



Clerk of Superior Court
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**CLERK MAKES AVAILABLE IN CRIMINAL CASES,
ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 5, 2020) – The Gwinnett County Clerk of Superior and State Courts announces the commencement of e-filing for criminal cases, beginning June 24, 2020 via Tyler Technologies' Odyssey eFileGA. Attorneys and self-represented parties will have the option to electronically file into existing criminal cases, beginning June 24, 2020.

Tiana Garner, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Gwinnett County Clerk's office, stresses the importance of participation in this effort. "When we initiate criminal e-filing on June 24th, it will not only make access to justice more convenient, but it will also aid in slowing the spread of COVID-19 by decreasing in-person contact at the Clerk's Office. Protecting the public and our employees is a top priority."

Criminal e-filing is another step forward in the Court's efforts to become a paperless environment. E-filing was mandated in Superior Court and State Court Civil Divisions, January 2019. Magistrate Court Civil Division began permissive e-filing December 2019. E-filing systems allow attorneys and self-represented parties to file the vast majority of pleadings, appeals and other documents from any place that they can access the internet and at any time of day.

"By investing in technology, we continue to increase efficiencies resulting in considerable cost-savings to taxpayers," said Clerk of Superior Court Richard Alexander. "Currently, business processes require Clerk of Courts' staff to scan paper documents into the official records of the court and enter case data into the Court's case management system, manually. With e-filings, once documents are accepted, they can be imported into the case management system and docket entries notated instantaneously. The expanded e-filing platform will allow the processing of documents in a fraction of the time currently spent processing paper in the traditional manner."

Frequently asked questions, filing instructions and training opportunities can be found at: www.odysseyfilega.com. Additionally, while at the courthouse, the Clerk's staff can provide hands-on assistance.

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About the Clerk of Court

The Clerk of Court is an elected position serving the Superior, State and Magistrate courts in Gwinnett County. The Clerk and Deputy Clerks are custodians over the land and property records of the county as well as the civil and criminal files and records in the courts served. The Clerk of Superior Court is established in the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The clerk is one of four constitutional officers who can be found in each of the 159 counties in the state, the other constitutional officers are the sheriff, the tax commissioner and the probate judge. The clerk's duties are statutory in nature and are found in the Official Code of Georgia in literally hundreds of statutes created by the state legislature. In addition, the clerk has an obligation to follow the court rules for each court they may serve. The clerk provides personal service directly to the public on a daily basis through direct contact with the clerk or through contact with his or her deputy clerks.