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### **E-filing Survey Available to Receive Public Input**

LANSING, MI, May 13, 2014 – A survey developed by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) is now available for interested parties to provide comments regarding the key features of a statewide e-filing system. [Click here to access the survey](#). The survey can be accessed through Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

An extensive e-filing stakeholder workshop was held in April and the survey is a follow-up to that discussion. Based on its research, experience in other states and input from stakeholders and the general public, the NCSC will be issuing a report to the Michigan State Court Administrator's Office with recommendations for an e-filing system that best meets Michigan's needs.

The goal is to create an accessible statewide e-filing system that works well for users, is funded fairly, and takes into account the unique and divergent resources of the 244 trial courts in Michigan. E-filing allows for the filing of court documents from anywhere in the state at any time of the day without having to drive to a court office or send large amounts of printed materials via a delivery service, thereby saving time, gas, parking fees, copy costs, and delivery charges. A statewide e-filing system will also allow for the electronic notice and service of process and other expanded benefits to improve the efficiency of court interactions by attorneys, parties, and the public.

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