

Oregon Law Practice Management

Practice Management Tips for Oregon Lawyers



Oregon eCourt: One Step Closer to Reality?

For those who have not been attentive to the goings on at the [Oregon Judicial Department](#) (OJD), implementation of statewide [eCourt may seem more like a dream](#) than a reality. But truth be told, real progress is happening.

One huge step forward? The selection earlier this year of [Tyler's Odyssey[®] Court Management System](#), as a single-solution provider:

“The contract between [Tyler](#) and the State of Oregon is valued at approximately \$31 million, which includes software and implementation. The new agreement positions [Odyssey](#) to become a foundation of [Oregon's eCourt program](#) by delivering deep functionality from [Odyssey](#) modules, including Case Management, Financial Management, Enterprise Content Management and eFiling. In addition, [Odyssey](#) will provide Oregon courts with ePayments, a decision support system, a statewide jury management system, an integration framework that enables electronic communication and exchange of information between [Odyssey](#) and existing justice partner information systems, and a unified Web portal to further enhance court access for the public and the legal community.”

Read the complete [Tyler Technologies](#) press release [here](#).

What is Oregon eCourt?

When fully operational, [Oregon eCourt](#) will serve as a 24/7 web-based courthouse permitting online access to documents and case records, court information and court calendars, case-related filing and payment services, multilingual guides, online forms, and online self-help – based on individual user authorization.

How Will We Get There and Where are We Now?

[Odyssey](#) will clearly play a big role in the future development of [Oregon eCourt](#). As we look [forward to the next five years](#), give [credit to the hard work already done](#):

- August 2008 – eFiling begins in the [Oregon Supreme Court](#) for all Oregon State Bar members.
- January 2009 – eFiling begins in the [Oregon Court of Appeals](#).
- August 2009 – electronic content management begins on a modest scale in Yamhill County.

- August 2009 – Oregon’s 40 (separate and previously unequal) Judicial Department Web sites are finally in sync — each conforming to the same format and navigation design for easier use.
- September 2009 – June 2010 – additional Circuit Courts dip their toes into electronic case management.
- January-February 2011 – [Tyler Technologies](#) is selected as a single-solution provider to complete [Oregon eCourt](#) in three phases over the next five years.
- April 2011 – the best development to date: the OJD [launches a new Web site](#) with much-improved navigation, links, and content.

The new user-friendly OJD Web site features:

- A convenient [Court Information Finder](#) with 24 hour general information, maps, parking, and fee rates.
- [Information for Jurors](#)
- [Self Help](#)
- Links to [Forms](#)
- Special [Resources for Families and Children](#)
- Links to [Court Interpreters](#)
- And my personal favorite: [the ability to search all Circuit Court Calendars](#) in the system by attorney name, date, county, or party name. (Searches by attorney name are limited to the first three attorneys on a case; parties may only be searched by the first plaintiff and first defendant listed. Limitations, yes. But folks: this is still a terrific tool and far superior to the [Oregon Judicial Information Network](#) (OJIN online).

Not sure what to choose? [Click on one of these icons:](#)



Or choose [How do I?](#)

How Do I ...?

Contact a court

File a case

Find an attorney

Find a case

Find a form

Find divorce information

Find fee information

Make a payment

Schedule an interpreter for a court proceeding

Apply for a job at OJD

You can keep up with [Oregon eCourt](#) developments [here](#), read about the [technology](#), keep tabs on the [latest projects](#), get answers to [frequently asked questions](#), or check out the [latest statistics](#). (Over [2,400 documents were efiled](#) in the [Oregon Supreme Court](#) and [Oregon Court of Appeals](#) in January 2011.)

I am thrilled to see this progress and look forward to the [future successes of Oregon eCourt](#).

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