

Rule 576.1 Electronic Filing and Service of Legal Papers

(a) The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts and the Thirtieth Judicial District have agreed upon an implementation plan for electronic filing, as that term is defined in Pa.R.Crim.P. 576.1(C), in the Thirtieth Judicial District through the statewide system known as PACFile, effective April 4, 2022;

(b) Any party may, *but is not required to* utilize PACFile for filing a legal paper, as that term is defined in Pa.R.Crim.P. 576.1(C), but **not including** initial filings for summary appeals, nor any matter requiring the assignment of a Miscellaneous Docket (MD) number;

(c) Any party who declines to participate in PACFile, or is unable to do so, may file legal papers in a physical paper format, and that party shall be served legal papers in accordance with the procedures provided under Pa.R.Crim.P. 114(B) and 576(B), and not via PACFile;

(d) All filings shall comply with the Public Access Policy of the United Judicial System addressing confidentiality; and

(e) Applicable filing fees shall be paid through procedures established by the Clerk of Courts, at the same time and in the same manner required by statute, court rule, or published fee schedule.