

29.1 Electronic Filing Generally.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, this rule shall be construed in accordance with Georgia's Electronic Records and Signatures Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 10-12-1 et seq.

(b) A juvenile court may adopt local rules permitting electronic court filing and service of documents subject to this rule.

(c) Subject to paragraph (f), below, electronic filing is not mandatory, but permissive. Parties in a case who opt to file electronically shall deal with parties who do not file electronically in accordance with traditional, paper-based rules and procedure in keeping with the Juvenile Court Code and the Uniform Rules For Juvenile Courts.

(d) When a document to be filed requires a signature by a person but such signature is not submitted under penalty of perjury the document shall be deemed to have been signed by that person if filed electronically.

(e) When a document to be filed requires a signature of any person and such signature is submitted under the penalty of perjury the document shall be deemed to be signed by that person if any one of the following conditions is met:

(i) The clerk of the court accepting the document for filing swears that the person whose signature is required signed or intended to sign the document. The clerk of the court may keep a paper or electronic copy of the signed document as a record of the signer's intent.

(ii) A faxed copy of the signed document is delivered to the court.

(iii) An electronic image of the signed document is delivered to the court.

(f) A judge may require all parties in a case to file electronically.

(g) A judge may alter these rules in any case in the interest of justice.