

Lane County Circuit Court Oregon eCourt Implementation

Message to Members of the Bar - 2

November 7, 2014

In message # 1 sent October 9, 2014, we focused on the upcoming schedule and activities that you can do to be prepared for eCourt and eFiling. That message is available on the court website at <http://www.courts.oregon.gov/Lane/Pages/eCourtQuickLinks.aspx>

This message addresses the local, SLR and UTCR rules that are in place to bring about the Court's conversion to electronic records.

SLR CHAPTER 24 – OREGON eCOURT IMPLEMENTATION

Chapter 24 is a set of standard local rules that is adopted in each judicial district as the district comes up on the eCourt project schedule. The rules address changes that make it possible for the court to operate in an electronic, rather than paper environment. For example, SLR 24.201 defines "electronic documents." Rule 24.205 discusses document bindings and that documents filed on paper must not contain staples.

Chief Justice Balmer signed an Order on October 21, 2014 placing SLR chapter 24 in effect in Lane County 30 days after a certified copy of the rules is filed by the judicial district. We will file our certified copy at the end of December. Except for the addition of chapter 24, Lane made no supplementary local rule revisions for 2015.

While SLR chapter 24 will be included in Lane's SLR as of February 2, 2015, the intent is for it to be in place for our eCourt go-live on March 9, 2015 and it will not be applicable until that date. The CJO and the SLR that will be adopted are available on the court website shown above.

UTCR CHAPTER 21 – FILING AND SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

<http://courts.oregon.gov/ojd/programs/utcr/pages/utcrrules.aspx>

UTCR Chapter 21 provides all definitions, rules, conditions, formats, fees, and filing requirement information to eFiling in any Oregon Circuit Court where File and Serve is available. As the schedule currently stands, File and Serve will become available in Lane County on April 20, 2015. Mandatory eFiling for attorneys (of documents for which eFiling is available) will go in to effect in Lane on June 1, 2015.

Details about the Oregon eCourt implementation schedule including open and mandatory eFiling dates is available on the OJD website at <http://courts.oregon.gov/Oregonecourt/pages/Implementation-Schedule.aspx>

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