

Principles for Electronic Case Filing

1. Approach: Courts should create a competitive, multi-provider environment under which any provider who meets the certification criteria will be able to file.
2. Court users should be presented with a common look and feel no matter the jurisdiction. No litigant will have to operate multiple systems to file in various courts in the state.
3. Courts are too resource constrained to provide extensive technical support themselves for filing attorneys and the public.
4. For automated filing, only one interface will exist per case management system. Data must be exchanged bi-directionally between case management and e-filing systems.
5. The path to success involves general consistency with national standards and cooperation between courts and private sector ventures.
6. Privacy and access issues must be adequately addressed.
7. While the conceptual model for e-filing includes criminal cases, the courts, not vendors, are responsible for criminal justice integration activities.