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MANDATORY E-FILING EXPANSION TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 27, 2014

SAN FRANCISCO -- The San Francisco Superior Court is expanding its mandatory e-filing program to include 16 new case types, Court Executive Officer T. Michael Yuen announced today.

Effective January 27, 2014, the Court's e-filing program will undergo its largest expansion since its inception in 1998 when it launched voluntary e-filing and e-service in complex litigation asbestos cases. On August 14, 2006, the Court mandated e-filing and e-service for every asbestos filing, except the initial complaint. The mandatory e-filing expansion includes these case types:

- Antitrust/Unfair Competition
- Business Tort
- Common Counts/Open Book/Accounts/Collections
- Construction
- Contract/Warranty
- Injunctive Relief
- Intellectual Property

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- Mass Tort
- Partnership and Corporate Governance
- Personal Injury
- Personal Injury/Property Damage-Vehicle Related
- Products Liability
- Subrogation/Insurance
- Toxic Tort/Environment
- Wrongful Discharge
- CEQA

In addition to the new case types and Asbestos cases, Probate Trust and Complex Litigation cases also are subject to mandatory e-filing.

The Court anticipates that e-filing for the new case types will be available to attorneys on January 27, 2014. Self-represented parties and “non-parties” may e-file, but will not be required to do so. After the initial pleadings open the file, e-filing will be mandatory for all subsequent pleadings filed by an attorney.

E-filing rules are contained in San Francisco Superior Court local rule 2.10.

File & ServeXpress (formerly LexisNexis), which has served as the Court’s e-filing vendor for more than 14 years in Asbestos, Complex Litigation and Probate Trust cases, will continue to serve as the vendor for the program’s expansion. File & ServeXpress also will remain as the agent of the Clerk to collect statutory filing fees. File & ServeXpress will provide free training to law firms on the e-filing system and services, and also will provide free technical support to registered users.

More information is available at www.fileandservexpress.com.

The Court also has selected an additional e-filing vendor through a competitive process. More information will be provided when a fully executed contract is finalized.

The Civil e-filing expansion is a key element of the Court’s Electronic Information Management (EIM) project, managed by Civil Administrator Wayne Parinas and Court Manager Pat Kilkenny, and overseen by Presiding Judge Cynthia Ming-mei Lee and CEO Yuen. The project, which began in March 2013, is aligned to the Court’s strategic plan and aims to use technology to improve service to the public, save money and reduce paper use.

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