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## **LECTRONIC FILING**

### **In New York State**

#### **Expansion of Mandatory E-Filing**



**M**andatory electronic filing, first introduced in New York County Supreme Court in 2010, is expanding in 2012. Pursuant to legislation enacted last year and an administrative order of the Chief Administrative Judge, e-filing will be mandatory in the following courts and in the types of cases commenced on or after the dates indicated:

- *In New York County Supreme Court, in all commercial, contract, and tort cases (Feb. 27, 2012).*
- *In Westchester County Supreme Court, in all actions (except Art. 78 and election law proceedings, and matrimonial and Mental Hygiene Law matters) (Jan. 17, 2012).*
- *In Kings County Supreme Court, in all commercial cases where the amount in controversy equals or exceeds \$ 75,000 (Feb. 27, 2012).*
- *In Bronx County Supreme Court, in all medical malpractice actions (Feb. 27, 2012).*
- *In Surrogate's Court in Chautauqua, Erie, and Monroe Counties, in all probate and administration proceedings, and miscellaneous proceedings related thereto (March 1, 2012).*

Mandatory e-filing continues in Rockland County Supreme Court in all actions (except Art. 78 and election law proceedings, and matrimonial and Mental Hygiene Law matters).

E-filing is done through the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System ("NYSCEF"). The NYSCEF system is easy to learn and use, especially for those familiar with the Federal courts' ECF system. Information is available on the NYSCEF website, including a *User's Manual* and *FAQs*. In addition, a training course is offered, with two CLE credits awarded to attorneys who attend. There is no fee for this course. Training courses will be presented in Bronx County and for the Surrogate's Bar in Erie and Monroe Counties. Training is also offered regularly in Westchester and New York Counties; a reservation for this course in either locale can be made on-line on the NYSCEF website.

*To register as a user or obtain additional information*

Contact the NYSCEF Resource Center at  
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The NYSCEF website may be accessed at [www.nycourts.gov/efile](http://www.nycourts.gov/efile)