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## **SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO EXPAND ELECTRONIC SERVICE TO APPEALS DOCUMENTS IN LIMITED AND UNLIMITED CIVIL CASES BEGINNING FEB. 10, 2025**

On Feb. 10, 2025, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County will expand its phased implementation of electronic service (eService) to include appeals documents in Limited and Unlimited Civil cases. The Court will use eService to transmit, deliver, or serve required appeals documents from the Court in these litigation types.

This expansion builds on the Court's phased implementation of eService, which began in December 2024 with Juvenile Dependency appeals and later included Family Law, Probate, and Mental Health appeals. Represented parties will be required to accept eService, while self-represented parties will have the option to receive electronic notices.

eService enables attorneys and self-represented litigants to receive case documents electronically from the Court, streamlining case progression and offering the following benefits:

- **Efficiency and Timeliness:** Attorneys will be automatically enrolled in eService, which will provide faster notification and document delivery. Self-represented litigants who opt for eService will also experience quicker service than traditional mailing methods.
- **Convenience and Flexibility:** Case documents can be securely accessed electronically from any location, provided users maintain an up-to-date email address for eService.
- **Enhanced Security:** Secure links with multi-factor authentication ensure document integrity.
- **Automatic Proof of Service:** eService provides automatic proof of service for recipients.

### **Information About the Phased Implementation of eService**

As part of the next phase of eService implementation, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County will begin sending electronic notices for appeals documents in Limited and Unlimited Civil cases starting Feb. 10, 2025. In the coming months, full implementation of eService for all Family Law, Probate, Mental Health, and Civil documents is expected to roll out and be completed by July 1, 2025.

### **What to Know About eService**

Under California Rule of Court 2.251, electronic service is equivalent to service by mail, express mail, overnight delivery or fax transmission. Attorneys are required to accept eService, while self-represented litigants may opt-in by filing a consent form. eService from the Court will have the same legal effect as service by mail.

A party who is served a document by the Court via eService will be provided an additional two court days under Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) 101.6(a)(3) to respond.

Express consent is required for self-represented litigants who choose eService. Consent may be provided by filing a Consent to Electronic Service and Notice of Electronic Service Address form. Please see below for more details on eService:

1. **Opting In:** Self-represented litigants may opt-in for eService by filing a [Consent to Electronic Service and Notice of Electronic Service Address \(EFS-005-CV\)](#) form.
2. **eService Lists:** The Court will maintain an eService list for each case type, including the email addresses of litigants who consent to eService.
3. **Maintaining eService Addresses:** Any changes to an eService address must be promptly updated by the litigant or attorney to ensure seamless communication. Parties may submit a completed [MC-040](#) form to update their email address of record at any time.
4. **Service Completion:** Rule 2.251 outlines that service by electronic notification is deemed complete per Code of Civil Procedure section 1010.6 when the electronic notification of service of the document is sent.
5. **Secure Access:** All eService notices from the Court will be sent from CourtNotify@lacourt.org and include a secure link to access served documents, with a time-sensitive code to ensure security. Access will require multi-factor authentication to ensure security and integrity.

**Additional Resources:**

The following resources are available to assist court users with the phased rollout of eService:

- [Video tutorial](#) on eService.

For questions or technical assistance with eService, court users are encouraged to call 213-830-0400.