## <u>eFile Case Initiation Instructions for Attorneys</u> <u>for Civil, Family, and Probate and Mental Health Case Categories</u>

#### **District Court Interface Home Screen**

• Click the New Case button to open the Case Category page.

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Home	eFile	Cases	My Profile	Log Out		user: John Doe
Home						
<u>N</u> ew Case		File new case				
Existing <u>C</u> ases		Perform case actions: eFile, Search, View History, Service List				
My Filings		Check the status of my filings				
Draft Filings	(67)	Finish filing ar	n incomplete fili	ng		
Notifications	(148)	Review your N	lotifications			
Portal:						
Portal		Redirect to Po	rtal			

• Click the appropriate **Case Category** to open the Case Type page.



• Click on the appropriate **Case Type to** open the Case Initiation page.



### **Case Initiation Screen**

• From the **Court** drop down menu, select the appropriate county.



- Use the Add Case Participant buttons to add case parties and participants.
- Users will click the appropriate party type button to open the Add a Party screen. (i.e. Add Plaintiffs, Add Defendant, Add Subject, Add Other Parties, or Add Witness)
  - For a list of the required party types for each case type and the case participant section they can be found under refer to the Odyssey Party Roles for eFiling document located at the following website: https://www.kscourts.org/eCourt/Kansas-Courts-eFiling/Updates

 Add Case Participants
 Add Defendants
 Add Subject
 Add Other Parties
 Add Witness
 (Any party to be served must be added as a distinct party.)

 Remove
 Participant Name
 Type
 Attorney/Agent for Party

#### Add Party Screen

- Save Party gives filers the option to save frequently used parties and their information for future use.
- Click Load Party to add a previously saved party.
- Select the appropriate radio button next to **Organization** (for a Business or agency) or **Person** (for an individual).
- Make sure the appropriate party type is selected from the **Party Type** drop-down.
- The \* indicates that the First Name and Last Name are required fields for adding a party.
  - If known the Middle Name and Name Suffix fields are optional.
  - **Note:** for an Organization the Last Name field will be the only field available to enter the Business or agency name.
- If known, add the party's SSN and DOB, using the format shown.
- If known, add the party's **Driver License #:** and **Driver License State**.
  - Note: Both fields **must** be populated, or the submission will error out.
- If known, add the party's phone number in the **Phone** field. Indicate **Business, Home**, or **Cell** using the drop-down menu.
- If known, add the party's **EMail** address.
- The Mailing Address fields include Address Line 1, 2 and 3 along with City State and Zip.
  - Note: a complete address must be entered, partial addresses will cause the submission to error out.

Plaintiff Save Party Lo	ad Party
Organization O Person	
Party Type:	Petitioner 🗸
First Name: *	
Middle Name:	
Last Name: * (or Business Name)	
Name Suffix: (Jr, Sr,)	
EIN: (e.g.: 12-3456789)	
SSN:	XXX-XX-XXXX
DOB:	mm/dd/yyyy
Driver License #:	
Driver License State:	<b>~</b>
Phone: Home 🗸	(000) 000-0000
Fax #:	
EMail:	
Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
Address Line 3:	
City:	
State:	~
Zip / Postal Code:	
Back	

**NOTE**: The filing attorney will be automatically listed under the **Add an Attorney for this Party** section. If there is more than one attorney representing the party, additional attorneys can be added.

- Click the Add button to open fields to search for and add an attorney.
- Enter the attorney's last name or bar number then click **Search**.
- Place a **checkmark** next to the appropriate attorney, then click **Save**.

A	ld an Att	orney for	this Par	ty										
	Las	st Name	Middle Name	First Na	me Bar #	Туре								
	X Doe			John	09472 /	Attorney								
ļ	Add													
	Search Last Nan	Attorney			1	Bar Num	hor:	4793						
A		ition: All			J	Bar Num	per: 2	4793		Search				
	Select and Add Attorney(s)													
	🗌 Titl	e Last Nan	ne Middle	e Name F	First Name	Suffix Name	e Bar Number	Туре		Address	Phone	FAX	EMail	Organization
		Greenberg	А.	S	Scott		24793	Attorney	~	4600 Madison Ave Suite 1000 Kansas City MO 64112 US [Firm]	1		ecomer@tybera.com	SANDBERG PHOENIX & VON GONTARD P.C.
	Cancel	Clear Sa	/e	Add Ne	w Attorney									

- If a party has a known alias, it can be added to the Add Aliases (AKA) section.
- Click the Add button to open fields to add an alias for the party.
- Choose the **Alias Type** from the drop-down. Enter the alias in the first, middle, and last name fields. Then click **Save**.

Add Aliases (AKA)				
Alias Type First Name Middle	Name Last/Busines	s Name		
Add Alias				
Alias Type	First Name	Middle Name	Last/Business Name *	
Also Known As 🗸 J	immy	L	Jones	
Cancel				

• Once all party information has been entered, select **Next** at the bottom of the screen to route back to the **Add Case Participants** page.



- Repeat the Add Case Participants steps until all necessary parties have been added to the case.
- From the **Remove** column, parties can be removed by clicking the  $\times$ .
- Click the "+" next to a party's name to quickly view the information entered for that party.
- If any party information needs to be edited, click on the **party's name** to open the Edit Party screen.
- Click **Back** to go back a screen.
- Click **Save to Draft** to save your draft for later. Access saved drafts from the Draft Filings screen.
- Click Next to continue to the Add a Document screen.

Add	Case	Participants	Add Plaintiffs	Add Defendants	Add Subject	Add Other	Parties	Add Witness	(Any par	ty to be served must be added as a distinct party.)
Rem	iove		Partic	ipant Name				Туре		Attorney/Agent for Party
×	4	SSN: DOB: Day Phone: Address:	Jimmy L Jones 511-22-4455 04/05/1996 (785) 608-7777 1501 SW Freedom Topeka, KS 66615	Ln			Petitione	er		John Doe Bar #:09472 Scott A. Greenberg Bar #:24793
×	4	🛨 Jane M Jones					Respond	lent		
$\mathbf{X}$	-	🛨 Jill A Jones					Dependa	ant		
Bac	k S	ave to Draft Next	3							

#### Add documents and Submit Filing

- From the **Document Category** drop-down select the appropriate document category.
- From the **Document Type** drop-down select the appropriate document type.
  - The following website: <u>https://www.kscourts.org/eCourt/Kansas-Courts-eFiling/Updates</u> contains a document, District Court Attorney Document List, to assist filers with determining which codes to use when filing. This list includes the different document types available and the category they can be found under.
- In the **Document Title** field type the document title/description.
- Mark the **Emergency** checkbox, if the submission is time sensitive.
- The District Court does NOT use the Associate to Previous Filing option.
- Next to **Document Location** click **Choose File** to select the file from the filers desktop to upload. ALL documents must be submitted as PDF files.
- Once all fields have been filled out click Add to add the document to the submission.

# NOTE: For a Limited Actions case or a Transfer Pre-Judgment Limited Actions Chapter

**61 Case to Civil Chapter 60** case, filers will need to select the Petition document type that corresponds to the prayer amount to ensure the correct filing fee is assessed.

- If filing a new *Limited Actions* case, filers will need to select one the following document types:
  - PLE: Limited Action Petition Prayer Amount 0-500
  - PLE: Limited Action Petition Prayer Amount 500.01-5,000
  - PLE: Limited Action Petition Prayer Amount 5,000.01-25,000
- If filing a new *Transfer Pre-Judgment Limited Actions Chapter 61 Case to Civil Chapter 60* case, filers will need to select one the following document types:
  - PLE: Transfer LM to CV Petition Prayer Amount 0-500
  - PLE: Transfer LM to CV Petition Prayer Amount 500.01-5,000
  - PLE: Transfer LM to CV Petition Prayer Amount 5,000.01-25,000

	Home	eFile	Cases	My Profile	Log Out		user: John Doe
Ho	ome ⇒ New Cas	e Filing: Ca	se Category ⇒ (	Case Type ⇒ Ca	se Initiation ⇒ /	Add a Document	
С	ase Type :	DM Mai	rriage Diss	olution/Div	orce		
Do	ocument Catego	ry Pleadin	9	~			
Do	ocument Type *	PLE: Pe	tition			~	
Do	ocument Title*	Petition					
		Em Em	ergency 🗆	Sealed Date	of order to seal		
		Acceptat	ole File Format T	Type(s) (*.pdf)			
Do	ocument Locatio	n Choose	File Petition.p	df			
Ad	ld to Submissior	Add					

• Once added documents can be viewed by clicking the appropriate hyperlink under the **View Document** column.

- The **Size** column displays the size of each document and gives a total size for the submission.
- Clicking the **k** icon in the **Remove** column allows users to delete a document from a submission.

	Document Name	View Document	Edit Data	Size	Remove
	Case Data	form.xml	2	0.01 MB	
	PLE: Petition Petition	Petition.pdf		<u>0.03 MB</u>	
			Total Size:	0.03 MB	
Back	ive to Draft Next				

- Complete the steps outlined above to add additional documents.
- The **Back** button will take you back a screen to the Add Case Participants screen.
- The **Move to Draft** button will move the submission to the users Draft Filings to edit and/or submit at a later time/date.
- Once all documents have been added, click the **Next** button to be directed to the **Review** and **Submit Filing** screen.



- The Client # field can be used by filers for internal tracking purposes. This field is optional.
- Click the **checkbox** next to Certificate of Compliance. This is *required*.

Review and Submit Filing
Case Type : DM Marriage Dissolution/Divorce
Client #
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE* I certify the document(s) being filed comply with applicable requirements of the Kansas Supreme Court Rules regarding personally identifiable information or sealed documents: 1. For documents submitted for filing with a court located in a judicial district using the Odyssey electronic case management system, the attached document(s) are submitted under Supreme Court Rule 22(d), Supreme Cour Rule 23(b) or Supreme Court Rule 24; or 2. For documents submitted for filing with a court located in a judicial district not using the Odyssey electronic case management system, the attached document(s) are submitted under Supreme Court Rule 123 *An up-to-date listing of Judicial Districts operating under the Odyssey case management system is available on the judicial branch website at www.kscourts.org.

- If a payment TOGA account has not already been configured a method of payment can be configured by following the "Odyssey Create a TOGA Wallet Account for District Court" found at the following location: <u>https://kscourts.gov/eCourt/Kansas-Courts-eFiling/Updates</u>
- Select the radio button next to the appropriate **payment method** for this filing.
- Under **Payment on behalf of** choose the Petitioner/Plaintiff from the drop-down menu. The eFiling system will only accept case initiation payments on behalf of the Plaintiff/Petitioner.

**NOTE**: If no payment is associated with the filing this section will not appear on the Review and Submit filing screen.

Estimated Fees: \$195.00 Convenience Fee: \$4.66 Total Fee: \$199.66
O Wallet Item: #### - *1881
O Wallet Item: TEST - *1111
O Wallet Item: TEST CHECK - *6789
O Wallet Item: TEST2 - *1111
Wallet Item: Testing account - *4448
O Statutory Waiver Fees waived by statute
O Poverty Affidavit Poverty Affidavit
O Government Entity County Hospitals, Government Agencies, etc.
Payment on behalf of James L Jones ✔

- Optional: a note can be added for the clerk in the **Special Instructions for the Clerk** comment field.
- Click the **Submit the Filing** button to file the new case.
  - Other Options
    - **Back** button will take the user to the previous screen.
    - **Cancel (Delete)** button will delete the submission completely.
    - Move to Draft button will move the submission to the users Draft Filings to edit and/or submit at a later time/date.

Special Filing Instructions for the Clerk:	
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Back Cancel (Delete) Move to Draft Submit the Filing	

• A pop-up message will appear, click **OK**.

