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## **DeKalb County, Georgia, Simplifies Court Filing Process and Enhances Access to Justice**

**DECATUR, GA** – DeKalb County Superior Court, Georgia, has announced mandatory e-filing for all civil cases via Tyler's Odyssey eFileGA™, which will provide convenience and cost savings to DeKalb County residents and attorneys as it will enable them to open cases and file documents from a user-friendly, secure website — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

With the collective support of the Superior Court bench, Chief Judge Tangela Barrie signed a standing Order making E-filing mandatory for all civil cases, beginning on December 31, 2016. The following cases are excepted from the Order: ex parte motions, adoptions, bond validations, domestication of foreign judgments, surrogacy declaratory judgment, and termination of parental rights, and family violence temporary protective orders.

"We have reached a pivotal moment in our transition to electronic court records and now documents can be digitally filed, served, distributed and delivered at any time and any place," said Debra DeBerry, Clerk of the DeKalb County Superior Court. "This transition will help us achieve greater efficiencies, as well as create time savings for attorneys and clerks and enhance access to justice for self-represented litigants."

Using eFileGA helps courts streamline processes, reduce costs, and save paper. Nationally, Tyler is seeing the number of electronically filed transactions steadily rise while processing times are getting faster, with many filings taking less than 60 seconds.

By providing court participants with simplified and immediate access to court documents, DeKalb County is using Odyssey eFileGA to increase efficiency and more effectively use taxpayer dollars. This supports its strategic plan, which prescribes use of "equipment and technology in a way that enables high performance."

Courts in most of the Atlanta metro area are using eFileGA, including courts in Macon, Bibb; Cherokee; Clayton; Coweta; DeKalb; Douglas; Forsyth; Fulton; Gwinnett; Rockdale; and Spalding counties.

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The Odyssey system was developed and implemented by Tyler Technologies, a software company headquartered in Plano, Texas, that focuses entirely on software and services for state and local governments. This modern court system helps eliminate manual processes, increases efficiencies and moves governments to paperless environments. The system will enable DeKalb County to better serve its constituents, who will now have faster access to essential court information via the internet, 24/7.

Please call Lisa Oakley at 404-687-3875 for any questions.

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