

Welcome, Baltimore City E-Filers!

The Maryland Judiciary is pleased to report that the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and the District Court of Maryland in Baltimore City has joined the Judiciary's statewide case management system known as the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) system. This will mark the Judiciary's successful completion of implementing MDEC statewide.

The MDEC project, which began in the fall of 2014, has been implemented on a county-by-county basis over the past 10 years. MDEC replaces local case management systems with a single modernized statewide system which allows attorneys to transition from a paper-based process to a technology-based electronic filing system. The courts in Baltimore City join the rest of the state in making electronic filing (e-filing) mandatory for attorneys representing clients in all civil and criminal cases. E-filing was previously made mandatory for all appellate filings. Both attorneys and self-represented landlords may, but are not required to, efile failure to pay rent cases with the Court. Electronic filing remains optional for self-represented litigants.

For more information about <u>MDEC</u> or to learn more about e-filing, attorneys can visit <u>mdcourts.gov/mdec/efilingatty</u>.

Individuals who are not represented by a lawyer but who would like to e-file their court documents, may register for an e-filing account by visiting mdcourts.gov/mdec/efilingpublic. Self-represented litigants who have questions about e-filing may contact one of Maryland's law libraries for assistance. Individuals who do not want to e-file their documents may request an account to view documents online only. This will give them access to their case without the ability or requirement to e-file.

All users needing technical help with MDEC or with e-filing registration should contact E-Filing Support at 410-260-1114 or email mdcourts@service-now.com.

