

# eFileTexas / re:SearchTX

Communication to Attorneys



# Definitions / Links

- eFiling – Statewide eFiling Portal
  - <https://www.efiletexas.gov/> (pick service provider and file)
- re:Searchtx – Statewide Access to Public Records
  - <https://research.txcourts.gov> (same login as eFiling – may require additional setup)
  - Only Civil and Family Cases (at this time)

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- 2017 Approved Roles ([Misc. Docket 17-9025](#))
  - **Role 1 – Judge**
    - Role meaning: All judges including associates and designated court staff except visiting judges.
  - **Role 2 – Attorney on the Case, Visiting Judge**
    - Role meaning: an attorney who has made an appearance in the case and or Visiting Judge assigned to the case or docket for a temporary period.
  - **Role 3 – Clerk**
    - Role meaning: custodian of the official record and staff necessary for the performance of clerk's duties.

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- **Approved Role Permissions (Free Access)**

- **Role 1 – Judge**

- Permission: may access all case index information and all electronically filed documents in any case in any court

- **Role 2 – Attorney on the Case, Visiting Judge**

- Permission: may access all case index information and electronically filed documents in which he or she is attorney of record or made an appearance in the case. A Visiting Judge may access all case index information and electronically filed documents to which he or she is assigned.

- **Role 3 – Clerk**

- Permission: same as judge for cases filed in their district or county. Clerks will have access to reports and other system features to configure and provide additional information concerning their offices.

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- 2018 Approved by Supreme Court ([Docket 18-9132](#))
  - **Role 4 – Licensed Attorney (not on the case)**
    - **Meaning:** State of Texas attorney that does not fall into Role 1, Role 2, or Role 3.
    - **Permissions:** can access all publicly available case index information and electronically filed documents. This would exclude cases and documents that are restricted by Court Order, Rule or Statute including documents containing un-redacted sensitive data (“Restricted Documents”).
    - **Fee:** will be charged per document (uncertified) for this role (.10 cents a page up to 6.00 max per document)

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- Approved from Supreme Court
  - **Role 5 – Public Access (basically everyone else)**
    - **Meaning:** a registered user that does not fall into Role 1, Role 2, Role 3, or Role 4.
    - **Permissions:** can access case index information and publicly available electronically filed documents in accordance with the **Matrix** (seen in upcoming slides). Additionally, user access would not include cases and documents that are restricted by Court Order, Rule and Statute including un-redacted documents marked as containing Sensitive Data (referred to as “Restricted Documents”). Matrix in [Technology Standards](#)
    - **Fee:** will be charged per document (uncertified) for this role (.10 cents a page up to 6.00 max per document)

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- Approved from Supreme Court
  - **Role 5 (Public) – Matrix – Civil** (if the case type is not listed it should not be on re:SearchTX)
  - **Index Info** – means case, party, and event information will be available
  - **Docs Show** – means documents sent through eFileTexas will show to the public.

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Docs Show
Civil – Contract	Debt/Contract – Consumer/DTPA	X	X
	Debt/Contract – Debt/Collection	X	X
	Debt/Contract – Fraud/Misrepresentation	X	X
	Debt/Contract – Other	X	X
	Evictions – Commercial	X	X
	Evictions – Residential (appealed to county courts and will not show until the <b>181<sup>st</sup></b> day after filing)	X	X
	Foreclosure – Home Equity-Expedited	X	X
	Foreclosure – Other	X	X
	Franchise	X	X
	Property Owners Association	X	X
	Insurance	X	X
	Other Landlord/Tenant – Commercial	X	X
	Other Landlord/Tenant – Residential	X	X
	Non-Competition	X	X
	Partnership	X	X
Other Contract	X	X	
Civil – Employment	Discrimination	X	X
	Retaliation	X	X
	Termination	X	X
	Workers’ Compensation	X	X
	Other Employment	X	X

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Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Docs Show	
Civil – Injury or Damage	Assault/Battery	X	X	
	Construction	X	X	
	Defamation/Libel/Slander	X	X	
	Malpractice – Accounting	X	X	
	Malpractice – Legal	X	X	
	Malpractice – Medical	X	X	
	Malpractice – Other Professional Liability	X	X	
	Motor Vehicle Accident	X	X	
	Premises	X	X	
	Product Liability – Asbestos/Silica	X	X	
	Product Liability – Other	X	X	
	Other Injury or Damage	X	X	
	Civil – Other Civil	Administrative Appeal	X	X
		Antitrust/Unfair Competition	X	X
Appeal from a Lower Court		X	X	
Bill of Review		X	X	
Code Violations		X	X	
Foreign Judgment		X	X	
Fraudulent Liens		X	X	
Garnishment		X	X	
Intellectual Property		X	X	
Judicial Review- Fraudulent Documents		X	X	
Lawyer Discipline		X	X	
Perpetuate Testimony		X	X	
Protective Order (Non-Domestic Relations)		X	X	
Securities/Stock		X	X	
Tortious Interference		X	X	
Toll Road		X	X	
Other Civil	X	X		



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Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Docs Show
Civil – Real Property	Condemnation	X	X
	Eminent Domain	X	X
	Partition	X	X
	Quiet Title	X	X
	Tax Appraisal	X	X
	Trespass to Try Title	X	X
	Other Property	X	X
Civil – Related to Criminal Matters	Judgment Nisi	X	X
	Occupational Driver’s License	X	X
	Seizure/Forfeiture	X	X
	Sexual Predator (Health & Safety Code 841)	X	X
	Writ of Habeas Corpus – Pre-indictment	X	X
	Other	X	X
Civil – Tax	Tax Delinquency	X	X
	Other Tax	X	X
Multi-District Litigation (MDL)	MDL – Asbestosis	X	X
	MDL – GM Ignition Switch	X	X
	MDL – Hailstorm	X	X
	MDL – Hurricane	X	X
	MDL – Product Liability	X	X

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- Approved from Supreme Court
  - Role 5 – **Matrix** – Family (if the case type is not listed index information should not be on re:SearchTX)
  - Documents should NOT be available to the public at this time EXCEPT for “Adult Adoption” and “Name Change – Adult” cases.
  - **ReStyle** should say Party 1 v Party 2 instead of names
  - **Delay** – means the case, party, and event information will not show for the first 31 days of new case filing due to legislation in the large county.

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Delay (days)
Family– Marriage Relationship	Annulment with Children	ReStyle	31
	Annulment No Children	X	31
	Declare Marriage Void	X	31
	Divorce with Children	ReStyle	31
	Divorce No Children	X	31
Family– Other Family Law	Adult Adoption (will show documents)	X	
	Register Foreign Judgment	ReStyle	31
	Garnishment	ReStyle	31
	Habeas Corpus	ReStyle	31
	Name Change – Adult (will show documents)	X	
	Protective Order	X	31
	Other	X	31
Family– Parent-Child Relationship	Child Support	ReStyle	31
	Custody or Visitation	ReStyle	31
	Grandparent Access	ReStyle	31
	Parentage/Paternity/Voluntary Legitimation	Restyle	31
	Termination of Parental Rights	Restyle	31
	Other Parent-Child	ReStyle	31
Family– Post-judgment Actions	Enforcement	ReStyle	31
	Modification – Custody	ReStyle	31
	Modification – Other	ReStyle	31
Family– Title IV-D (OAG Use Only)	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No Tx Cause	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing Tx Cause	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ	ReStyle	31
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents	ReStyle	31

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- Approved from Supreme Court
  - Role 5 – Matrix – Probate (if the case type is not listed index information should not be on re:SearchTX)

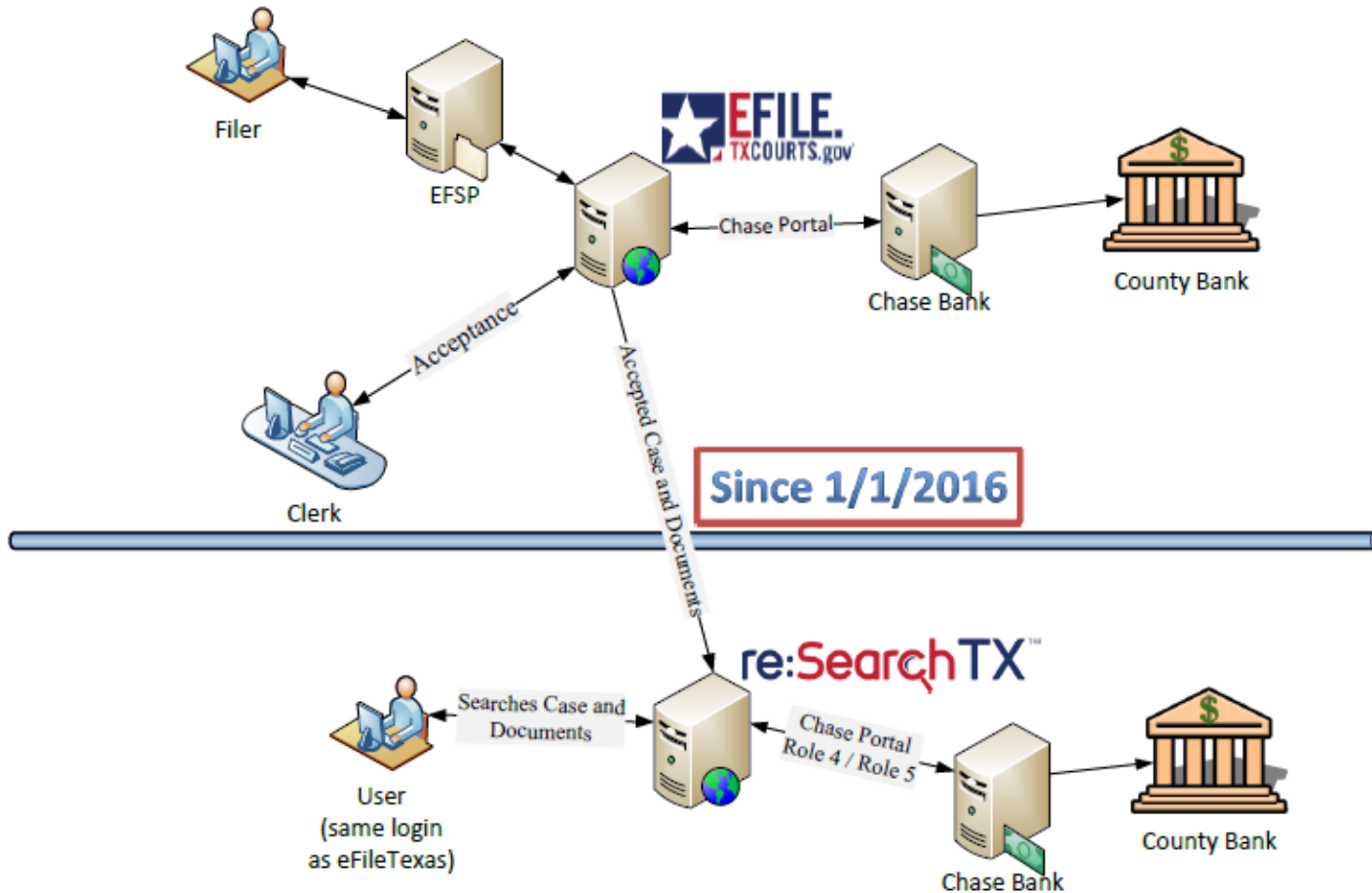
Case Category Code	Case Type Codes	Index Info	Docs Show
Probate	Dependent Administration	X	X
	Independent Administration	X	X
	Foreign Will	X	X
	Letters Testamentary	X	X
	Muniment of Title	X	X
	Other Estate Proceedings	X	X
	Small Estate Proceedings	X	X
	Open Safety Deposit Box	X	X
Probate – Guardianship	Guardianship – Adult	X	
	Guardianship Management Trust	X	X
	Sale of Property	X	X
Probate – Other	Other Probate	X	X
	Relief from Firearms Disability	X	
	Condemnation/Eminent Domain (Bexar/Denton/Travis County Only)	X	X

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- What you may not know...
  - All cases and documents eFiled since 1/1/2016 have been sent to re:SearchTX.
  - Role 4 scheduled to rollout 11/7/2018 (access to 1/1/2016 cases and documents forward)
  - Role 5 scheduled to rollout 11/7/2018 (access to cases and documents from 11/1/2018 forward)

# How It Works

## eFileTexas / re:SearchTx



# re:SearchTX

o Screen shot from site **without** integration to re:SearchTX

## Case Information

COLUMBUS TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES INC v

BROWN, MARVIN

201842570

Location	Case Category	Case Type	Case Filed Date	Case Status
Harris County - 190th Civil District Court	Civil - Contract	Debt/Contract - Debt/Contract	6/26/2018	Open

## Parties<sup>2</sup>

Type	Name	Attorneys
Defendant / Respondent	MARVIN BROWN ▾	
Plaintiff / Petitioner / Old Name	COLUMBUS TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES INC ▾	

## Filings<sup>1</sup>

Newest First ▾

Search in Filings



+ ADD FILING

### Petition

Plaintiff's Original Petition

Filed By  
Kim Thole

File Date  
6/26/2018

Name	Description	Security	Pages	Price
<a href="#">OP 37002_20180626142209.pdf</a>	Plaintiff's Original Petition	New Case Filings	3	Owned
<a href="#">EXHIBIT 37002_20180626142234.pdf</a>	Exhibit A	Exhibits	4	Owned
<a href="#">CCI 37002_20180626142146.pdf</a>	Civil Case Information Sheet	Case Information Sheet	1	Owned

# Expunge Process

- If the filing county is not integrated with re:Searchtx (different integration than efileing) then your expunged cases will still be available on re:Searchtx.
- Send the order granting expunction to OCA for manual removal (which removes from efiletexas as well)
- Send email requests to: [ocaexpunctions@txcourts.gov](mailto:ocaexpunctions@txcourts.gov)
- Send traditional paper-based mail to:
  - OCA Expunctions – Legal Division, 205 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 600 Austin, Tx. 78701
- Once received, it may take up to 30 days to be removed.

# Sealing Documents

- In an email from OCA on 11/12/2018, it stated there is a manual way to seal a document in re:SearchTx.
  - Rule 76a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure requires a notice of the motion to seal the document to be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas. When the Supreme Court clerk receives these notices, the clerk will alert OCA of this notice, and OCA will verify whether the court has signed an order sealing the document. If this order is signed, OCA will ensure that the document is removed from re:SearchTX.



# Redaction Process

- Coming in mid to late November, efiletexas will be providing redaction services in efiling
- After uploading your document to efiling there will be a button to auto redact the document
- After the system auto redacts your document, then the filer will be allow to review and make any manual modifications as needed
  - Auto redaction tool identifies sensitive data to comply with TRCP 21c (redaction services provided do **NOT** guarantee compliance with TRCP 21c)
- Filer completes the filing process and submits the original and redacted copies to the efiling portal

# Redaction Process

- Clerks have an option to modify redaction
- Clerks have the option to return for correction any incorrectly redacted filing
- After acceptance, only the redacted copy of the document will be sent to court by default
- There is an option for the court to receive both the original and redacted versions
- The redacted version will be seen on re:Searchtx for attorneys not on the case and the public
- Originals will be available for the attorney on the case

# Redaction Process

## Lead Document (Required)

motion test.pdf 81.91 kB



### Description

motion test.pdf

### Security

Motions



### Auto-Redaction

Auto-Redaction

## Attachments

### Computer



### Cloud



### Auto-Redaction in Progress



You can choose to close this dialog box. Once the document is redacted, it will show as complete. You can submit the Envelope only after all the documents have performed the redaction process.

Ok

Show Me How To...  
Success



Redaction for the document "motion test.pdf (motion test.pdf)" has completed.  
Total redactions: 0

### Auto-Redaction

View/Edit Redaction(s)

# Summary

- All accepted eFiled documents filed since 1/1/2016 have been sent to re:SearchTX along with case and party information
- Attorneys of record have access today
- Attorney not of record will have access on 11/1/2017 to documents eFiled as of 1/1/2016
- Public access will be 11/7/2018 (to all case types identified in the matrix in the previous slides - documents eFiled as of 11/1/2018)
- Only a one page thumbnail of the documents can be viewed until purchased (documents are smaller with watermark)
- Attorney not of record and the public will be charged to purchase uncertified documents at .10 cents a page up to a 6.00 max per document. (the full document purchased will only be available for **30** days with a notation at the bottom of all pages “copy from re:searchtx”)

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- View State Level website for more details at <http://www.txcourts.gov/jcit/>
- Supreme Court website at <http://www.txcourts.gov/supreme/>