Who can register for a digital evidence account?

Registration is open to the public but specific case access\* will be provided by the court through an electronic invitation.

- To register for an account, please visit: <a href="https://digitalevidence.azcourts.g">https://digitalevidence.azcourts.g</a> ov/Account/Register
- For any registration questions, please contact the AOC Support Center at (602) 452-3519 or (800) 702-7743 or email at pasupport@courts.az.gov

### Is training available?

Yes, various training opportunities and training material are available.

To view a complete listing of training options, visit:

https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/eCourtsTrainings@AZCourts.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/



For additional information and training material, please visit:

https://www.azcourts.gov/digitale vidence



# Attorney access to The Digital Evidence Portal to Submit and Manage Exhibits in Maricopa County





<sup>\*</sup>Qualifying cases will be determined per court division.

### Digital Evidence Portal

# Available Statewide: Superior Court and Limited Jurisdiction Courts

On August 25, 2021, Chief Justice Robert Brutinel signed Administrative Order 2021-142 implementing the Digital evidence portal for use in all Arizona Superior Court and Limited Jurisdiction Court locations.

The digital evidence portal provides a convenient electronic platform for attorneys and self-represented litigants to upload, organize, and manage exhibits.

The portal offers a standard platform that will allow exhibits to be shared and presented between case participants and the courts during an in-person and virtual hearing.



### Things to know

- Bring a device to court, any party who wishes to display evidence will have to present it from their own device.
- Bring an internet connection, the Court's public Wi-Fi is not guaranteed and expires after 90 minutes.
- Physical exhibits are discouraged but may be submitted. Any evidence which can be uploaded to the portal should be.
- Use of case presentation software, not the Digital Evidence Portal, must be agreed upon by the judge and other parties to the case.
- Exhibits should be uploaded by the deadlines identified in the hearing setting minute entry.
- Best practice would be to have any exhibits saved to a device should the portal not be an option; this is covered in training.
- Any party to a case expected to use the Digital Evidence Portal will be endorsed on a Minute Entry with guidelines and time limits for uploading exhibits.
- When you upload your exhibits to the Digital Evidence platform, your exhibits are automatically numbered starting with Exhibit 1 for each side.
   Do not re-number your exhibits.
- When uploading exhibits, naming conventions should be agreed upon by the judge and other parties.

# Will case parties be required to submit evidence digitally?

Pursuant to Administrative Order 2021-142, when the Clerk of Court initiates a case in the portal, unless specifically excluded, attorneys shall submit all exhibits through the portal, and self-represented litigants may submit all exhibits through the portal.

### What will be available?

- Initial implementation in Maricopa County will include certain pilot judges in Criminal and Civil.
- A phased rollout to the remaining judges in all case types will depend upon the pilot feedback.

## Benefits of the Digital Evidence Portal

- <u>Safe</u> and <u>secure</u> online option with 24/7 access to upload, organize and manage exhibits.
- <u>Extensive support</u> of multimedia formats, including all document types.
- <u>Convenient</u> access to all digital exhibits submitted for a case.