

# Saskatchewan Court of Appeal



## Portal User's Guide



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#### 1. Overview

The legal profession has historically understood that members of the Judiciary and the Bar have a responsibility to ensure court actions are heard in a timely and cost effective manner. To that end, the Court of Appeal has implemented a web-based software product called eCourt which has automated many of the Court's procedures. The eCourt Portal is an interface working in conjunction with eCourt to give lawyers and litigants the option to register and file cases, file documents and make payments electronically 24/7 from their own computers. After the registration request is approved by the Registrar, requests for access to existing cases and filing subsequent documents can be made. This document is a user's guide and outlines the steps necessary to complete all of these tasks.

#### 2. Registration

In order to gain online access for filings and access to cases, you must first become an approved filer by registering with the Court of Appeal Registrar.

The registration process is managed through the eCourt Portal's user interface, and can be accessed at <a href="https://ecourt.sasklawcourts.ca">https://ecourt.sasklawcourts.ca</a>.

#### 2.1 Registration

To register, click on the "Create new account" link.



You can register as a Law Firm or as a Self Represented Litigant. Registering as a Law Firm allows you to add and manage additional law firm users.



Note: If your law firm has already registered with eCourt then you need not fill out this form. Please contact your Law Firm Administrator to create your individual account. To find out who your Law Firm Administrator is please emails us at CARegistrar@sasklawcourts.ca

At the end of the form, click the Create new account button.

You will receive an email confirmation that the registration request has been received and is pending approval.

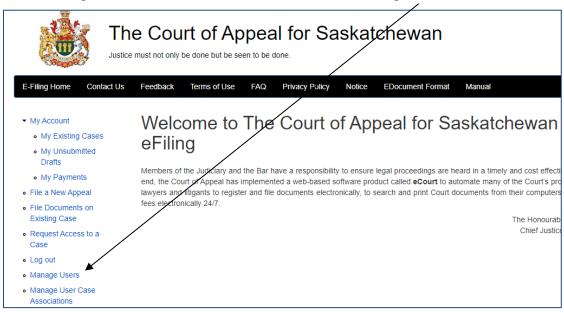
#### 2.2 Registration Approval/Denial

If your request is approved by the Registrar, you will receive an email indicating that your account has been activated with a link to the eCourt Portal. This email will include instructions on setting your password. Your password can be changed at any time by accessing the Edit tab under My Account.

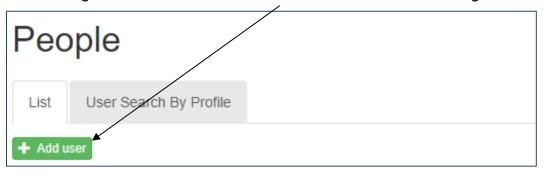
If your request is denied, you will receive a denial email with further instructions.

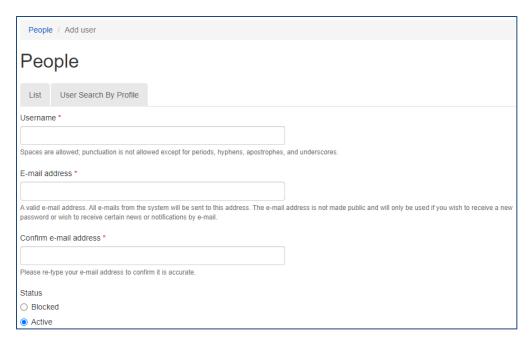
#### 2.3 Registering Additional Users for Law Firms

When a law firm is registered, using the law firm login, you can add additional users. To register additional law firm users select the Manage Users link.



In the Manage Users window select the Add User tab and fill out the registration.





When adding the new user, the status can be set as Blocked or Active.

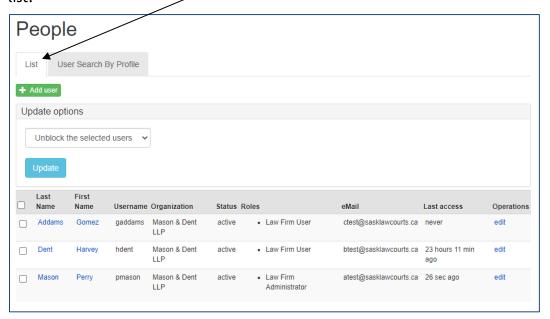
**Blocked** - If the status is blocked, the new user cannot access the website.

**Active** - If the status is active, the new user can start accessing the website as soon as the user is added by the administrator.

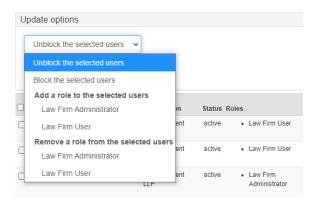
**Notify user of new account** - If this box is checked, an email will be sent to the newly added user with a link for their first login.

Note: As the law firm administrator, you can change the status for all managed users at any time after registration.

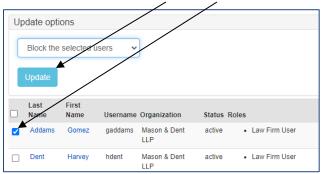
All users associated with the Law Firm account will appear in the Manage Users list.



The User's access to the eCourt Portal is changed from this list using the Update Options drop down. You can Give Admin Privilege or Remove Admin Privilege from this list as well.



To update user options, mark the username check box, select the appropriate update and click the update button.



The User Status is now blocked.



#### 2.4 Managing User Case Associations

As the law firm administrator, using the law firm login, you can manage the user case associations. Select the Manage User Case Associations link.



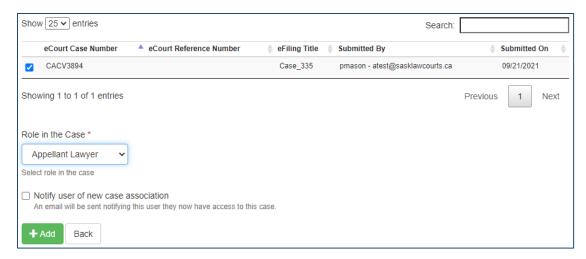
Search for the user that needs case association. To add new case association, select "Add New Case".

#### User Case Associations

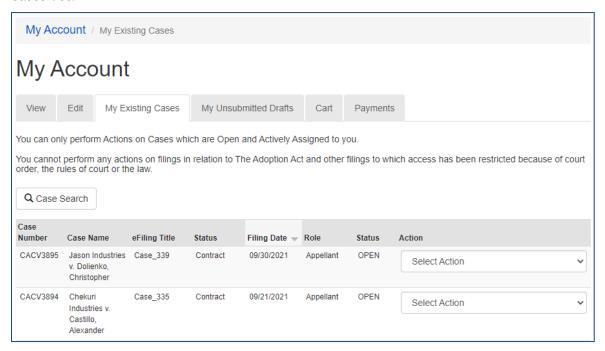


Search for the appropriate case using the text bars and select search. Next check off the check box and select the User Role in the case and select the Add button. The law firm user will now have electronic access to this case.





The newly associated case is now available in the user's My Account, My Existing Cases list.

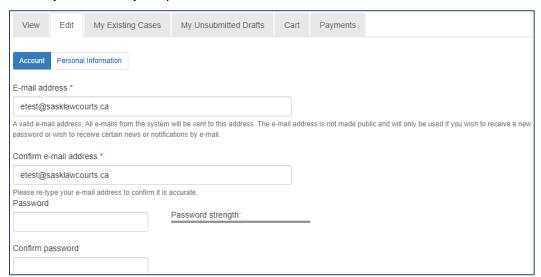


### 3. Login

Once you have received your approval email, follow the link in the email to the "Reset password" screen.



When you click the Log in button, it will take you to the My Account/Edit/Account tab where you will set your password.



All subsequent logins will take you to the home page shown below.



#### 4. Electronic Filing

There are various options for electronic filing some of which include:

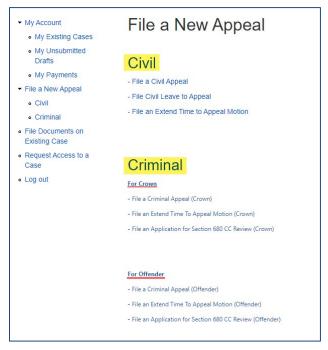
- Filing a New Civil Appeal;
- Filing a Civil Leave to Appeal Motion;
- Filing a New Criminal Appeal as an Offender;
- Filing a New Criminal Appeal as the Crown;
- Filing a New Motion on an Existing Case; and
- Filing Additional Documents on an Existing Case.

#### 4.1 Filing a New Appeal (Civil or Criminal)

Click the File a New Appeal Link to file either a new Civil or Criminal Appeal.

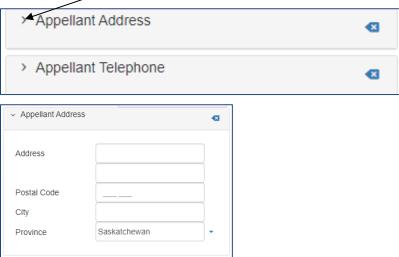


If filing a Criminal Appeal, be sure to differentiate between a Crown appeal or an appeal filed by the Offender. Also be sure to choose the appropriate Crown office: Federal Crown for drug cases and Provincial Crown for all others.

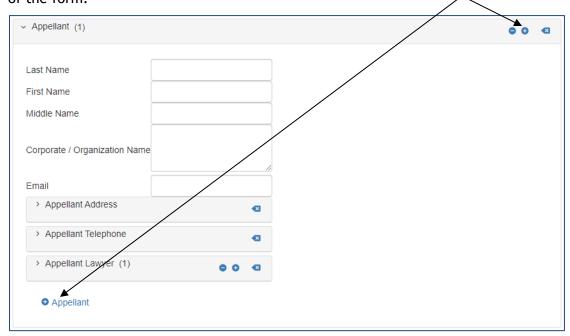


When the form for filing a Civil, Criminal (Crown) or Criminal (Offender) Appeal displays, all fields with an asterisk must be filled in before the form can be submitted.

Any header with an arrow sign can be expanded to expose the fields by clicking on the arrow sign



When a case has multiple Appellants or Respondents, the additional parties can be added by selecting the plus sign (Add Item) in either of the corresponding section of the form.

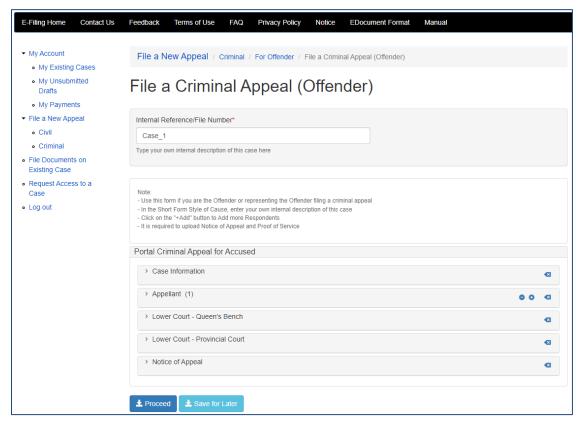


When the plus sign is selected, an additional section is displayed for data entry. If this section is added in error, it can be removed by selecting the minus sign (Delete).



The EDocument upload will only accept PDF documents with a maximum file size of 50MB, this is roughly 1,200 pages. If your document exceeds this size, it must be broken down into volumes and then submitted.

The Save for Later button allows you to save your progress in the form for completion at a later time.



Clicking the Proceed button will take you to the Process Payment screen, if required, which is covered in a later section.

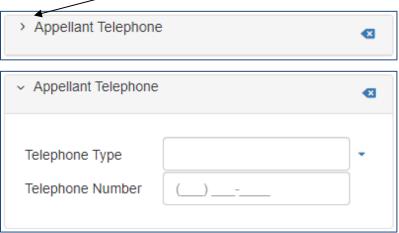
#### 4.2 Civil Leave to Appeal

Click the File a New Appeal link to find the File Civil Leave to Appeal link.



The form for filing a civil leave to appeal will display and all fields with an asterisk must be filled in before the form can be submitted.

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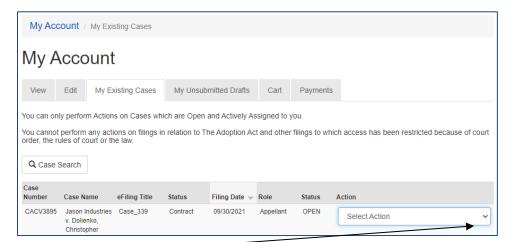
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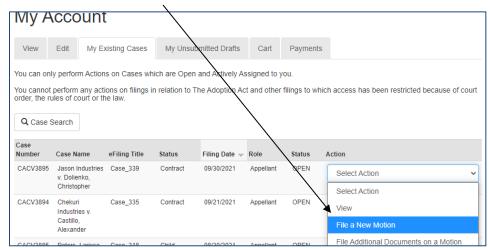
#### 4.3 Filing a New Motion on an Existing Case

Click the File Documents on Existing Case link to take you to a list of your existing cases.



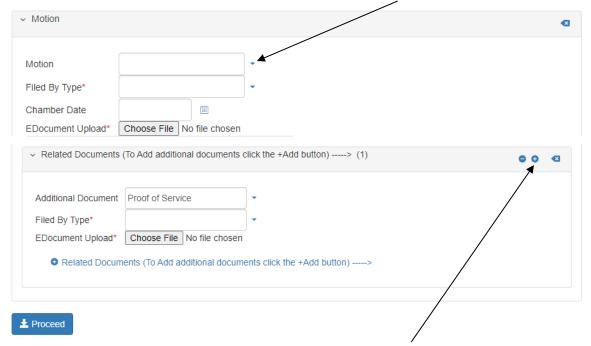


Click the Select Action drop down arrow to get a list of options available and choose File a New Motion.



The form for filing a motion will display and all fields with an asterisk must be filled in before the form can be submitted.

Select the type of Motion that is being filed from the Motion drop down box.



To file additional documents related to the Motion, click the plus sign (Add item) in the Related Documents section.

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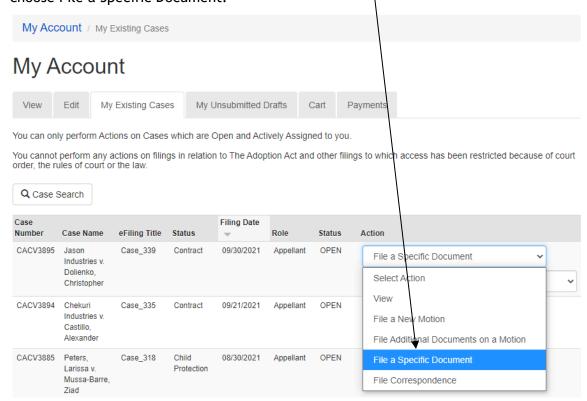
Clicking the Proceed button will take you to the Process Payment screen which is covered in a later section.

#### 4.4 Filing Additional Documents on an Existing Case

Log into the eCourt Portal, click the File Documents on Existing Case link to take you to a list of your existing cases.



Click the Select Action drop down arrow to get a list of options available and choose File a Specific Document.



This will cause a second Select Action drop down to appear from which the type of document to be filed may be chosen.



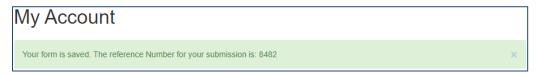
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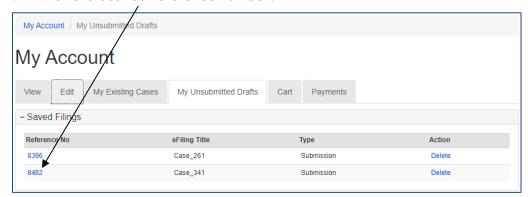
#### 5. Save for Later

The Save for Later feature allows you to partially complete a new filing, save the data you have entered and return at a later time to complete and submit the filing.

When the Save for Later button is selected, a message will display indicating the reference number for the saved action.

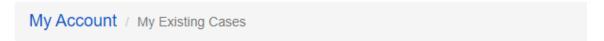


To complete the saved action, select the My Unsubmitted Drafts tab and select the link with the desired reference number.



The link will display the form window and the action can be completed and submitted. When the form is completed select the Proceed button to file the action.

When the case is successfully submitted, it will be listed in your My Account, My Existing Cases list.



# My Account



You can only perform Actions on Cases which are Open and Actively Assigned to you.

You cannot perform any actions on filings in relation to The Adoption Act and other filings to which order, the rules of court or the law.



#### 6. Payments

If the documents that are being filed require payment, the payment screen will appear after you click continue.

## **Process Payment**



The filing fee can be paid by VISA® or Master Card®. All billing information must match the record associated with the credit card.

Mandatory fields marked by \*

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Payment Details			
Transaction Amount: \$ 200.00 (CAD)	VISA MasterCard		
Order ID: JTITest_383			
Please complete the following details exactly as they appear on your card.  Do not put spaces or hyphens in the card number.			
Cardholder Name*:			
Card Number*:			
Expiry Date (MMYY)*:			
Click 'Process Transaction' to charge your card. Only click the button once. Using the 'Back','Refresh' or 'Cancel' button after you press the 'Process Transaction' button will not stop the transaction from being processed and may result in a double charge.			
Process Transaction	Cancel Transaction		

When the payment is accepted, a receipt will display, this can be printed by selecting the Printer-friendly version link.

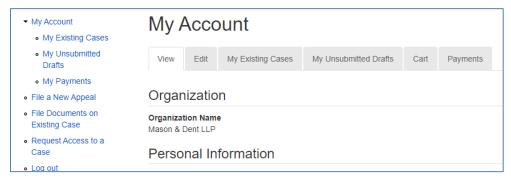
After payment is completed, an email will be sent confirming that the eCourt Portal has received the filing and it is being reviewed by the Registrar. Your credit card is charged immediately. If your document is rejected by the Registrar, a refund will be credited to the credit card used in the payment process.

A copy of the receipt can be printed at any time by accessing the receipt through the Payments tab under My Account. Click on the link to display the receipt, select Printer-friendly version and print from the browser.



### 7. My Account

Log in and click on My Account. The following screen will appear:



View - Displays personal information.

address, etc.).

**Edit** - Click Edit and then either the Account or Personal Information buttons to do the following:

**Account**: update your email address and/or your password; and **Personal Information**: update your personal information (name,

My Existing Cases - A list of cases you have electronic access to.

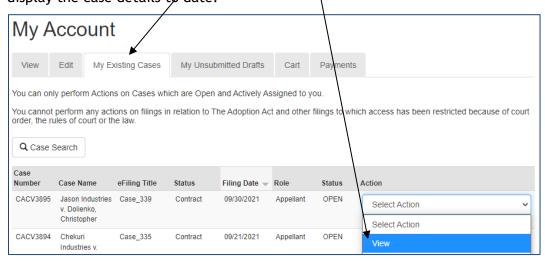
My Unsubmitted Drafts - Filings which have not been submitted but which have been saved for later.

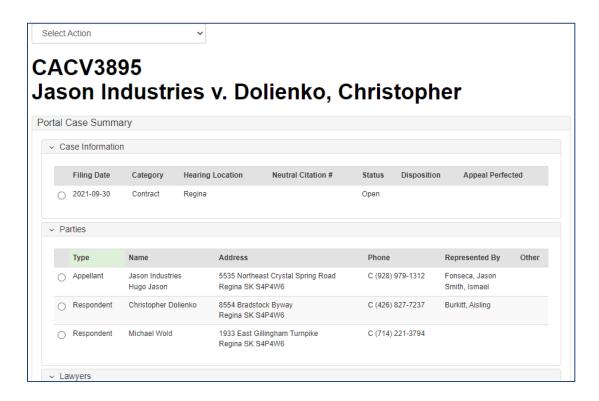
**Cart** - A list of your pending filings. Actions you have saved progress for later and any actions with pending payments. This section will also include cases for which a credit card was declined, so you can go back and resubmit.

**Payments** - A list of all financial transactions, including payments made by you and any refunds credited to you for rejected filings.

#### 8. View Case Details

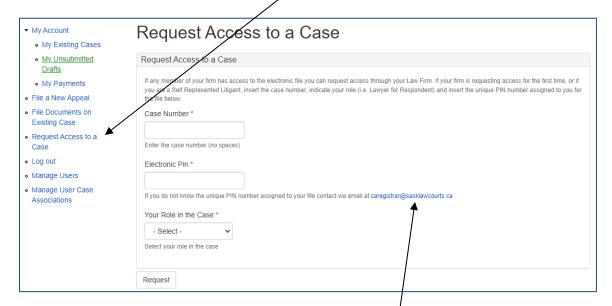
Once a new filing has been accepted in eCourt, it can be viewed from your account. Select the My Existing Cases tab and select View from the Action drop down. This will display the case details to date.





### 9. Request Access to a Case

To request access to a case, select the Request Access to a Case link.



Enter the Case Number, your unique Electronic Pin and Y $\phi$ ur Role in the Case and select the Request button.

If you do not have your unique electronic pin, click the link to generate an email to the Registrar's Office requesting your pin. The Registrar's Office will review your request and reply providing your pin where appropriate.

When you enter the Case Number, Electronic Pin and select Your Role in the Case, you will receive a message stating your request has been approved indicating the case has now been added to your My Existing Cases list.



- · Your request is approved and the case CACV2561 is added in your My Cases
- To see your case go to My Cases

You can now access the case from the My Existing Cases list to review and file items in the case electronically.