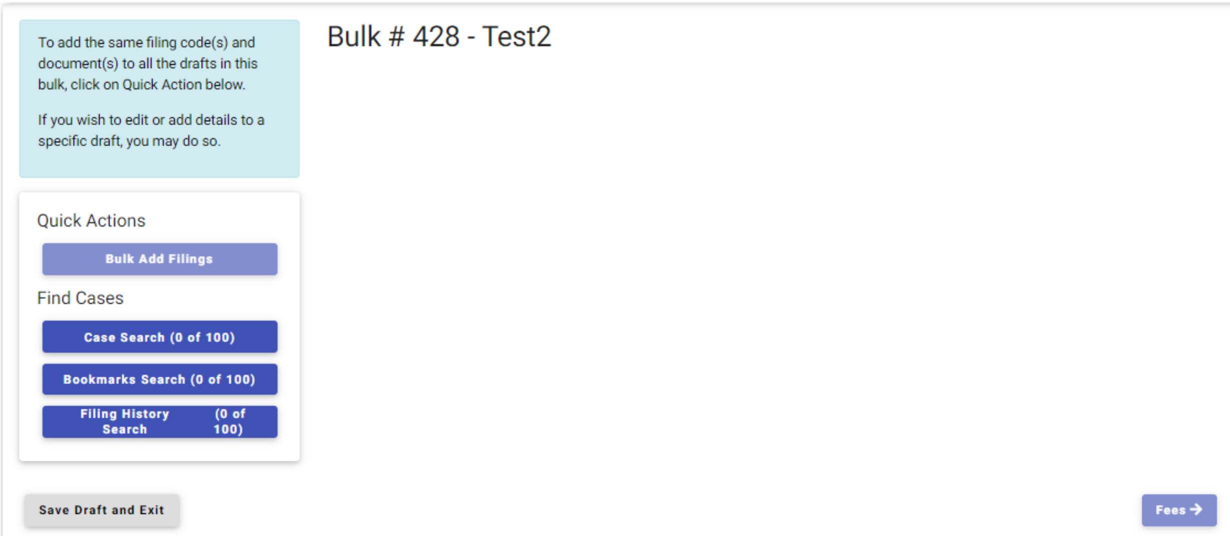

Figure 18.35 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, click 

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   The *Case Search* window is displayed.

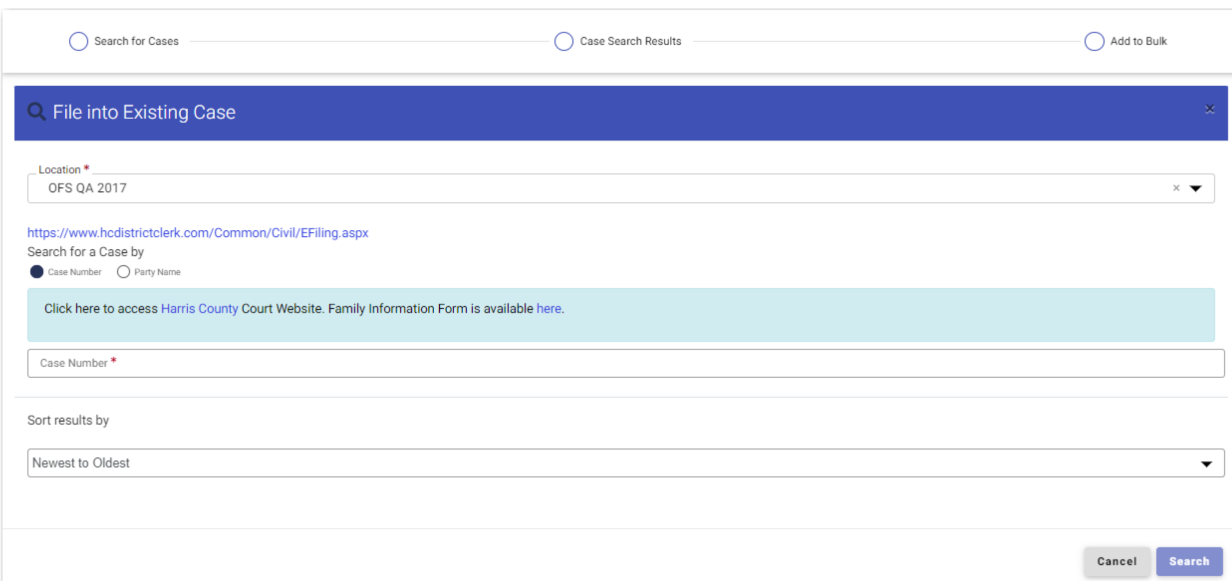

Figure 18.36 – Case Search Window

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.

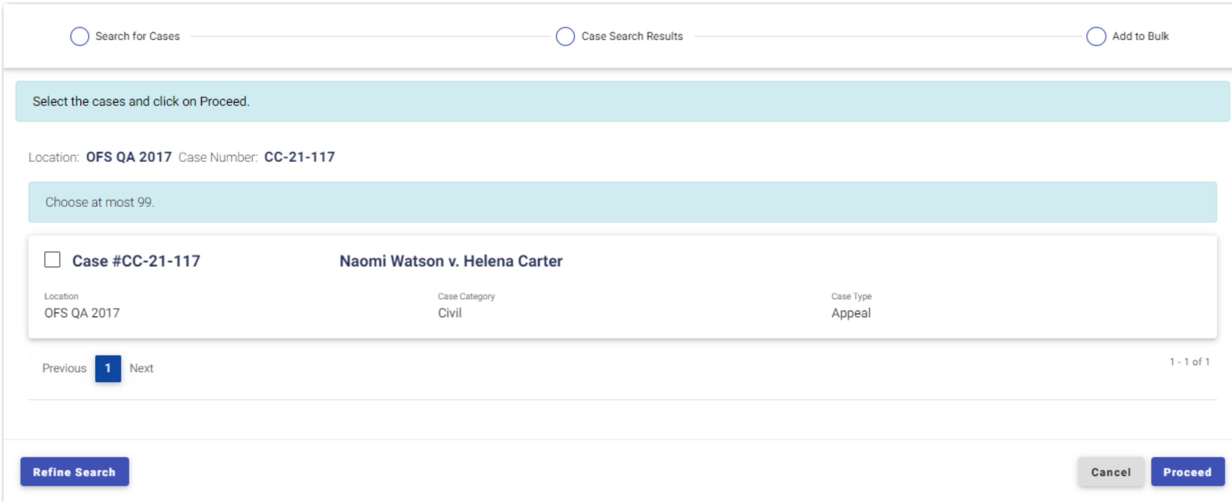

Figure 18.37 – Case Search Results Window

8. If the case is the one that you want to add to the bulk filing, select the check box, and then click **Proceed**.

   The *Add to Bulk* window is displayed.

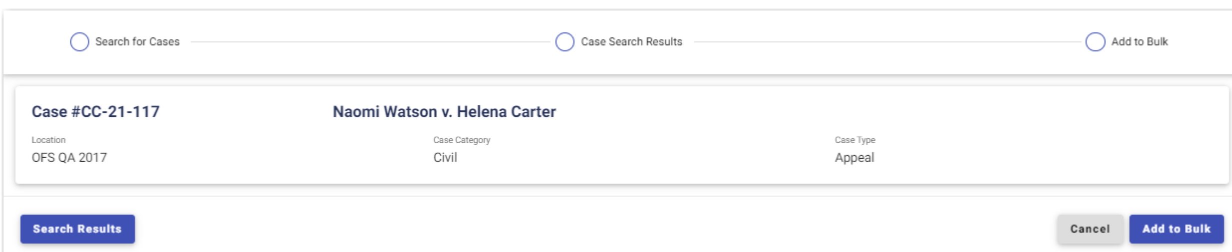

Figure 18.38 – Add to Bulk Window

Note: If the case that results from the search is not correct, click Refine Search. Then search for your case again.

Note: If you do not click any cases in the *Case Search Results* window, you cannot proceed.

9. If the case that results from your search is correct and you selected the check box for that case, 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.

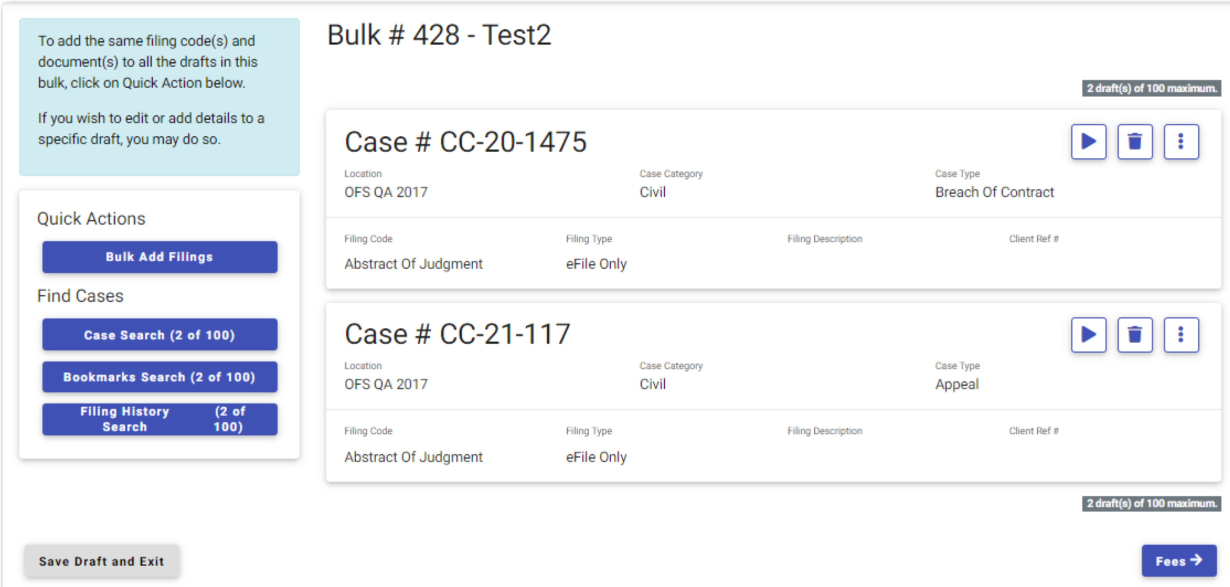

Figure 18.39 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page—Case Added to Bulk Filing

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 

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   The *Start Filing* page is displayed.

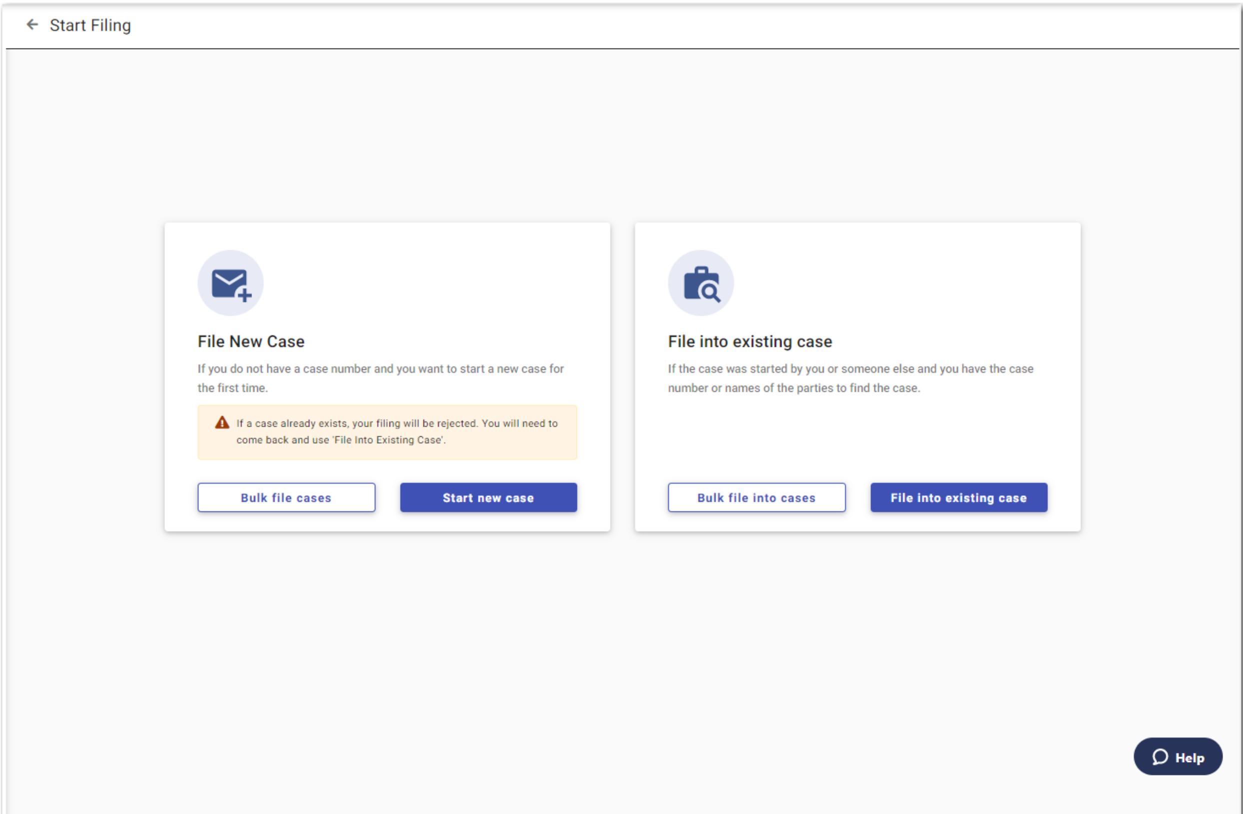

Figure 18.40 – Start Filing Page

2. Click 

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   The *Bulk Filing* window is displayed.

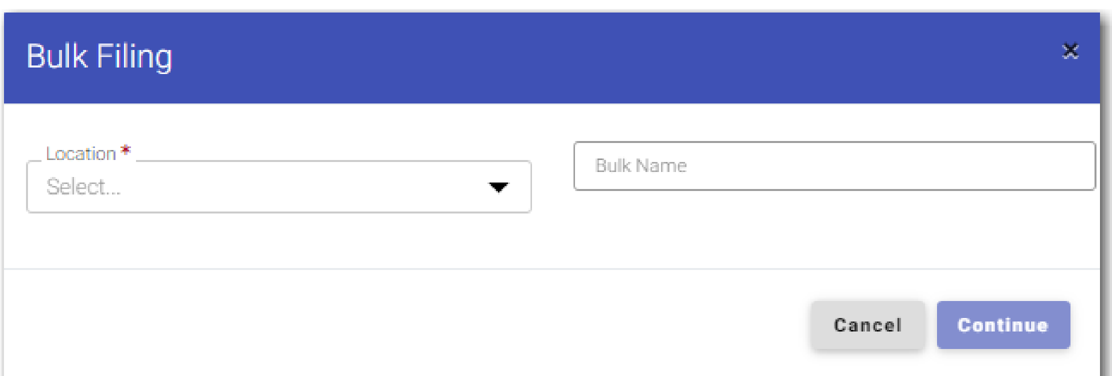

Figure 18.41 – Bulk Filing Window

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 

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   The *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page is displayed.

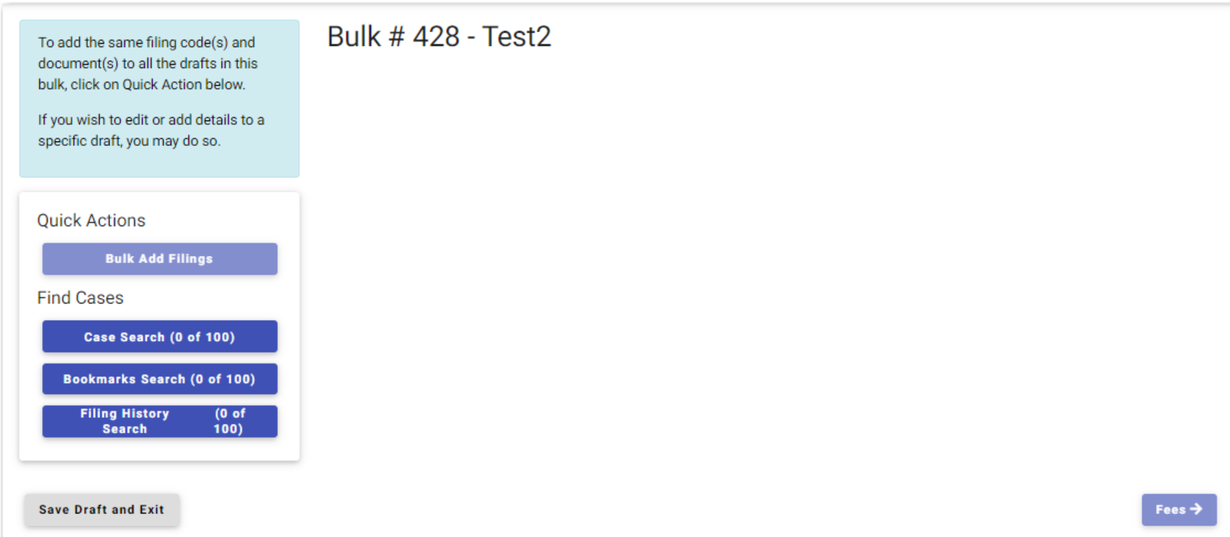

Figure 18.42 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

5. In the Quick Actions pane, click 

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   The *Filing History* window is displayed.

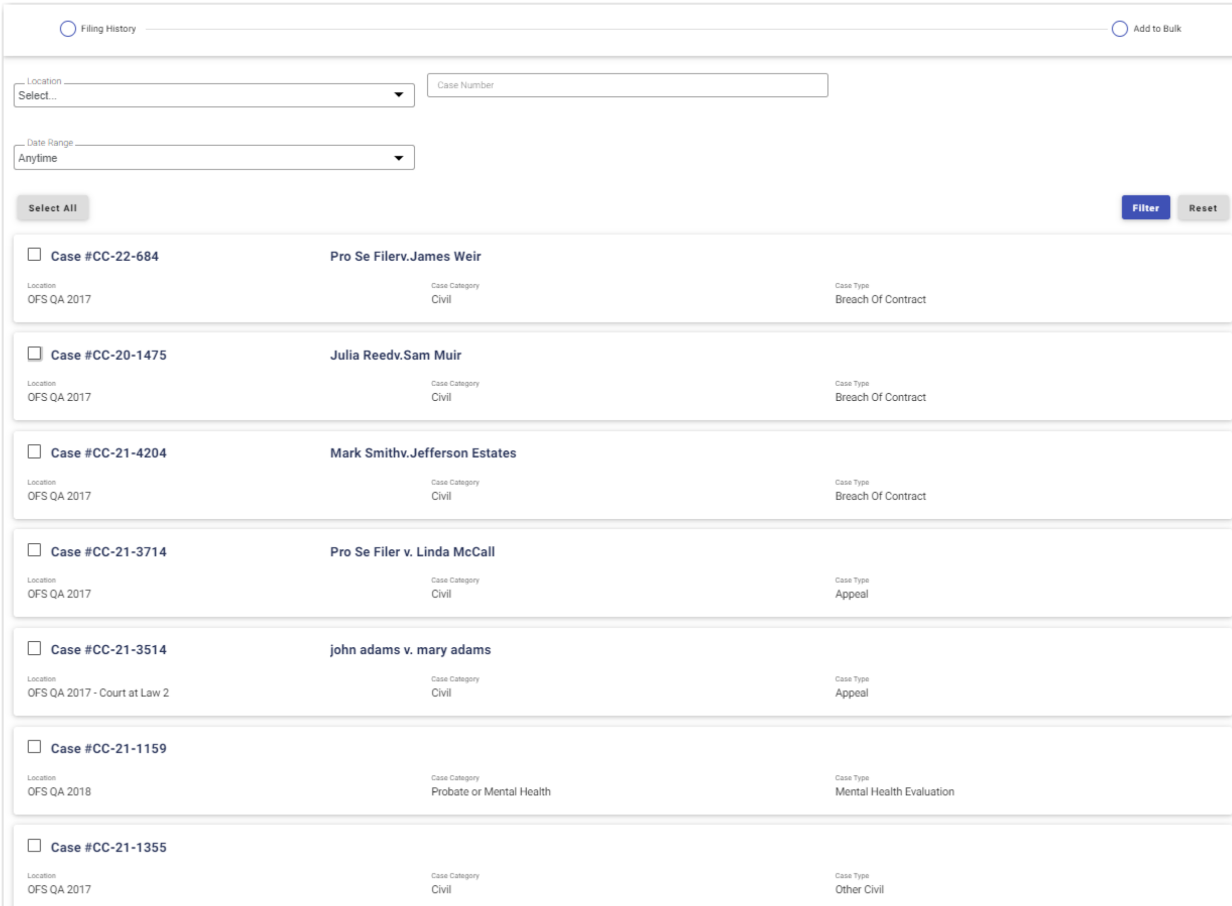

Figure 18.43 – Example of a Filing History Window

6. Select the bulk filing that you want to file into, and then click 

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   The *Add to Bulk* window is displayed.

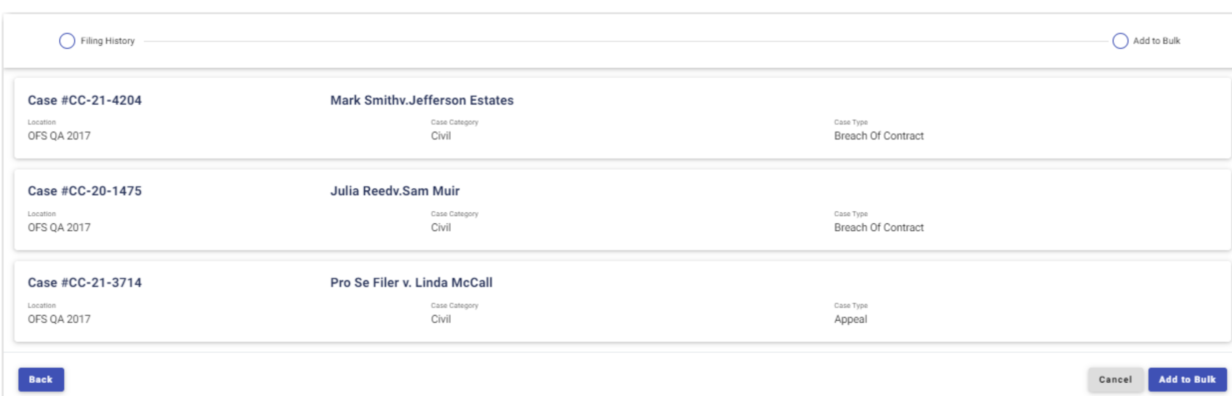


Figure 18.44 – Add to Bulk Window

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 location from the Location drop-down list. Then, 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.

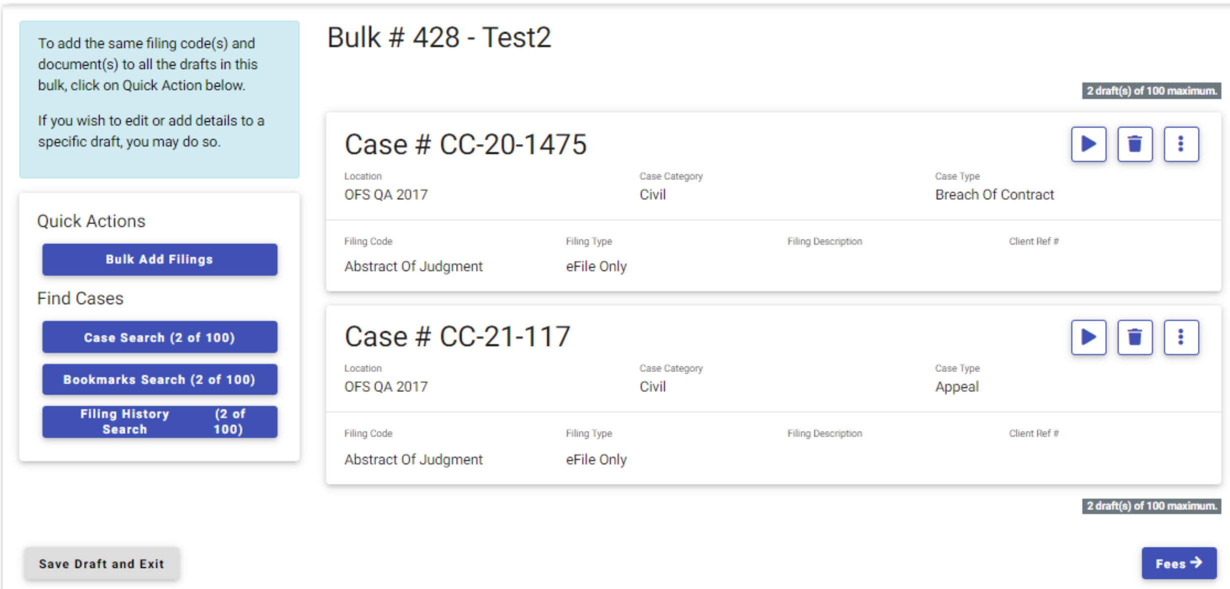


Figure 18.45 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard Page—Case Added to Bulk Filing

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.

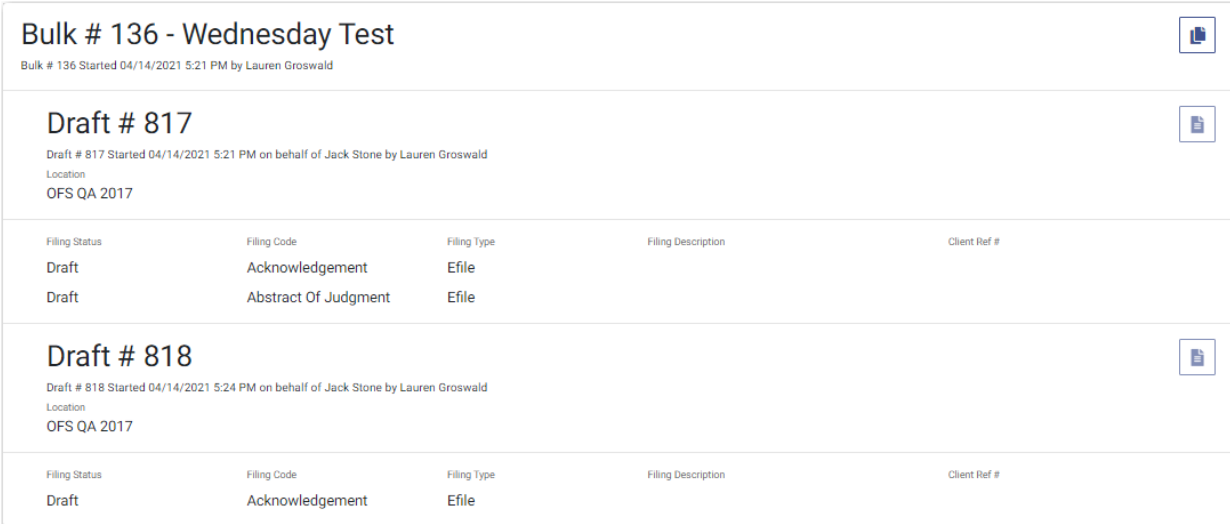


Figure 18.46 – Example of a Bulk Filing Pane

3. Click  .

   The filing that you copied is displayed on the *Bulk Filing Dashboard* page.

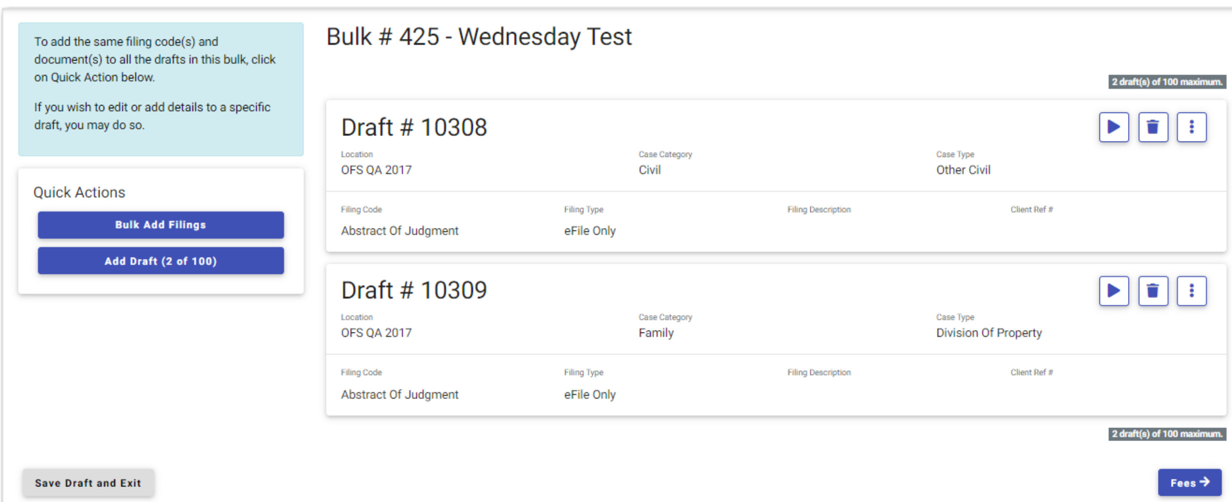


Figure 18.47 – Example of a Bulk Filing Dashboard

4. Continue with your filing.

19 Vacation Letter (or Leave of Absence)

Topics covered in this chapter

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 filer actions.

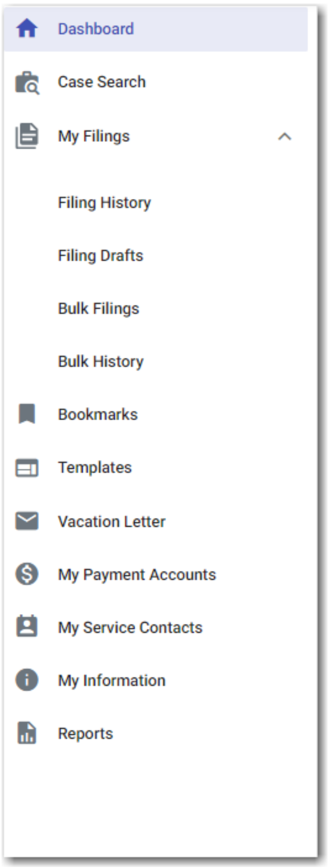


Figure 19.1 – Dashboard

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 29.

Bulk History

The *Bulk History* page includes the filing history for your vacation letter (or leave of absence) filings.

From the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk History**. From here, you can view a history of your vacation letter (or leave of absence) filings.

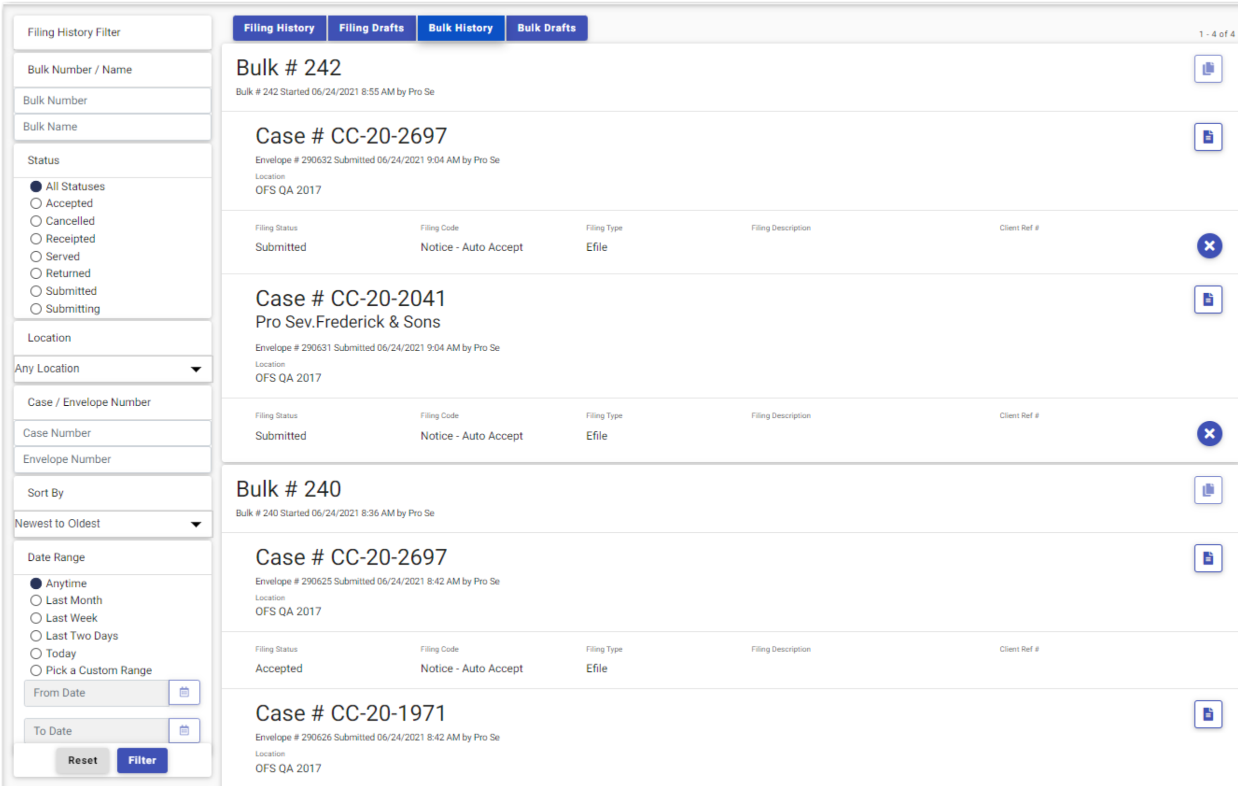


Figure 19.2 – Example of a Bulk History Page

Bulk Drafts

The *Bulk Drafts* page includes the drafts of your vacation letter (or leave of absence) filings.

On the Dashboard menu, click **Bulk Drafts**. From here, you can view a list of your vacation letter (or leave of absence) draft filings, resume a draft filing, or delete a draft filing.

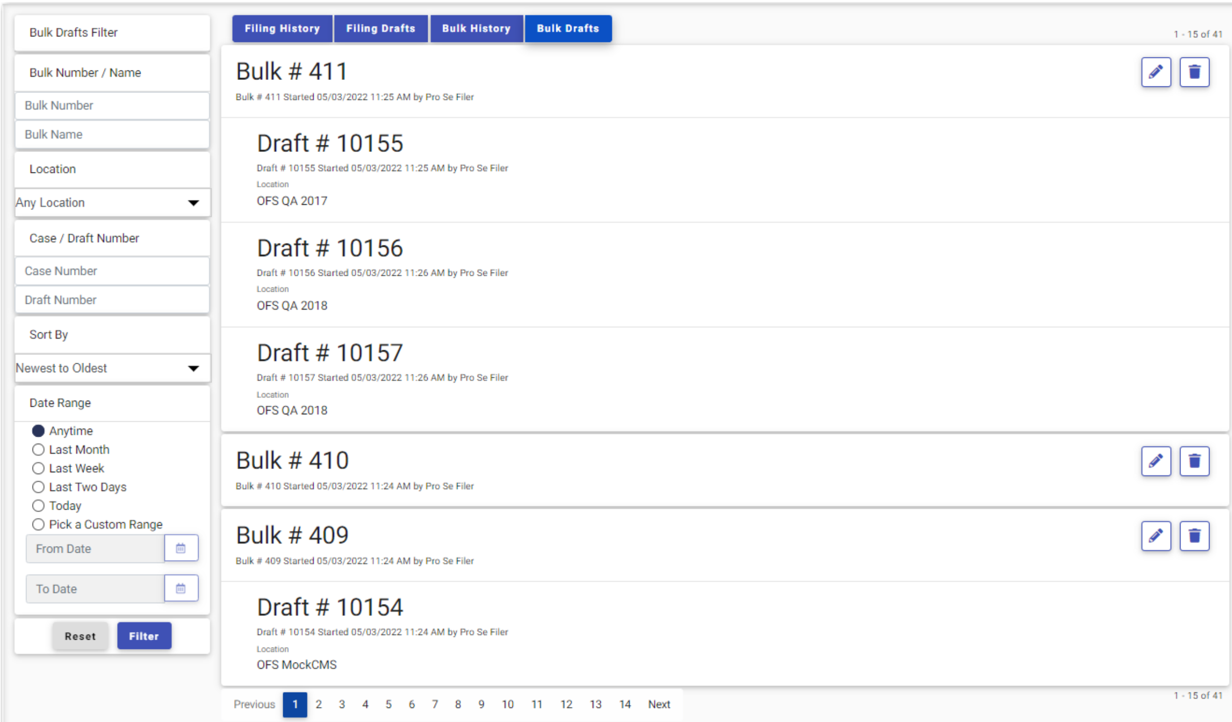


Figure 19.3 – Example of a Bulk Drafts Page

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.

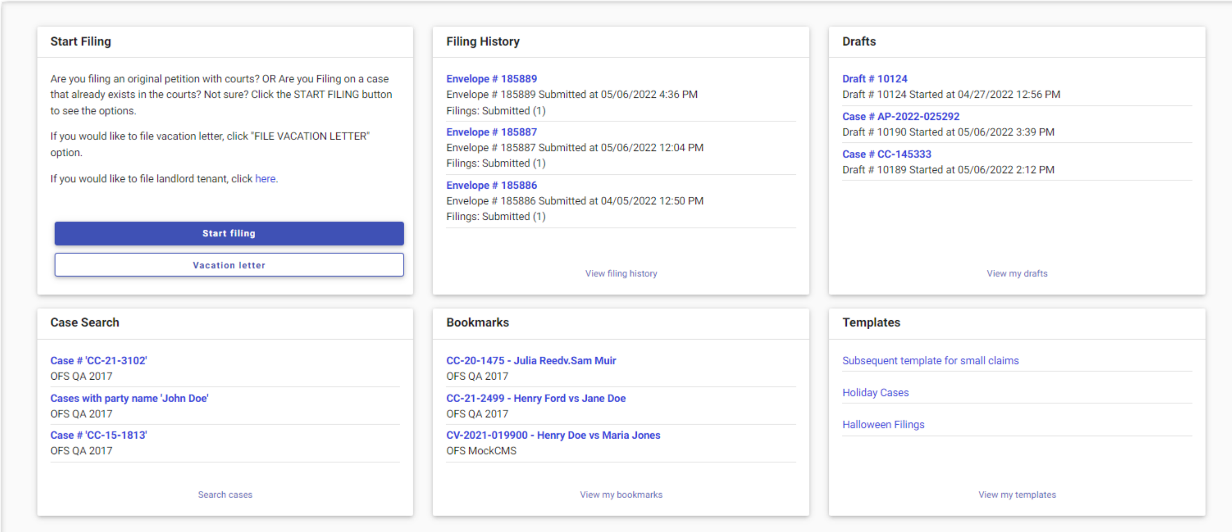


Figure 19.4 – Dashboard Page

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.

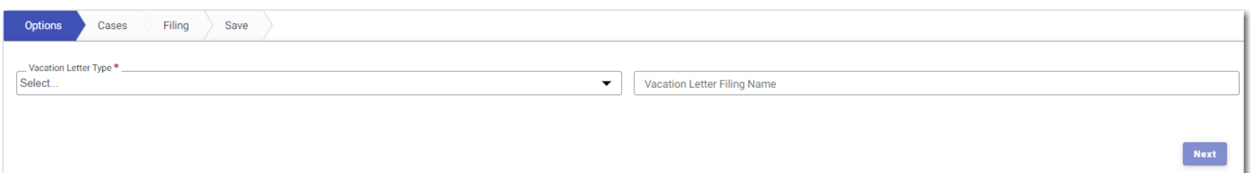


Figure 19.5 – Options Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

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.

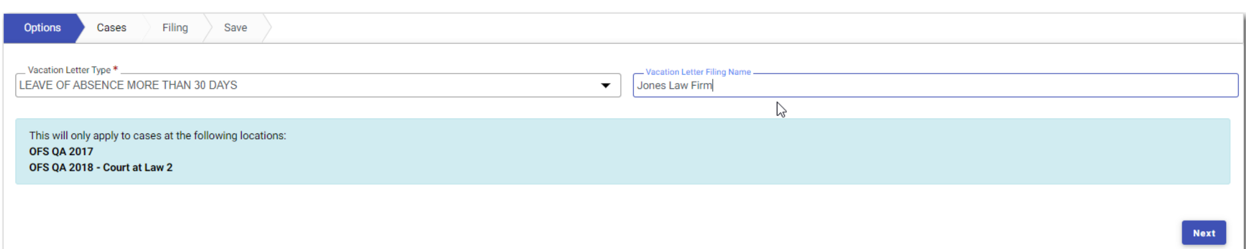
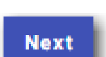


Figure 19.6 – Example of an Options Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page with Fields Completed

4. Click 

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The **Cases** tab is displayed. Your current cases are selected.

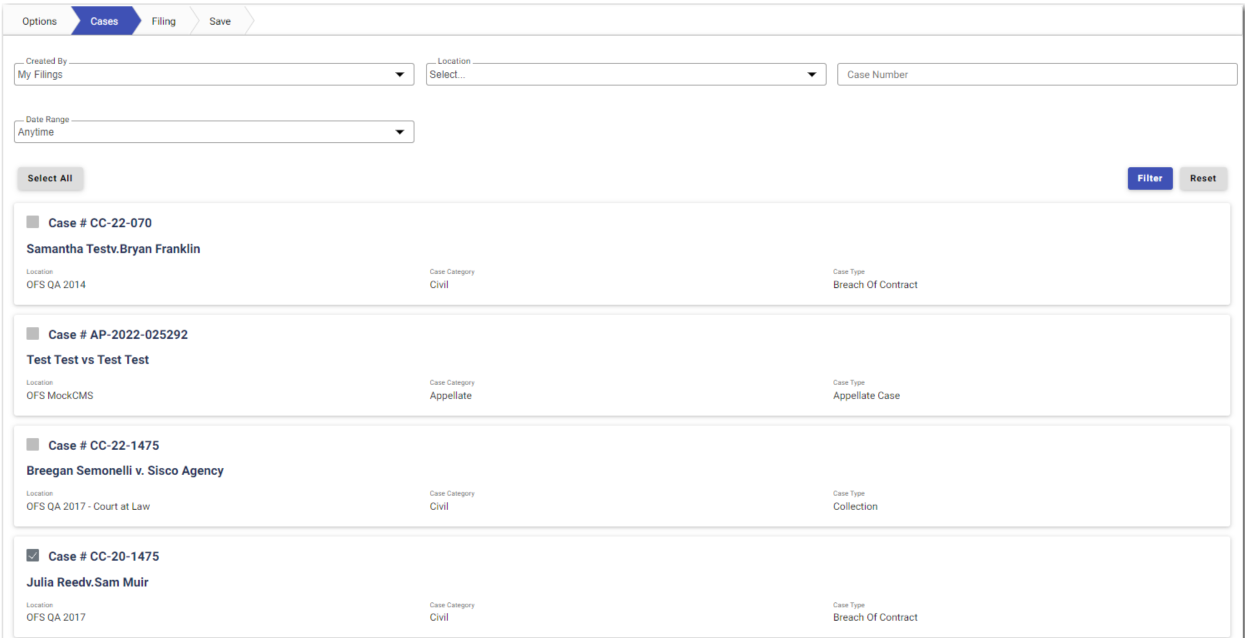


Figure 19.7 – Example of a Cases Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

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 **Select All**.

   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 Filter.

6. After you have completed or verified the information on the **Cases** tab, click **Next**.
7. On the **Filing** tab, select the filing type from the **Filing Type** drop-down list.

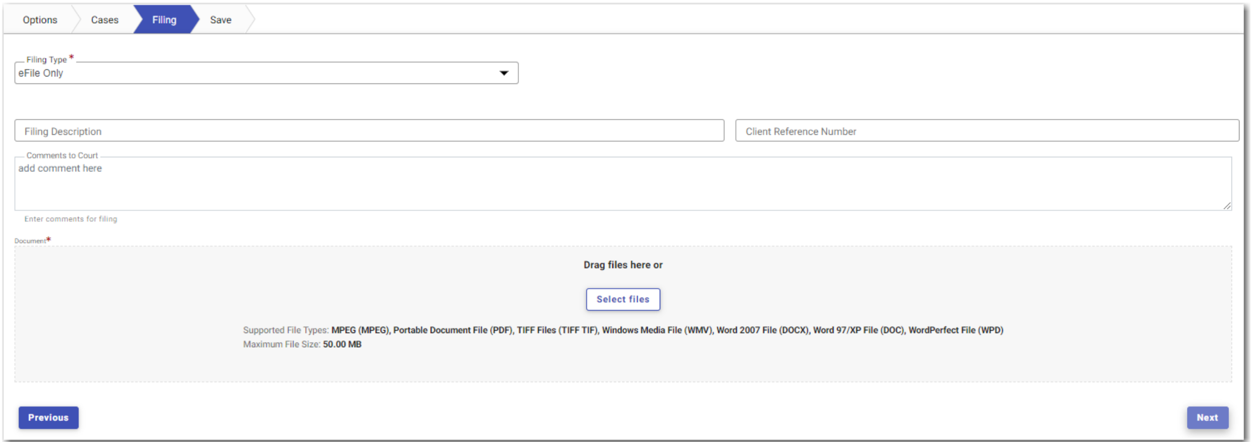


Figure 19.8 – Filing Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

8. Click **Select files**, and then upload the vacation letter document.

9. Click **Next**.

   The document that you uploaded is listed in the Filing pane, and your selected cases are listed in individual panes on the **Save** tab.

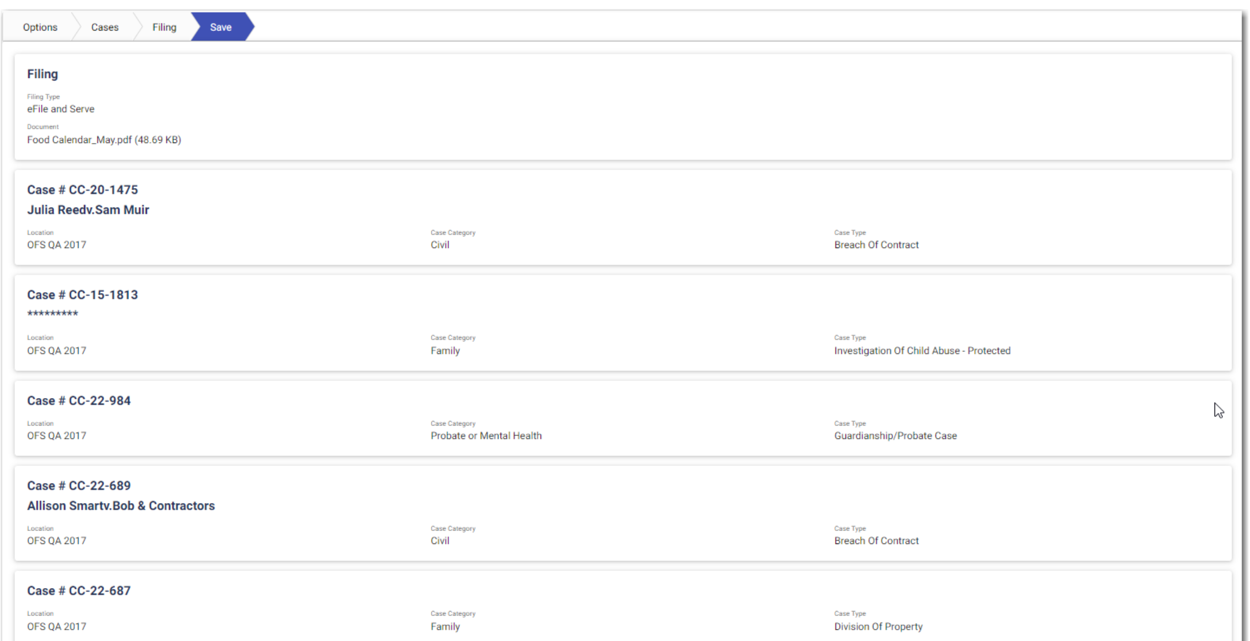


Figure 19.9 – Save Tab on the File Vacation Letter Page

10. Review the information that is displayed, and then click **Save**.

    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.

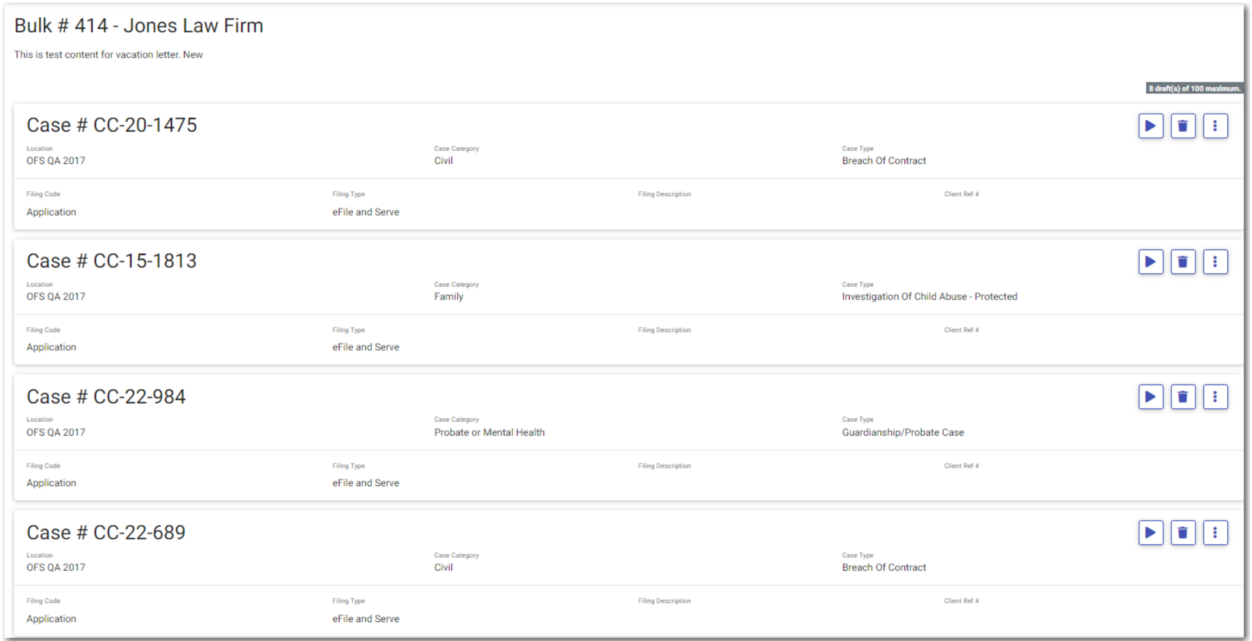
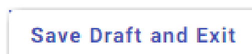


Figure 19.10 – Example of a Vacation Letter Filing on the Bulk Filing Dashboard Page

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.

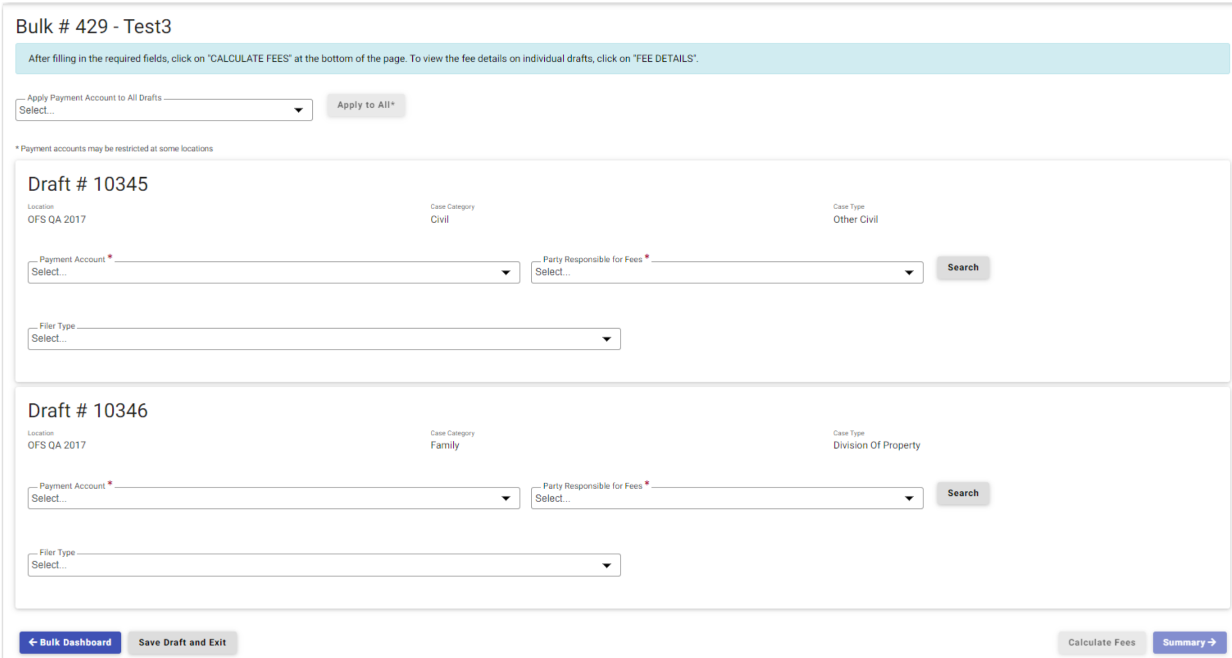
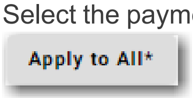
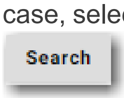


Figure 19.11 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Blank Fields

To enter the payment information for your vacation letter filing:

Note: If you do not want to apply the same payment account 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  to apply the selected payment account to all of the cases in the bulk filing.

2. For each case, 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. For each case, select the filer type from the **Filer Type** drop-down list.

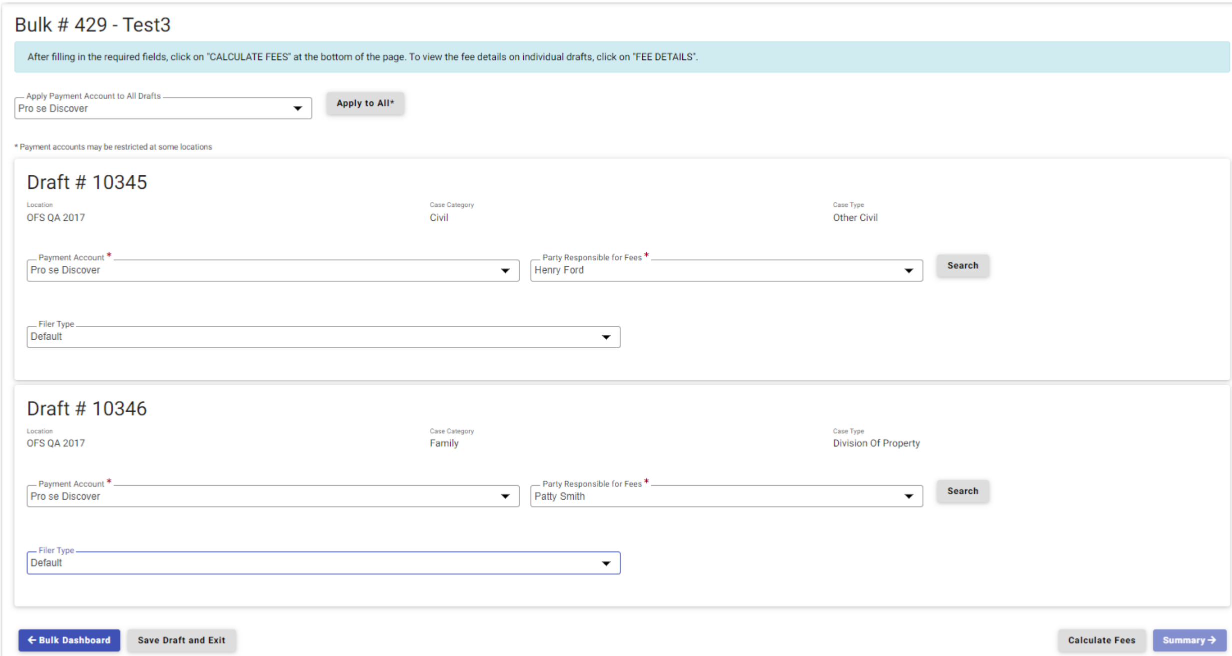
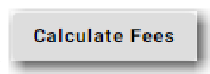


Figure 19.12 – Example of a Bulk Fees Page—Completed Fields

4. When all of the fields on the page have been completed, click 

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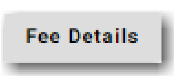
   The **Fee Details** button is displayed.

5. Click 

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   The *Fee Details* window is displayed.

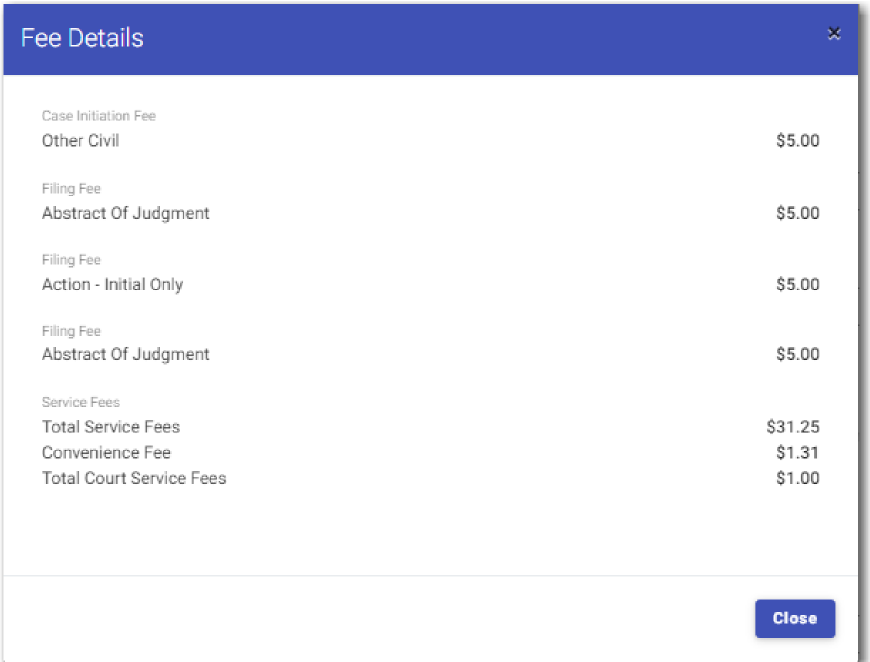

Figure 19.13 – Example of a Fee Details Window

6. Review the filing fees, and then click 

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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 

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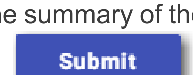
   The *Summary* page is displayed.
3. If there are submission agreements for your filing, select the appropriate check boxes for the submission agreements.
4. Review the summary of the vacation letter filing. After you are satisfied with the information in your filing, click 

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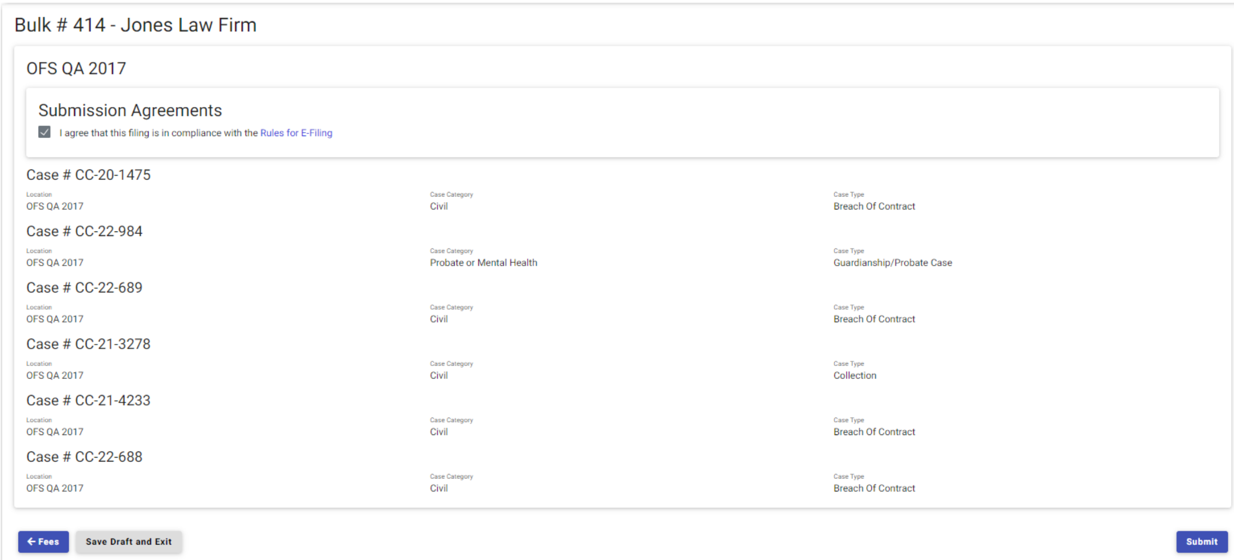

Figure 19.14 – Example of a Bulk Summary Page

5. Click 

to return to the *Bulk History* page, or click 

to return to the *Dashboard* page.

20 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 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.

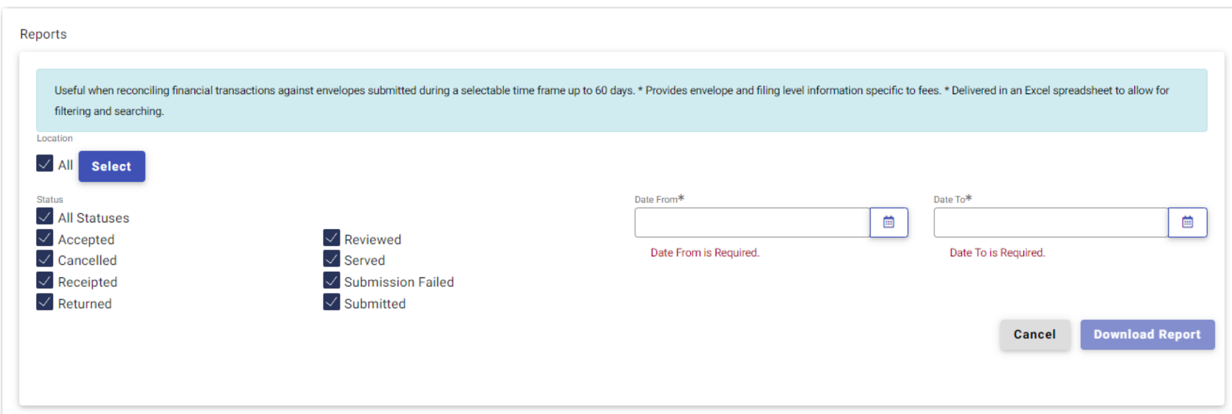

Figure 20.1 – Reports Page

2. Click 

to select the locations for which you want to run the report.

   The *Select Locations* dialog box is displayed.

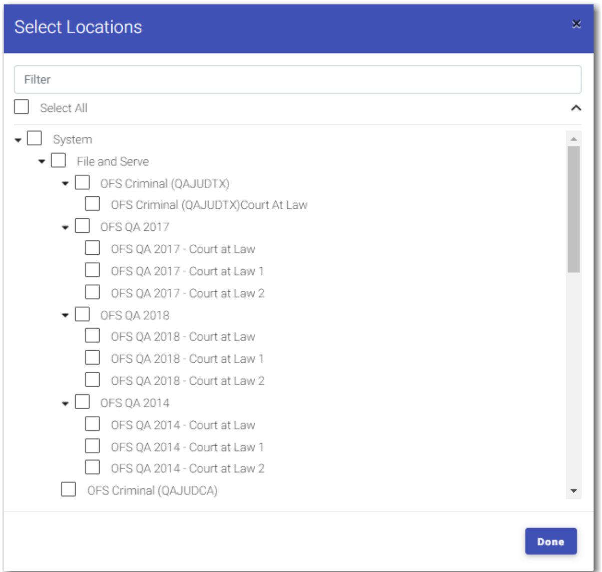

Figure 20.2 – Select Locations Dialog Box

3. Select the locations that you want to include in the report, and then click **Done**.
4. Select the statuses that you want to include in the report.
5. 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.

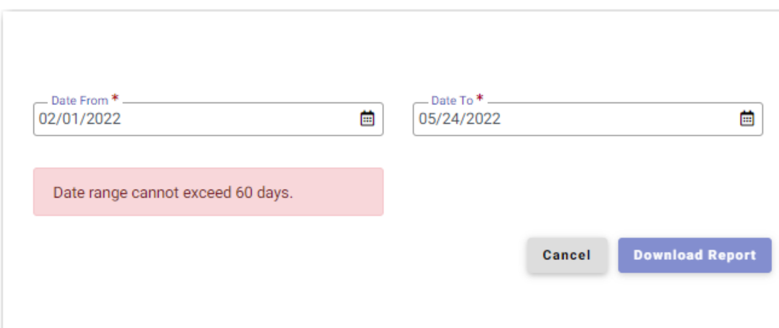

Figure 20.3 – Error Message for Report Date Range

6. Click **Download Report**.

   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.

21 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.

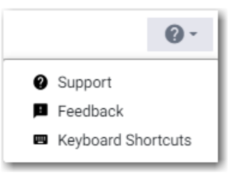

Figure 21.1 – Help Drop-Down List

2. Click **Support**.

   The *Support* window is displayed.

   Note: Your screen may vary from the example provided.

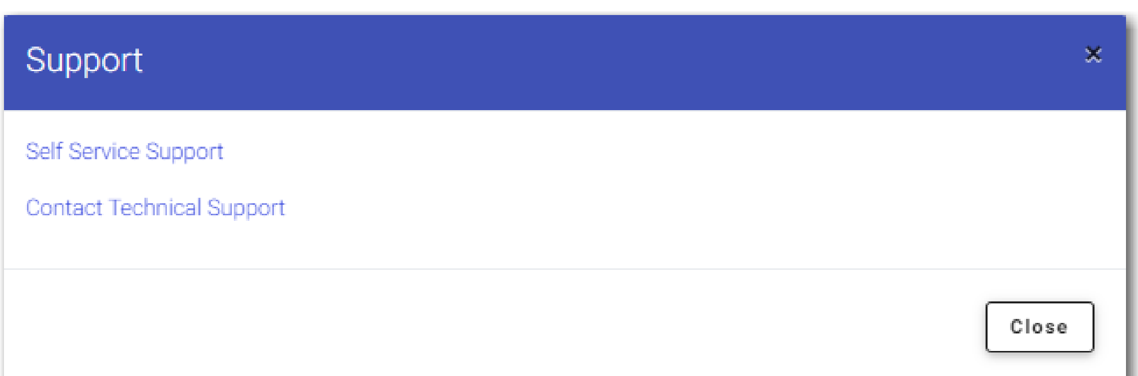

Figure 21.2 – Example of a Support Window

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 

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Zendesk Support

A new Help icon has been added to every page in the application.

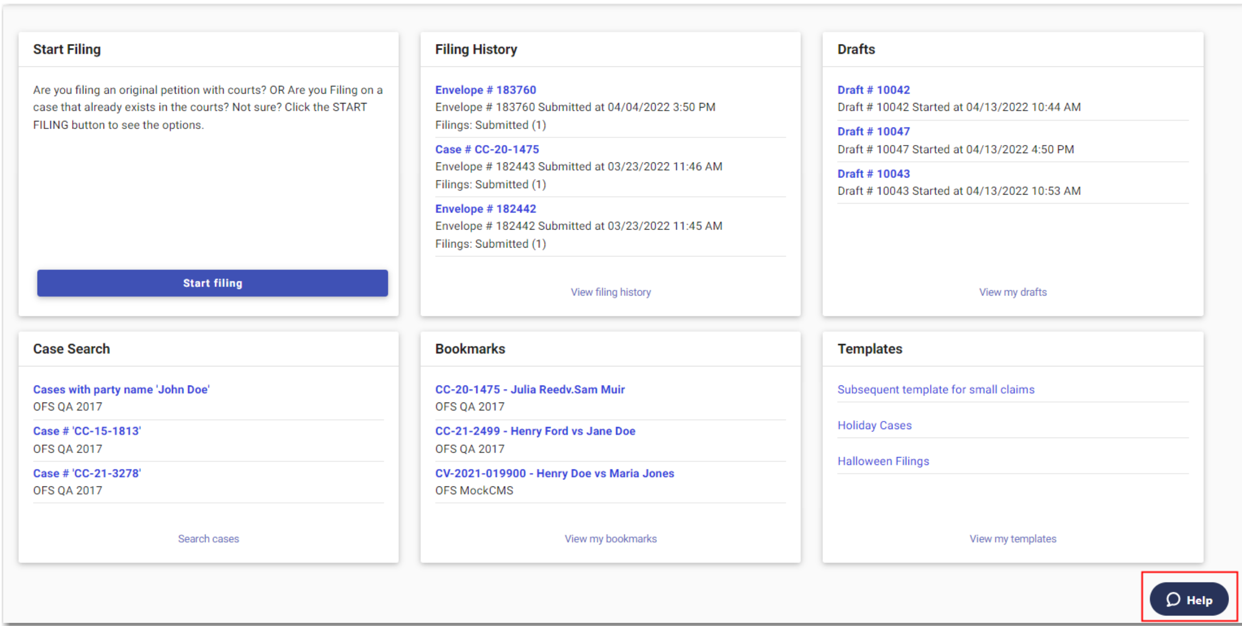

Figure 21.3 – Help Icon on the Dashboard Page

You can click the Help icon to open a chat window.

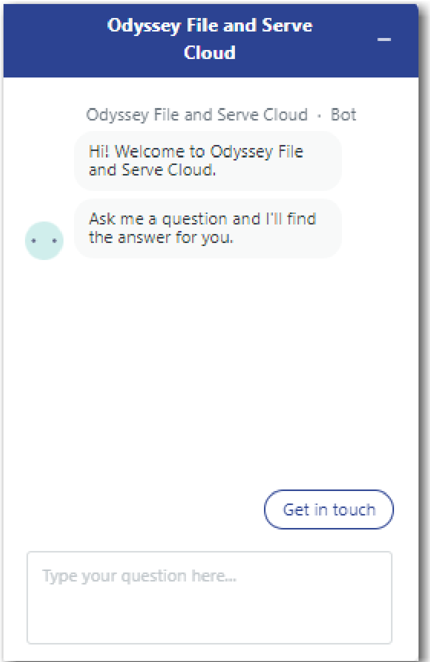

Figure 21.4 – Chat Window

In the chat window, click **Get in touch**. Options are displayed for the method by which you want to communicate with the Support representative.

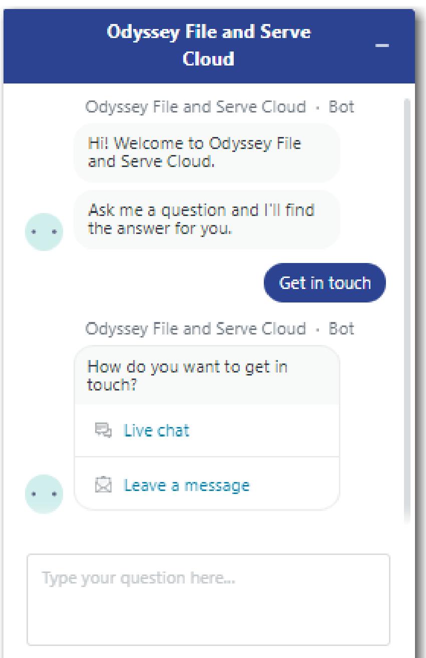

Figure 21.5 – Chat Window with Communication Options

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.

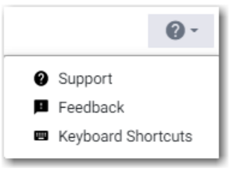

Figure 21.6 – Help Drop-Down List

2. Click **Feedback**.

   The *Feedback* window is displayed.

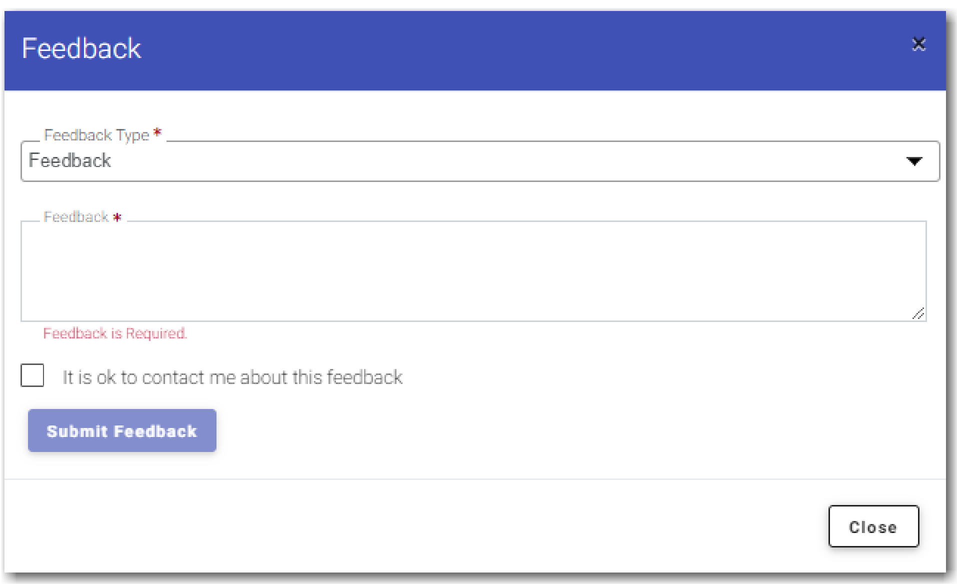

Figure 21.7 – Feedback Window

3. Select the appropriate option from the **Feedback Type** drop-down list.

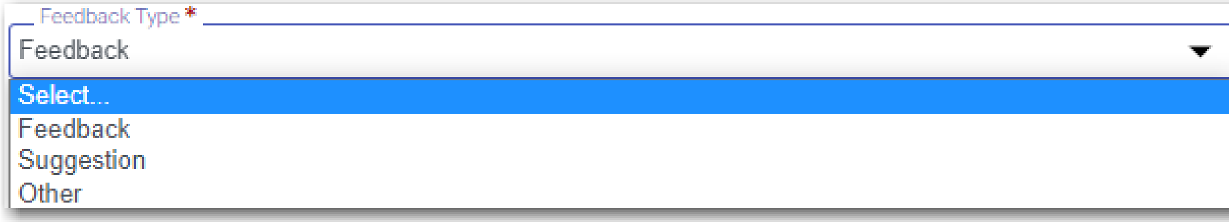

Figure 21.8 – Feedback Type Drop-Down List

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 

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7. Click 

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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 Support Chat.
Odyssey File & Serve Email	efiling.support@tylertech.com
Odyssey File & Serve Telephone	800.297.5377
GoTo Assist (Support)	Support may ask to assist you by sharing your screen using GoToAssist.