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**MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING EXPANDING TO PROBATE
GUARDIANSHIPS, CONSERVATORSHIP CASES**

Effective July 1, 2024, the Court is expanding its mandatory electronic filing (e-filing) program to include probate guardianships and conservatorship cases (PGN and PCN prefixes), Court Executive Officer Brandon E. Riley announced today.

“The launch of e-filing in guardianship and conservatorship cases marks a major milestone for the Superior Court,” said Probate Supervising Judge Ross C. Moody. “Providing this more technologically advanced system of filing benefits everyone involved—attorneys, the public and the Court—resulting in increased efficiency and cost savings.”

This mandatory e-filing requirement is the last step in Probate Court for all probate case types.

Litigants may use any vendor listed on the Court’s website at this link:
<https://sf.courts.ca.gov/online-services/e-filing/e-filing-service-providers>. Self-represented litigants are encouraged to e-file but it is not mandatory.

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This final expansion of probate cases includes e-filing the initial petitions and subsequent filings in guardianship and conservatorship cases.

A limited number of documents cannot be e-filed. These documents will have to continue to be conventionally submitted. Please review the Court's local rules (revision for July 1, 2024) for specific exemptions. Local rules for each area of law can be found here: <https://sf.courts.ca.gov/general-information/local-rules-court>

This phase of the project is a key element of the Court's Electronic Information Management Initiative (EIM) and aligned with the Court's strategic plan to modernize court operations by leveraging technology to improve service to the public, expand access, and preserve resources.

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