

MANDATORY CIVIL E-FILING
EFFEKTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

PURSUANT TO THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 407, E-FILING WILL BECOME MANDATORY ON JANUARY 1, 2019 FOR ALL CIVIL MATTERS. THIS MANDATE INCLUDES ATTORNEYS AND PRO-SE FILERS.

Camden County Superior Court has been voluntarily E-Filing Civil pleadings since September 14th, 2015. However, beginning January 1, 2019, the above referenced mandate requires all Civil pleadings to be filed electronically, **except as prohibited by law.**

PeachCourt, also known as *Greencourt Legal Technologies* will be used exclusively for local e-filing. Camden Superior Court's association with PeachCourt has proven to provide the best and most convenient method for electronically filing court documents. The PeachCourt team includes licensed attorneys who understand your needs and the changing environment of the Court. PeachCourt is currently in use in more than 91 Superior and State Courts in Georgia.

Please take time to review **Senate Bill 407** and **Uniform Superior Court Rules 36.16 and 36.17** regarding the **law** and **rules** pertaining to electronic filing.

I have attached excerpts from a publication by the Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia which serves to provide some insight into this new process and provide key points to consider.

1. E-filing of all Civil Actions filed as of January 1, 2019 is now **mandatory**. Filings which were initiated prior to January 1, 2019 may still be delivered in paper form.
2. Filing fees and costs are processed electronically through PeachCourt at the time of filing. Pro-se filers will be prompted to pay all fees before proceeding to file pleadings.
3. PeachCourt uses e-mail to provide you with confirmations and alerts related to your case filings. PeachCourt also provides electronic service to associated parties once they are registered.

To get started, visit www.peachcourt.com and register for your FREE PeachCourt account.

Georgia is rapidly entering the electronic era and Civil e-filing is the first of many electronic filing mandates undertaken by the Georgia Legislature. Legislation is currently being written to include additional mandates during the next session.

AS ALWAYS, the Clerk and staff of Camden County Superior Court are here to assist you during this transition. We do, however, encourage you to reach out to the folks at PeachCourt who stand ready to support this change.