

DECEMBER 20, 2023

DOUGLAS T. SHIMA
CLERK OF APPELLATE COURTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Administrative Order

2023-RL-084

Re: Temporary Amendment of Electronic Filing Rules

Since October 12, 2023, the Kansas district and appellate courts have operated under Administrative Orders 2023-CC-073 and 2023-CC-074 regarding the unavailability of electronic filing systems. While the Kansas Judicial Branch works to reinstate access to electronic filing systems, district courts are simultaneously addressing a backlog of paper filings that must be digitized and processed into the centralized case management system. This administrative order is entered to temporarily amend certain electronic filing rules to accommodate unique case processing needs in the wake of the October 12, 2023, cybersecurity incident.

Under Kansas Supreme Court Rule 23(c), a clerk of the district court is authorized to return a document submitted using the Kansas Court eFiling System to the filing user under certain limited circumstances. Additionally, the rule establishes a timeline for the clerk to process a document filed through that system. This rule is temporarily amended as follows:

1. A clerk of the district court, or other person authorized by the Office of Judicial Administration, may return a document that is pending in the Kansas Court eFiling System as of the date of this order if the filer provides a request in writing indicating that the filer later re-filed the same document with the district court on paper.

This return rationale supplements the existing reasons for returning a document in Rule 23(c)(1).

2. The four-hour processing requirement in Rule 23(c)(2) is suspended until further order of this Court.

Dated this 20th day of December 2023. This order is effective upon filing.

FOR THE COURT

MARLA LUCKERT
Chief Justice