

# File a New Family Case

The <u>Colorado Courts E-Filing</u> system allows authorized users to file new family cases electronically in the Colorado Courts.

## **Before you Start**

**You must be a party to the case.** If you are not, the court will reject your filing and the e-filing fee is not refundable.

**Can't afford fees?** You will not be able to use this system. You will need to file your documents in person or by mail. Additional forms are required.

**Complete and save your forms first.** The system will not complete your forms for you.

**Need Help?** Instructions, forms and flowcharts can be found at the Colorado Judicial Website.

Below are instructions on how to file a new family case. This will provide you with how to add parties to your case and to upload documents.

**Start New Case** 

MY CASES		File a New Case	+ File into Existing Case	UPCOMING COURT DATES
Case Number		Case Caption No Items		Date Hearing Type Case Number No items
More >				More >
CASE ACTIVITY	,			ANNOUNCEMENTS
All		Alerts	My Filings	2019 County Court Civil Fees
Date	Туре	Case Number No Items		Please click <u>here</u> for an important announcement about county court civil filing fees effective January 1, 2019.
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• Select the **File a New Case** link from your dashboard.

Court Location	•		
What type of case would you like	to file?		
Case Class	•	Case Type	Ψ

- Select the court location where you will file this case.
- Select Family for case class.
- Select the case type for your filing.

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What court location are you fili	ng in?		
Court Location			
El Paso County	*		
What type of case would you lik	ke to file?		
Case Class		Case Type	
Family	*	Divorce	-
◯ Yes ◯ No	-	il union?	
○ Yes ○ No	-	il union?	
Are there children (under 18) of Yes No Are you filing this case jointly of Jointly Separately	-	il union?	
Yes No	-	il union?	
Yes No	-	il union?	

• Based on your selection, answer any questions that appear and click the continue button.

## **Enter Party Information**

File New	v Divorce Cas	se - El Paso Cou	inty				
<ul><li>⑦</li><li>✓</li></ul>	Party Type Petitioner	Name Jane Doe	Address Type Home	Address 1st Avenue, Denver, CO 80203	Phone Type Work	Phone Number 7205555555 Edit	
0 0	ADD RESPOND ADD CHILD	ENT					
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- As the filing party, your information is pre-populated as the petitioner to this case. This is your account information entered during registration. Click the edit link to update any information.
- Click Add Respondent or the Add Co-Petitioner button to enter information on the additional case party.

MM.DD/YYYY Phone Number Phone Type (123) 456-7899 Home
<b>*</b>

- The only information that is required when entering the party on a case is the first name and last name. The address and personal data entered is confidential and not available to the public.
- You are encouraged to enter the address information if you know it. If you do not know the address leave the fields blank.
- Any social security numbers entered are for court purposes only and will not display within the e-filing system.
- Click the Add Child button for any minor children on this case.

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0	Party Type	Name	Address Type	Address	Phone Type	Phone Number	
$\checkmark$	Petitioner	Jane Doe	Home	1st Avenue, Denver, CO 80203	Work	7205555555	Edit
<b>S</b>	Respondent	John Doe	Home	A Street, Apt G, Denver, CO 80203	Home	1234567899	Edit   Delete
<b>S</b>	Impartial	James Doe					Edit   Delete
0	ADD CHILD						
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- All the information you entered on the parties will display on the table. Verify the information is correct before continuing. If any changes need to be made, click the edit or delete links.
- Once all the information is entered on the case parties click the continue button.

#### **Upload Documents**

File New Divorce Case -	· El Paso County			
Petition - Dissolution w/Children (Not uploaded yet)	Document Title JDF 1101 - Petition	<i>h</i>	Drop files to attach, or browse.	
Information Sheet (Not uploaded yet)	Document Title JDF 1000 - Case Information	//	Drop files to attach, or browse.	Î
Summons (Not uploaded yet)	Document Title JDF 1102 - Summons	<i>li</i>	Drop files to attach, or browse.	Ē
Select Another Document to File	+ ADD DOCUMENT			Total Upload: 0 MB of 50 MB limit Max Document Size: 3.0 MB
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- Based on the selections you made at the start of the case, a list of documents will be listed that need to be filed to start your family case.
- The system will add a default document title on many documents that can be filed in the system. You can edit this document title if it does not match the title of your pleading.
- Upload your document by clicking the browse button, navigate to where your document is stored on your computer or network and select the document. Your original document will be uploaded to the system and the system will create a PDF version of your document.
  - The confirmation message "Your document was uploaded successfully" will appear.
  - After uploading your document, you can review the original document by clicking the View Original or the converted PDF version by clicking the View PDF link.

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		Vour document was uploaded successfully.
Petition - Dissolution w/Children <u>View Original   View PDE</u>	Document Title JDF 1101 - Petition	// Drop files to attach, or browse.

- If there is a document listed that you do not want to file at this time remove it by clicking the trash can.
  This will remove it from your list.
- If there are additional documents that you would like to file, select them from the Select Another Document to File list.

Select Another Document to File + ADD DOCUMENT

- The maximum document size is 3MB and the entire filing submission must be 50MB or less.
- Double check that the documents you uploaded are correct.
- Once you have added all the documents click continue.

# **Review and Submit**

ile New Divorce Case - El Paso County						
Credit Card Number *			MM *	YY *	CVC *	Purchase Details
✓ Use my account information		VISA DISCOVER ESS				Statutory Filing Fees: \$230.00* E-Filing Fees: \$6.00 Total Fees: <b>\$236.00</b>
First Name * Jane		ast Name * OE				*The court may modify statutory filing fees before accepting your filing.
Address * I st Avenue						
Sity * Denver	State * Colorado	<b>*</b>	Zip Code * 80203			
Email Address * ProseAccount@gmail.com						

- Enter your credit card and billing information. Credit card information is not stored in our system and not sent to the court. If this screen is refreshed or you save your filing to submit later, you will need to re-enter your credit card information.
- Click the submit filing button.

# Now what happens?

- A case number is automatically assigned to the case.
- Your submitted filing will display on the My Filings screen.
- The court clerk will review your filing and either accept or reject the documents.
- An accepted or rejected new case filing will display on the Alerts screen.
- The document will have a date/time stamp of when the filing was submitted by the user.
- Statutory filing fees are charged only when a case is accepted.