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San Diego Superior Court Expands Imaging Project to Probate

The Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, is now scanning newly-initiated Probate cases in its Central and North County Divisions. In addition, all papers in cases that were initiated by filing in the Central and North County Probate Divisions on or after January 4, 2010 through February 29, 2012 and which remain active, will be imaged and stored in an electronic court file. The scanned/imaged documents will be available via computer for viewing by judges, court staff, and parties involved.

Public documents related to the cases will also be available on-line to any interested party. Those documents can be viewed free of charge on courthouse kiosks or, for a fee, can be viewed and printed off-site via the court's website, sdcourt.ca.gov.

The following Central and North County Division Departments will begin using imaged documents effective March 1, 2012:

Central Division

Dept. PC-1 – Judge Jeffrey S. Bostwick

Dept. PC-2 – Judge Julia C. Kelety

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North County Division

Dept. N-02 – Judge Richard G. Cline

Documents from cases initiated on and after March 1, 2012 will be retained in paper form for 90 days. All papers in cases that were initiated by filing in the Central and North County Probate Divisions on or after January 4, 2010 through February 29, 2012 and which remain active, will be imaged and stored in an electronic court file, at which time the electronic court file will be certified as the official court file. The parties in these cases will receive notice and instructions about how the documents from the physical court file will be handled.

“The court’s imaging project for probate will enhance our ability to provide quality, cost saving and convenient service to the public. The conversion to electronic files will eliminate the need to store old paper files and the attendant costs of that storage. This saves the taxpayer money. The quality of the electronic files is excellent. The use of electronic files will make file review more convenient to the public by providing remote access to the court files throughout the County of San Diego. This project is a win-win for the court and the public,” says Probate Judge Jeffrey S. Bostwick.

The court wide imaging project began in the court’s downtown courthouse (Central Division) in August of 2011 and is expanding to other divisions during 2012.

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