

## **Announcement regarding electronic filing for Dispossessory cases**

On November 28, 2016, the Clerk's Office in the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County began using electronic filing for Dispossessory cases. The launch of electronic filing is as a pilot project in a non-mandatory environment to test the demand for electronic filing and establish a workflow, while maintaining paper files and continuing to ensure that the Clerk's Office can still serve customers who chose not to use electronic filing. It is an available option for those who chose to use it. Where a case has been initiated electronically, a filer is not required to use electronic filing for the duration of the proceedings, but can choose to submit a paper filing at any stage of the proceedings.

Additionally, filers may wish to use the forms generator that is available on the Magistrate Court's website to develop pleadings for filing. With the forms generator, a party can create a dispossessory warrant and an answer form for said dispossessory action. Electronic filing will be expanded to include small claims and initiating garnishment actions in the first quarter of 2017. Please return to this site to for further announcements in the future. To register as a user and e-file in the Magistrate Court of DeKalb County, users will need to access the following website: [www.odysseyfilega.com](http://www.odysseyfilega.com). Training, written materials, and support are accessible at the site. The Clerk's Office can be contacted by phone at 404-371-2261