

eFileTexas / re:SearchTX Updates

Communication to Attorneys



Definitions / Links

- eFiling – Statewide eFiling Portal
 - <https://www.efiletexas.gov/> (pick service provider and file)
- re:Searchtx – Statewide Access to Public Records
 - <https://research.txcourts.gov> (same login as eFiling – may require additional setup)
 - Only Civil/Family & Fourteen Courts of Appeals Cases (at this time)

J.C.I.T. Updates

- Technology Standards 6.5
 - Approved by SC on 1/14/2020
 - Includes case types for Juvenile cases and expanded definition of Attorney on the case to include users authorized by the firm administrator. Also, small changes in Criminal case type descriptions
- Re:SearchTx recommendations for Criminal eFilings
 - Approved recommendations with some modifications
 - Plan is to add criminal cases / filings to re:SearchTx site
- eFileTexas 2.0 - OCA's efilings re-procurement project
 - Request for Purchase will be out to the public in early 2020
 - Vendor to be approved by September 2020
 - New Contract begins September 2021

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- 2017 Approved Roles ([Misc. Docket 17-9025](#))
 - **Role 1 – Judge**
 - Role meaning: All judges including associates and designated court staff except visiting judges.
 - **Role 2 – Attorney on the Case, Visiting Judge**
 - Role meaning: an attorney who has made an appearance in the case and or Visiting Judge assigned to the case or docket for a temporary period.
 - **Role 3 – Clerk**
 - Role meaning: custodian of the official record and staff necessary for the performance of clerk's duties.

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- **Approved Role Permissions (Free Access)**

- **Role 1 – Judge**

- Permission: may access all case index information and all electronically filed documents in any case in any court

- **Role 2 – Attorney on the Case, Visiting Judge**

- Permission: may access all case index information and electronically filed documents in which he or she is attorney of record or made an appearance in the case. A Visiting Judge may access all case index information and electronically filed documents to which he or she is assigned.

- **Role 3 – Clerk**

- Permission: same as judge for cases filed in their district or county. Clerks will have access to reports and other system features to configure and provide additional information concerning their offices.

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- 2018 Approved by Supreme Court ([Docket 18-9132](#))
 - **Role 4 – Licensed Attorney (not on the case)**
 - **Meaning:** State of Texas attorney that does not fall into Role 1, Role 2, or Role 3.
 - **Permissions:** can access all publicly available case index information and electronically filed documents. This would exclude cases and documents that are restricted by Court Order, Rule or Statute including documents containing un-redacted sensitive data (“Restricted Documents”).
 - **Fee:** will be charged per document (uncertified) for this role (.10 cents a page up to 6.00 max per document)

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- Approved from Supreme Court
 - **Role 5 – Public Access (basically everyone else)**
 - **Meaning:** a registered user that does not fall into Role 1, Role 2, Role 3, or Role 4.
 - **Permissions:** can access case index information and publicly available electronically filed documents in accordance with the **Matrix** (seen in upcoming slides). Additionally, user access would not include cases and documents that are restricted by Court Order, Rule and Statute including un-redacted documents marked as containing Sensitive Data (referred to as “Restricted Documents”). Matrix in [Technology Standards](#)
 - **Fee:** will be charged per document (uncertified) for this role (.10 cents a page up to 6.00 max per document)

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- Approved by Supreme Court (1/14/2020)
 - Technology Standards 6.5
 - Change to Role 2 to be Firm on the Case which means the attorney licensed in Texas who has made an appearance in the case or any staff associated with that firm. This term includes other attorneys, staff, paralegals, or other persons authorized by the firm administrator.

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- Approved from Supreme Court
 - **Role 5 (Public) – Matrix – Civil** (if the case type is not listed it should not be on re:SearchTX)
 - **Index Info** – means case, party, and event information will be available
 - **Docs Show** – means documents sent through eFileTexas will show to the public.
 - **Role 5 – Matrix – Probate** (if the case type is not listed index information should not be on re:SearchTX)

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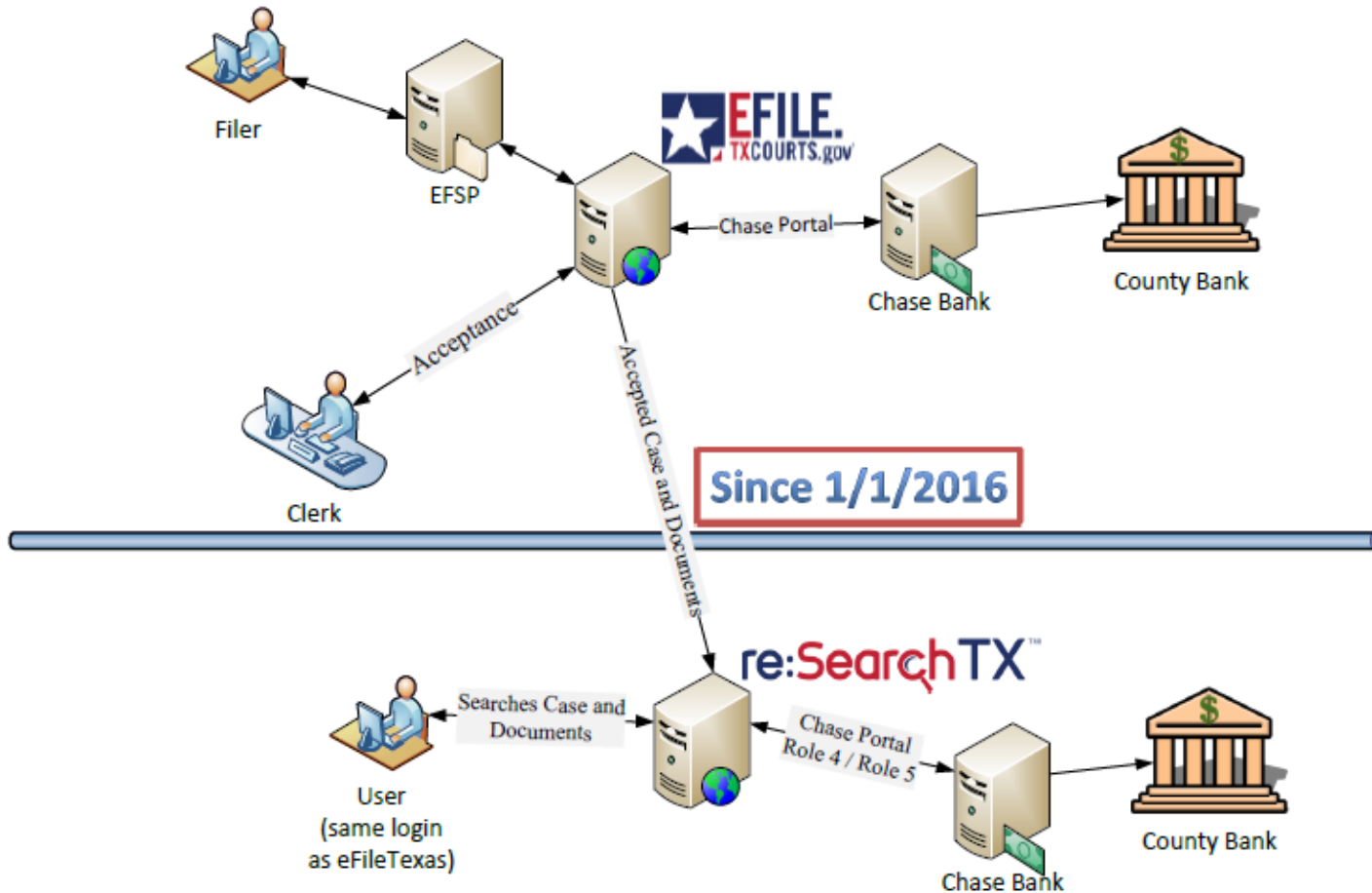
- Approved from Supreme Court
 - Role 5 – **Matrix** – Family (if the case type is not listed index information should not be on re:SearchTX)
 - Documents should NOT be available to the public at this time EXCEPT for “Adult Adoption” and “Name Change – Adult” cases.
 - **ReStyle** should say Party 1 v Party 2 instead of names
 - **Delay** – means the case, party, and event information will not show for the first 31 days of new case filing due to legislation in the large county.

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- What you may not know...
 - All cases and documents eFiled since 1/1/2016 have been sent to re:SearchTX.
 - Role 4 rollout was on 11/7/2018 (access to 1/1/2016 cases and documents forward)
 - Role 5 rollout was 11/7/2018 (access to cases and documents from 11/1/2018 forward)

How It Works

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o Screen shot from site **without** integration to re:SearchTX

Case Information

COLUMBUS TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES INC v

BROWN, MARVIN

201842570

Location	Case Category	Case Type	Case Filed Date	Case Status
Harris County - 190th Civil District Court	Civil - Contract	Debt/Contract - Debt/Contract	6/26/2018	Open

Parties²

Type	Name	Attorneys
Defendant / Respondent	MARVIN BROWN ▾	
Plaintiff / Petitioner / Old Name	COLUMBUS TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES INC ▾	

Filings¹

Newest First ▾

Search in Filings



+ ADD FILING

Petition

Plaintiff's Original Petition

Filed By
Kim Thole

File Date
6/26/2018

Name	Description	Security	Pages	Price
OP 37002_20180626142209.pdf	Plaintiff's Original Petition	New Case Filings	3	Owned
EXHIBIT 37002_20180626142234.pdf	Exhibit A	Exhibits	4	Owned
CCI 37002_20180626142146.pdf	Civil Case Information Sheet	Case Information Sheet	1	Owned

Expunge Process

- If the filing county is not integrated with re:Searchtx (different integration than efileing) then your expunged cases will still be available on re:Searchtx.
- Send the order granting expunction to OCA for manual removal (which removes from efiletexas as well)
- Send email requests to: ocaexpunctions@txcourts.gov
- Send traditional paper-based mail to:
 - OCA Expunctions – Legal Division, 205 W. 14th Street, Suite 600 Austin, Tx. 78701
 - Once received, it may take up to 30 days to be removed.

Sealing Documents

- In an email from OCA on 11/12/2018, it stated there is a manual way to seal a document in re:SearchTx.
 - Rule 76a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure requires a notice of the motion to seal the document to be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas. When the Supreme Court clerk receives these notices, the clerk will alert OCA of this notice, and OCA will verify whether the court has signed an order sealing the document. If this order is signed, OCA will ensure that the document is removed from re:SearchTX.

Redaction Process

- Efiletexas.gov provides redaction services in efilng
- After uploading your document to efilng there will be a button to auto redact the document
- After the system auto redacts your document, then the filer will be allow to review and make any manual modifications as needed
 - Auto redaction tool identifies sensitive data to comply with TRCP 21c (redaction services provided do **NOT** guarantee compliance with TRCP 21c)
- Filer completes the filing process and submits the original and redacted copies to the efilng portal

Redaction Process

- Clerks have the option to return for correction any incorrectly redacted filing
- After acceptance, only the redacted copy of the document will be sent to court by default
- There is an option for the court to receive both the original and redacted versions
- The redacted version will be seen on re:Searchtx for attorneys not on the case and the public
- Originals will be available for the attorney on the case

Redaction Process

Lead Document (Required)

motion test.pdf 81.91 kB



Description

motion test.pdf

Security

Motions



Auto-Redaction

Auto-Redaction

Attachments

Computer



Cloud



Auto-Redaction in Progress



You can choose to close this dialog box. Once the document is redacted, it will show as complete. You can submit the Envelope only after all the documents have performed the redaction process.

Ok

Show Me How To...
Success



Redaction for the document "motion test.pdf (motion test.pdf)" has completed.

Total redactions: 0

Auto-Redaction

View/Edit Redaction(s)

Summary

- All accepted eFiled documents filed since 1/1/2016 have been sent to re:SearchTX along with case and party information
- Everyone has access today
- Attorney not of record will have access to documents eFiled as of 1/1/2016
- Public access should see documents eFiled as of 11/1/2018
- Only a one page thumbnail of the documents can be viewed until purchased (documents are smaller with watermark)
- Attorney not of record and the public will be charged to purchase uncertified documents at .10 cents a page up to a 6.00 max per document. (the full document purchased will only be available for **30** days with a notation at the bottom of all pages “copy from re:searchtx”)

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- View State Level website for more details at <http://www.txcourts.gov/jcit/>
- Supreme Court website at <http://www.txcourts.gov/supreme/>