

Doing Things the E(asy)(?) Way: E-Filing, E-Service, and E-Publication

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Overview

Rules

Administrative Orders

Statutes



A Retrospective

E-Mail Service: SC10-2101

Originally issued on June 21, 2012; amended on August 14, August 30, and October 9;
withdrawn and revised as of October 18, 2012

Electronic Filing: SC11-399

Originally issued on June 21, 2012; amended on August 14, and October 9;
withdrawn and revised as of October 18, 2012;
supplemented on November 28, 2012 and February 18, 2013



Something New

E-Service Through the E-Portal



Something Even Newer

E-Publication

CS/HB 781

Chapter No. 2014-210



And now something for the Judges

E-Filing by Judges

See Accompanying
Report on Judicial E-Filing



The Players



The Court

The Legislature

Florida Court Technology Commission

Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

Florida Courts Technology Commission

Responsible for overseeing,
managing, and directing the
development and use of technology
within judicial branch under direction
of the Court

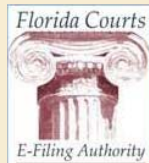


Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

Responsible for the Portal



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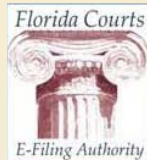


June E-Filing Submission Statistics

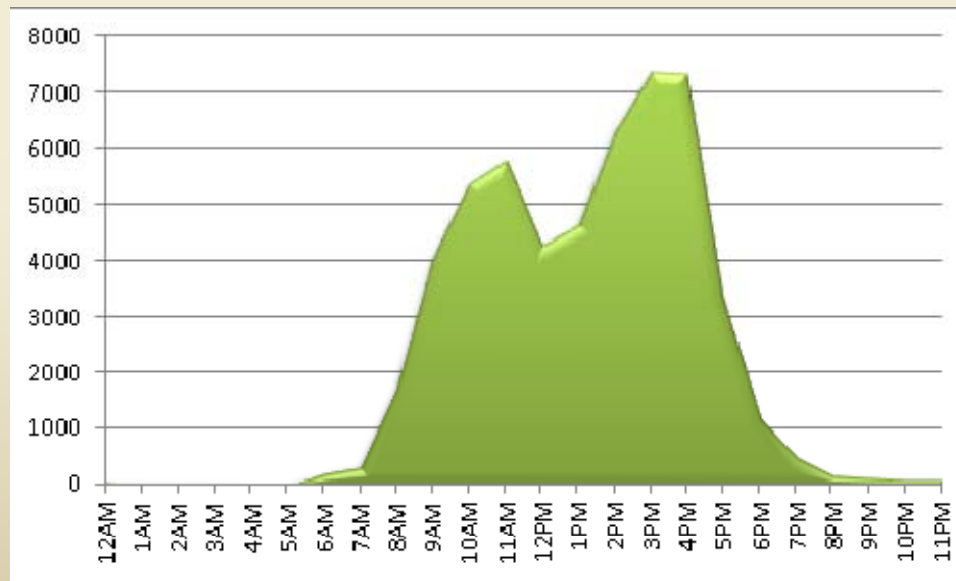
Category	Number
E-Filing Submissions	1,128,794
Individual Documents Submitted	1,761,079
Average Submissions per Weekday	53,055
Highest Volume Day 6/17/2014	55,840
New Case Initiation	4.9%
Portal Users	62,840



Florida Courts E-Filing Authority



Weekday Filing Submission per Hour*

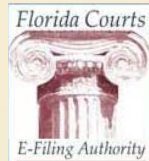


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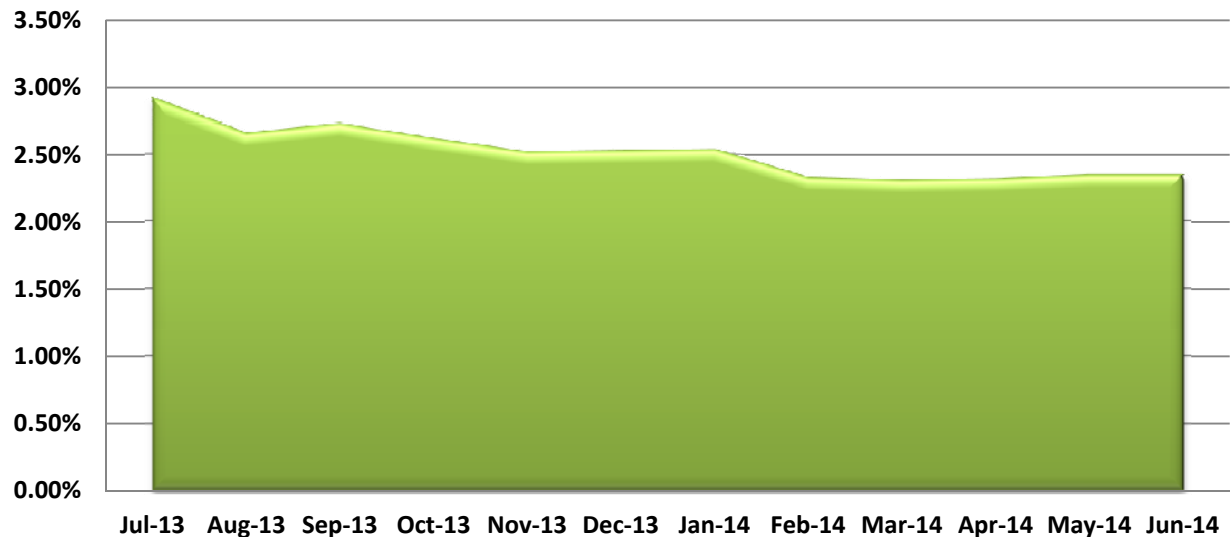
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E-Filing Submissions Sent to Pending Queue*

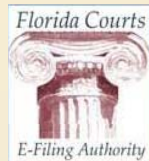


	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14
■ Pending	2.92%	2.66%	2.73%	2.62%	2.52%	2.53%	2.54%	2.33%	2.31%	2.32%	2.35%	2.35%

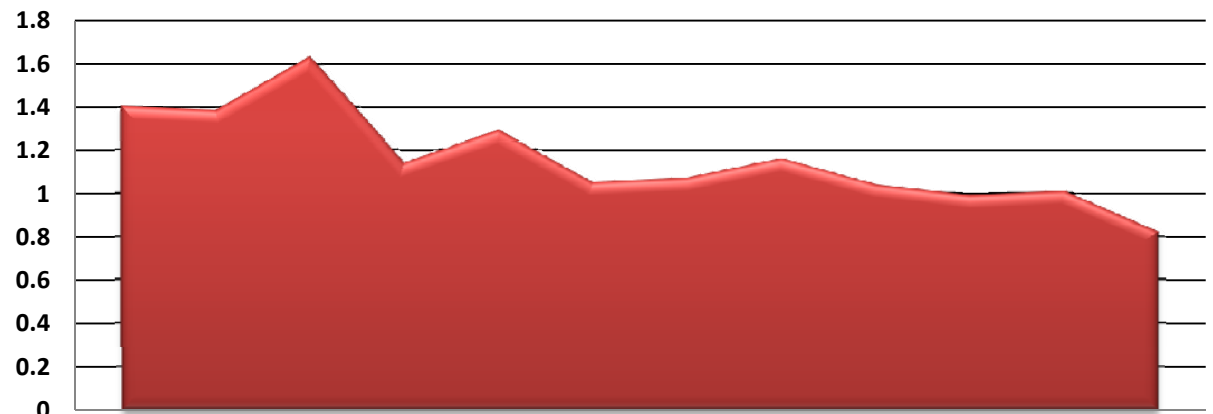


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Florida Courts E-Filing Authority



Average Days to Filed Status*



Jul-13 Aug-13 Sep-13 Oct-13 Nov-13 Dec-13 Jan-14 Feb-14 Mar-14 Apr-14 May-14 Jun-14

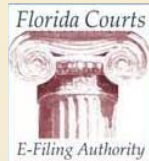
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Days	1.4	1.38	1.63	1.14	1.29	1.05	1.07	1.16	1.04	0.99	1.01	0.82

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E-Service Statistics*

Category	Number
E-Filing Submissions Using E-Service	815,707

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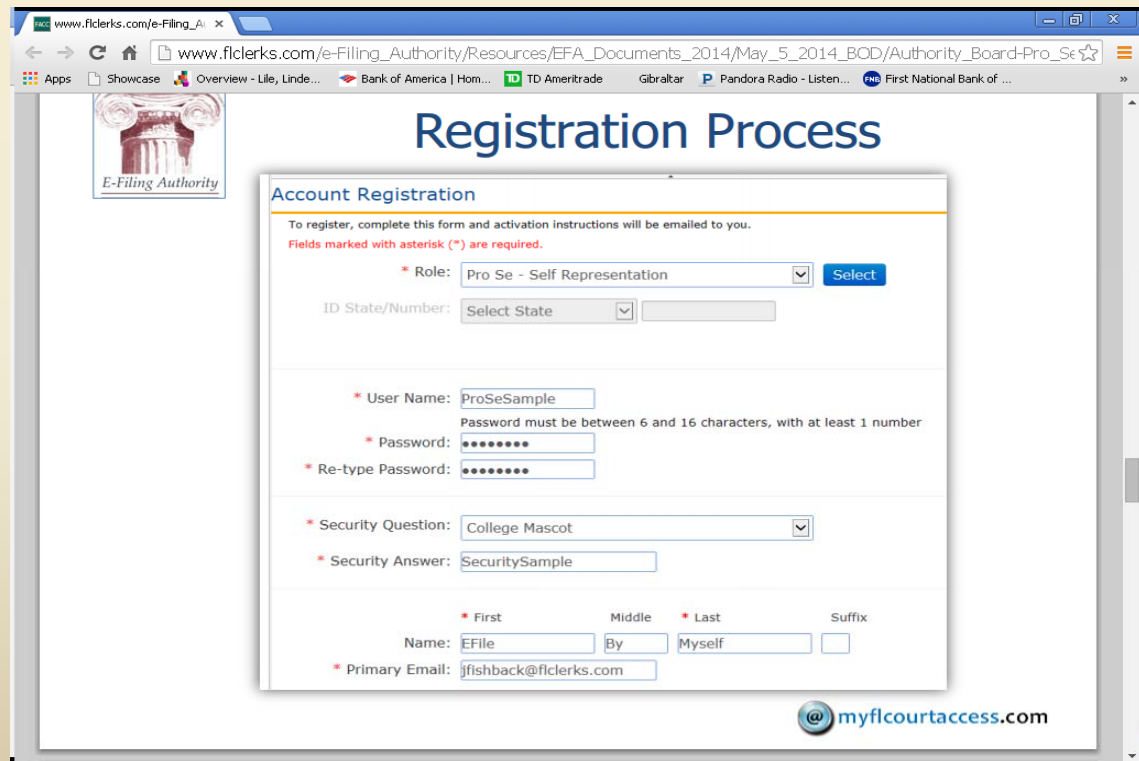
Judicial E-Filing Summary

Clerks and Courts Readiness



Florida Courts E-Filing Authority

Pro-Se Filings Through Portal



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the registration process for the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority. The page title is "Registration Process" and the sub-section is "Account Registration". The form includes the following fields and options:

- Role:** A dropdown menu with "Pro Se - Self Representation" selected and a "Select" button.
- ID State/Number:** A dropdown menu with "Select State" and an empty text input field.
- User Name:** A text input field containing "ProSeSample".
- Password:** A text input field with a note: "Password must be between 6 and 16 characters, with at least 1 number".
- Re-type Password:** A text input field.
- Security Question:** A dropdown menu with "College Mascot" selected.
- Security Answer:** A text input field containing "SecuritySample".
- Name:** Fields for "First" (containing "EFile"), "Middle" (containing "By"), "Last" (containing "Myself"), and "Suffix" (empty).
- Primary Email:** A text input field containing "jfishback@flclerks.com".

The logo for the E-Filing Authority is visible in the top left corner of the page. The URL in the browser address bar is "www.flclerks.com/e-Filing_Authority/Resources/EFA_Documents_2014/May_5_2014_BOD/Authority_Board-Pro_Se".



E-PUBLICATION
CS/HB 781 - CHAPTER NO. 2014-210
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FINAL BILL ANALYSIS

- **Current Law Regarding Publication of Notice:**
 - Generally, publication required once a week for four consecutive weeks
 - F.S. 49.10(1)(a)
 - Newspaper printed and published in the county where the lawsuit is filed
 - F.S. 49.10(1)(a)
 - Newspaper is generally available to the public for the publication of notices and printed once a week
 - F.S. 50.011



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- **Current Law Regarding Publication of Notice:**
 - Notice placed on newspaper’s website on same day published in print
 - F.S.50.0211(2)
 - Front page of newspaper's website has link to the legal notices webpage
 - F.S. 50.0211(3)
 - Newspaper's webpage is searchable and free of charge to the public
 - F.S. 50.0211(2)



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- **Current Law Regarding Publication of Notice:**
 - Newspaper must place notice on statewide website maintained by the Florida Press Association
 - F.S. 50.0211(3)
 - Error published on newspaper's webpage or statewide website is harmless if printed notice was correct
 - F.S. 50.0211(5)



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- **Changes to Current Law by CS/HB 781:**
 - Notice posted on newspaper’s website in a separate webpage titled “Legal Notices,” “Legal Advertising,” or comparable language
 - Notices are the dominant and leading subject matter of the webpage
 - No fee nor registration may be required for viewing or searching notices on the statewide site



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- **Changes to current law by CS/HB 781:**
 - Notice placed on statewide website must be:
 - Searchable by party and case number;
 - Posted for 90 consecutive days following the first publication; and
 - Maintained in a searchable archive on the website for 18 months.

 - Effective Date: **October 1, 2014.**

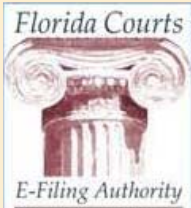


Conclusion



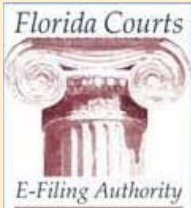
Judicial E-Filing Implementation Status

Clerks and Courts Readiness



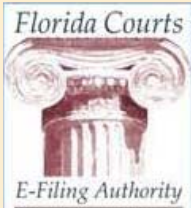
Judicial E-Filing Status

Circuit	County	Docket Codes	Judicial E-Filing Method	Judicial E-Filing Status
1 st	Escambia	Complete		
1 st	Okaloosa	Complete		
1 st	Santa Rosa	Complete		
1 st	Walton			
2 nd	Franklin	Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
2 nd	Gadsden	Complete	Single Session	
2 nd	Jefferson	Complete	Single Session	
2 nd	Leon	Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
2 nd	Liberty	Complete	Single Session	
2 nd	Wakulla	Complete	Single Session	



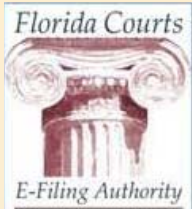
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3 rd	Columbia	Complete	Single Session	
3 rd	Dixie		Single Session	
3 rd	Hamilton	Complete	Single Session	
3 rd	Lafayette		Single Session	
3 rd	Madison	Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
3 rd	Suwannee	Complete	Single Session	
3 rd	Taylor	Complete	Single Session	
4 th	Clay	Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
4 th	Duval	Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
4 th	Nassau		Single Session	



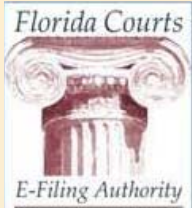
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5 th	Citrus	Complete		
5 th	Hernando	Complete		
5 th	Lake	Complete		
5 th	Marion	Complete		
5 th	Sumter	Complete		
6 th	Pasco	Complete		
6 th	Pinellas	Complete		
7 th	Flagler	Complete		
7 th	Putnam	Complete		
7 th	St. Johns	Complete		



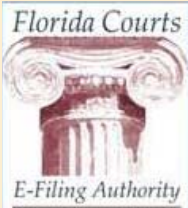
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7 th	Volusia			
8 th	Alachua			
8 th	Baker			
8 th	Bradford			
8 th	Gilchrist	Complete		
8 th	Levy	Complete		
8 th	Union			
9 th	Orange	Civil Orders Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
9 th	Osceola	Complete	Single Session	



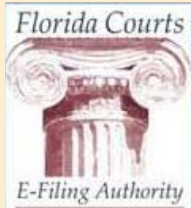
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10 th	Hardee	Complete		
10 th	Highlands	Complete		
10 th	Polk	Complete		
11 th	Miami-Dade			
12 th	Desoto	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	
12 th	Manatee		Interface – “Batch”	
12 th	Sarasota		Interface – “Batch”	
13 th	Hillsborough			
14 th	Bay	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	
14 th	Calhoun	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	



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14 th	Gulf	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	
14 th	Holmes	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	
14 th	Jackson	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	
14 th	Washington	Complete	Interface – “Batch”	
15 th	Palm Beach	Complete	Interface/”Batch”	
16 th	Monroe		Single Session	
17 th	Broward		Single Session	
18 th	Brevard	Complete	Single Session	Filings Submitted
18 th	Seminole		Single Session	



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Circuit	County	Docket Codes	Judicial E-Filing Method	Judicial E-Filing Status
19 th	Indian River	Complete	Single Session	
19 th	Martin	Complete	Single Session	
19 th	Okeechobee	Complete	Single Session	
19 th	St. Lucie	Complete	Single Session	
20 th	Charlotte	Complete	Single Session	
20 th	Collier	Complete	Single Session	
20 th	Glades	Complete	Single Session	
20 th	Hendry	Complete	Single Session	
20 th	Lee	Complete	Single Session	

