

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
IMPLEMENTING UPDATES TO) Administrative Order
ELECTRONIC FILING FEES) No. 2016 - 148
) (Replacing Administrative Order
) No. 2016-08 and Affecting
) Administrative Order Nos. 2012-2,
) 2014-99, 2015-32, and 2016-20
_____)

Since 2009, this Court has entered a series of administrative orders authorizing electronic filing (e-filing) of documents in the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals Division One, and the Superior Court. The implementation of e-filing systems required the adoption of application fees to support electronic filing services.

The current application fee schedule for e-filing has not been modified since its adoption in 2009. Electronic filing services are currently expanding throughout the state, including the introduction of a second e-filing system, eFile.AZCourts.gov, and centralization of payment processing services, which necessitates changes to the current fee schedule. The conversion to a single e-filing payment processor will simplify financial management by both users and court staff. The changes to the fee schedule have been reviewed and recommended by the Arizona Judicial Council.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the following change in fee schedule is adopted for e-filing submissions in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Division One, and the Superior Court in all counties. Provisions of this Order that are inconsistent with the Arizona Rules of Court shall supersede procedural requirements of the rules.

- a. An application fee shall be assessed to support the electronic filing services offered by any Electronic Filing Service Provider, as follows:
 - i. \$3.80 to effectuate electronic service on another party;
 - ii. \$6.50 to e-file an initial case submission delivered to the Superior Court;
 - iii. \$6.50 to e-file each lead document contained in a subsequent submission delivered to the Superior Court;
 - iv. \$6.50 to e-file each subsequent submission delivered to the Arizona Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, Division One;
 - v. \$15.00 to complete print forms in the following case types: Small Claims, Eviction Actions, Limited Jurisdiction Civil, and Family Law.

- b. A processing fee of 3% will be assessed for all filings with the exception of those filings that meet the criteria listed under sections (c), (d) and (e) below.
- c. No fee will be assessed to file a proposed order or Notice of Filing of a proposed order, judgment, or notice of hearing.
- d. No fee will be assessed to e-file a document submitted by an exempt entity as identified in A.R.S. § 12-304 (specified public entities).
- e. No application fee or processing fee will be assessed to e-file a document submitted by a party granted a fee waiver or deferral.
- f. The filer shall pay all fees at the time of filing.
- g. A judicial officer shall not reduce, waive or suspend the application or processing fee.
- h. The application fee shall be nonrefundable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the new fees shall be effective January 28, 2017.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2016.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice