

NOTICE ON FAMILY E-FILING

Beginning **October 3, 2016**, e-filing in newly-initiated family matters of additional case types will be permitted by self-represented parties and mandatory for attorneys and law firms without an exclusion from electronic services requirements as described more fully in this notice.

The case types that must be initiated electronically and on which subsequent documents must also be filed electronically are:

- Custody Application (F40)
- Visitation Application (F71)
- Paternity Petition (F80) (when filed by an attorney or the State)
- All other (F90)

The case types that must be initiated on paper but on which subsequent documents can be filed electronically are:

- Change of Name (F30)
- Paternity Petition (F80) (filed by self-represented parties)
- Support Petition (F85) (can be initiated electronically only by the State)
- Agreement to Support (F86) (can be initiated electronically only by the State)
- (NEW) Appeal - Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) (F87)
- (NEW) Challenge to Acknowledgment of Paternity (F88)

The following case types are paperless if initiated on or after **December 15, 2014**:

- Dissolution of marriage (F00)
- Legal Separation (F10)
- Annulment (F20)
- Civil Union – dissolution, legal separation or annulment (F50)

Attorneys and law firms without an exclusion from electronic services requirements are required, and self-represented parties are permitted, to file electronically:

- **Case initiation documents** (including summons, complaint, automatic orders, and return of service) for family cases of the newly-designated e-filable family case types initiated on and after October 3, 2016 except for those case types that cannot be initiated electronically.
- **Motions, pleadings or documents** in *all* e-filable family cases. An e-filable case may be identified by its docket number. If the number that follows the year is a 5 or a 6, the case is e-filable (HHD FA 14 [5021234](#) or FBT FA 15 [6011015](#)). If the number that follows the year is a 4 or any other number, the case is not e-filable (HHB FA 13 [4020196](#)).

When initiating a case or filing documents electronically, any filer is required to pay all court fees electronically.

For more information on E-Services or e-filing, call Alice Mastrony at (860) 706-5321, the E-Services Support Line at (866) 765-4452 or email Eservices@jud.ct.gov.