

The New York Unified Court System's statewide E-Filing initiative was implemented in Westchester County beginning in June 2010 with voluntary E-Filing in the Commercial Division. It is now being expanded in accordance with the enabling legislation signed into law by Governor Paterson on September 17, 2010.

- E-Filing is now available on a **voluntary** basis for the commencement of tort cases.
- On February 10, 2011, E-Filing will be **mandatory** with respect to cases commenced in the commercial division.
- On March 1, 2011, E-Filing will be **mandatory** with respect to the commencement of tort cases.
- On or about June 1, 2011, E-Filing will be **mandatory** with respect to the commencement of other case types, including commercial claims that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the commercial division.

E-Filing is a faster, less expensive and "green" way to file and receive court documents, conveniently from any place in the world with an internet connection. It is available 24/7, every day of the year. The 9th Judicial District and the Westchester County Clerk's office offers free training, with CLE, to assist the bar. For more information about the E-Filing initiative, please go to:

www.nycourts.gov/efile

www.westchesterclerk.com

The implementation of the New York State Courts E-Filing program (NYSCEF) in Westchester will prove to be a significant advantage and source of support for the practice of law, not only for Westchester based firms and solo practitioners, but for all who practice in Westchester Supreme Court.