



IMPORTANT STATISTICS

November 30, 2012

1,607 initial and subsequent filings
173 attorneys/paralegals registered
566 attorneys/paralegals trained

Pilot start	County	Number of filings 11/30/12
May 8, 2009	Chowan	1
May 8, 2009	Davidson	36
July 20, 2009	Wake*	1,570

**Limited pilot with only 41 law firms selected by the clerk of superior court*

PARTNERS

North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina clerks of court
Tybera Development group (eFiling vendor)
NIC Services (ePayment vendor)

The N.C. Bar Association continues to partner with Tybera, the eFiling vendor, to offer eFiling training as a CLE class.

WHAT USERS ARE SAYING

Wake County Clerk of Superior Court Lorrin Freeman

The eFiling project, when fully implemented, will completely transform for the better the manner in which we do business in the courts in the area of civil litigation.

Wake County Assistant Clerk Mary Beth Grady

In addition to being cost effective, eFiling will bring our Court to a level of technology equal to the private sector.

Davidson County Clerk of Superior Court Brian L. Shipwash

It is my personal belief that eFiling will greatly benefit parties filing actions and the state. The time and overhead savings once fully implemented will greatly benefit all.

Civil Electronic Filing (eFiling)



“Imagine a world where you don’t have to drive three hours to check out a court file, or dash down the street at the last minute to file a pleading before the clerk’s office closes. No mailing. No couriers. And for the most part, no paper... that world could be around the corner.”

“Payment would allow for filing and payment online”
North Carolina Lawyers Weekly, June 1, 2009, Front cover article

The Civil eFiling system allows civil court papers to be filed electronically, filing fees to be paid online via credit card or eCheck, court notices to be sent, and court information to be retrieved via the Internet.

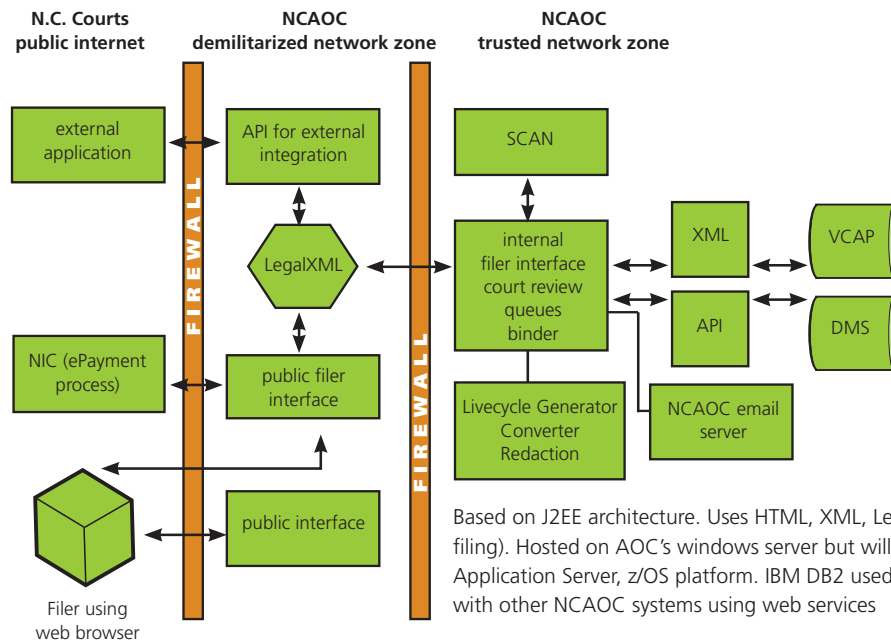
With the initial pilot, an efiler is able to file case data and pay any associated filing fees online for civil superior cases and special proceedings foreclosure cases. A clerk will review all filings and will have the capability to approve or return filings to the filer electronically. Clerks will print paper copies of the eFilings to place in case folders, as well as continue to enter case information into the Civil Case Processing System (VCAP) until future functions are available.

The initial eFiling pilot has been successfully implemented in Chowan, Davidson, and Wake counties. The eFiling system is being developed using an incremental development approach. This approach allows for quicker delivery of working releases of the system, allows for feedback on the design, which can improve and refine future modules of the system, and provides more control over the project.

The eFiling system was built in collaboration with an advisory group and the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court. The advisory group establishes priorities for enhancements to the system and assists with requirements and rules definitions for the project.

We continue to provide additional functionality and expand into more counties as funds are made available.

eFiling: The architecture behind the application



Features of the Current Pilot

Clerks

- Review documents online
- Accept or deny filings online
- Scan non-stamped paper filings into electronic file
- Return service documents electronically

Attorneys

- Electronically file documents to the court
- eFile nearly 24 hours a day
- Pay filing fees online using a credit card or bank draft
- Resubmit a denied filing
- Save filing as a draft
- View status of eFiling
- View efiled documents and notifications
- View case history of efiled events
- View filing charges by month

Benefits

Convenient and efficient, saves time and money

Electronic filing is faster and easier than manual filing. North Carolina attorneys can file documents, pay filing fees and view documents in any participating county without traveling to the courthouse. They can view opposing counsel's electronic submissions within minutes rather than waiting to receive mailed copies. It saves attorneys' expenses for courier services, mail, or other delivery methods. Attorneys can file and view documents nearly 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and receive electronic notifications when a document is eFiled. eFiling also reduces the number of calls to the clerks' offices.

Future Phases Benefits

Accurate, convenient and efficient. Saves time and money.

eFiling will save clerks' time by minimizing paper handling and manual processes. It will save judges' time signing documents. Money will be saved on staff time, copier ink, paper and file storage. eFiling will improve data quality and accuracy by eliminating duplicate data entry and preventing lost or misplaced files. It will provide search capabilities to find specific documents and to search the text within documents. There will be fast, secure and simultaneous access to documents for clerks, judges, attorneys and the general public. All documents will be electronically stored, eliminating rooms full of paper files.