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To: Bar Associations, Legal Service Providers, Attorneys, and Other Interested Persons

From: Christopher Gibson, Director, OCA Division of E-Filing 

Date: January 13, 2026

Re: New York State Courts Electronic Filing Program

The New York State Office of Court Administration (OCA) will be submitting its annual electronic filing report, to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Chief Judge evaluating the State's experience with the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF). In past years, OCA's Division of E-Filing has invited your comments on electronic filing and the NYSCEF system. Once again, we are seeking your invaluable input for inclusion in this year's report.

This year marked several major expansions including:

- **Supreme Court – Civil Term:** Mandatory e-filing is now in effect for all case types—including those previously exempt—in 61 of the 62 Supreme Courts statewide. Allegany County remains the only Supreme Court without an e-filing program, while Erie County successfully expanded to mandatory e-filing for all case types as of January 1, 2026.
- **Family Court:** E-filing has expanded to 24 counties.
- **NYC Civil Court:** Mandatory e-filing now applies to consumer credit matters.
- **Criminal Pilot:** As a major milestone, the first criminal e-filing pilot was launched in Kings County Supreme Court, Criminal Term.

These developments reflect the leadership and commitment of Chief Administrative Judge Zayas in modernizing and streamlining court operations across New York State.

Unrepresented persons continue to be exempt from e-filing unless they choose to participate. Attorneys may still opt out of e-filing if they lack the equipment or technical knowledge to e-file. Finally, these expansions do not alter existing confidentiality requirements for actions where such protections apply.

To allow sufficient time for report preparation, please submit any comments by **February 13, 2026**.

Comments should be submitted by e-mail or regular mail to:

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We appreciate your input and look forward to receiving your comments.

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