

What is happening to ProDoc eFiling 1.0?

ProDoc eFiling 1.0 has been retired. This is due to changes the State of Texas has made through new laws and contractual changes voted on in the past year. Changes include a new eFiling Manager (EFM), and with that a new way of communicating with both the State and your local Courts.

ProDoc eFiling 1.0 was meant to work with the eFiling Manager, produced by a company called NIC. The State has decided not to renew with the EFM NIC and has signed on a new EFM called TexFile (soon becoming eFileTexas.Gov) which is a Tyler Corporation. While these are 2 separate EFMs, each one has their own way of interacting with EFSP as well as interacting with Courts.

What is ProDoc eFiling 2.0?

There are many hands that a filing has to go through when you submit them. The first one that is seen is the eFiling Service Provider (EFSP). ProDoc eFile is an EFSP. The EFSP is who you submit the filing to. The information for the filing is then given to the eFiling Manager (EFM). The eFiling Manager then takes the information provided and submits it to the court. The court clerk then assigns a Case/Cause number and puts the document in their Document/Content Management System.

When you want to file into an existing Case/Cause number things change a little bit. As a filer, you tell the EFSP which Case/Cause you want to file into. The EFSP then asks the EFM if that is a valid case, which then the EFM asks the Court. If the court can find the Case/Cause then it provides the information about the Case/Cause. This information goes to the EFM, which then returns it to the EFSP. This happens very quickly. Sometimes the Court fails to be find a valid Case/Cause. Some Courts allow a submission of a new filing with a "recommended" Case/Cause. When the recommended Case/Cause is used the initiation fee is not charged. This is done on the Court side.

With the introduction of ProDoc eFiling 2.0 the interface looks similar to 1.0. But that's where the similarities end. We have a new communication channels from ProDoc all the way to the Courts. Some Courts have new indexing systems, and Document Management Systems and this is why finding Case/Cause numbers has been so difficult. We are working with the EFM, and with the Courts to get these issues smoothed out.

We are working hard on bringing you the best website and experience possible.