“E-Filing is Coming to the Second District this Year!”

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John Lepo, Chief Deputy Clerk, Second District Court of Appeal
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Attendees:

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John Lepo gave the audience some background on the evolution of the Court of Appeal’s filing system from purely paper files to the advent of an electronic Appellate Court Case Management System. The dream is for the Second District to eventually be paperless.
Joe Lane announced that the Second District expects to move to mandatory e-filing in the fall of 2016, between September and early November. Lane described how all the appellate courts are using TrueFiling as the exclusive company to handle the e-filing portal. That portal was rolled out in the First District in 2014, in the Third and Fifth Districts in 2015, and in the Fourth and Sixth Districts in 2016. The Second District will be the last. Lane emphasized that the TrueFiling portal is not the same as the ECF/PACER system used in the federal courts, but a more limited electronic portal.

Ben Shatz, together with his assistant Bess Hubbard, then gave the audience a hands-on demonstration of how to register on and use the TrueFiling portal. Shatz and the other panelists answered a lot of questions about the cost, breadth and procedures of the e-filing service.

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