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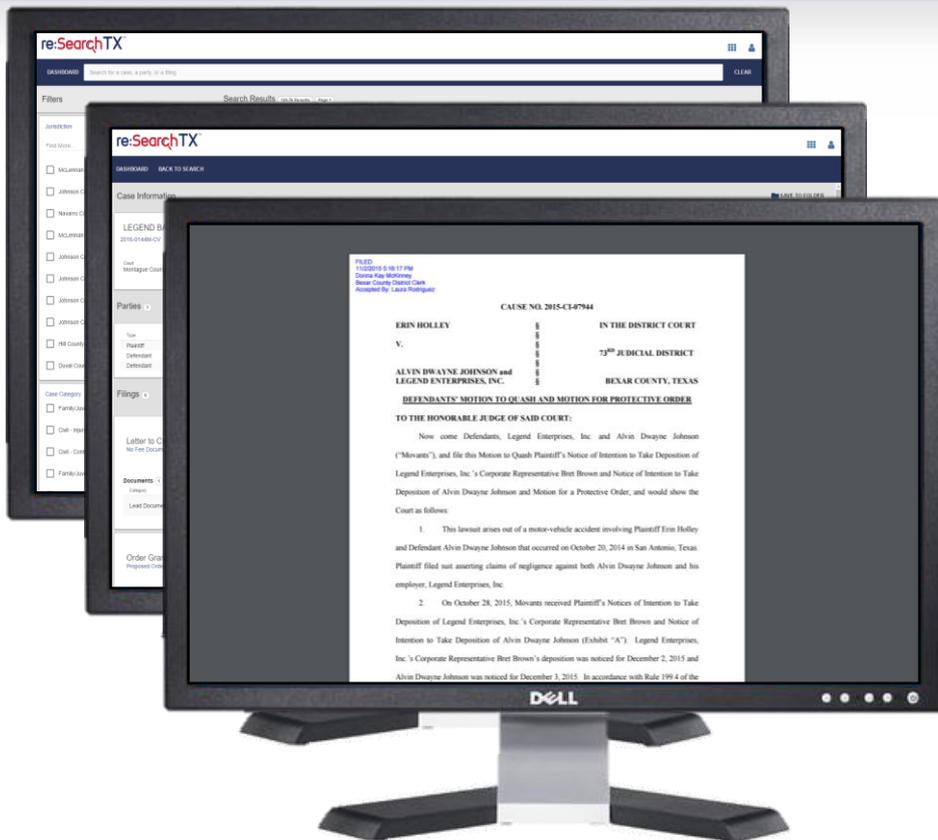
House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee: Interim Charge 7

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re:SearchTX Overview

Summary

- Search for case records through all jurisdictions across the state of Texas

- View the register of actions of a case including parties, attorneys, case events and more

- View all case documents online

Document Access Models

*Courts have two models to make their case records available through re:SearchTX

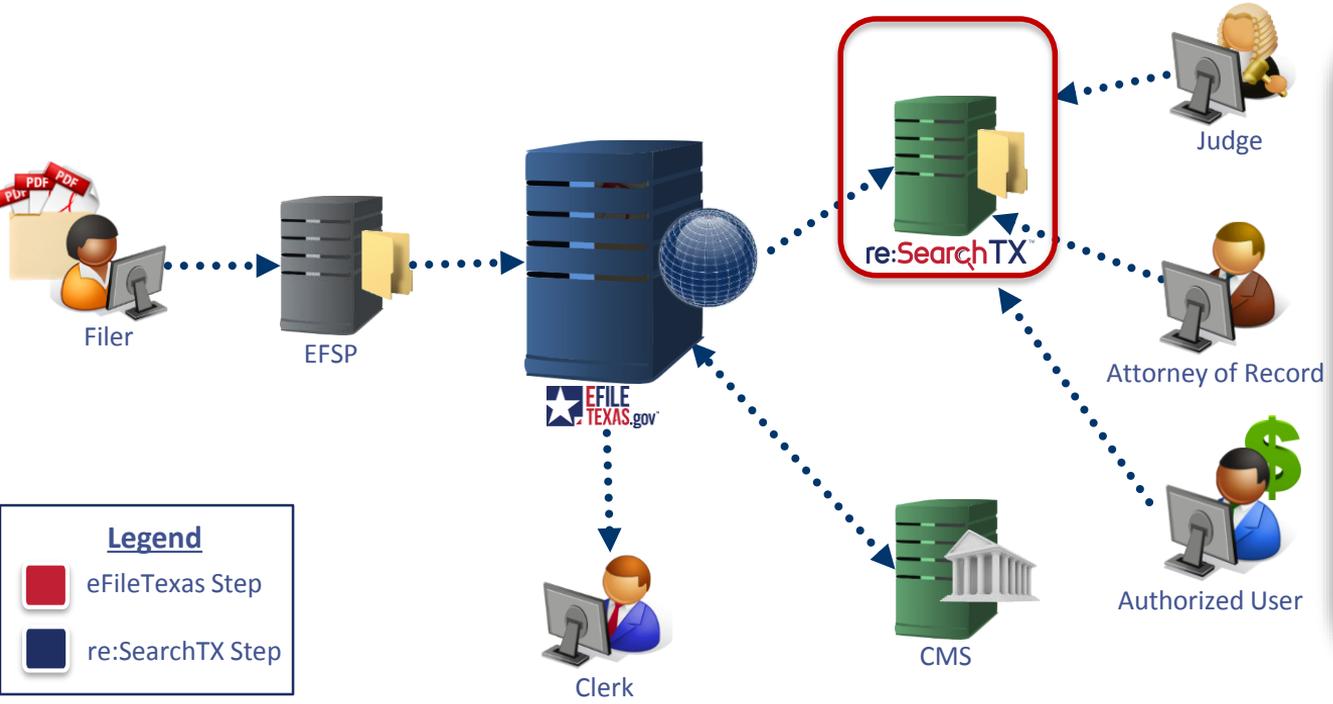| Repository Model	Integrated Model
re:SearchTX™	re:SearchTX™ CMS
Metadata and copies of accepted documents are sent from eFileTX to re:Search upon clerk acceptance. This information is provided to authorized users.	Metadata and document IDs of accepted filings are sent from eFileTX to re:Search upon clerk acceptance. Users search the metadata and documents are retrieved from the CMS, upon request.

*__Note:__ Courts may begin with the repository model and migrate to the integrated model once the CMS establishes the integration.

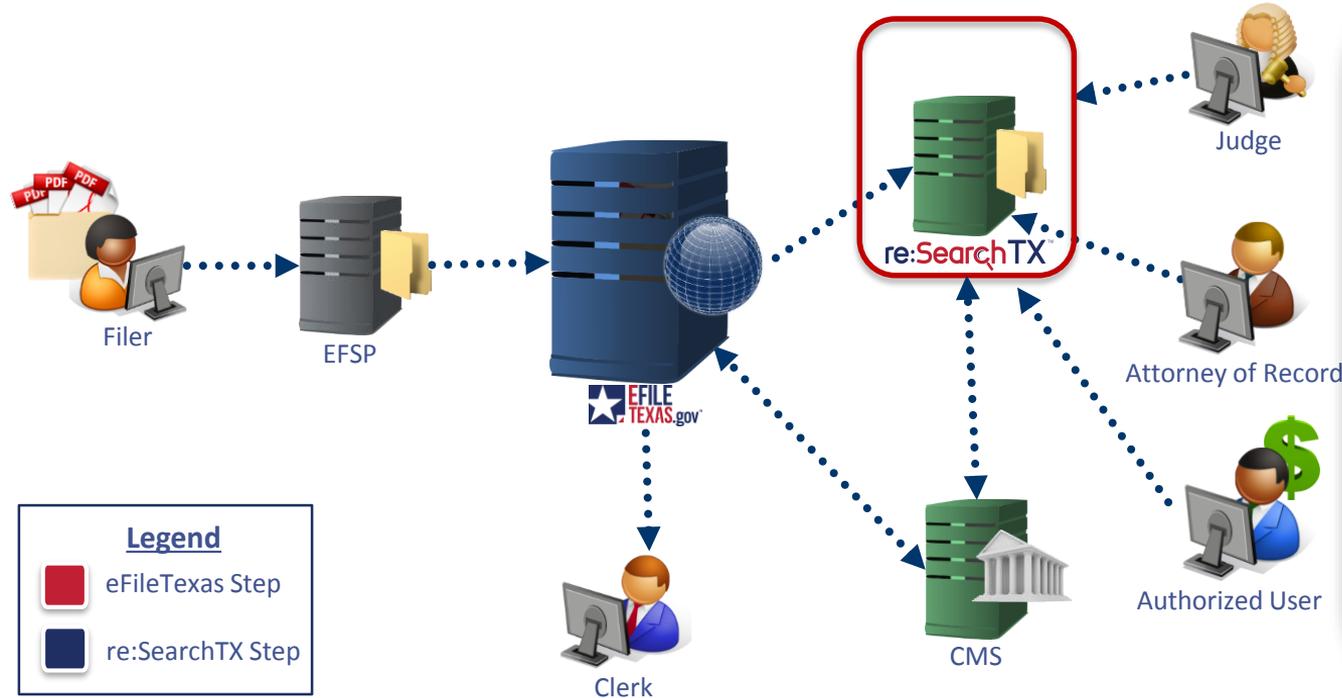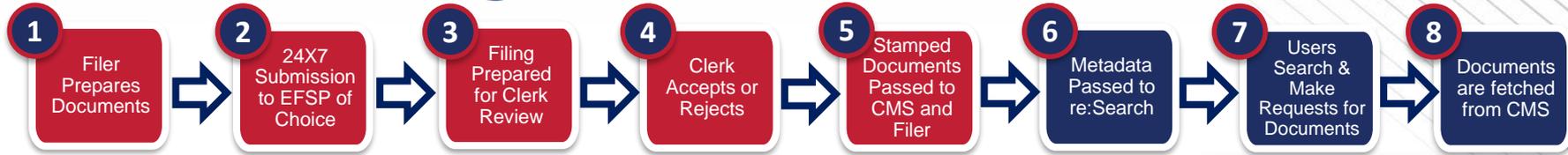re:SearchTX™

re:Search – Repository Model

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Filer Prepares Documents	24X7 Submission to EFSP of Choice	Filing Prepared for Clerk Review	Clerk Accepts or Rejects	Stamped Documents Passed to CMS and Filer	Documents and Meta Data Passed to re:Search	24X7 Access to Documents

Filer

EFSP

eFILE TEXAS.gov

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Judge

Attorney of Record

Authorized User

CMS

Clerk

Legend

🟥	eFileTexas Step
🟦	re:SearchTX Step

Summary

- Case metadata and documents will be passed to re:Search from OFS
- The documents will be copies of the file stamped document and can be considered the "unofficial record"
- Courts may upload additional documents to re:Search and can manage the security directly from within re:Search
- Provides a free document management system and online presence to Courts that is integrated with OFS
- These documents may be purchased for a price determined by the Court
- All revenues from document purchase transactions would go to the originating jurisdiction

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re:Search – Integrated Model

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Filer Prepares Documents	24X7 Submission to EFSP of Choice	Filing Prepared for Clerk Review	Clerk Accepts or Rejects	Stamped Documents Passed to CMS and Filer	Metadata Passed to re:Search	Users Search & Make Requests for Documents	Documents are fetched from CMS

Legend

- 🟥 eFileTexas Step
- 🟦 re:SearchTX Step

Filer — EFSP — eFileTexas.gov — Clerk — CMS — re:SearchTX — Judge — Attorney of Record — Authorized User

Summary

- An integration is established between the CMS and re:Search
- Metadata in re:Search is obtained from OFS filings
- Documents are fetched, on-demand from the CMS and are not stored within re:Search
- Metadata will be passed to re:Search from the CMS for filings that bypass OFS
- These documents may be purchased for a price determined by the State
- All revenues from document purchase transactions would go to the originating jurisdiction
- Broadens the audience seeking access to electronic court records
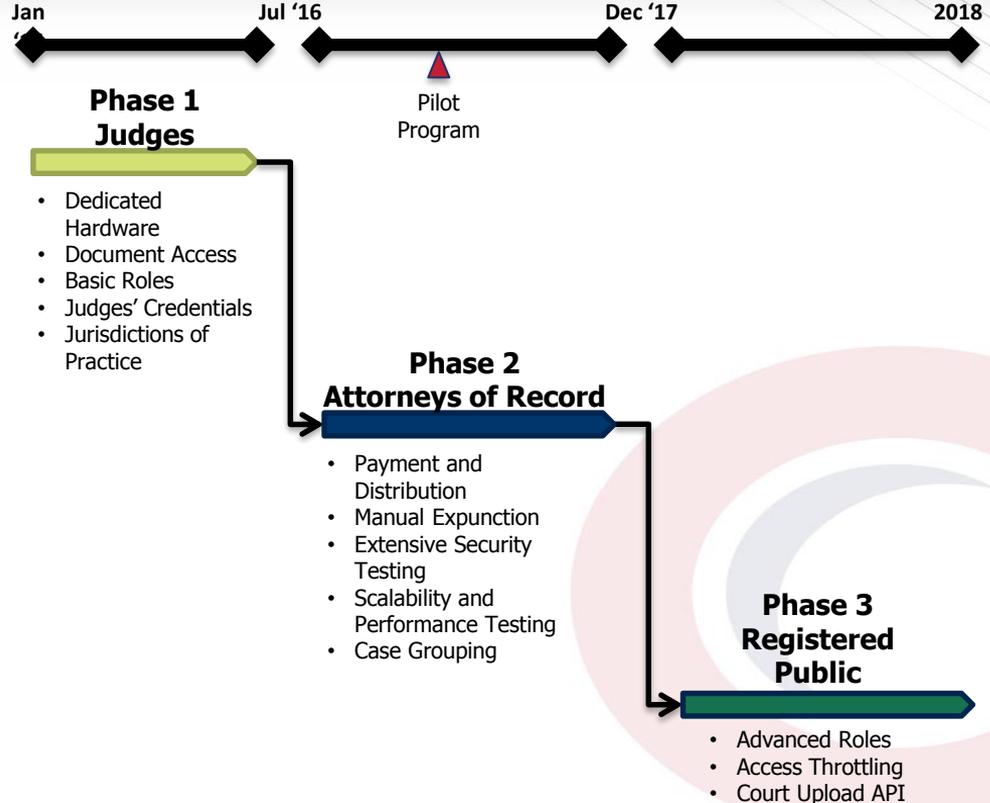
3 Phased Implementation Approach

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Dec '17
2018

Phase 1
Judges

Pilot Program

Judges need a simplified way to view case information across multiple jurisdictions

- Dedicated Hardware
- Document Access
- Basic Roles
- Judges' Credentials
- Jurisdictions of Practice

Phase 2
Attorneys of Record

Attorneys demand a consistent, online experience to access case information (Pacer analogue)

- Payment and Distribution
- Manual Expunction
- Extensive Security Testing
- Scalability and Performance Testing
- Case Grouping

Phase 3
Registered Public

The registered public demands online access to court documents

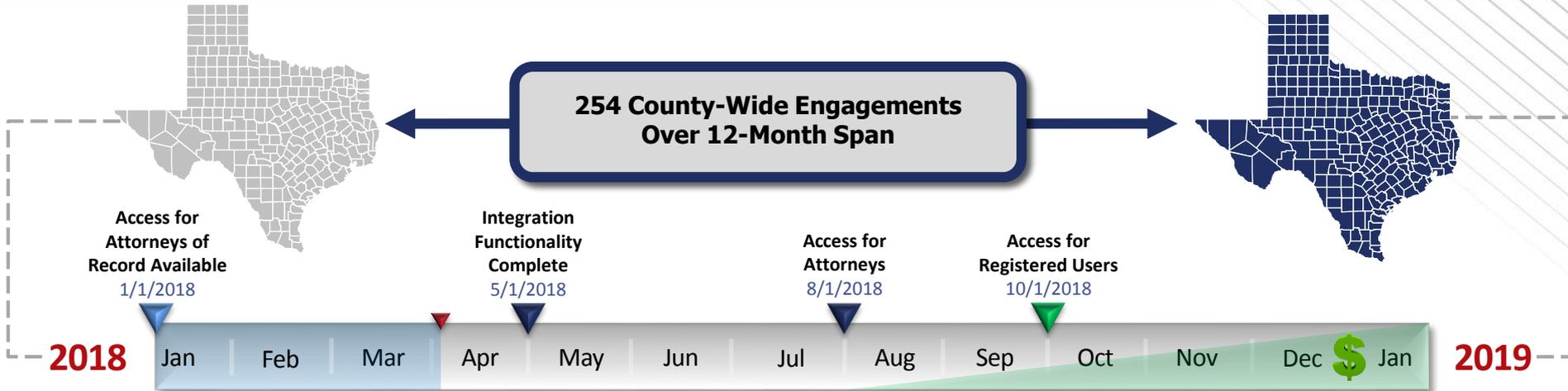- Advanced Roles
- Access Throttling
- Court Upload API

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Revenue potential from re:SearchTX

- PACER generates $150 million in fees annually
- Texas has more documents added per year than the Federal Courts
  - 8+ million documents eFiled in 2016
  - Over 20,000,000 documents eFiled to date
- Virginia's clerks records were just uploaded to a free site by a third-party
- Fees will be set by Supreme Court
  - Recommendation forthcoming from JCIT
  - All Clerks should be involved in this process

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re:SearchTX Implementation Timeline

254 County-Wide Engagements Over 12-Month Span

Access for Attorneys of Record Available
1/1/2018

Integration Functionality Complete
5/1/2018

Access for Attorneys
8/1/2018

Access for Registered Users
10/1/2018

2018 | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | **2019**
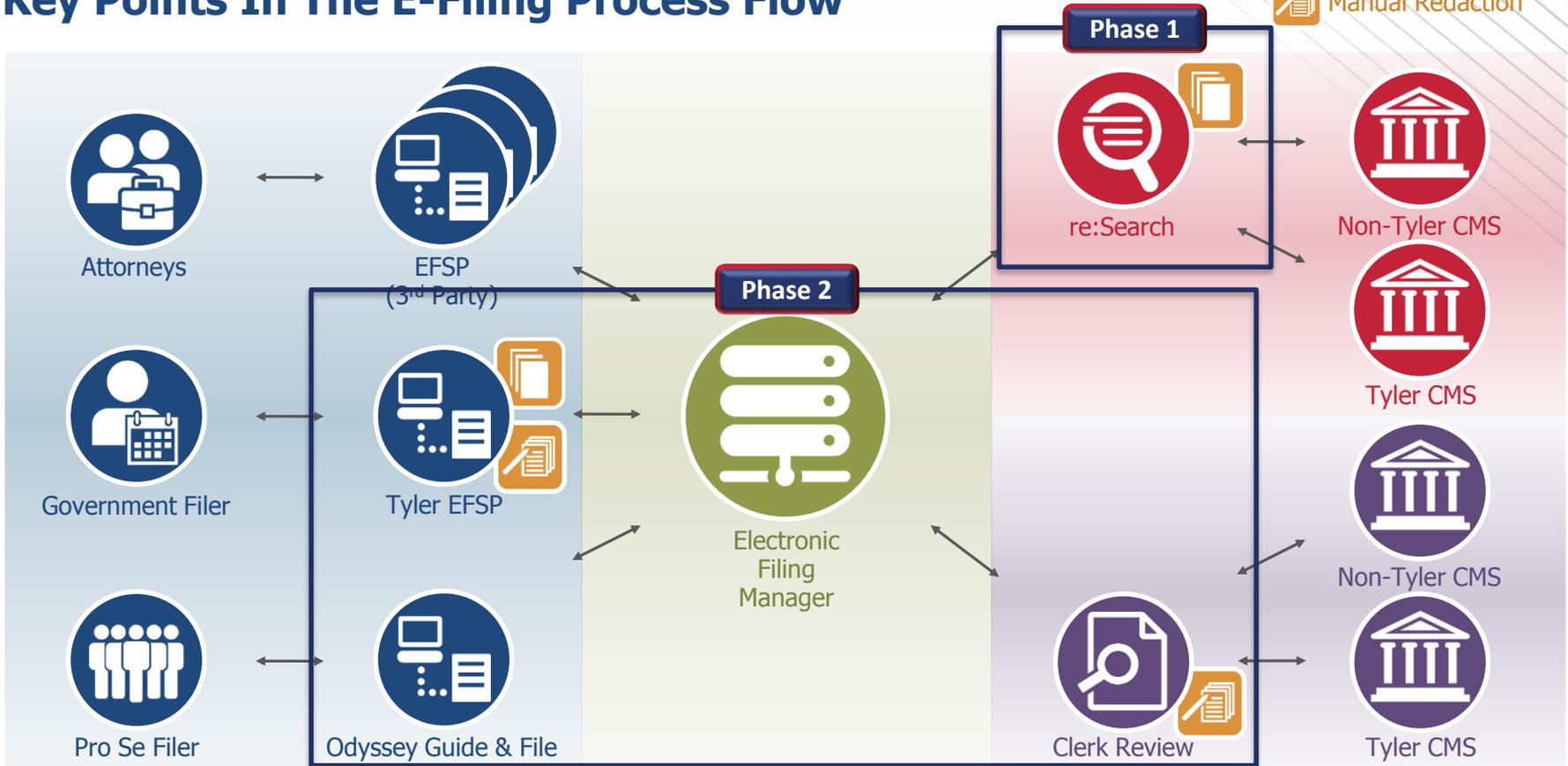
Repository Courts

- Courts remaining on the repository model will adopt a move-forward approach for visibility of case records
- Adoption of the integrated model will remain available after the 4/15/18 general availability
- Redaction can be leveraged with these courts

Integrated Courts

- General availability for integrated model available 4/15/18
- Courts will be required to sign the Participation Agreement in order to move to this model
- Estimated implementation timeline is <1 month
- Integration with CMS alleviates additional court workload

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Redaction Solutions Are Leveraged At Three Key Points In The E-Filing Process Flow

Automated Redaction

Manual Redaction

Phase 1

Phase 2

Attorneys

EFSP (3rd Party)

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Non-Tyler CMS

Tyler CMS

Government Filer

Tyler EFSP

Electronic Filing Manager

Non-Tyler CMS

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Redaction Process

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Summary

- After the clerk accepts the document with the redaction selections, the redaction elements are burned into the document

- OFS sends the redacted, stamped document to the filer and *re:Search

- OFS sends the redacted and unredacted documents to the CMS for consumption

*if in repository model

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TX Pilot Participants

Large Odyssey

County	Population
Collin	914,127
Denton	716,087

Medium Odyssey

County	Population
Fort Bend	685,345
Cameron DC	406,220

Small Odyssey

County	Population
Randall	130,269

Large Integrated

County	Population
Harris DC (In-House)	4,589,928

Medium Integrated

County	Population
Jefferson DC (In-House)	254,308

Small Integrated

County	Population
Rains (LGS)	11,161

Large Non-Integrated

County	Population
N/A	

Medium Non-Integrated

County	Population
McLennan DC (In-House)	239,542

Small Non-Integrated

County	Population
Bandera (Superion)	21,269
Erath (NetData)	41,122

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Registered Users Permission Matrix

Civil Cases

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Docs Show	Delay	Remove after Disposition
Civil – Contract	Debt/Contract – Consumer/DTPA	X	X		
	Debt/Contract – Debt/Contract	X	X		
	Debt/Contract – Fraud/Misrepresentation	X	X		
	Debt/Contract – Other	X	X		
	Foreclosure – Home Equity-Expedited	X	X		
	Foreclosure – Other	X	X		
	Franchise	X	X		
	Insurance	X	X		
	Landlord/Tenant				
	Non-Competition	X	X		
	Partnership	X	X		
	Other Contract	X	X		
Civil – Employment	Discrimination	X	X		
	Retaliation	X	X		
	Termination	X	X		
	Workers' Compensation	X	X		
	Other Employment	X	X		
Civil – Injury or Damage	Assault/Battery	X	X		
	Construction	X	X		
	Defamation	X	X		
	Malpractice – Accounting	X	X		
	Malpractice – Legal	X	X		
	Malpractice – Medical	X	X		
	Malpractice – Other Professional Liability	X	X		
	Motor Vehicle Accident	X	X		
	Premises	X	X		
	Product Liability – Asbestos/Silica	X	X		
	Product Liability – Other	X	X		
	Other Injury or Damage	X	X		
Civil – Other Civil	Administrative Appeal	X	X		
	Antitrust/Unfair Competition	X	X		
	Bill of Review	X	X		
	Code Violations	X	X		

Family/Juvenile Cases

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Docs Show	Delay	Remove after Disposition
Family/Juvenile – Marriage Relationship	Annulment with Children	ReStyle		30	
	Annulment No Children	X		30	
	Declare Marriage Void	X		30	
	Divorce with Children	ReStyle		30	
	Divorce No Children	X		30	
Family/Juvenile – Other Family Law	Adult Adoption	X			
	Register Foreign Judgment	ReStyle			
	Garnishment	X		30	
	Habeas Corpus	ReStyle			
	Name Change	ReStyle			
	Protective Order	X		30	
	Removal of Disabilities of Minor				
	Unaccompanied Alien Child				
	Other	X		30	
Family/Juvenile – Parent-Child Relationship	Adoption/Adoption with Termination	ReStyle		30	X
	Child Protection	ReStyle		30	
	Child Protection (Gov. Code 24.620)	ReStyle		30	
	Child Support	ReStyle		30	
	Custody or Visitation	ReStyle		30	
	Gestational Parenting	ReStyle		30	
	Grandparent Access	ReStyle		30	
	Parentage/Paternity/Voluntary Legitimation	ReStyle		30	
	Termination of Parental Rights	ReStyle		30	
	Other Parent-Child	ReStyle		30	
Family/Juvenile – Post-judgment Actions	Enforcement	ReStyle		30	
	Modification – Custody	ReStyle		30	
	Modification – Other	ReStyle		30	
Family/Juvenile – Title IV-D (OAG Use Only)	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment	ReStyle		30	
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity	ReStyle		30	
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX Cause	ReStyle			
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause	ReStyle			
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement	ReStyle		30	
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention	ReStyle			

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Next Steps

Establish integrations with various Case Management Systems
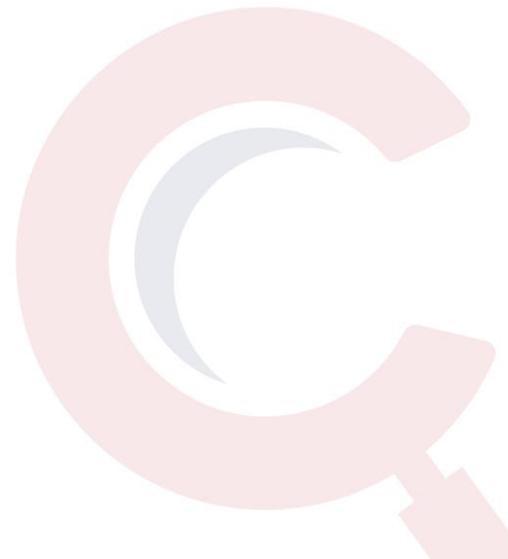
Continue exploring redaction opportunity

Conduct steering committee meetings to obtain valuable feedback

Agree on policy decisions that will help drive the program's direction

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Questions