

## *eCourts – Reports from the Field...*

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### **Reminder for ALL re: Elevated Access in eCOURTS Pilot Counties**

The NCAOC recently published this [PRESS RELEASE](#) about Elevated Access.

As a refresher, the information you see here about Elevated Access was shared by IDS on April 26, as a courtesy to IDS defenders and to those who do court-appointed work in the pilot counties.

#### **ELEVATED ACCESS:**

Per the AOC, criminal defense attorneys can now apply for **ELEVATED ACCESS**. It is no longer limited to the three case types (i.e., special proceedings, protective orders, and juvenile cases). If you are granted elevated access, you will be able to see PII and all documents marked “public” and “public not portal” for cases in which you are the attorney of record.

To apply, complete [THIS FORM](#) and follow the instructions on side two. Patience is needed from all because (1) “AOC staff will have to process the requests manually so there will likely be a lag between request submission and activation,” and (2) “criminal case type development is ongoing so not all information will be visible at once.”

[LINK TO ELEVATED ACCESS FORM](#)

### **NEW Local Rule for Wake County Superior Court ONLY!**

Wake County defenders are urged to review the link below. It contains a message from the Office of the Court Administrator for Judicial District 10—Wake County.

**Link:** [New Local Rule for Wake County](#) from May 24, 2023

*“All persons preparing or a document to be recorded or filed with the court, whether in paper or electronically, have an obligation to comply with [G.S. 132-1.10\(d\)](#) and exclude or redact personal identifying information from the document. This includes submitting documents to the court via e-mail.”*

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This new Rule, effective May 24, 2023, addresses the review and processing of *out of court criminal motions and orders* (e.g., *ex parte* orders for funds, *ex parte* orders for records, writs for transport, fee apps, etc.).

**Notably, the new rule addresses the process for fee apps in Wake County Superior Court.**

In all Superior Court Cases, attorneys will email the fee apps directly to [Wake.Criminal.Superior.Orders@nccourts.org](mailto:Wake.Criminal.Superior.Orders@nccourts.org).

**Attorneys MUST redact all PII! —Even when emailing to the Superior Court's receiving inbox.**

Fee apps for District Court Cases will still have to be e-filed.

**\*\*\*\*The new Rule is ONLY for Wake County Superior Court at this time.\*\*\*\***