

## Who is behind this standard?



Working within "OASIS" (Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards), the LegalXML Electronic Court Filing Technical Committee, made up of volunteers from courts, vendors, and academia, among other industries, developed the ECF 3.1 specification for court e-filing systems.

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LegalXML specifications are reviewed by the Joint Technology Committee of COSCA (Conference of State Court Administrators) and NACM (National Association for Court Management).

When approved, they become recommended standards" for e-filing in state courts.

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## What is ECF 3.1?

- ✓ A technical standard
- ✓ Recommended by court leaders and associations
- ✓ Based in XML technology
- ✓ Supports court e-filing programs everywhere
- ✓ Supports multiple vendors

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Electronic Court Filing (ECF) 3.1 helps realize savings and reduce workloads by providing a smooth integration of electronically filed court documents with your court's case and document management systems.

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ECF 3.1 is a technical specification which uses XML to support "interoperability" between courts, service providers, and e-filers.

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ECF 3.1 allows multiple service providers to file into one court, creating a competitive e-filing environment in which fees remain low and value-added services from providers are enhanced.

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When e-filing systems are built without standards, it is impossible for law firms and court filing service providers to adapt their documents and procedures so they can e-file in more than one court.

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The ECF 3.1 specification allows courts and law firms to develop their own interoperable e-filing interface by providing the programming schema.

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## ECF 3.1 Promotes Interoperability

Courts who accept electronic filings improve document management and access while reducing data entry.

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ECF 3.1 supports electronic filing of documents for both new and existing cases.

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ECF 3.1 addresses common, court-specific, and unique data collection associated with the following court matters:

- ✓ Civil - including general civil, mental health, probate, conservatorship, and small claims
- ✓ Criminal - misdemeanor and felony cases
- ✓ Domestic Relations - divorce, separation, custody and support, domestic violence, and paternity
- ✓ Juvenile - delinquency and dependency
- ✓ Traffic Citations
- ✓ Bankruptcy