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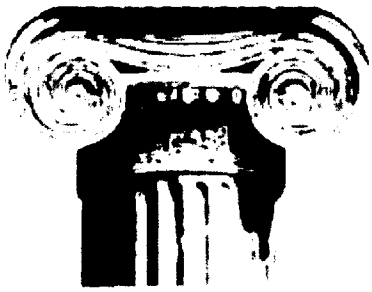

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October 5, 2012

Chief Justice Rickey Polston
Florida Supreme Court
500 S Duval St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chief Justice Polston,

I am writing to you as the chair of the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority Board of Directors. The purpose of this letter is to communicate the status of the Florida Courts ePortal, for both trial and appellate courts, as directed in Administrative Order SC11-399, dated September 19, 2012.

The ePortal began transmitting court documents in January 2011 and is fully deployed and fully capable of accepting electronic filings in all of the trial court divisions (Circuit Criminal, County Criminal, Juvenile Delinquency, Criminal Traffic, Civil Traffic, Circuit Civil, County Civil, Probate, Family, and Juvenile Dependency). In 2012 more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) cases with more than two hundred thousand (200,000) associated documents have been filed through the ePortal.

As of October 1, 2012, fifty-two (52) Clerks of Court have established live eFiling capability for civil cases in the trial courts. The remaining fifteen (15) are progressing with implementing eFiling capability (please see attached Readiness Report). The delay in implementing these remaining counties is due to migration to new Case Management Systems (CMS) or implementing new CMS features to accommodate eFiling through the ePortal. Additionally, many of the remaining counties have established eFiling capability in one or more divisions and are working to complete the implementation for all five (5) designated civil trial court divisions.

There are presently four (4) Clerks of Court who have established eFiling capability in the criminal trial court divisions. Work is also progressing with State Attorney and Public Defender offices to develop and implement bulk eFiling through the ePortal. This work is being coordinated by the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) between the Clerks of Court, State Attorney, and Public Defender offices and their vendors.

The development of new functionality for eFiling cases on appeal to the Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal continues, but has not yet been implemented. This ePortal work is being coordinated between the FCCC and the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA) to finalize and implement the

required functionality for the ePortal to transmit, and for the Electronic Florida Appellate Courts Technology Solution (eFACTS) system to receive, eFiled appellate cases. Testing to receive appellate court eFilings from the portal into eFACTS has been successful. End-to-end testing of all functionality has not yet been conducted since additional coding is required in eFACTS, as well as in the portal. This new ePortal appellate functionality will be implemented in a phased-in approach, beginning with the Supreme Court in December 2012 and each District Court of Appeal following in 2013 (please see attached Readiness Report). In December 2012, the Supreme Court will be able to accept eFilings for Original Proceedings and both Appeal and Discretionary jurisdiction (except for the actual notice of appeal and notice to invoke discretionary jurisdiction), and subsequent eFilings for Original Proceedings, Discretionary jurisdiction, and Appeal jurisdiction. As with the rollout of eFiling at the trial court level, it will be on a voluntary basis, with a limited number of attorneys filing, for at least 90 days.

In summary, the Florida Courts ePortal is fully implemented and fully capable of transmitting electronically filed court documents for each of the trial courts. This capability will be extended to the appellate courts, in a phased approach, from December 2012 to December 2013.

Please note that the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority Board of Directors will meet next Friday, October 12, 2012. As such, this report is on our agenda for review and consideration. In the event that any amendment to this report is required, I will send it at that time.

On behalf of the Florida Courts E-Filing Authority Board of Directors, I wish to acknowledge all of the collaborative efforts between the courts, the clerks, and partnering organizations that have made the ePortal successful.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith, Chair
Florida Courts E-Filing Authority
Putnam County Clerk of the Circuit Court

CC: Florida Courts E-Filing Authority Board of Directors
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Hon. Thomas D. Hall, Clerk of the Supreme Court
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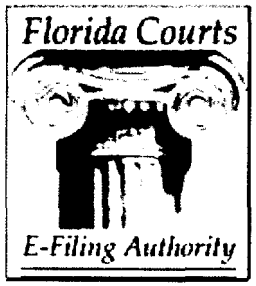


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# ePortal Usage Statistics

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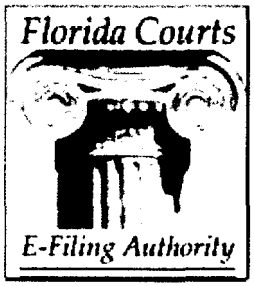


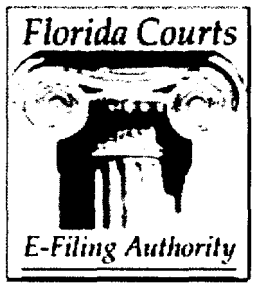

## The Florida Courts ePortal

# 2012 Usage Statistics

Current through September 30

| Filings | | Documents | |
|---|---|---|---|
| YTD Total | Avg / Month | YTD Total | Avg / Month |
| 168,845 | 18,761 | 232,993 | 25,888 |

| Total Registered ePortal Users | Total Active eFilers |
|---|---|
| 15,449 | 6,142 |




# The Florida Courts ePortal
# 2012 Usage Statistics
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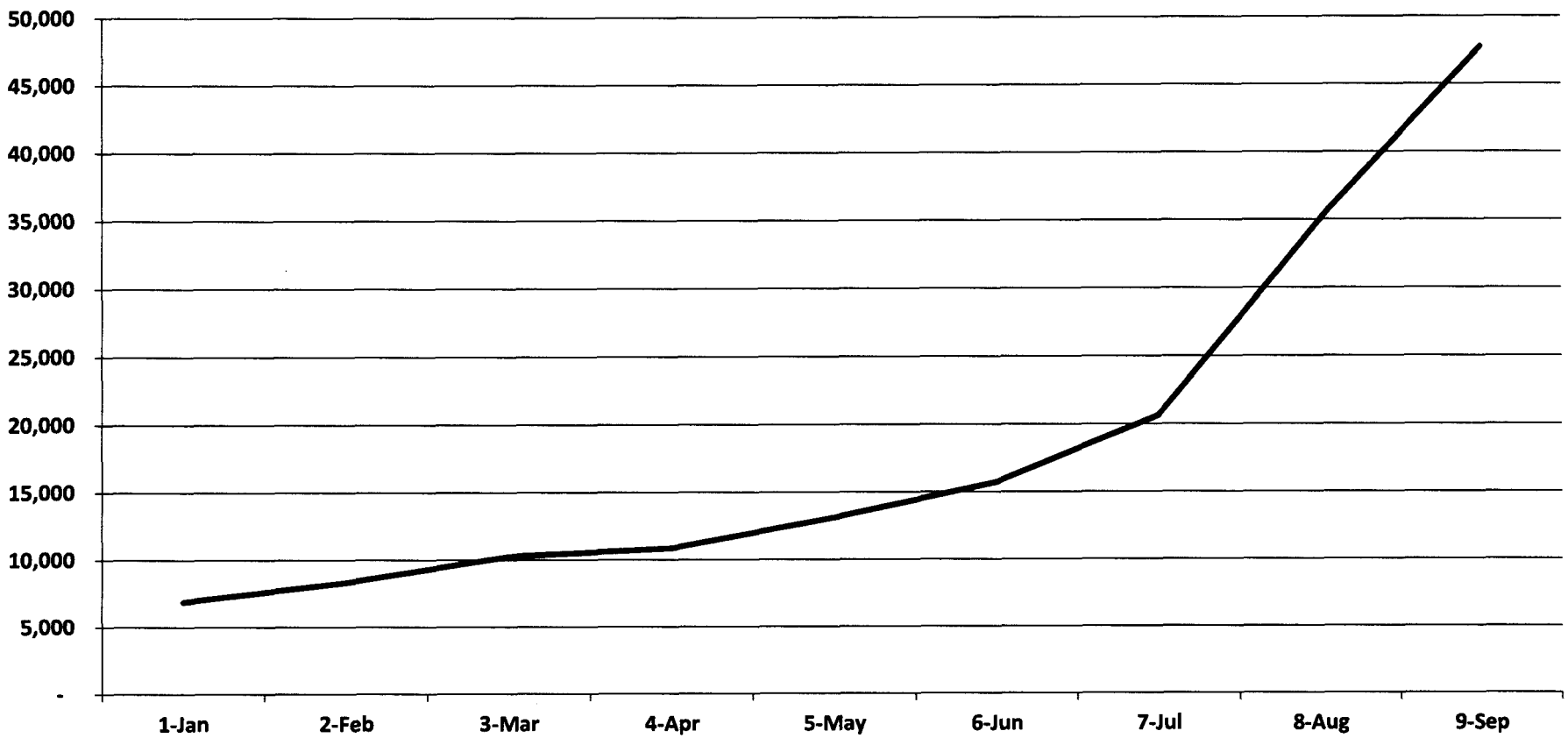
## 2012 YTD eFilings by Month



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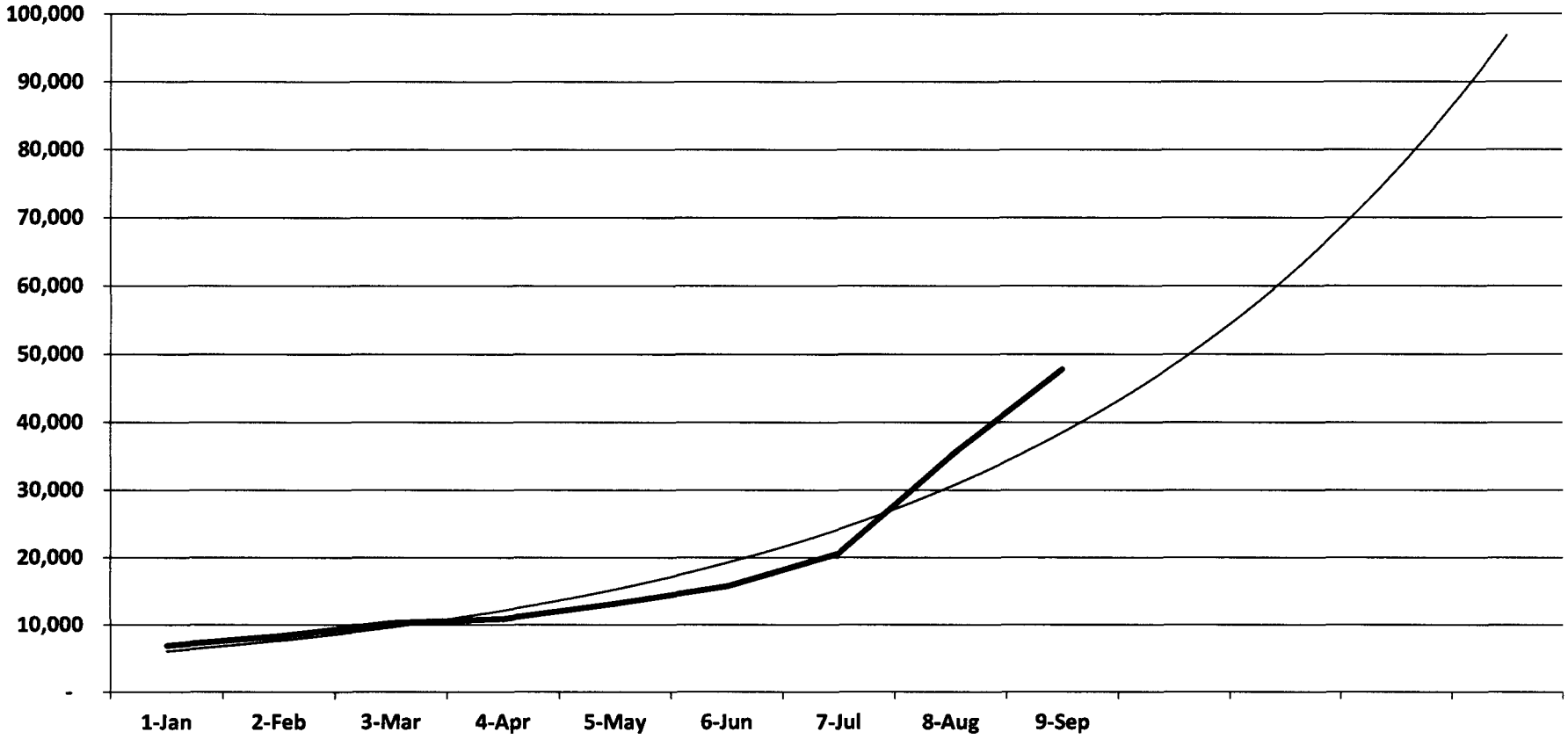
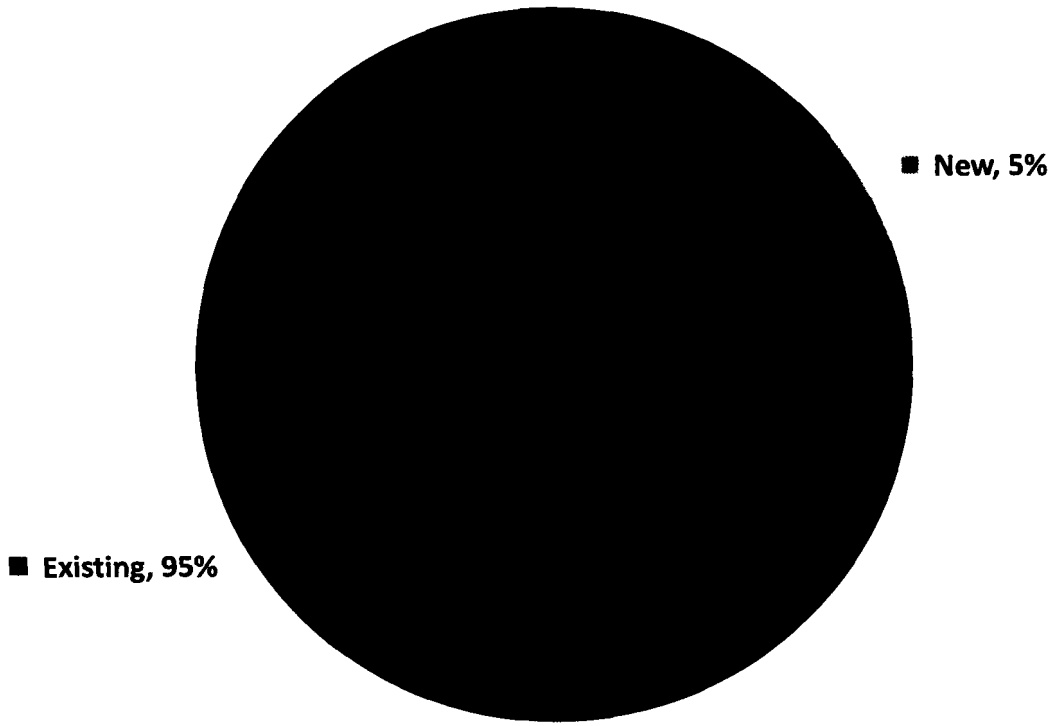
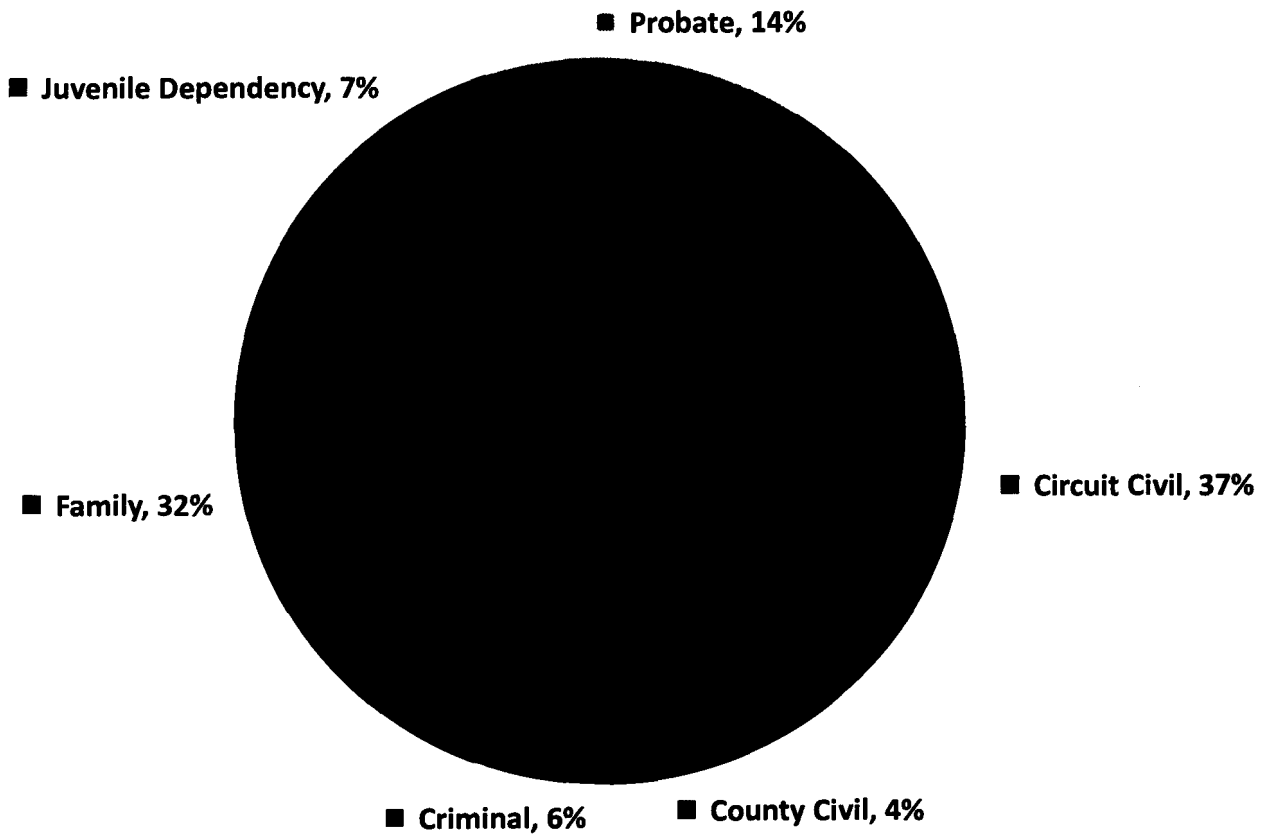
## Projections Through January 2013

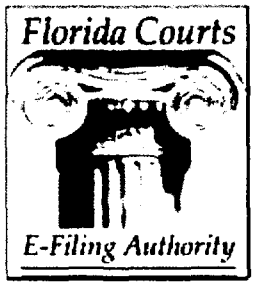


## eFilings by Type of Case



## eFilings by Division



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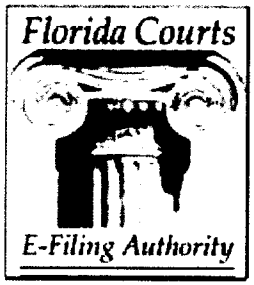


# Civil Readiness Report

Current as of: October 1, 2012

## Capability Established for Civil eFiling (52 Counties)

- Alachua
- Baker
- Bay
- Bradford
- Brevard
- Calhoun
- Charlotte
- Clay (via Local System)
- Collier
- Columbia
- Duval
- DeSoto
- Escambia
- Flagler
- Franklin
- Gadsden
- Gilchrist
- Glades
- Gulf
- Hamilton
- Hardee
- Hendry
- Hernando
- Highlands
- Holmes
- Indian River
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Lafayette
- Lake
- Lee
- Leon
- Liberty
- Madison
- Manatee
- Marion
- Martin
- Monroe
- Okaloosa
- Okeechobee
- Palm Beach
- Putnam
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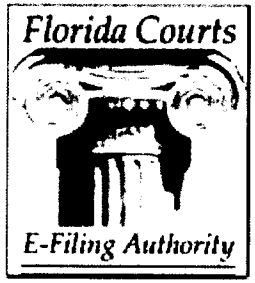
- Sarasota
- St. John's
- St. Lucie
- Suwannee
- Union
- Volusia
- Wakulla
- Walton
- Washington

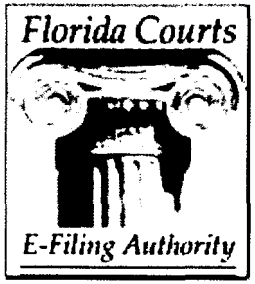



# Civil Readiness Report

Current as of: October 1, 2012

## Continuing Civil Implementation (15 counties)

| County | Circuit Civil | County Civil | Probate | Family | Juvenile Dependency |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Broward** | COMPLETE | 10/31/2012 | COMPLETE | COMPLETE | 3/1/2013 |
| **Citrus** | 11/15/2012 | 11/15/2012 | 11/15/2012 | 11/15/2012 | 11/15/2012 |
| **Dixie** | 10/22/2012 | 10/22/2012 | 10/22/2012 | 10/22/2012 | 10/22/2012 |
| **Hillsborough** | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 10/26/2012 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 10/26/2012 | COMPLETE | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 10/26/2012 | 5/31/2013 |
| **Levy** | 10/20/2012 | 10/20/2012 | 10/20/2012 | 10/20/2012 | 10/20/2012 |
| **Miami-Dade** | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 3/1/2013 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 3/1/2013 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 3/1/2013 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 3/1/2013 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 3/1/2013 |
| **Nassau** | 11/13/2012 | 11/13/2012 | 11/13/2012 | 11/13/2012 | 11/13/2012 |




# Civil Readiness Report

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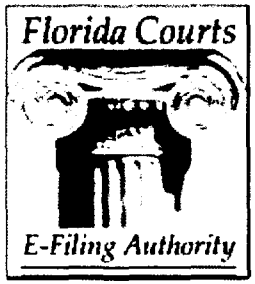
## Continuing Civil Implementation (15 counties)

| County | Circuit Civil | County Civil | Probate | Family | Juvenile Dependency |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Orange** | Current Capability via Local System<br>3/1/2013 | 3/1/2013 | Current Capability via Local System<br>3/1/2013 | 3/1/2013 | 3/1/2013 |
| **Osceola** | 12/3/2012 | 12/3/2012 | 12/3/2012 | 12/3/2012 | 1/6/2013 |
| **Pasco** | 3/1/2013 | 3/1/2013 | Current Capability via Local System<br>3/1/2013 | 3/1/2013 | 3/1/2013 |
| **Pinellas** | 10/31/2012 | 10/31/2012 | COMPLETE | 10/31/2012 | COMPLETE |
| **Polk** | COMPLETE | COMPLETE | COMPLETE | COMPLETE | 11/1/2012 |
| **Seminole** | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 12/3/2012 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 12/3/2012 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 12/3/2012 | Subsequent Filings Complete<br>Initial Filings by 12/3/2012 | 4/1/2013 |
| **Sumter** | 10/29/2012 | 10/29/2012 | 10/29/2012 | 10/29/2012 | 10/29/2012 |
| **Taylor** | 11/2/2012 | 10/15/2012 | 10/15/2012 | 11/2/2012 | 11/2/2012 |

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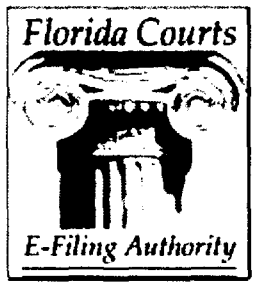
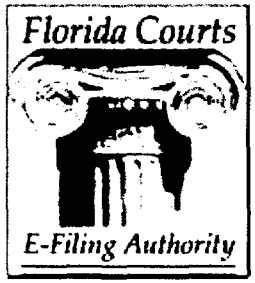



# Appellate Readiness Report

Current as of: October 1, 2012

## Appellate Courts

| Court | eFiling | Scanning | Automated Redaction |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Supreme Court** | December 2012 | Yes | No |
| **First District Court of Appeal** | December 2013 | Yes | No |
| **Second District Court of Appeal** | April 2013 | Yes | No |
| **Third District Court of Appeal** | June 2013 | June 2013 | No |
| **Fourth District Court of Appeal** | August 2013 | August 2013 | No |
| **Fifth District Court of Appeal** | October 2013 | Yes | No |




# Criminal Update

Florida Courts
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# Criminal Update

- The ePortal is fully implemented and capable of receiving eFilings on Existing Criminal cases
- Collier, Lake, Santa Rosa, and Walton are currently accepting Single Session Criminal eFilings through the ePortal
- Progress continues in the collaborative effort between the State Attorneys, Public Defenders, and the FCCC to develop, test, and implement bulk eFiling via the Criminal Batch Interface
- 12 prospective county clerks offices have been identified for the Criminal Pilot Program and are currently determining if State Attorney and Public Defender counterparts in their circuit will be able to participate in testing and live eFiling verification for Existing Criminal cases