



The Domestic Relations Division of Common Pleas Court
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Toledo, Ohio 43604

Attorney E-Filing Manual

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Access to web site

To access the e-filing web site, filers can click the link below or cut and paste in an appropriate browser.

<https://courtaccess.co.lucas.oh.us/dr/drefile/>



The screenshot shows the login page for the Lucas County E-Filing Gateway Test Environment. The page has a dark blue header with the Lucas County Clerk of Courts logo and name on the left, and the title 'LUCAS COUNTY E-FILING GATEWAY TEST ENVIRONMENT' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with a 'Home' button. The main content area is light blue and contains instructions for logging in, input fields for 'Login ID' and 'Password', a 'Login' button, and links for 'Create an account' and 'Forgot Password'. A red warning message is displayed below the login fields. The footer is dark blue and contains contact information and copyright details.

LUCAS COUNTY
CLERK OF COURTS
J. BERNIE QUILTER

LUCAS COUNTY
E-FILING GATEWAY
TEST ENVIRONMENT

Home

**To use the Domestic Relations Court E-File Gateway, log in with your registered email address and password.
Not registered? Create an account using the link provided.**

Login ID

Password

Login

[Create an account](#) [Forgot Password](#)

**Enter Login Id and Password and click the Login button to connect. If you have forgotten your Password
click the Forgot Password link and follow the instructions to Reset your Password.**

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Create an Account

Click on create an account to open the following screen:

The screenshot shows the 'CREATE AN E-FILE ACCOUNT' page in a test environment. At the top left is the Lucas County Clerk of Courts logo with the name J. Bernie Quilter. The page title is 'LUCAS COUNTY E-FILING GATEWAY TEST ENVIRONMENT'. A 'Home' button is visible in the navigation bar. The main content area contains instructions: 'Password must be at least six (6) characters long with one (1) numeric value.' and 'Security Question answer must be at least two (2) characters long.' The form fields include: 'Name' (First, Middle, Last), 'Email address', 'Login', 'Enter a password', 'Confirm password', 'Choose a security question' (a dropdown menu), and 'Security question answer'. There are two checkboxes: 'I am an attorney.' and 'I agree to the terms of use'. At the bottom are three buttons: 'Clear Account Information', 'Cancel Account Creation', and 'Submit New Account Information'. A footer contains 'Contact Us | Disclaimer'.

Step 1:

Complete all the information including name, email, login, password, and security question.

Step 2:

Check "I am an attorney" and enter your Bar ID

Check "E-Notice Sign Up"

Check "I agree to the terms of use"

Click "Submit New Account Information"

I am an attorney.

[E-Notice Sign Up](#)

I agree to the [terms of use](#)

Your information has now been sent to the Clerk's Office for approval. Once approved, the filer will receive a confirmation email.

Begin E-Filing:

Once the filer has received their confirmation email from the Clerk's Office, e-filing can begin. **(Can't E File on Domestic Violence cases)**

<https://courtaccess.co.lucas.oh.us/dr/drefile/>

The screenshot shows the user interface of the Lucas County Domestic Relations Court Electronic Filing System Gateway. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, E-Filing, Case Search, E-Notice, and Payment History. Below the navigation bar, a welcome message reads: "Welcome to the Lucas County Domestic Relations Court Electronic Filing System Gateway. [ef_welcm_tj]". A sub-message states: "Listed Below are your Filings from the Last 7 days and Cases on which you have been Recently Scheduled. [ef_home]".

The main content area is titled "MY FILINGS (LAST 7 DAYS)" and contains a table with the following data:

Case Number	Filed	Status [?]	Conf. #	Filing Type	Case Title
			119	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	TESTER/TEST/ VS. TESTER/RTEST/
DR20220051	6/07/2022		120	DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
DM20225022	6/07/2022		121	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	ACKERMAN/MARYANNE/ VS. ACKERMAN/EDWARD/

Below the table, there is a section titled "MY RECENT CASES" which displays the message: "No cases were found".







Main Screen of system

First Tab: Home screen

The first tab is the home where you will see your filings from the last 7 days and your most recent cases which will be cases that are set within the last 2 weeks.

As you can see it has the case number that if you click it will show all images, the date you filed it, Status (? Will give you the key of what the symbols mean), filing type, and the case caption.

Through all of these screens you will see Save and Proceed or just save. If you do either of these and do not complete the next step you will see an i as the status:

Case Number	Filed	Status [?]	Conf. #	Filing Type	Case Title
			119	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	TESTER/TEST/ VS. TESTER/RTEST/
DR20220051	6/07/2022		120	DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
DM20225022	6/07/2022		121	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	ACKERMAN/MARYANNE/ VS. ACKERMAN/EDWARD/
DR20220051			122	DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
DR20220051	6/07/2022		123	DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
DM20225022			124	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	ACKERMAN/MARYANNE/ VS. ACKERMAN/EDWARD/

Each filing receives a Conf.# if you hit this number, the system will give you a filing overview where you can remove or edit any filing before it is submitted.

FILING OVERVIEW

Below is an overview of your e-filing. You may cancel your e-filing if it has not yet been accepted by the Court. You may also make corrections and resubmit your e-filing if it has been rejected by the Court.

Conf. # 119

Case Title TESTER/TEST/ VS. TESTER/RTEST/

Case Number Case not created yet



Judge Judge not assigned yet

Filing Status Filing is incomplete, not submitted

Filing User STEVEN T SNYDER

Filing Started 6/7/2022 10:33:16 AM

Filing Submitted Not submitted yet

Document	File Name
 PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION AND SEPARATION AGREEMENT	Test Document.pdf
 SCHEDULE I	Test Document.pdf

[Return Home](#)

[Remove this from My Filings](#)

[Edit this Filing](#)

[Cancel this Filing](#)

Second Tab: E-Filing

The E-Filing tab will have 3 options My E-Filings, File a New Case, and Filing on an existing case.

My E-Filings

This option gives you a search capability to search for all your cases. If you click the case number link it will take you to a filed stamp copy of what has been filed (accepted) with the court already on the case.

MY E-FILINGS SEARCH

From New Case Filings Title Search Confirmation #
 To Existing Case Filings Filing Type Filing Status
 Proposed Orders

Case Number	Filed	Status [?]	Conf. #	Filing Type	Case Title
			119	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	TESTER/TEST/ VS. TESTER/RTEST/
DR20220051	6/07/2022		120	DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
DM20225022	6/07/2022		121	DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN	ACKERMAN/MARYANNE/ VS. ACKERMAN/EDWARD/

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It also provides a button at the bottom to create a new filing which takes you to file a new case.

File a New Case

[Home](#) [E-Filing](#) [Case Search](#) [E-Notice](#) [Payment History](#)

[File a New Case](#) [Case Setup](#) [Case Party](#) [Documents](#) [Review](#) [Payment](#) [Confirmation](#)

NEW CASE FILING

Enter the Type of Filing and New Case Title Information below.
 Once you are finished please click the [Save and Proceed] button to continue to the next screen.

Type of Filing

Case Title *Plaintiff (max 50 characters)*
 -VS-
 Defendant (max 50 characters)

PRIOR TO FILING YOU WILL STILL NEED TO CALL THE ASSIGNMENT OFFICE (419-213-6854) TO GET A COURT DATE AND ENTER THAT DATE ON YOUR PAPERWORK PRIOR TO UPLOADING YOUR PAPERWORK FOR FILING.

You will select which type of filing and enter the names of the parties which will become the case caption. You can save and proceed or you can save then come back later and complete on any of these screens.

Then it will take you to Case Party:

ADD PARTY MEMBERS

Enter the Party Information. Click the [Add This Party] button to add the party member to the filing. You can add an unlimited number of party members this way. When you are finished click the [Save and Proceed] button below the party role review section.

Case Party Role

Person Company

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

Gender Male Female

Email Address

Phone Type Phone Number

Foreign Address Unknown Address

Address Type

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State Zip Code

PARTY ROLE REVIEW

No persons have been added to this list yet. You may add one above.

Enter all the information for the parties then save and proceed.

This will then take you to the screen to add documents:

ADD DOCUMENTS

Please attach any PDF format documents to the required filings. Hit the button under the [Attach] header for each filing to attach the document. Click the [Browse] button to open a navigation window. Then navigate to and select your PDF document and click [Add This Document]. All the required documents are needed to proceed.

View	Document	File Name	Attach	Remove
	PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION AND SEPARATION AGREEMENT			

Depending on what you selected to file it will show you a list of documents that you need to upload and attach. If you hit the little pencil and paper it will pull up this:

View	Document	File Name	Attach	Remove
	PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION AND SEPARATION AGREEMENT			

Document




Document Location

You will select which document from the list then hit browse find the document on your computer and add this document (PDF form). You will do this for all the forms it says you are required to file.

Also once you have uploaded all the required forms it will give you an option to select other forms that are not required that you can upload:

ADD DOCUMENTS

Please attach any PDF format documents to the required filings. Hit the button under the [Attach] header for each filing to attach the document. Click the [Browse] button to open a navigation window. Then navigate to and select your PDF document and click [Add This Document]. All the required documents are needed to proceed.

View	Document	File Name	Attach	Remove
	PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION AND SEPARATION AGREEMENT	Test Document.pdf		
	SCHEDULE I	Test Document.pdf		

Document

Document Location

Any document that is required you can't remove. But all optional you can delete with the red X. You also can hit the magnify glass and this will pull up that document for you to view.

From there you will go to a review of everything you just entered and a place to put a note for the clerk:

[Filing on an Existing Case](#)
FILING REVIEW [EDIT](#)

Below is a summary of the E-Filing data you have entered. To modify any of the data please use the navigation links above or the [Edit] links to the right of each heading. If the data below is correct click the [Save and Proceed] button to continue.

Type of Filing: DISSOLUTION - NO CHILDREN

PARTY ROLE REVIEW [EDIT](#)

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: [\(REPRESENTED BY STEVEN SNYDER \(123456\)\)](#)
[New Party](#) TEST TESTER
123 TESTER RD
TOLEDO, OH 43604
(419) 213 - 6745

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: RTEST TESTER
[New Party](#) 123 TESTER RD
TOLEDO, OH 43604
(419) 213 - 5467

DOCUMENT REVIEW [EDIT](#)

View	Document	File Name
	PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION AND SEPARATION AGREEMENT	Test Document.pdf
	SCHEDULE I	Test Document.pdf

NOTE FOR CLERK

Note to Clerk (max 500 characters)

[Save and Proceed](#)

Save and proceed then will take you to the payment screen:

PAYMENT

Filing on an Existing Case

Enter your credit or debit card information below to authorize payment. Your card will be confirmed for the amount shown on the Total Deposit Required line while your filing is under review and charged only after your filing has been accepted by the Court.

An additional convenience fee will be charged by Point and Pay for electronic payment. This will appear as a separate charge on your statement. The convenience fee is non-refundable outside of the same business day your electronic filing is accepted.

The name on the credit/debit card MUST match the Registered Account Name. Third party payments will NOT be accepted.^[efile_pay]

Filing Charges	\$300.00
Convenience Fee	\$9.00
Total Deposit Required	\$309.00

On Behalf of: TEST TESTER (PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER) ▼

Payment Type Credit Card Debit Card

Bill To

First Name Last Name Suffix -- Select -- ▼

Address Line 1

Line 2

City

State -- Select -- ▼

Zip

Card Number (without dashes or spaces)

Expiration (Month/Year) JAN ▼ /

CSV/CID Code (AMX 4 digits on front, all others 3 digits on back of card)



Submit Filing

You will complete this screen and then submit filing. Filing charges go to the court and the processing fee goes to the company that runs the credit card.

File on existing case

File on an Existing Case [Case Setup](#) ▶▶ Case Party ▶▶ Review ▶▶ Payment ▶▶ Confirmation

EXISTING CASE FILING

Enter the Case Number and choose the Type of Existing Case Filing below.
Once you are finished please click the [Save and Proceed] button to continue to the next screen. [ef_ex_case]

Example Case Number: DR[YEAR]0001, DM[YEAR]5001

Case Number: **Valid Case**

Type of Existing Case Filing:

Case Title: SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/

Case Filed: 02/01/2022

Judge: MCGOWAN/LISA/

Enter case number then click verify case. You will see a green valid case next to it or if the case number was wrong you will get a red Invalid Case Number. Once you verify the valid case is the same as the others select what you are filing from the drop down list and the save and proceed:

EXISTING CASE FILING

Case Number: DR20220051
Case Title: SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
Case Filed: 02/01/2022
Type: DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN
Judge: MCGOWAN/LISA/

ADD PARTY MEMBERS

Enter the Party Information. Click the [Add This Party] button to add a new or modified party member to the filing. You can add an unlimited number of party members this way. You may also indicate that an existing party member is your client. When you are finished click the [Save and Proceed] button below the party role review section.

Case Party Role -- Select --
 Person Company
First Name
Middle Name
Last Name
Date of Birth
Gender Male Female
Email Address
Phone Type -- Select -- Phone Number () -
 Foreign Address Unknown Address
Address Type -- Select --
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
City
State -- Select -- Zip Code
Copy Address -- Select --

Save Party Clear Party

PARTY ROLE REVIEW

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: (REPRESENTED BY STEVEN SNYDER (123456))
JOHN SNIDER
423 CINCINNATI ST
TOLEDO, OH 43611
(419) 921 - 6257
SNIDERREALESTATEINVESTMENTS@GMAIL.COM

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: MIRANDA SNIDER
64 BENEDICT AVE
SUITE 2
NORWALK, OH 44857
(419) 577 - 9786

Save and Proceed Cancel

From here fill out what information as needed, upload form, add note if needed for the clerk, and then save and proceed:

EXISTING CASE FILING REVIEW

Below is a summary of the E-Filing data you have entered. To modify any of the data please use the navigation links above or the [Edit] links to the right of each heading. If the data below is correct click the [Save and Proceed] button to continue.

Conf. #: 122
Case Number: DR20220051
Case Title: SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
Case Filed: 2/1/2022
Type: DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN
Judge: MCGOWAN/LISA/

FILING REVIEW

[EDIT](#)

Filing Attorney: ATTORNEY/TEST/EFILE

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER:

Claimed Party

(REPRESENTED BY STEVEN SNYDER (123456))

JOHN SNIDER
423 CINCINNATI ST
TOLEDO, OH 43611
(419) 921 - 6257
SNIDERREALESTATEINVESTMENTS@GMAIL.COM

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER:

New Party

(REPRESENTED BY STEVEN SNYDER (123456))

PETER SNIDER
423 CINCINNATI ST
TOLEDO, OH 43611
(419) 921 - 6257

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT:

MIRANDA SNIDER
64 BENEDICT AVE
SUITE 2
NORWALK, OH 44857
(419) 577 - 9786

DOCUMENT REVIEW

View Document

File Name



EXPARTE MOTION Test Document.pdf

NOTE FOR CLERK

Note to Clerk:

(max 300 characters)

Save and Proceed

When searching to file on an existing case you will see two things after the case one being New E-File and the second being New PO:

CASE SEARCH

Case Number From To

Pending Cases
 Post Decree Cases

Case Number	Filed	Status	Case Title	Judge	New E-File	New PO
DR20220051	2/01/2022	A	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/	LISA MCGOWAN		

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If you hit the paper with the green E for new E-File it will take you to the Existing Case Filing:

EXISTING CASE FILING

Enter the Case Number and choose the Type of Existing Case Filing below.
Once you are finished please click the [Save and Proceed] button to continue to the next screen. [ef_ex_case]

Case Number:

Type of Existing Case Filing:

Case Title: ACKERMAN/MARYANNE/ VS. ACKERMAN/EDWARD/
Case Filed: 01/18/2022
Judge: LEWANDOWSKI/DAVID/

From there you would follow the above instructions for filing on an existing case.

To get a filed stamped copy of what you filed once it is accepted you can go to the online docket here <https://co.lucas.oh.us/99/Dockets-Online>

The second is New PO (Proposed Order):

CASE SEARCH

Case Number

From

To

Pending Cases

Post Decree Cases

Case Number	Filed	Status	Case Title	Judge	New E-File	New PO
DR20220051	2/01/2022	A	SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/	LISA MCGOWAN		

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When you click the paper with the P on it:

EXISTING CASE FILING PROPOSED ORDER

Enter the Proposed Order/Pleading information below. Browse to upload the MSWord .doc or .docx file(s) from your PC and click [Add this Document]. Once you are finished adding Proposed Orders/Pleadings click the [Save and Proceed] button.^[efile_po]

Case Number:



Type of Existing Case Filing:

Case Title: SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/

Case Filed: 02/01/2022

Judge: MCGOWAN/LISA/

ADD DOCUMENTS

View	Document	File Name	Attach	Remove
	PROPOSED ORDER/PLEADING	Test Document.docx		

Document

Document Location

You will browse and this is the only document that it will require it to be in a word document format. Once uploaded you hit the save and proceed:

CASE REVIEW

Below is a summary of the Proposed Order data you have entered. To modify any of the data please use the navigation links above or the [Edit] links to the right of each heading. If the data below is correct click the [Save and Proceed] button to continue.


Conf. #: 123
Case Number: DR20220051
Case Title: SNIDER/JOHN/ VS. SNIDER/MIRANDA/
Case Filed: 2/1/2022
Type: DIVORCE - NO CHILDREN
Judge: MCGOWAN/LISA/

PROPOSED ORDER REVIEW

[EDIT](#)

Filing Attorney: ATTORNEY/TEST/EFILE
Document Caption: PROPOSED ORDER

DOCUMENT REVIEW

View Document	File Name
	PROPOSED ORDER/PLEADING Test Document.docx

NOTE FOR CLERK

Note to Clerk (max 500 characters)

[Submit Proposed Order](#)

Review and then Submit.

Case Search

The screenshot shows a web application with a navigation bar at the top containing five tabs: Home, E-Filing, Case Search, E-Notice, and Payment History. The 'Case Search' tab is selected. Below the navigation bar is a form titled 'CASE SEARCH'. The form contains a 'Case Number' field with two input boxes, a 'From' date field with a calendar icon, and a 'To' date field with a calendar icon. There are two checkboxes: 'Pending Cases' and 'Post Decree Cases', both of which are checked. At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: 'Search Cases' and 'Clear'.

If you have the case number and are just appointed you can file on a case by searching here.

E-Notice



The screenshot shows a web application with a navigation bar at the top containing five tabs: Home, E-Filing, Case Search, E-Notice, and Payment History. The 'E-Notice' tab is selected. Below the navigation bar is a form titled 'E-NOTICE'. The form contains a 'Case Number' field with two input boxes, a 'From' date field with a calendar icon, and a 'To' date field with a calendar icon. There is one checkbox: 'Unread Notices Only', which is checked. At the bottom right of the form are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Clear'. Below the form is a large empty rectangular box containing the text: 'No notices were found, enter search criteria and click the search button'.

When you created an account if you signed up for E-Notice you will get anything that the other attorney filed on a case on this tab.

Payment History

Home E-Filing Case Search E-Notice Payment History

PAYMENT HISTORY

Case Number From  Confirmation #:
To 

No cases were found, enter search criteria and click the search button

Deposit Total:
Conv. Fee Total:
Grand Total:

This will show all the payments that you have made through the DR E-Filing.

Any problems or questions please call 419-213-6774 or email
HelpDesk@co.lucas.oh.us