



# E-Filing Automation Committee Meeting

DECEMBER 11, 2024

# Installs and Schedule

## Recently Installed – District

Powell County District Court –  
8/12/24

Butte-Silver Bow County District  
Court – 8/12/24

Lincoln County District Court –  
9/5/24

Deer Lodge County District Court  
– 10/8/24

## Recently Installed – Limited

Jefferson County Justice Court –  
8/12/24

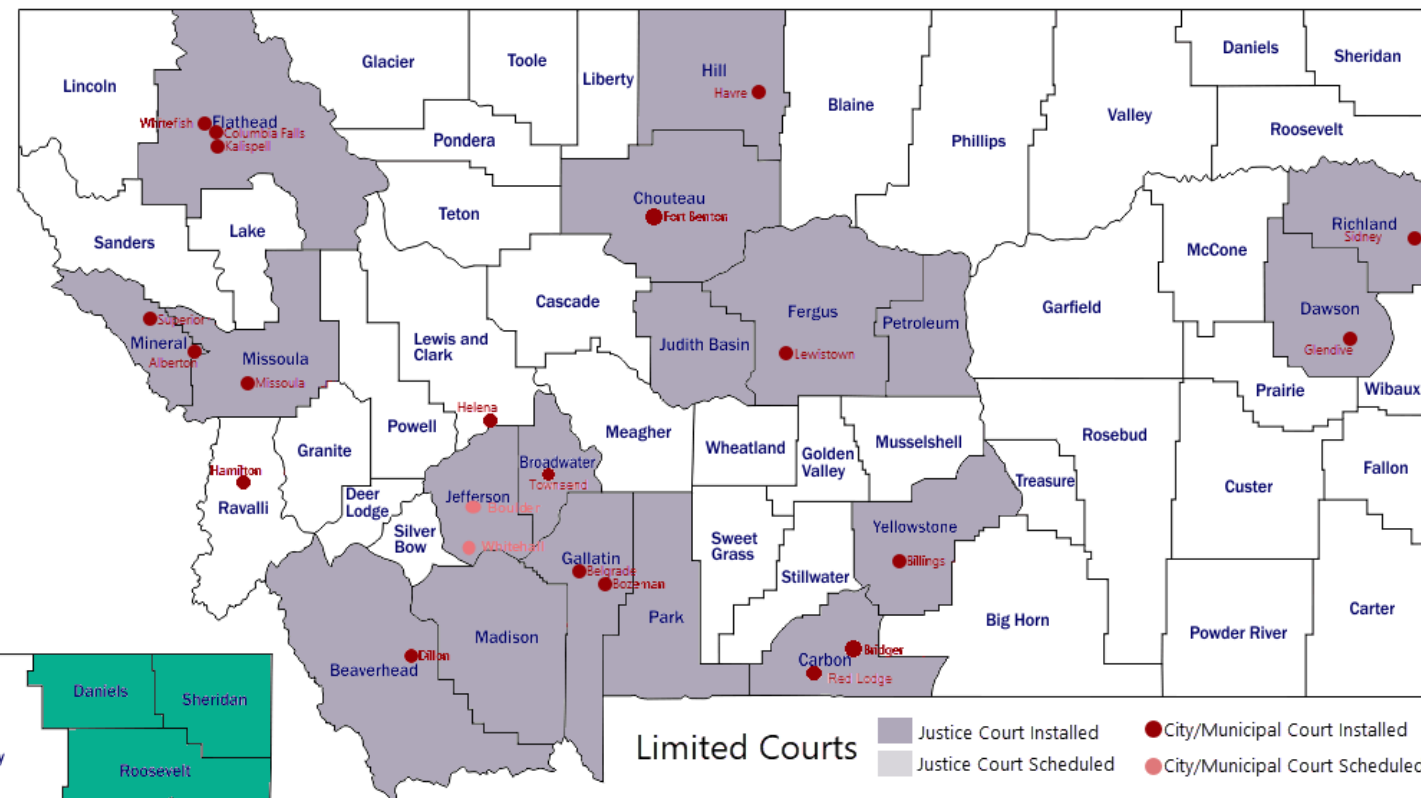
## Future Installs

Boulder City Court – 12/13/24

Whitehall City Court – 12/13/24

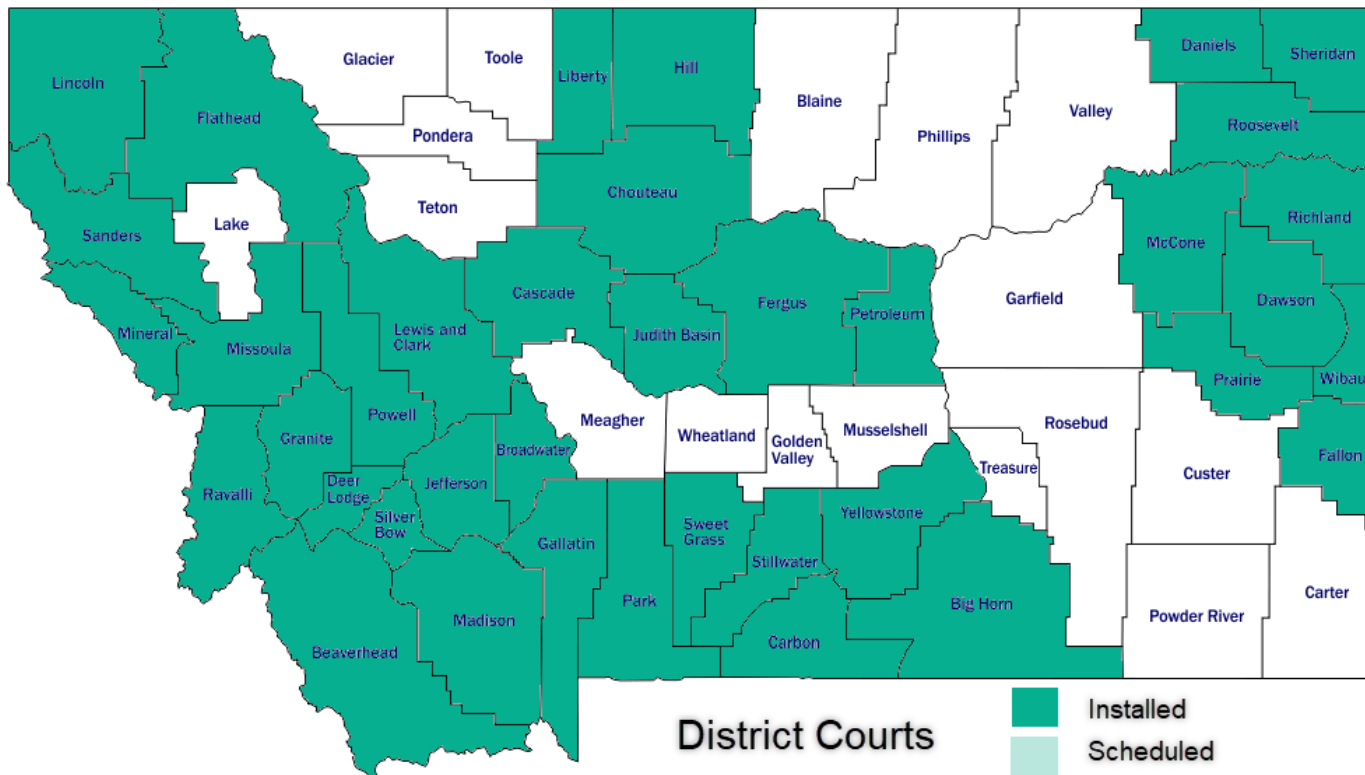
Lake County District Court –  
Pending until after the first of the  
year

# Courts installed with E-Filing



## Other Courts:

- Montana Supreme Court
- Asbestos Claims District Court
- Montana Water Court



# Statistics

**Courts:**

1 Supreme Court  
38 District Courts  
18 Justice Courts  
20 Municipal/City Courts  
Plus Water Court & Asbestos Court

**Active Registered E-Filers:**

7 Supreme Court Justices  
1 Clerk of Supreme Court  
75 District Court Judges  
39 Limited Court Judges  
25 Clerks of District Court  
3,072 Govt Attorneys/Attorneys  
175 Court Reporters  
1,725 Case Participants  
3,087 Authorized Staff  
8,207 total users (7,611 total active users  
7/2024)

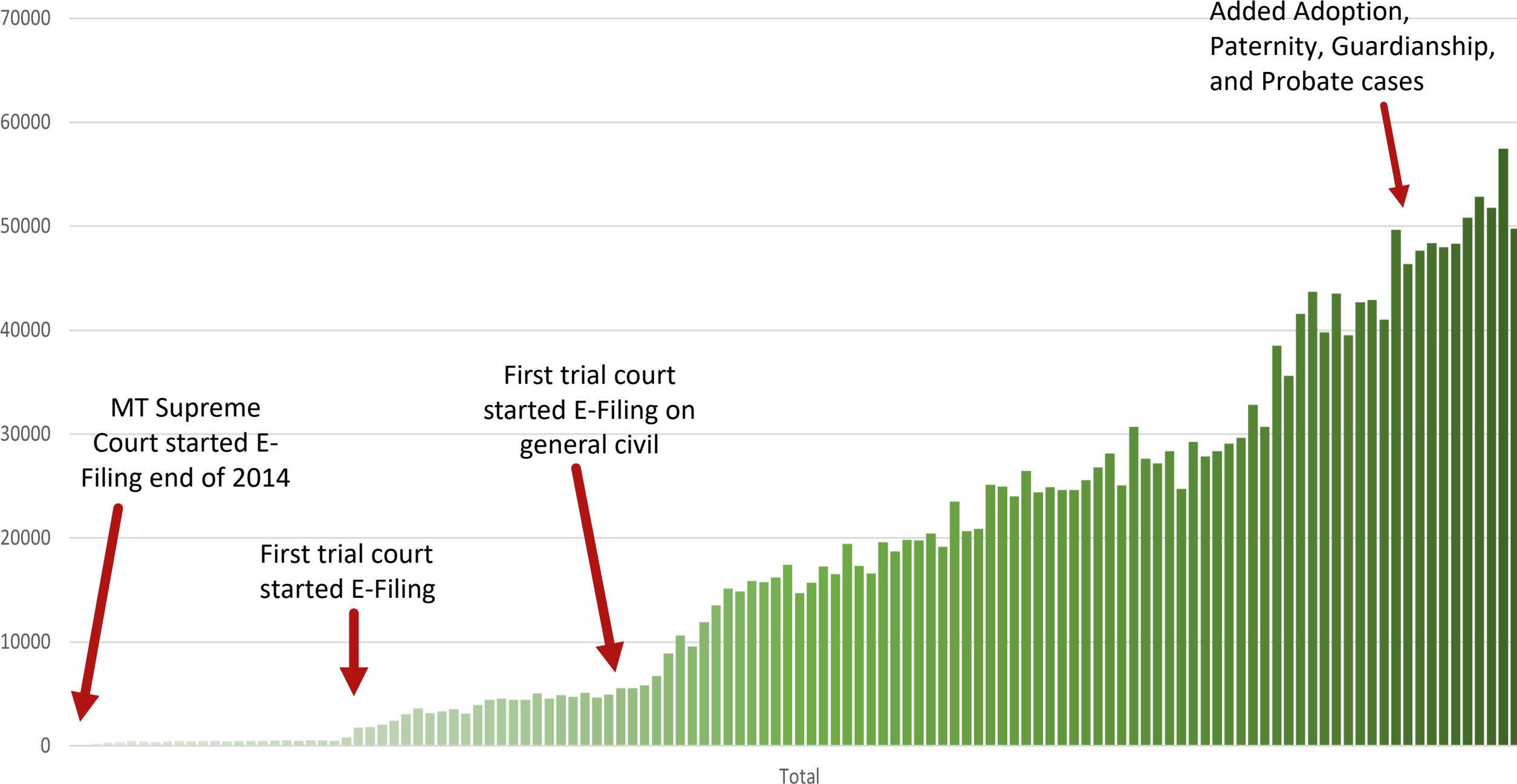
**# of Tickets from last 12 months:**

3,188 tickets

All Time		Last 12 Months	
E-Filings	Cases	E-Filings	Cases
2,217,473	312,949	604,078	131,199

Stats recorded on 12/2/2024

# Number of Filings by Month





# Software Version Updates

E-File Version Updates: Installed August 21, 2024

- **V7.7.0** – Enhancement for SL and IS cases. Update to attorney registration process

FCE Version Updates: Installed February 12, 2024

- **V8.4** – Validation was missing from the Last Name Field on page one of clerk review. Corrected issue where refresh button would remove search results
- **V9.0** – Fixed mailing address missing state abbreviation on Certificate of Service. The filer received of, last name, first name fields are auto-populated. Fixed issue withdrawing prosecutors on DC and DJ cases when processing filings. Corrected an issue causing the clerk review to sometimes timeout when processing filings with fees

# Future Software Version Updates

## E-File

We currently do not have any version updates

## FCE

### ▶ 9.1

- ▶ Route to Judge field in clerk review is now a required field
- ▶ Corrected issue duplicating prosecutors on DJ cases

### ▶ 9.2

- ▶ Corrected issue removing Date of Death from party detail

# Other Updates

- ▶ Fixed a problem with the ESB that was caused by large filing submissions crashing the ESB
- ▶ Enabled Statutory Lien and Investigative Subpoena Case Types
- ▶ Enabled DV Case Subtype Out of State Subpoena
- ▶ In the process of enabling Motion-Unopposed and other new Criminal Filing types
- ▶ Added memory to the database server to attempt to resolve filing errors
- ▶ Turned off OCR to free up resources on the document processor



# Outstanding Problems

- ▶ ROA does not always accurately describe who the filer is when payment is present
- ▶ Unable to assign multiple prosecutors to DJ cases
- ▶ Judge review queue sometimes displays the wrong motion
- ▶ Occasional problem auto assigning a judge
- ▶ Occasional “User Not Authorized” error
- ▶ Adlib failures after maintenance weekends
- ▶ Processing an E-Filing on a case removes the “Date of Death” from a deceased person
- ▶ Unable to switch E-File users' roles – some users unable to register as a result
- ▶ E-Filing eServed the wrong documents
- ▶ **Generic error messages when processing filings**
- ▶ **Pending Electronic Filings sort function not working properly**
- ▶ **Large amount of filing errors**

# Enhancement Requests

\*All enhancement requests are currently tabled\*

## Thomson Reuters\*

- ▶ \*Automatically fill in the first document filing type and subtype on the upload document page
- ▶ \*Make the filing type and subtype fields searchable
- ▶ \*Add a comment box on the attorney's filing summary page
- ▶ \*Save 'Other Service Recipients'
- ▶ \*Judges to change queue sort order

## FinVi/JSI

- ▶ ROA shows if filing was routed to the judge – Waiting for SOW
- ▶ Search by 'other party' name – Waiting for SOW

# Thomson Reuters – Status Update

- ▶ TR asked us to look for another E-Filing vendor and said they were not going to renew our contract
- ▶ Originally looked to change vendors to JSI/FSX but the estimate came back too high – \$9.5 million
- ▶ Discuss any circumstance in which TR would consider continuing support and maintenance of the Courts Electronic Filing System
- ▶ TR's proposal
  - ▶ ~ \$1.5 million cost (requested in 2025 Legislative HB10)
  - ▶ Update the underlying infrastructure of E-Filing to make it easier to support for the vendor
  - ▶ Work should begin in the next fiscal year (July 2025)



Break



# Discussion Topic



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Should Optical Character Recognition (OCR) be removed from E-Filing/Adlib?



Should sealed documents be available through E-Filing?



Replace retiring members.



# Service method: Email

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Mary Jones, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice  
- Notice to the following on 12-09-2024:

Fuzzy Wuzzy Bear (Defendant)  
1234 Main Street  
Helena MT 59000  
Service Method: Email

Electronically signed by Ryan Davies on behalf of Mary Jones  
Dated: 12-09-2024

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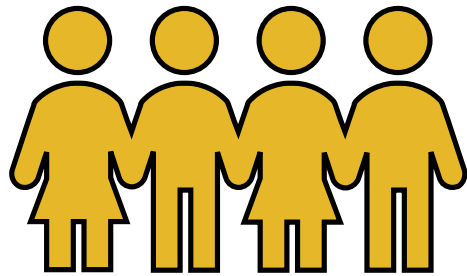
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# Subcommittees

DN Issues



Survey



Rules





# Schedule Summer of 2025 Meeting

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