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District Clerk Fort Bend County, Texas

Criminal E-Filing Frequently Asked Questions

The below FAQs are based on the state's provided Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP). If you are filing through an EFSP other than eFile.TXCourts.gov, please visit <u>https://efiletexas.gov</u> for instructions/FAQs.

Please Note: If you already have a waiver account established for civil, this account can also be used for Criminal E-Filings. If not, the filer must create one.

All Criminal E-Filings are submitted using a waiver account.

How to set up a waiver account for criminal E-Filing.

- Select Menu
- Select 'My Payment Accounts'



- Select 'Add Account'



- Make sure 'Waiver' is selected
- Name your waiver account

Payment Account Name	Payment Account Type	Status
		Active
Account Name * Waiver	Create a new: Waiver Credit Card or Ban	k Account
Select 'Create Wa	aiver'	

CREATE WAIVER

CANCEL

Your waiver account is now added and ready to use.

How to E-File for Criminal Cases

https://efiletx.tylertech.cloud

- Sign In

- Energy Landing Page		
Court Information		
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The clerk's office is currently transitioning to a new eFile reviewer tool as require while clerk offices adjust to the new system. This transition will NOT impact the	<u> </u>	
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Select 'Start Filing'

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Start Filing	*
Click the START FILING button below to get started.	
START FILING	

- For CRIMINAL cases (DCR numbers) change filing location to Fort
 Bend County District Clerk Criminal
- Select File Into Existing Case

Select Filing Location

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Select your filing location to see which types of filings are allowed at that location. Location * Fort Bend County - District Clerk - Criminal	
New Case	Existing Case
Click the START A NEW CASE button if: * You don't have a case number, and * You want to start a new case for the first time. Click here for more information.	Click the FILE INTO EXISTING CASE button if: * The case has already been started with the court by you or someone else, and * You have the case number or names of the parties to find the case. Click here for more information.
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- Search by either case number or defendant's name

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Type your case number exactly as you see it on your case documents.	M
If the case is not found, or if you do not know the case number, try searching for a case by Party Name. Click here for more case search tips.	
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Select the envelope icon to file into the case



Can I file multiple documents in the same case? (ex. Motion and Unsigned Order or Additional Motions)

Yes, multiple documents in the same case may be filed in one envelope vs. multiple envelopes containing only one document. Each document must be submitted using the appropriate Filing Code and must have a "lead document" attached. (ex. Motion is a lead document; Unsigned Order is a separate lead document)

How do I file identical documents into multiple criminal cases?

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Each document will need to be E-Filed into each case separately.

How do I file a Motion with an accompanying Proposed Order?

File the Motion by using filing code Motion and under the same envelope add another filing code by using filing code Proposed Order. See Example Below.

- Skip to the Filings section
- Select your Filing Type (whichever applicable)
- Select the **Motion** filing code
- Type in a Filing Description

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Motion to Suppress			Firm client re-bill or case tracking #	

- Select document to be added to the filing

Documents*

Component	Name	Actions	Description	Security
Lead Document		SELECT DOCUMENTS	This document is required.	

Once added select Add Filing



- Follow the previous steps for your Proposed Order

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		Firm client re-bill or case tracking #
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How Do I file a Motion and Order that is on the same page?

Use filing code Motion and the Filing Description and Filing Comments will have the title of the document followed by **with Proposed Order** in Proper case Type. See example below.

Click the "Add Filing" button and repeat the steps above if you need to add more than one document.

Filing Type ≭	Filing Code \star	
eFile and Serve	✿ Motion	
Filing Description Motion to Withdraw as Counsel with Proposed Order		Client Reference Number Firm client re-bill or case tracking #
Comments to Court		

What if I am filing a Motion to Substitute and I am the attorney being substituted in?

When filing a Motion to Substitute along with the Proposed Order, you will enter both documents into one envelope. DO NOT add yourself as an attorney. Once the Order is signed by the Judge, the District Clerk's Office will add the substituted attorney.

What if I was appointed to represent the defendant and Odyssey isn't reflecting me as "Appointed"?

The Order Appointing Counsel packets are filed with our office by the Indigent Defense and are not always filed on the same date you were appointed. Please give the District Clerk's Office a few days to have Odyssey reflect you are appointed.

Which Filing Code do I use for my document?

Once the correct Filing Code is determined, the title of the document will go in the Filing Description **and** Filing Comments in Proper Case Type format. If the document has an attached Order it will be filed separately as a Proposed Order in the same envelope. See below examples.

Filing Code	Document Examples
Affidavit	Affidavit of Surety to Surrender Affidavit Filings
Amended Filing	Any Amended Filing
Answer/Contest/Response/Waiver	Answer/Contest/Response to any document filed Any Waivers
Application	Applications for Subpoenas, Bench Warrants, Probation Any Application Filings
Copy Request	Any Filing Requesting Copies
Election as to Punishment	Election as to Punishment
Letters	Any letters Cover Letters
Motion	Any Filing that is a Motion (some exceptions apply)
Motion to Revoke Probation/Adjudicate Guilt	Motion to Adjudicate Guilt and Motion to Revoke Probation
Notice	Any Filing that is a Notice
Notice of Appeal	Notice of Appeal
Officers Return	Capias, Subpoenas, Bench Warrants, Precepts, or Summons
Other Proceedings Filed	If no Filing Code can be found for the document
Proposed Order	Any Order that needs to be signed by the Judge
Psychological Evaluations/Mental Evaluations/Social Study	Psychological Evaluations
Report/Return	Probation Violation Reports Amended Violation Reports (type the title in the filing description and filing comments)
Request	Any filing that is a Request
Writ of Habeas Corpus Pre-Judgment	All Pre-Judgment Writs, any Motions to Reduce or Modify Bond Amounts, and any Motions to Modify Bond Conditions and/or bond restrictions

- Once your filings are attached go to the **Service** tab(if applicable)
- Select any parties you are wanting to serve with your filings
- If no service is needed skip to the Fees tab
- Make sure your waiver account is selected as your payment account
- Select a party responsible for fees
- Populate Filer Type with Not Applicable

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