

REQUEST FOR COMMENT

With approximately 60 to 70 percent of all civil court documents and appellate court documents filed electronically in Nebraska courts, the Nebraska Supreme Court is contemplating rule changes in a move to mandatory E-Filing for all Nebraska attorneys, and other general modernization of the Nebraska Court Rules of Appellate Practice. There has been no date set for mandatory E-Filing because numerous rule changes are contemplated.

In order to facilitate necessary rule changes, the Supreme Court seeks to better understand the issues facing the public, attorneys, court staff, and judges related to E-Filing.

The Supreme Court welcomes comments from the public, attorneys, court staff, and judges on the following:

1. Modernization of Rules of Appellate Practice and related trial court rules, including but not limited to mandatory E-Filing for all Nebraska attorneys, changes in terminology, and transition to electronic bills of exception;
2. Suggestions for self-represented litigant access to E-Filing;
3. Suggested changes to formatting and appearance of briefs and other filings in the trial and appellate courts;
4. Suggestions for changes and improvements to court technology; and
5. Whether the rules permitting fax filings, Neb. Ct. R. § 6-601 et seq. should be eliminated and, if so, whether a sunset date should be established.

Comments may be made in writing by sending them to the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, P.O. Box 98910, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8910, or via email to wendy.wussow@nebraska.gov no later than May 17, 2019.