



The big news in the Clerk's Office is E-Filing . . . where we are and where we're going. I'd like to thank each one of you for your cooperation with implementing the mandate, participation in training and for the positive feedback I've received as we work toward achieving our goal of a paperless courthouse. I look forward to the next big step with criminal E-Filing right around the corner this fall. More training will be scheduled as needed. We continue to work closely with the E-Filing Authority on the journey to an all digital system. I welcome your comments and questions.

This session of the legislature brought good news to Clerks statewide. SB 1512 provides us with a clearly defined revenue stream, allowing all Clerks to continue their key role in assuring an effective and efficient judicial system. We appreciate all the work that went into this bill.

Have a great summer! *Stacy*

THE BUTTERFIELD BRIEF

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Online Access to Court Files is Easier than Ever

Now that you've entered the brave new world of E-Filing, make sure to take advantage of the Clerk's free online access to digital images of court files. The process is a just mouse click away. Follow this link: <http://www.polkcountyclerk.net/recordsearch.aspx?id=3048> which takes you to the Agreement for Secured Access.

On the page, you will also find

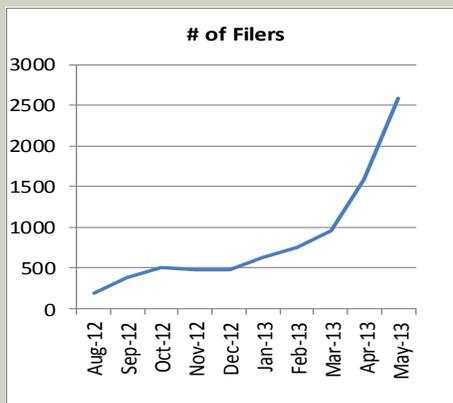
answers to the most frequently asked questions.

Integrity and security are two key components of online access. The agreement obligates attorneys to ensure no unauthorized users obtain information from the system. The Clerk's Office must be immediately notified if any authorized user leaves employment in order to allow the Clerk to disable the user's login.

REMEMBER: E-Filing is mandatory for criminal courts on October 1, 2013. Implementation at this time is only for pleadings subsequent to the initial filing.

CIVIL E-FILING UPDATE

The numbers tell the story of civil E-Filing. In January, 2013, we accepted 9107 E-filed documents. By May, 2013, that number had jumped to 34,157, nearly a four fold increase. As shown in the chart at right, the number of attorneys E-Filing has had a similar surge, topping out at 2581 in May.



DID YOU KNOW?

Each week when jurors report to duty, if eligible for compensation, they have the option to contribute their juror pay to worthwhile causes. Since December, 2012, a total of \$5385 has been donated to Domestic Violence and \$2715 to Guardian Ad Litem programs.

TRAFFIC SYSTEM DEBUT

Traffic citations are now processed via newly installed "Showcase" software. Launched June 10, 2013, the program brings greater efficiencies to our work process.

What will the new system mean to your clients?

Time standards will be strictly enforced. If your client has 30 days to elect a traffic school option, or to present proof of compliance for driver's license or registration violations, those options will not be available beyond Day 30. After that point, driver's licenses will be suspended.

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