

29.6 Time of Filing, Confirmation of Filing, Notices, Service Interruptions.

(a) Any document that is electronically filed with the court after the close of business on any day, but before midnight, shall be deemed to have been filed on the same business day.

(b) “Close of business” as used in paragraph (a) shall mean 12:00 noon or the time at which the court would not accept a filing at the court’s counter, whichever is earlier.

(c) The precise time of filing of an electronically filed document is when the document is first received without error by the court or the court’s agent, whichever entity receives it first, provided the received document is eventually accepted by the court and filed.

(d) The court receiving a document filed electronically shall issue one or more confirmations that the document has been received and filed. The confirmation or confirmations shall serve as proof that the document has been received or filed, as the case may be.

(e) Notice of an electronically filed document shall be given to other parties in the following ways:

(i) An electronic filer may give non-electronic filers notice in accordance with traditional paper-based rules and procedure; or

(ii) Either the court or the electronic filer may give notice to other electronic filers by sending electronic mail to the registered email address of the electronic filers requiring notice. Whether the filer or the court is responsible for sending notice shall be determined by local court rule. Parties opting to use electronic filing shall be responsible for registering their email address with the court and shall immediately notify the court and other parties if the address changes. Attorneys shall also register their email address with the State Bar of Georgia.