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**Bar News - June 18, 2014**

**Court News: Attorneys Begin Testing State's e-Filing System**

By: Kristen Senz

Attorneys and their law office staff members attended an e-Court training and testing session June 9, less than two months before the first phase of the paperless court system is set to go live in Concord and Plymouth.

Despite months of development and testing, court officials are bracing themselves for the inevitable glitches, but said they have been grateful for the support of the bar in testing and providing input about the new system.

"The reality is, we all know there are no guarantees in this life... We know there is bound to be something that will go wrong when we go live, but we hope it's nothing major," Circuit Court Chief Administrative Judge Edwin Kelly told the group at the training session, which was held at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

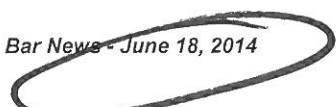
A project manager from Tyler Technologies, the company that developed the attorney e-filing pathway known as Odyssey File and Serve, provided an overview of the interface and instructions on registration and e-filing.

Attorney Daniel Proctor raised some concern over a 3 percent credit card transaction fee that will be charged on top of the regular filing fee. He and other attorneys asked how that would work with trust accounting rules and ethical guidelines. Senior Circuit Court Administrator Gina Apicelli said she planned to research their questions further and potentially set up a working group on e-Court and trust account compliance.

Although small claims is the only case type going live during the first phase of the NH e-Court Project, the software for e-filing will be used for all state court cases, criminal and civil, within the next few years.

Web-based training sessions, similar to what was offered at the AOC, have now been scheduled, and the court intends to host a CLE session after the initial launch. The one-hour online training sessions can be accessed via [www.tylertech.com](http://www.tylertech.com) (under the "News & Events" tab, click "Odyssey File and Serve Online Training") and all start at 3 p.m. on Thursdays. They are scheduled as follows: July 17, 24, & 31 and Aug. 7, 14, 21, & 28.

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Angela Thompson, LAN Specialist II, at the NH Administrative Office of the Courts, assists Carol Vallieres, legal assistant to attorney Daniel Proctor of Concord, with navigating the NH e-Court filing system, Odyssey File and Serve. Attorney William Schubert and paralegal Melissa Lamont join them in testing the new system at the AOC on June 9.

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