

# Multnomah County Circuit Court's transition to eCourt going smoothly so far



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On a typical day, Multnomah County Circuit Court's presiding judge had a call docket -- a list of cases with approaching trial dates -- that was 50 pages long.

Today -- the first day of a **new electronic court-records system** -- Judge Nan Waller had no paper. She read through the docket on her computer screen.

"We saved at least a branch of a tree today," Waller said cheerfully.

Courthouse administrators on Monday said the switch from the Oregon Judicial Information Network (OJIN) to the Oregon eCourt Case Information system has been going relatively smoothly. Several hours into the day, administrators had heard of few problems.



A sign at the Multnomah County courthouse informs visitors of

the switch to eCourt.

The absence of paperwork meant the Multnomah County courthouse's file room Monday was open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- for the first time in two years. Since May 2012, the file room had operated only from noon to 5 p.m. to free up staff time to process paperwork.

Although new paper case files aren't being created, there are still millions of existing files that the circuit court will store.

"We probably have 10 million paper files out there that people are going to want to see for a while," said trial court administrator Doug Bray.

Multnomah County is the 11th of 36 circuit courts in Oregon to transfer to the **eCourt system**. All circuit courts in the state are **scheduled** to be using the new system by mid-2016.

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