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PAPERLESS COURTS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016, THE COURTS IN THE 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WILL BE PAPERLESS. ON THAT DATE ALL ATTORNEYS FILING IN ANY COURT OF THE 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WILL DO SO VIA THE EFLEX ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM AND WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT PAPER FILINGS FROM PRO SE LITIGANTS AND AGENCIES WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS THE EFLEX SYSTEM.

THIS DATE COINCIDES WITH THE DATE ANNOUNCED BY THE SUPREME COURT OVER THREE YEARS AGO AS THE TARGET DATE FOR PAPERLESS COURTS STATEWIDE; IS A DATE WHICH FOLLOWS DATES SELECTED IN A NUMBER OF OUR SISTER JUDICIAL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSITION TO PAPERLESS COURTS; AND IS A DATE 5 MONTHS IN THE FUTURE TO ALLOW US ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING AND TIME TO IDENTIFY, ANTICIPATE, AND HOPEFULLY ADDRESS OBSTACLES TO THE SMOOTH TRANSITION TO PAPERLESS COURTS.

MANY LOCAL ATTORNEYS HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE TRAINING OFFERED OVER THE YEARS BY KAREN BRAUN WITH OJA (785) 296-4083 braunk@kscourts.org AND MORE RECENTLY THROUGH ADMINISTRATOR JACOBS' EFFORTS; HAVE SET UP YOUR USER ACCOUNTS THROUGH THE eFlex FILER WEBSITE <https://filer.kscourts.org>; AND BEGUN EFILING. CLERKS IN OUR DISTRICT HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL TO THOSE USING eFlex AND JUDGES ARE BECOMING MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE PAPERLESS PROCESS AS WE DEAL WITH EFILED PLEADINGS MORE FREQUENTLY.

JUDGE PIERCE HAS PIONEERED THE FINNEY COUNTY PAPERLESS TRAFFIC DOCKET AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HIS LEADERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING JUDGES AS WE GO FORWARD.

OLDTIMERS LIKE ME WILL BE UNCOMFORTABLE ADAPTING TO THE NEW WAYS OF FILING AND ACCESSING PLEADINGS, BUT PAPERLESS COURTS ARE THE REALITY WE MUST FACE.

WE HOPE TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TRAINING LOCALLY IN MARCH THROUGH OJA, SIMILAR TO THAT DONE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER AND URGE ANYONE INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE.

BETWEEN NOW AND JULY 1, I HOPE EVERYONE WILL MAKE THE EFFORT TO GET AHEAD OF THE CURVE BY LEARNING HOW TO EFILE AND WILL HELP EVERYONE MAKE THE TRANSITION TO PAPERLESS COURTS BY IDENTIFYING AND SHARING ISSUES WE NEED TO ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS WHICH ARISE AS YOU BECOME FAMILIAR WITH EFILING. PLEASE SAVE THIS EMAIL FOR USE TO "REPLY TO ALL" WITH QUESTIONS, ISSUES, OBSTACLES, SUGGESTIONS AND SOLUTIONS YOU COME UP WITH IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

WENDEL W. WURST
CHIEF JUDGE