

Public Access to Court Files on the Internet

Any person can look at documents in court files, unless the document is not available to the public because of court order, rule, or statute.

Public access to *paperless civil* files is being *expanded* for files that have a return date *on or after January 1, 2014*.

- You can look at documents filed in *paperless civil* files that have a return date on or after January 1, 2014 *on the Internet* from any computer, using the Case Look-up link on the Judicial Branch website (www.jud.ct.gov). You can also look at electronically available documents filed in civil files at any judicial district courthouse.
- You can look at electronically available documents in *civil* files that have a return date before January 1, 2014 only from a computer at *any* judicial district courthouse unless you are an attorney with an appearance in the file or a self-represented party with electronic access to the file. You will continue to be able to look at orders and memos of decision *on the Internet* in these civil cases. You can also look at paper documents filed in civil files at the courthouse where the file is located.

Public Access to *family files* will not change:

- You can look at documents filed in family files only at the courthouse where the file is located unless the document is not available to the public because of court order, rule, or statute. Documents in family cases are *not* available electronically.