MONROE COUNTY, PA E-FILE USER GUIDE

E-FILING USER GUIDE



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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

INTENDED READERSHIP

This document serves as a guide to registering and using the Monroe County C-Track E-Filing portal.

IN THIS GUIDE

The aim of the guide is to provide step-by step process instruction for users with appropriate privileges to create, edit, and submit electronic case filings from a remote computer to the Monroe County Office of the Prothonotary ("Prot") and to manage their C-Track E-Filing account. The guide includes Legal Organization Administration functionality to add and remove authorized E-filers to Legal Organizations (Law Firms).

MONROE COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION

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ATTENTION

SERVICE OF ORIGINAL PROCESS

IF YOU ARE FILING A WRIT OR COMPLAINT WHICH IS CONSIDERED ORIGINAL PROCESS UNDER PA RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 400 AND REQUIRES SERVICE BY THE SHERIFF, PLEASE BE ADVISED THE MONROE COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY ("PROT") WILL NOT ELECTRONICALLY TRANSFER YOUR PLEADING TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR SERVICE.

IF YOU RECEIVE A NOTICE FROM THE PROT THAT YOUR FILING HAS BEEN APPROVED AND DOCKETED, YOU STILL MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HAVE ORIGINAL PROCESS SERVED PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES, PART 1: SERVICE OF ORIGINAL PROCESS, SUBPART A: SERVICE GENERALLY Pa.R.C.P. 400 – 405 and/or SUB-PART B: SERVICE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS Pa.R.C.P. 410-412; SUB-PART C: SERVICE UPON PARTICULAR PARTIES Pa.R.C.P. 420-425; SUB-PART D SERVICE PURSUANT TO SPECIAL ORDER OF COURT Pa.R.C.P. 430; PART II, SERVICE OF LEGAL PAPERS OTHER THAN ORIGINAL PROCESS Pa.R.C.P. 440-44



CHAPTER 1 ELECTRONIC FILING

C-TRACK CMS E-FILING FUNCTIONALITY

1.1 E-File Overview and Registration

Electronic Filing offers the opportunity to open a new case filing or electronically file and transmit documents to the Court for an existing case, using a remote computer. E-Filing requires the completion of a registration form and may or may not require the successful completion of a test, depending upon the business process of the Court(s) to which you E-File. Additionally, you need an active email account to complete the registration process. You submit the registration and receive an email which provides a link to access the C-Track E-Filing web site.

For Efilers who are attorneys, you may have a legal organization, such as a law firm, to which you can associate an E-Filing account. Legal Organizations are useful for instances where another registered user submits filings on your behalf or where attorneys or authorized E-Filers may need to view filings submitted by other E-Filers of the same Legal Organization. When a registered E-Filer is associated to a Legal Organization, the user can switch associations from their personal E-File account to the Legal Organization to which they are associated. Support Staff can also be included as Legal Organization members. Attorneys can associate Support Staff through the User Association screen. Support Staff are able to file on behalf of an authorized attorney Efiler.

You may access the E-File Registration / Log In screen from another web site, such as a State or County site, which directs you to the web location or Universal Resource Location (URL) for C-Track E-Filing.



NOTE: To review the Terms and Conditions for using the E-Filing site click the E-Filing Terms & Conditions link on the Log In screen.

The E-File User Access image below demonstrates security constraints E-File users face when included and not included on the E-File User Access List for a given case. The E-File User Access List is a list of E-File users that belong to a case on Monroe County's CMS application. To gain access to the List, a user must file onto a case and have it accepted/docketed by the Prot. Once docketed, the filing attorney (whether the attorney files the document themselves or Support Staff files on their behalf) will be added to the E-File User Access List.

Users within the same Law Firm can also gain access to the E-File User Access List if they are a Support Staff member supporting an Attorney who already belongs to the List by making a request to the Prot.

The image below demonstrates the functionality of the E-File User Access List relative to searching and filing on a case based on the case being a public or confidential record.

		Public Case	Confidential Case
User Not on EF User Access List	Search / Access Case	×	×
	E-File into Case	0	×
User on EF User Access List	Search / Access Case	0	0
	E-File into Case	0	•

In this example, we register as an e-filer.

1. From E-File Registration / Log In screen, click Register as an E-Filer.





Fig. 1.1: E-File Registration / Log In screen

The E-File Registration screen appears.



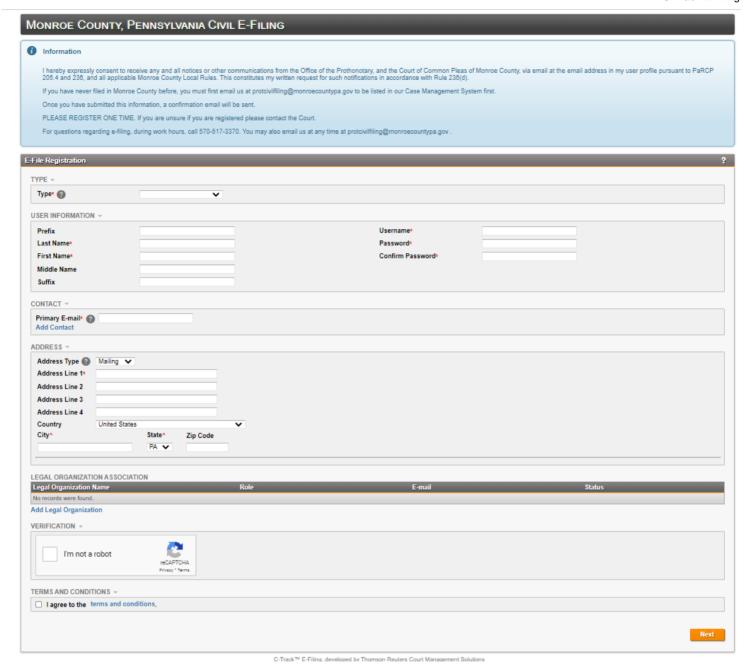


Fig. 1.2: E-File Registration screen

The **E-File Registration** screen has seven containers.

In the Type container:

Select the Account Type.

If you are an attorney registered with the Bar, select the Registered Representer option. The Attorney Bar ID field appears.



Fig. 1.3: Registration account Type field selection of Registered Representer



In the User Information container:

- 2. Enter a User Name.
- 3. Enter a Last Name.
- 4. Enter a First Name.
- 5. Enter a Password.
- 6. Confirm Password.

In the Contact container:

- 7. Enter a Primary E-mail.
- 8. Click Add Contact to enter additional email addresses, as needed.

In the Address container:

- 9. Select the Address Type.
- 10. Enter Address Line 1.
- 11. Enter City.
- 12. Select State.
- 13. Enter Zip Code.
- 14. If you are associating your registration with a Legal Organization, such as a registered Law Firm, click **Add Legal Organization**.

The Legal Organization Search window appears.

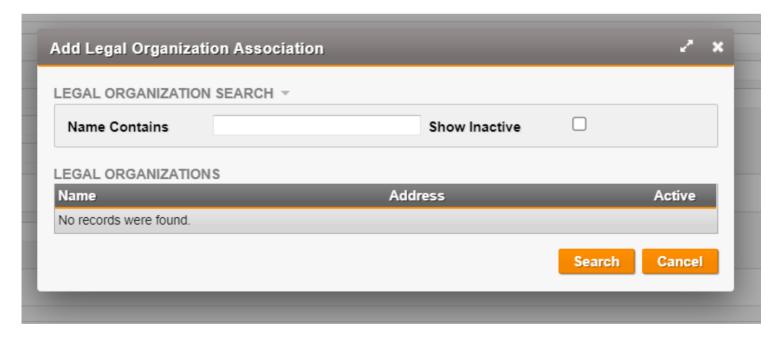


Fig. 1.4: Legal Organization Search window

- 15. Enter search criteria.
- 16. Click Search.



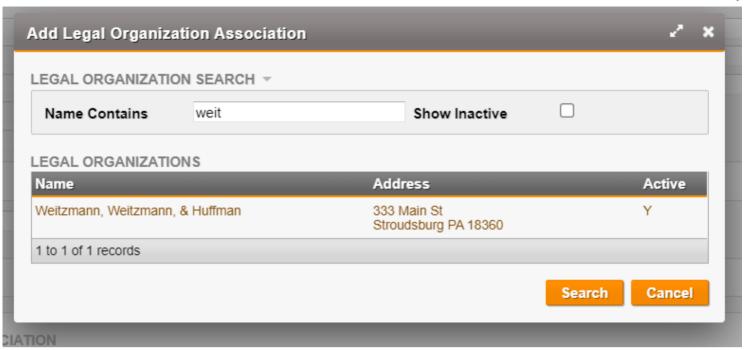


Fig. 1.5: Legal Organization Search window – search results returned

NOTE: If the Legal Organization to which you belong is not returned in a search, you must contact the Prot.

17. Click the line item **Name** of the Legal Organization to which you are associating your E-Filer registration, if applicable.

The User - Legal Organization Details window appears.

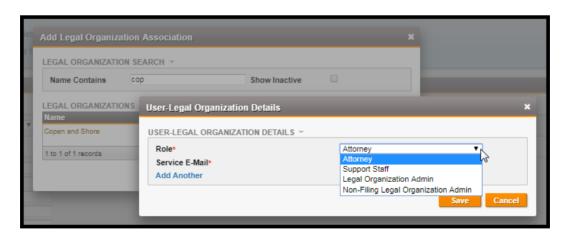


Fig. 1.6: Legal Organization Search window – Organization Details

Here, your Role determines what functions you can access in E-File and, for your Court, are defined as:

Attorney - selected by users with a valid Bar ID who use the application to submit E-Filing on new and existing cases

Support Staff – selected by users without a Bar ID who can submit E-filings on behalf of Attorneys



Legal Organization Admin** - selected by users with a valid Bar ID who use the application to submit E-Filing on new and existing cases as well as add and remove user access for other e-filers of the organization.

Non-Filing Legal Organization Admin** - selected by users who do not submit e-filings themselves or on behalf of anyone else. This role lets users add and remove user access for other e-filers of the organization.

**Please note: you will need to contact the Prot and identify at least one person in your organization to be a Legal Organization Admin or Non-Filing Legal Organization Admin prior to having anyone else attempt to add your law firm as a Legal Organization.

- 18. Select a Role.
- 19. Enter a Service Email.
- 20. Click **Add Another** to enter additional email accounts associated to your registration and the Legal Organization, as needed. If you add a support staff email address, that individual is required to complete the E-Filing Registration and associate to your account through the Legal Organization functionality.
- 21. Click Save.

In the **Verification** container:

22. Enter Verification from the Captcha container.

In the Terms and Conditions container:

- 23. Click the I agree check box.
- 24. Click Next.

An Information message appears and directs you to check your primary email to complete registration.



Fig. 1.7: Information message

- 25. Log into the email account that you entered on the Registration form.
- 26. Open the email from the E-File site.
- 27. Click the link provided in the email. The link will appear similar to the figure below.



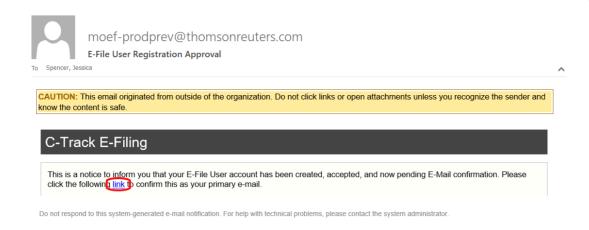


Fig. 1.8: C-Track E-Filing Email example

A Browser window opens and navigates to a secure C-Track E-Filing Login screen.

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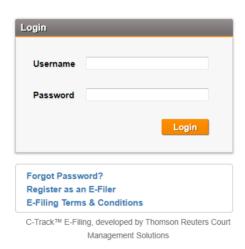


Fig. 1.9: C-Track E-Filing Login screen

- 28. Enter Username.
- 29. Enter Password.
- 30. Click Login.

Please see the **Helpful Links** to access Monroe County Forms, Rules and AOPC information.

The C-Track E-Filing Home screen appears and your registered first and last name display in the top right header of the



Home screen banner.



Fig. 1.10: C-Track E-Filing Login screen

31. Should you forget your password, click the Forgot Password? link on the C-Track E-Filing screen.

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Fig. 1.11: C-Track E-Filing Login screen - Forgot Password?

The Forgot Password Information message and Password Reset Request container appear.



Fig. 1.12: Password Reset Request container

- 32. Enter the email address you provided on the Registration form.
- 33. Click Request New Password.

An email is sent to the email account on file. Follow the instructions in the email to reset your password.





1.2 User Administration and Add Support Staff

The **User Administration** screen lets you update contact information, change your E-Filing password and add other authorized E-File users, such as support staff of your Legal Organization, to your User Account. When you add Support Staff to your User Account, you are creating an association which authorizes the staff to create and complete electronic filings on your behalf.

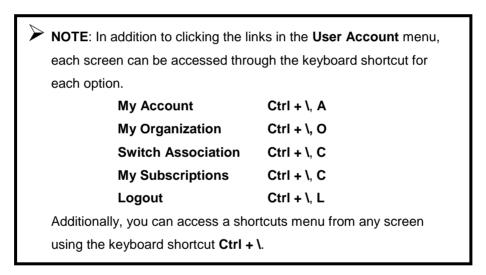
Access to the **User Administration** screen is available through the personal or Legal Organization account association.

1. From any screen in the **C-Track E-Filing** application, select the down arrow icon to the right of your Username in the top right menu bar.

The **User Account** menu appears.



Fig. 1.13: User Account menu exposed



^{**}Please note that the "My Organization" and "Switch Association" options will only appear in the User Account menu after you have been accepted as part of your Legal Organization by your Legal Organization Admin.

2. Select the My Account link.

The **User Administration** screen appears.



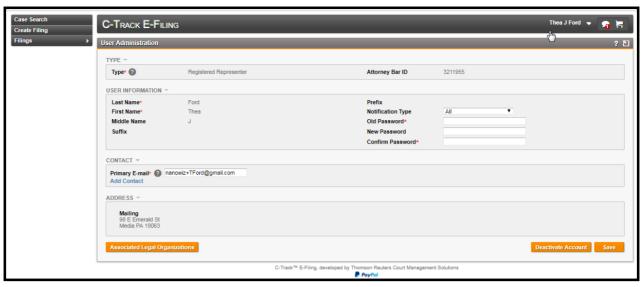


Fig. 1.14: User Administration screen

The **User Administration** screen has six containers. The information is initially collected through the Registration process you completed. You can update changes to your **User Information**, and change your **Password**, add and edit **Email** contact information.

Legal Organization Association information is not editable by you but, is controlled by the authorized Legal Organization Administrator for your Legal Organization, as identified to the Prot.

If you need to update Mailing address information, contact the Prot.

The **Associated Legal Organizations** button lets you review Legal Organization details that exist for your User ID, such as support staff, that are registered C-Track E-Filers associated to you and your Legal Organization.

The **Deactivate Account** button lets you confirm the inactivation of your E-Filing account.

The Save button updates any changes to your Account information.

3. Click the Associated Legal Organizations button at the bottom left of the User Administration screen.

The Manage Associated Legal Organizations screen appears.



Fig. 1.15: Manage Associated Legal Organizations screen

The **Manage Associated Legal Organizations** screen shows your relationship to the Legal Organization. The **Add Legal Organization** link opens the **Add Legal Organization Association** window which you use to search for other Legal Organizations that are registered with the Court.



NOTE: If you are associated to more than one Legal Organization but you do not find them using the Add Legal Organization
Association window search, contact the Prot for more information.

- 4. Click Ctrl + \, A to return to the User Administration screen.
- Click Deactivate Account.

The **Confirm** window appears.

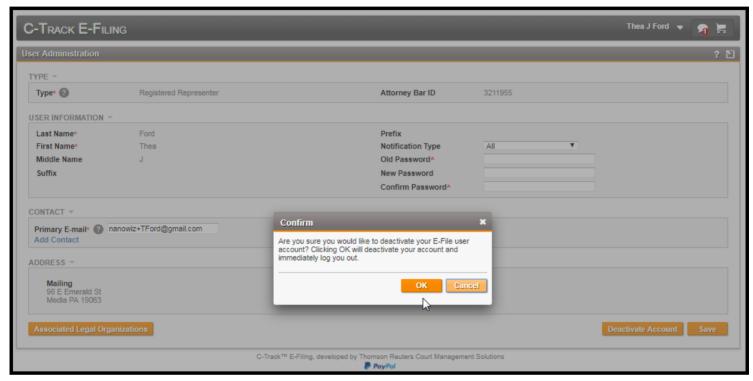


Fig. 1.16: Confirm window

If you choose to deactivate your account, it becomes Inactive. The Prot must be contacted to reactivate your account.

6. Click Cancel.



1.3 Navigation, Dashboard Widgets and Switch User Association

In this section we review E-File navigation, the **Home** screen appearance and the filing queues available from the left navigation menu when you Switch Association.

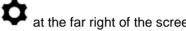
The C-Track E-Filing logo in the top banner of every screen is a link to navigate to your **Home** screen, from any screen in the application.



Fig. 1.17: Home screen – Configure icon

You can control the appearance of your **Home** screen to view a variety of summary information Widgets.

1. From the **C-Track E-Filing Home** screen, click the **Configure** icon at the far right of the screen.



The Edit Dashboard window appears.

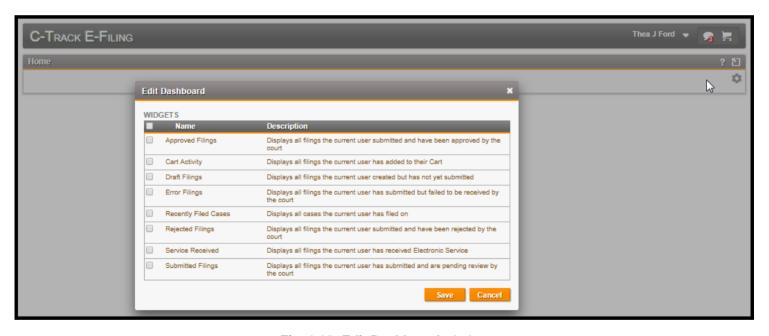


Fig. 1.18: Edit Dashboard window

- 2. Click the **Select All** check box in the header of the **Widgets** container.
- Deselect Widgets you prefer not to use.
- Click Save.

Selected Widget containers are added to your Home screen. Grab the header of any Widget to drag it to a new location on the screen.





Fig. 1.19: Home screen – select Widgets added – drag and drop Widget placement

For users who are members of a Legal Organization, your **Home** screen based on the account that is active. Widgets belong to the account for which you are active. When you select the **Switch Association** option, through the **User Account** menu, your **Home** screen reflects Widget selections made for that association.

5. Click the arrow to the right of your **User Name** from the far-right top navigation bar.

The **User Action** menu appears.

Legal Organization Association has a one-to-many capacity which lets an authorized E-Filer associate to one or many Legal Organizations, as needed. In this example, the authorized E-Filer has only one Legal Organization.

6. Click **Switch Association** from the User Action menu.

The **Select Association** window appears.



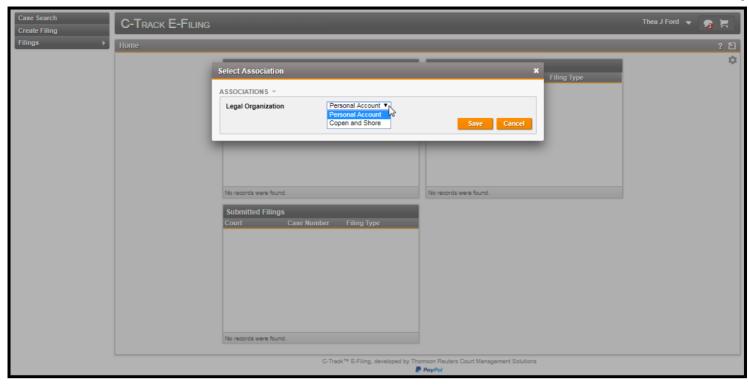


Fig. 1.20: Select Association window

- 7. Select the Legal Organization.8. Click Save.



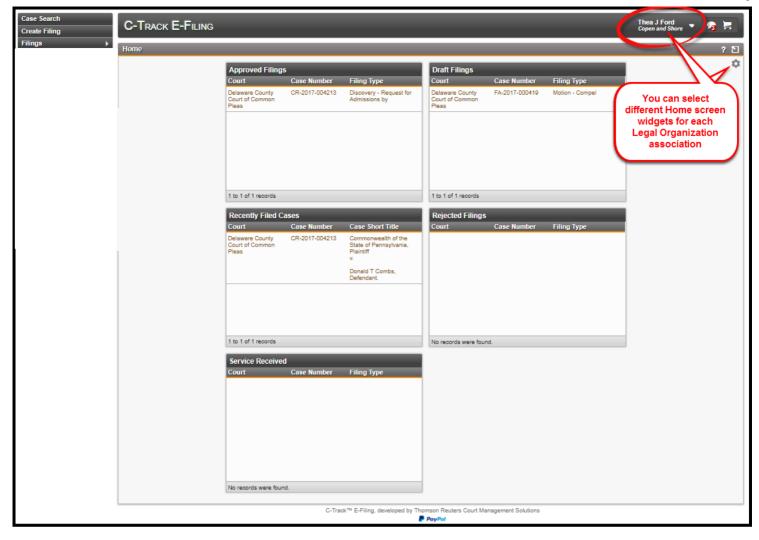


Fig. 1.21: E-File User Legal Organization Home screen

Note the appearance of the Legal Organization name below the authorized Users name and different Widgets appear because the user selected Widgets for this Legal Organization associated **Home** screen.

In addition, Filing Queue recorded activities, (the numbers that appear in parenthesis) accessed from the **Filings** left navigation menu, reflect activities for the account that is active.



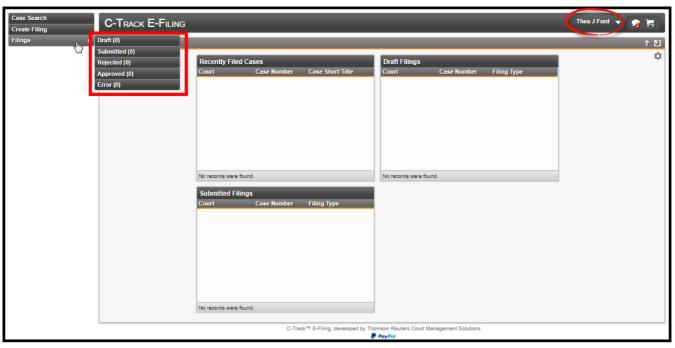


Fig. 1.22: E-File User Home screen – Personal Account

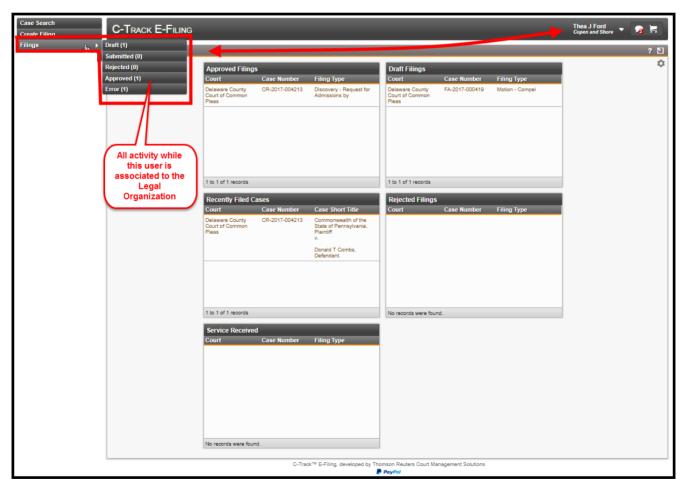


Fig. 1.23: E-File User Home screen - Legal Organization association



Switch Association impacts **My Subscriptions** as well. When you submit an electronic filing, processing on the Courts' CMS to accept the filing adds the case to the **My Subscriptions** list and is dependent upon the association at the time the filing was submitted.

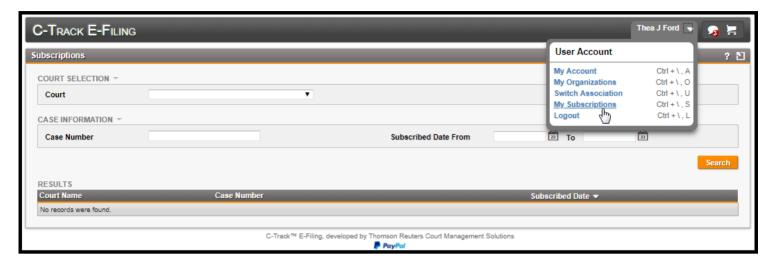


Fig. 1.24: My Subscriptions as E-File User not associated to Legal Organization

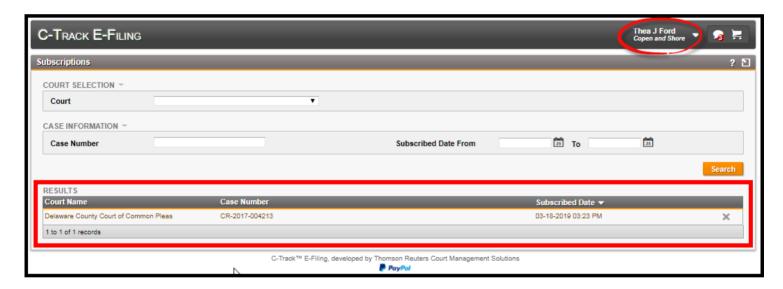


Fig. 1.25: My Subscriptions as E-File User associated to Legal Organization

NOTE: When you log out of E-File, the association is retained for the next time you log into the E-File system. When you associate your account to a Legal Organization and log out, the association is retained when you log in again icon shows the Legal Organization name.



1.4 E-Filing Notifications

Notifications behave and display the same information about E-File submission regardless of the account that is active. The number that appears in the red circle at the bottom right of the **Notification** icon includes all unread submission notifications from the users' Personal Account as well as all Legal Organizations to which the user is a member and under which they have filed.



Fig. 1.26: Home screen - Notifications

1. Click the Notification icon.

The Notifications window is exposed. The View All link is available at the bottom of the window.

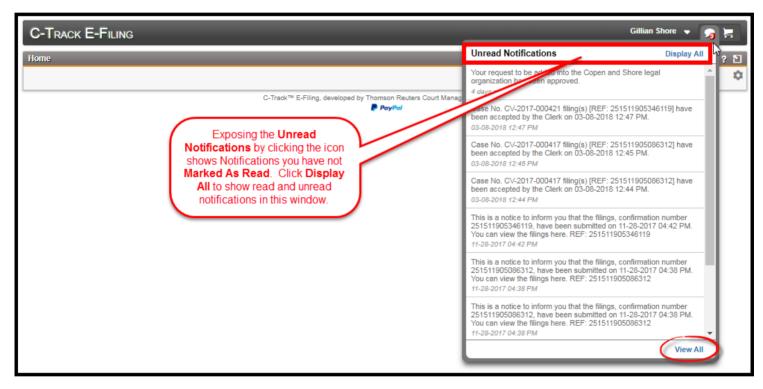


Fig. 1.27: Home screen – Notifications for the user - Notifications exposed

2. Click View All.

The **Notifications** screen appears.



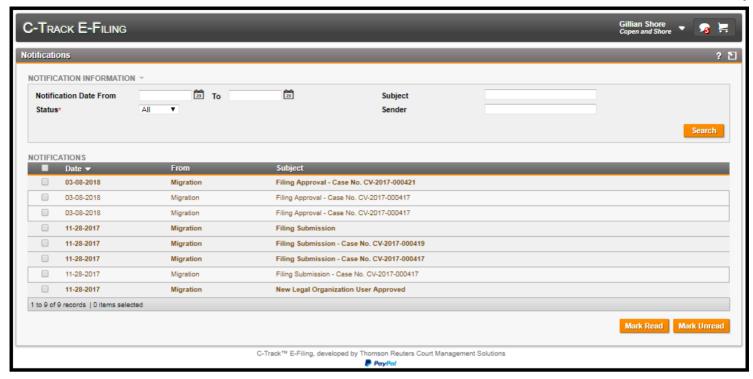


Fig. 1.28: Notifications screen

The **Notifications** screen has two containers. The **Notifications** display table defaults all notifications, regardless of **Read** or **Unread** status, when you access the screen. The **Notification Information** container lets you enter search criteria of **Notification Date** range, **Subject** and **Sender**.

The **Notifications** display table lets you select any column header to sort the information in ascending / descending order:

Check box column – lets you select individual Notification line items as read or unread; the Check box in the table headers lets you select all line items in the table to mark as read or unread

Date column –provides the date upon which the submission notification was sent from the CMS to you

From column – shows the name of the sender; click the line item here or on the **Subject** column to expand and view details about the Notification and to reveal a **here** link to navigate to the **Filing Summary** screen in a separate browser window.

Subject column – a description of the notification; for all submissions that reference a Matter number, the number is included in the subject

Mark Read button – marks the submission line items that are selected by check box as Read and reduces the **Notification** icon number displayed at the top of all C-Track E-Filing screens

Mark Unread button – marks the submission line items that are selected by check box as Unread and increases the **Notification** icon number displayed at the top of all C-Track E-Filing screens

3. Click the **Subject** of a line item.



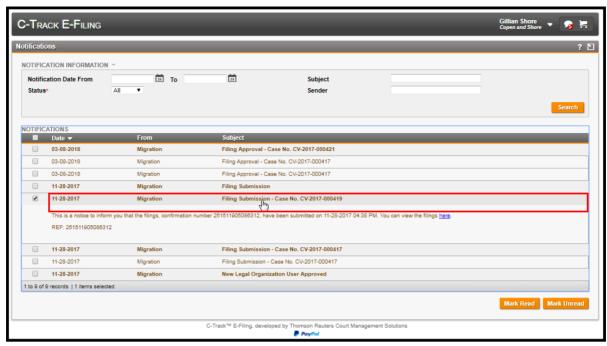


Fig. 1.29: Notifications message expanded

The check box for the line item is selected. The expanded message provides information about the filing referenced in the Subject line. The **here** link in the expanded Subject message opens a separate browser window and navigates to the **Filing Summary** screen of the referenced filing.

4. Click the Mark Read button at the bottom right of the Notifications display table.

The line item collapses, and the bold appearance is removed indicating the message has been read.

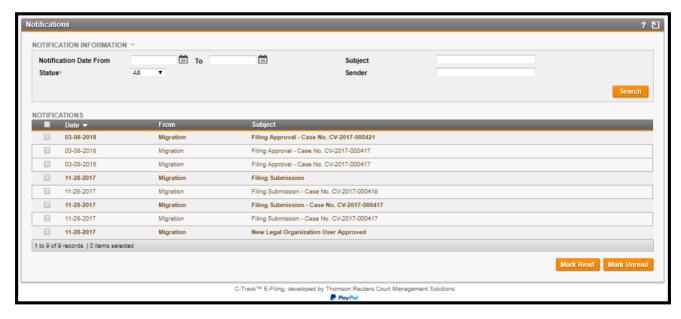


Fig. 1.30: Notifications message read

To find Notifications that have been marked Read, use the All or the Read **Status** as search criteria in the Notification Information container at the top of the screen.



1.5 Legal Organization Administration

Legal Organization Administration lets an authorized, registered E-Filer or Non-E-Filer maintain and edit associations of Attorneys and Support Staff to Legal Organizations. Administration of the Legal Organization gives a Legal Organization user the security permission to determine who is part of the Legal Organization.

In this example, an attorney E-Filer is the administrator of the Legal Organization. If you are a Non-E-Filing administrator, you do not see other menu options – Administration is the only available menu. There are no menu options for Case Search or Create Filing as this Legal Organization Administrator manages the users of C-Track E-Filing for an organization but, does not themselves create or submit e-filings for themselves or other authorized filers.



Fig. 1.31: Home screen - Menu for Attorney Legal Org Admin associated to Personal Account



Fig. 1.32: Home screen - Menu for Attorney Legal Org Admin not associated to Legal Org

1. Follow the left menu path **Administration > Legal Organization Admin**.

The Legal Organization Search screen appears.



Fig. 1.33: Legal Organization Search screen

- 2. Enter Search criteria, such as the **Name** of Legal Organization for which you have administrative permissions.
- 3. Click Search.

The **Legal Organizations** display table is added to the **Legal Organization Search** screen. Any organization that matches the search criteria appears in the table.



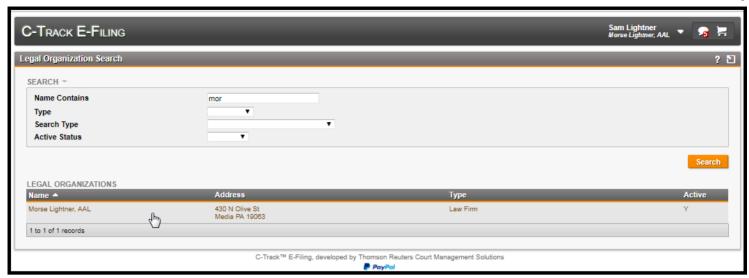


Fig. 1.34: Legal Organization Search screen - Legal Organizations display table

The **Legal Organizations** display table:

Name column – name of the law firm or agency designated as a Legal Organization

Address column -mailing address for a legal organization

Type column – describes the nature of the Legal Organization (this should say "Agency" or "Law Firm")

Active column - indicates the state of the Legal Organization

4. Select the line item for the **Legal Organization**.

The Manage Legal Organization screen for the selected Legal Organization appears.



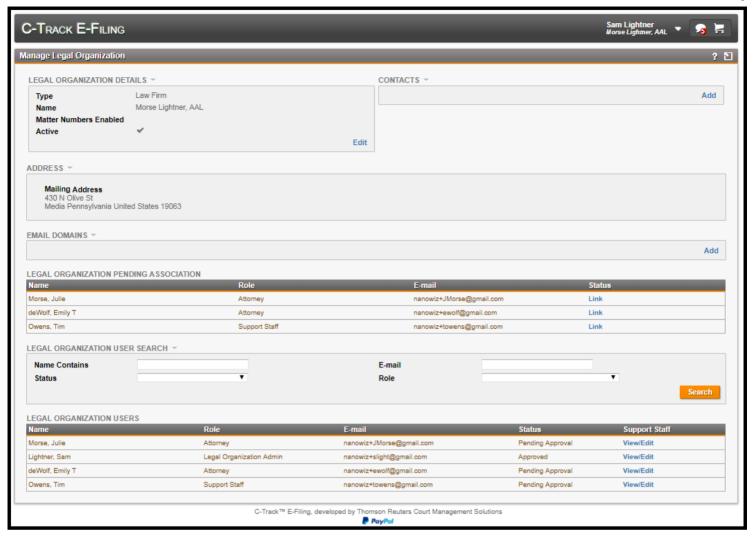


Fig. 1.35: Manage Legal Organization screen

The **Manage Legal Organization** screen provides **Add** and **Edit** links to information about the legal organization. The **Legal Organization Details** container identifies the **Name** and **Type** of Legal Organization and **Status**.

The Contacts container provides methods by which you contact the Legal Organization.

The **Address** container provides the physical mailing **Address** for the Legal Organization. This is important when Service information is used for an electronic filing.

The **Email Domains** container lets you specify a primary mail server for electronic communications. When you provide a domain (@yourdomainnamehere.com) and a new filer with an active email account with the domain registers as an E-Filer, they are automatically approved since the domain for the Legal Org is known to E-File.

The **Legal Organization Pending Association** display table shows authorized, registered E-File Users who have requested an association to the Legal Organization. The Pending Association means the Legal Organization and E-Filer need to be linked. All column headers are sortable.

Name column – name of the entity requesting to be linked to the Legal Organization

Role column – nature of the relationship to the Legal Organization

E-mail column – electronic account used by the E-Filer to register in the C-Track E-File application

Status column – Link requires you click the link to update the E-Filers status

The Legal Organization User Search container lets you search for Users already associated to the Legal Organization.



The Legal Organization Users display table shows search results for associated users.

5. Click **Edit** from the **Legal Organization Details** container.

The Legal Organization Details window opens.

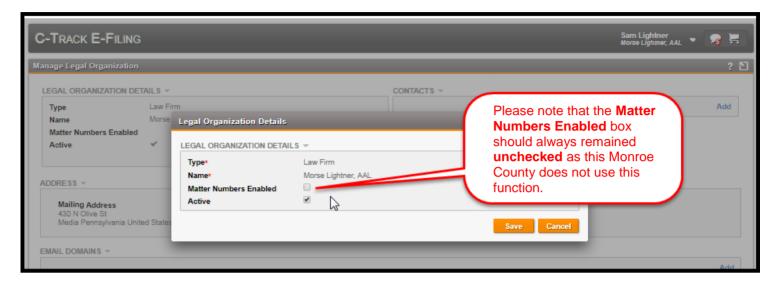


Fig. 1.36: Legal Organization Details window

- 6. Make any necessary changes.
- 7. Click Save.

You return to the Manage Legal Organization screen.

- 8. Update additional information about the Legal Organization, using the Add and Edit links, as needed.
- 9. Click Search in the Legal Organization User Search container.

Legal Organization users who are associated in any way appear in the **Legal Organization Users** display table at the bottom of the screen.



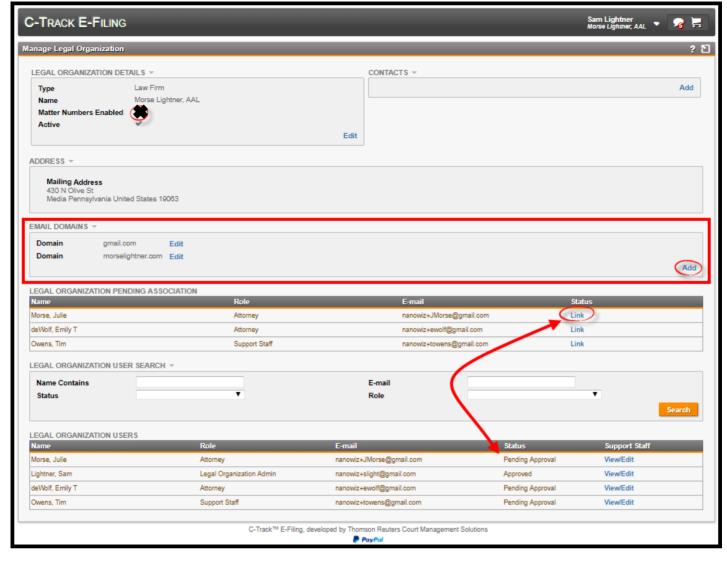


Fig. 1.37: Manage Legal Organization screen - Legal Organization Users searched

10. Click Link from the Status column in the Legal Organization Pending Association display table.

The User - Legal Organization Details window appears.

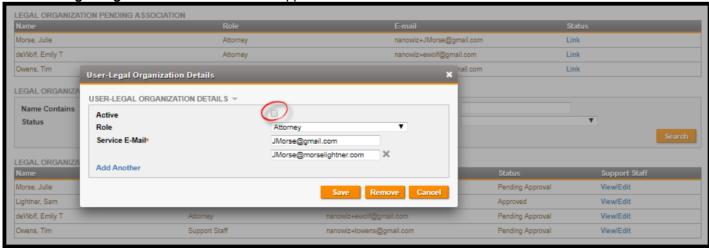


Fig. 1.38: User - Legal Organization Details window

The User - Legal Organization Details container provides an editable summary of the users Role, and Service Email



address where notifications about electronic filing activities are sent. The **Active** check box controls the **Status** of the user. The **Add Another** link lets you add additional email addresses for other authorized E-Filers associated to the Legal Organization to receive all communications regarding submissions, acceptances and rejections.

The **Remove** button lets you end the association of the E-Filer to the Legal Organization but does not remove the E-Filer from the application.

- 11. Select the Active check box.
- 12. Click Save.

You return to the **Manage Legal Organization** screen. The user is removed from the **Legal Organization Pending Association** display table and appears in the **Legal Organization Users** display table with a **Status** of Approved.

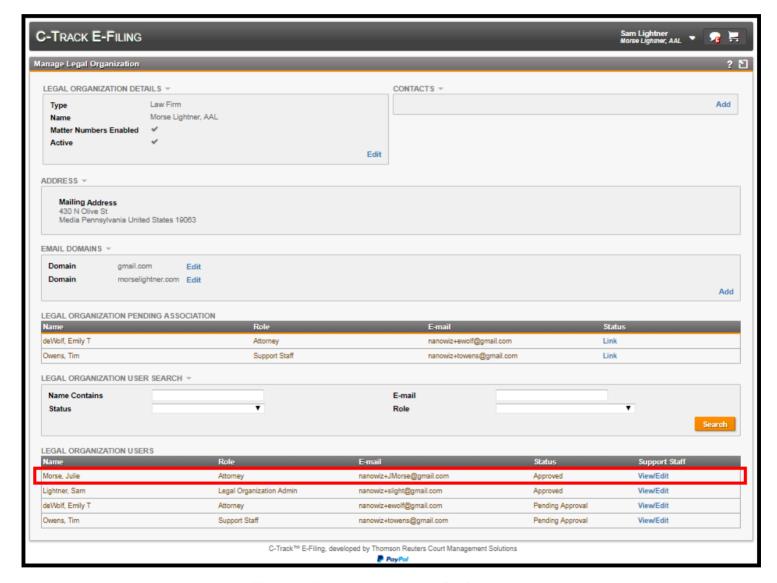


Fig. 1.39: Manage Legal Organization screen

13. Click Search in the Legal Organization User Search container.

Legal Organization users appear in the Legal Organization Users display table.



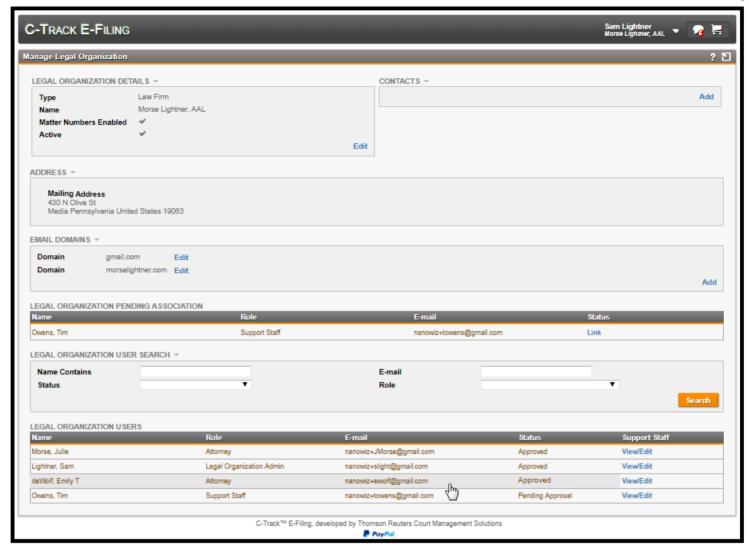


Fig. 1.40: Manage Legal Organization screen

14. Select the **User** with a **Status** of Pending Approval from the **Legal Organization User** display table.

The User - Legal Organization Details window appears.

15. Repeat steps 11 through 13.

When you return to the Manage Legal Organization screen all pending associations are approved.

Now we look at another Legal Organization with a Legal Organization User whose **Status** is currently rejected. We change the **Status** to approved.



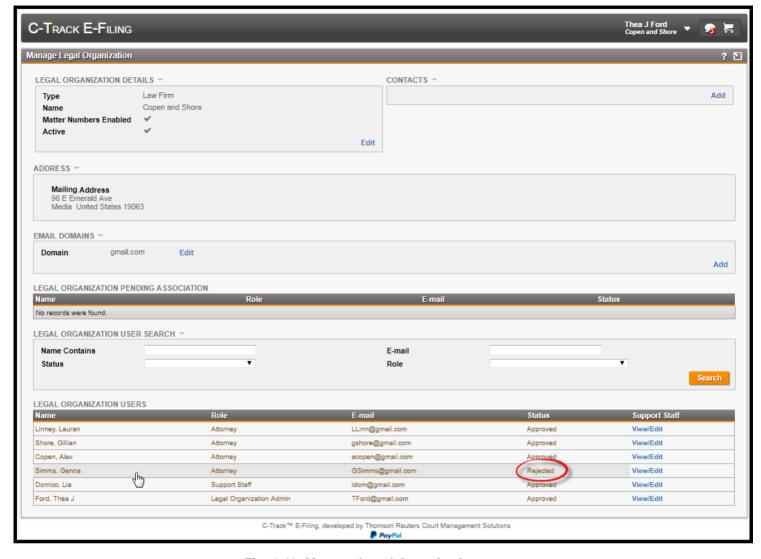


Fig. 1.41: Manage Legal Organization screen

16. Select the line item for the User with a Status of Rejected from the Legal Organization User display table.

The User - Legal Organization Details window appears.

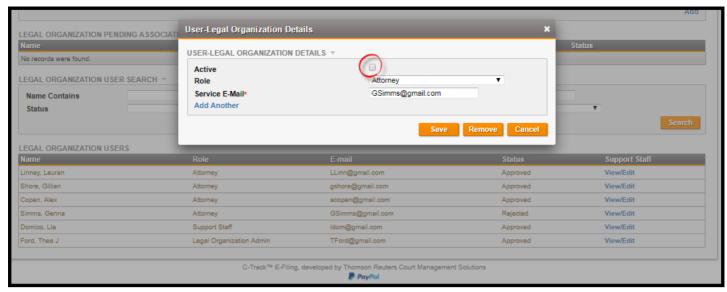


Fig. 1.42: User - Legal Organization Details window

- 17. Select the **Active** check box.
- 18. Click Save.

You return to the Manage Legal Organization screen. The Users Status is updated to Approved.

Now, we associate a Support Staff member of your Legal Organization to an E-Filer, and make the support staff an Authorized E-Filer you allow them access to all filings available through Filings menus, including filings in Draft status. Essentially, Support Staff associated through the Legal Organization gives them security permission to initiate and complete filings on legal organization E-Filers behalf.



Fig. 1.43: Legal Organization Users display table

19. Click the View / Edit link from the Support Staff column of the Legal Organization Users display table.

The Authorized Support Staff window appears.



Fig. 1.44: Authorized Support Staff window



The Authorized Support Staff window has a single container, Search.

20. Click Search.

The **Support Staff Results** display table and the **Add Support Staff** link appear.



Fig. 1.45: Support Staff Results display table - Add Support Staff link

21. Click the Add Support Staff link.

The Add Support Staff window appears.

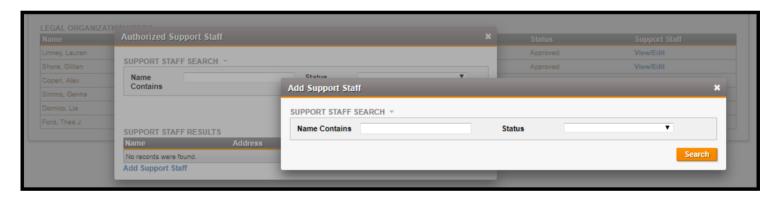


Fig. 1.46: Add Support Staff window

22. Click Search.

All Legal Organization users with a role of Support Staff appears in the Support Staff Results display table.

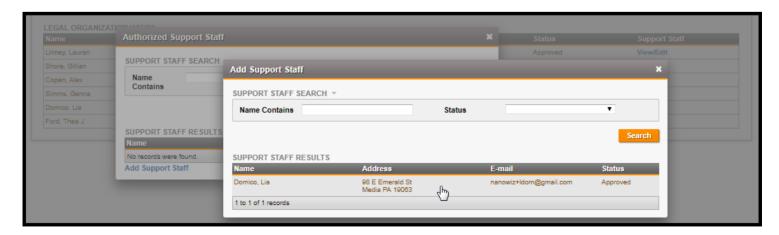


Fig. 1.47: Add Support Staff results



23. Select the line item for the staff member you want to associate as Support Staff to the selected Authorized E-Filer.

You return to the Authorized Support Staff window.



Fig. 1.48: Add Support Staff results

If you needed to remove the support staff association, the \mathbf{X} at the far right of the line item lets you end the association between the Authorized E-Filer and the Support Staff.



1.6 Create a New Case E-Filing

In this example we create a Filing of a new case. We are logged into the C-Track E-Filing site for an existing user who is an attorney associated to a Legal Organization – a law firm.

NOTE: The Court determines the maximum file size of documents that can be upload in an e-Filing submission. For Monroe County, the upload limit is 25MB. Any documents larger than 25 MB will need to be split and uploaded in multiple parts.

1. From the home screen, click Create Filing from the left menu.

The **Create Filing** screen appears.



Fig. 1.49: Create Filing screen

The Create Filing screen has a single container, Court Selection. You can select a Court and Filing Category.

- 2. Select a Court.
- 3. Select a Filing Category. Here, we select New Case.

With the selection of New Case in the Filing Category field, a second container, New Case, is added to the screen.



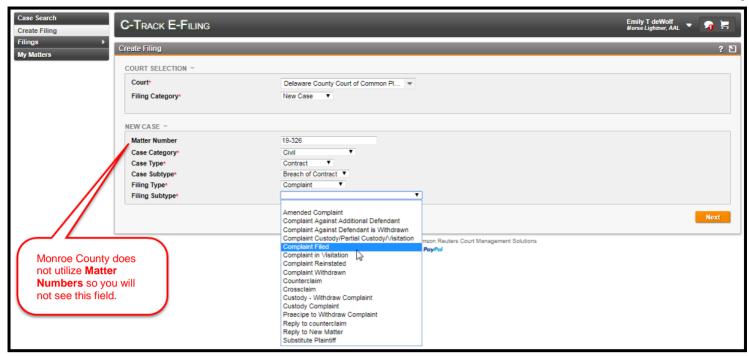


Fig. 1.50: New Case container - Case Category, Type, Subtype, Filing Type entered Filing Subtype exposed

- 4. Select Case Category.
- 5. Select Case Type.
- 6. Select Case Subtype.
- 7. Select Filing Type.
- 8. Select Filing Subtype.
- 9. Click Next.

NOTE: Once you leave the Create Filing screen, the filing moves into Draft status in the E-File application. If you navigated to any other screen in the E-file application before you completed this filing, the filing is available to be completed through the Filings > Draft left menu path.

The **Filing Information** container appears below the left navigation menu and the **Filing Progress Indicator** appears below the top C-Track E-Filing banner. The **Party Information** indicator is highlighted and the **Party Information** container appears.



Fig. 1.51: Filing Progress – Party Information



10. Click the Add Another Case Party link at the bottom left of the Parties display table.

The **Party Information** window appears.



Fig. 1.52: Party Information window

The **Party Information** window has a single container, **Add Party**. This window expands with additional containers based upon the selections chosen in the **Role** and **Type** drop downs.

11. Select Role.

With the selection of Role, another container, Representer, is added to the window.

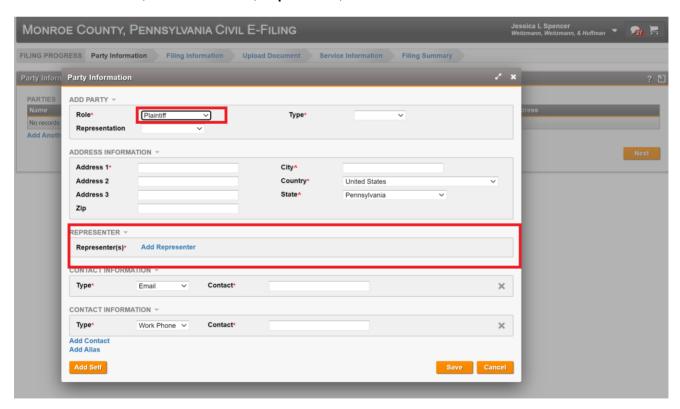


Fig. 1.53: Party Information window -containers added based on Party selections

12. Select **Type**, in the **Add Party** container.



With the selection of **Type**, another container, **Name**, is added to the window.

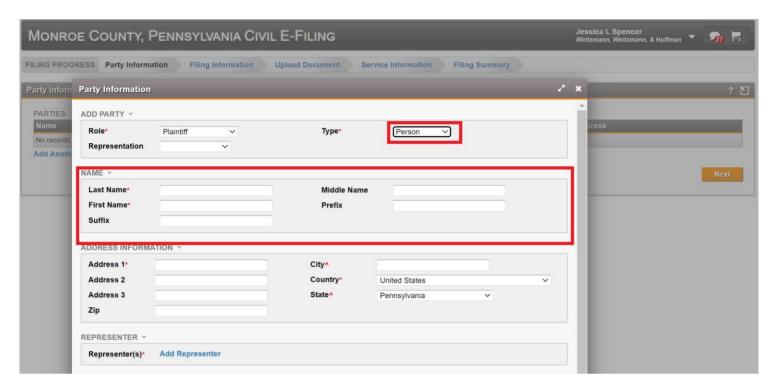


Fig. 1.54: Party Information window -containers added based on Type selection

- 13. Select Representation, in the Add Party container.
- 14. Enter Last Name, in the Add Party container.
- 15. Enter First Name.
- 16. Click the **Add Representer** link from the **Representer** container.

The Representer Search window appears.



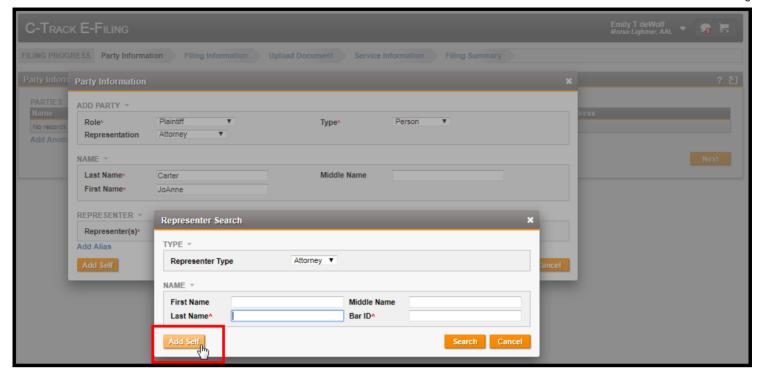


Fig. 1.55: Representer Search window

The **Representer Search** window has two containers to let you enter search criteria based on an attorney or law firm search. The kind of search is based on the selection of Representer **Type** – Attorney or Law Firm. Note the **Add Myself** button which eliminates the need to search for a representer and adds credentials based on your user login information.

17. Click Add Self.

The **Name** of the logged in user is entered as the attorney for this case party.

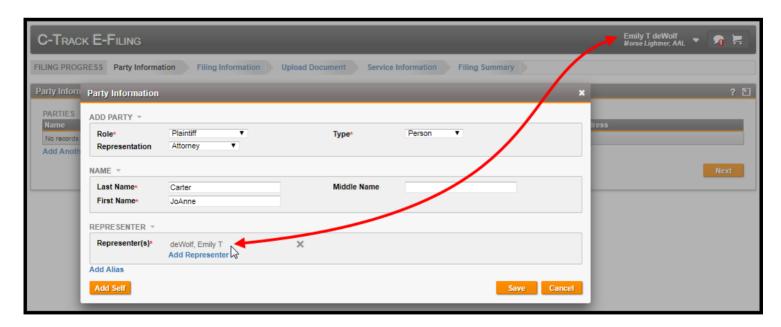


Fig. 1.56: Party Information window – Add Self functionality

Note the **X** that appears to the right of the **Representers** name. You can remove the representer by clicking the **X**. You do not confirm the deletion of information; the information is removed.

If a support staff user is filing on behalf of an Attorney, the Attorneys name appears as the Representer when the support



staff selected Add Myself for representer.

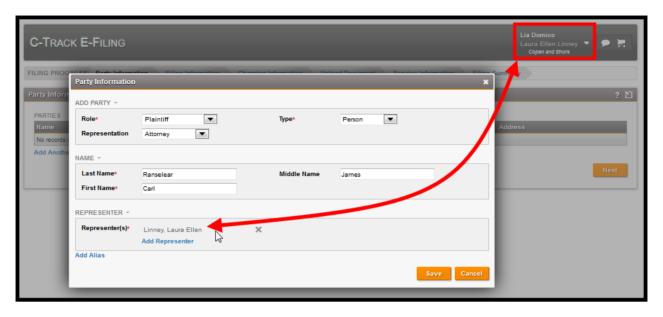


Fig. 1.57: Party Information window – support staff associated through a Legal Organization files for Attorney

- 18. Use the Add Representer link to search for and add additional attorneys for the party, if needed.
- 19. Click Save.

The Party appears in the **Parties** display table of the **Party Information** screen.



Fig. 1.58: Filing Progress screen – Party added

- 20. Click the Add Another Case Party link.
- 21. Select Role.
- 22. Select **Type**. Here, we select Organization. Note the containers present different fields to capture contact information.
- 23. Select **Representation**. Here, we select Self representation. For this case party, you are providing the information that is known to you at the time of filing. You may not know if the party is retaining an attorney or law firm. This can be updated during the case proceedings, as needed.
- 24. Enter Organization Name.
- 25. Enter Address.



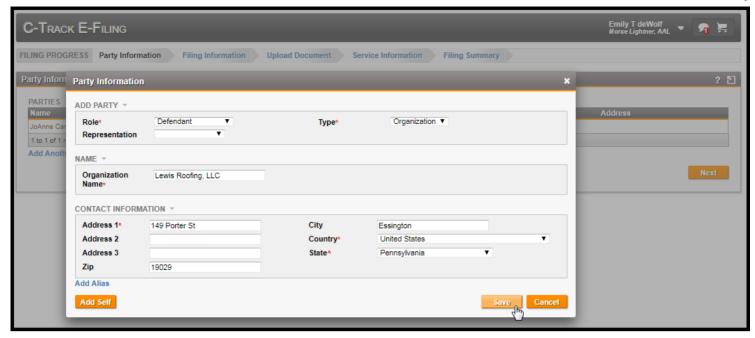


Fig. 1.59: Party Information - Party added

If an organization is known under another Name, use the **Add Alias** link below the bottom left of the **Contact Information** container to add Alias Information.

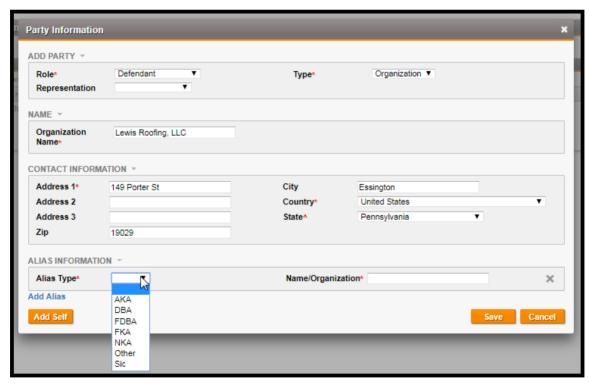


Fig. 1.60: Party Information - Alias Information container

26. Click Save.

You return to the Party Information screen with the case party information entered.





Fig. 1.61: Filing Progress screen - Party added

Repeat the Add Another Case Party process to add additional parties to the case, as needed.

27. Click Next.

The **Filing Information** Indicator is highlighted and **Filing Information** screen appears. Additionally, the filing has been moved to the **Draft Filing Queue** which you can access from the **Filings > Draft** left menu option. If you navigate away from the filing, you can return to it by selecting it from the **Filings** display table on the **Draft Filing Queue** screen.

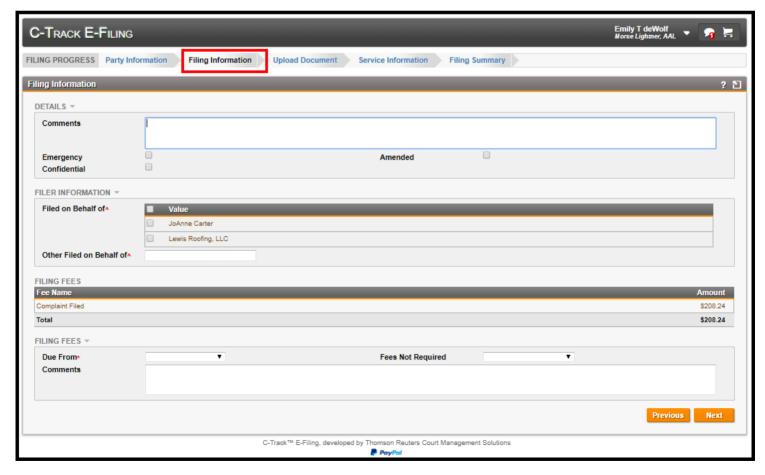


Fig. 1.62: Filing Information screen



NOTE: Each element of the Filing Progress Indicator is a link to navigate to the corresponding screen. You are not required to complete the screens in any particular order however, Filing Progress is organized in a logical manner to aid in the completion of all required information for a filing.

NOTE: In Monroe County's current E-File workflow, you will see an Additional Information container. The information in this bundle includes Money Damages, Class Action Suit, MDJ Appeal, and Pro Se. Populate this information as necessary as per Rules of Civil Procedure.

The **Filing Information** screen has four containers. The **Details** container lets you indicate if the filing is an **Emergency**, an **Amended** filing or is **Confidential** by selecting the check boxes. You can also add a **Comment** to the filing that the Prot will see.



Case types marked **Confidential** and electronic filings of a new case identified by E-Filers, when they select the **Confidential** check box, establish special security around those confidential cases if approved by the Prot when the filing is accepted. Confidential security means the case requires permissions at the user level for Court Personnel to view and maintain information about the case. Confidential security also means the case will not be returned in a search on the E-File or Public Access Portals unless the user has authorized permission to view cases marked confidential. Attorneys who are added to the **E-File User Access** screen manually by the Prot, or through automation by electronic filing, will have access to search for and file on Confidential cases. This permission will NOT extend to Support Staff filing on behalf of an attorney unless the Support Staff are added individually by the Prot. An E-Filer who is not associated to the case cannot search for, nor electronically file on, a Confidential case, even if they know the case number.



Fig. 1.63: Confidential controls

The Filer Information container lets you identify the entity(s) for whom you are filing.

The Filing Fee container displays the court fee for the filing type.

The **Filing Fees** container identifies the **Due From** party and also lets you indicate circumstances where fees are not required (must comply with Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure and Monroe County Local Rules).

The **Additional Information** container lets you specify additional Monroe County case specific information.

The Previous button navigates back to the Party Information screen.

The **Next** button saves information you have entered and navigates to the **Upload Document** screen.

28. Select the check box(es) for parties for whom you are filing.



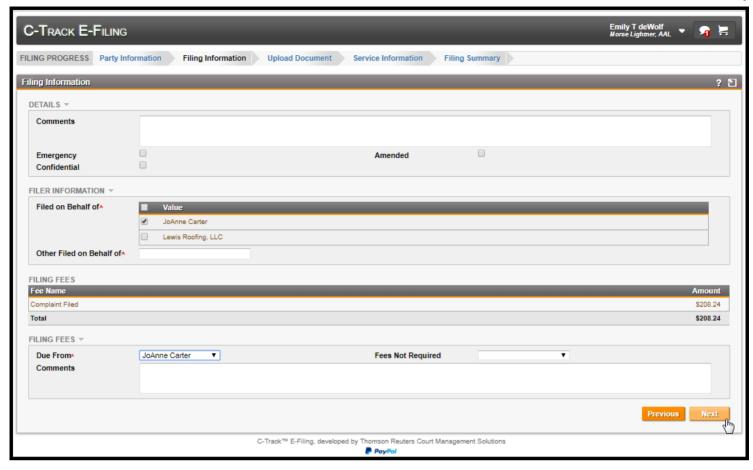


Fig. 1.64: Filing Information screen – selections complete

29. Click Next.

The **Upload Document** screen appears.



Fig. 1.65: Upload Document screen



NOTE: The Court determines the maximum file size of documents that can be upload in an e-Filing submission. For Monroe County, the upload limit is 25MB. Any documents larger than 25 MB will need to be split and uploaded in multiple parts.

You must save larger documents in parts or sections and use the Add Another link at the bottom left of the Upload Document container to upload all documents of the filing.

The **Upload Document** screen has a single container. The **Documents** container lets you upload documents that are electronically transferred to the Court when you submit the filing. You can specify Request Confidential and Exclude from e-Service for the document. You must identify a Confidential Reason when requesting a document remain confidential. You can also add a **Comment** about the document.

The Add Another link lets you upload as many documents as needed. If the document you attach exceeds the file size limit established by the Court, a warning message shows. You must save larger documents in parts or sections and use the Add Another link to upload all documents of the filing.



30. Click Browse or Choose File.

NOTE: Depending upon the browser you use to access the C-Track E-File application, elements within the application may have a slightly different appearance. For instance, if you use Internet Explorer, you see a **Browse** button which allows you to navigate to a location on your PC to a file you want to upload.

A browser window opens to allow you to navigate to a file on your PC that you want to upload.

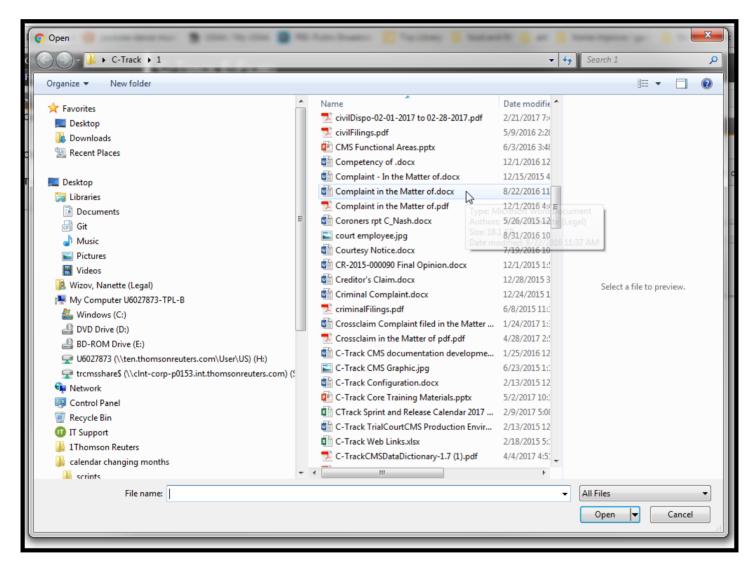


Fig. 1.66: Open browser window

- 31. Select the file you want to upload.
- 32. Click Open.

You return to the **Upload Document** screen. The document title appears to the right of the **Choose File** button.



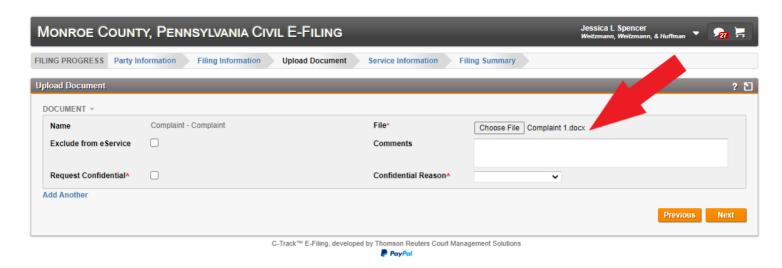


Fig. 1.67: Upload Document screen - file selected

33. Click Next.

The **Service Information** screen appears.

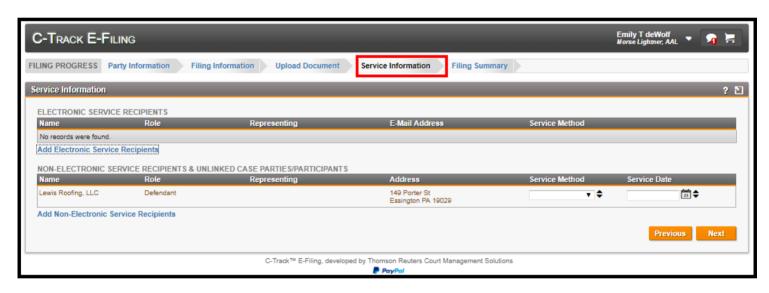


Fig. 1.68: Service Information screen

The **Service Information** screen has three containers. The **Electronic Service Recipients** container displays parties or participants that have an email address on file in the CMS application or in the C-Track E-Filing application. The **Add Electronic Service Recipients** link lets you send email notification to other e-filers who are not parties or participants on the case, if needed. If the entity is not found through a search, you can add them with functionality that captures the Name and address of a Non E-Filer.

The **Non-Electronic Service Recipients** container will always require a **Service Method** option of Not Served, Conventional, or Electronic and a date.

The **Add Non-Electronic Service Recipients** link lets you send notification to other entities by adding the name and address for conventional (mail) service.

- NOTE: The Apply to All icon that appears to the right of the Service Method and Service Date fields lets you populate the fields once, and select the icon if the selection applies to all Recipients.

 The Date Picker icon lets you access a Calendar which lets you select a month and day to populate the field. Additionally, C-Track E-Filing lets you enter the letter C in any Date field to enter today's day in the field. You can add days in the future by using the + and numeral. For example, C+30 would populate the field with the calendar day 30 days from today's date.
- 34. Select Service Method.
- 35. Enter Service Date.



Fig. 1.69: Service Information screen - complete

36. Click Next.

The Filing Summary screen appears.



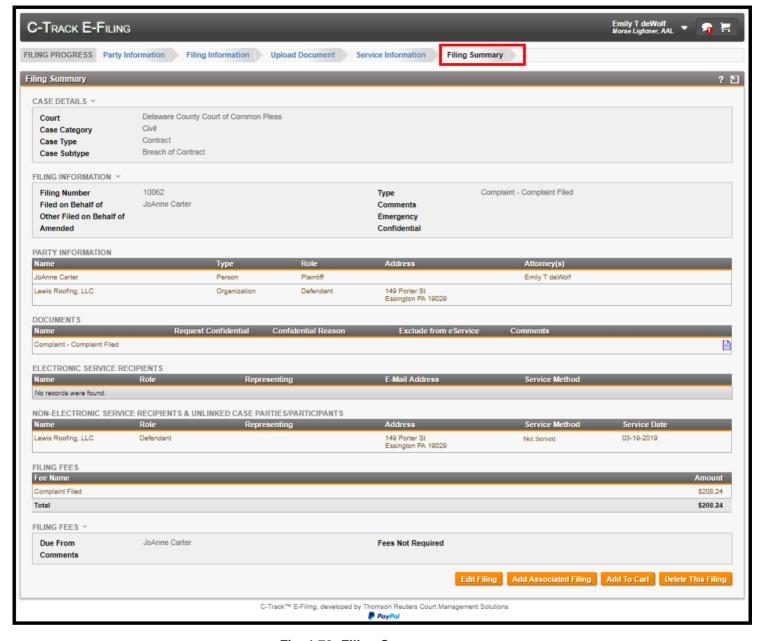


Fig. 1.70: Filing Summary screen

The **Filing Summary** screen provides seven containers with a summary for all information entered on the previous E-Filing screens.

The **Edit Filing** button navigates back to the beginning of the Filing Progress – the **Party Information** screen where you can edit information or use the **Next** button to proceed through the screen(s) to the information that needs editing.

The **Add Associated Filing** button lets you add a separate filing that belongs to the same case. Associated filings appear as separate Registry of Action or Docket Entries on the case.

The **Add To Cart** button navigates to the **Cart** screen where you can review a summary of all filings in the **Cart** and see costs for any filings that are assessed.

The **Delete This Filing** moves the filing to the **Draft** queue where you can select a check box and delete the filing.

37. Click Add To Cart.

The Cart screen appears.





Fig. 1.71: Cart screen

The **Cart** screen has two containers: the **Summary** container shows the **Number of Filings** to be submitted and the **Total** cost.

The **Filings** container shows the **Court** in which the filings will be process. **Case Number** appears for filings on an existing case. Line items with no case number indicate a new case filing. The case number is auto generated in the C-Track CMS application. When you receive confirmation of a successful submission of the filing of a new case, you also receive the case number. The Filing Item(s) show the Registry of Action or Docket Entry that is added to the case in the C-Track CMS application when the filing is processed successfully. **Documents** indicate the number of documents attached or uploaded to the filing and **Fees** represent the cost the Prot assesses for each filing.

You can remove filings from the **Cart** by clicking the **X** at the far right of any line item. When you remove a filing from the **Cart** a **Confirm** window requires that you **OK** the removal. The filing is moved to the **Draft** queue, found through the left navigation menu, following the path **Filings > Draft**.

Note the Information message that appears above the Cart screen provides payment instruction information. The Cart icon

in the far-right top navigation bar reflects the addition of the filing to the Cart. Also note the **E-Filing Terms & Conditions** link at the bottom of the **Filings** container. Terms and Conditions information is also available when you register as an E-Filer.

38. Click Submit Filings.

Depending upon your Courts business process, you navigate to a payment screen where payment method information is captured. Once the information is successful saved and processed, the **Submission Confirmation** screen appears.





Fig. 1.72: Submission Confirmation screen

You have successfully submitted as electronic filing for a new case in the C-Track E-Filing application.

The **Submission Confirmation** screen has two containers: the Details container provides the **E-File Confirmation Number**, the **Submission Date** and the **Payment Confirmation Number**.

The Filings container shows an additional column to provide the Filing Number for each filing.

The **Print** button opens a separate browser window and lets you save or print a pdf of the **Submission Confirmation**. Additionally, the information is retained in the **Submitted** Queue and can be accessed at any time by following the menu path **Filings > Submitted** from the left navigation menu.

The **Cart** icon in the top right screen banner, which had a red number showing the number of filings in the Cart throughout the process of creating a new case filing, is now empty.

Processing of the Submitted Filing happens through the C-Track CMS application and is performed by Prot personnel. Once processing is completed information about the success or <u>failure of</u> the submission will be sent back to your E-Filer Filing

queue. Information also appears in the **Notifications** icon in the top right screen banner of every **C-Track E-Filing** screen.

Once the Court has processed the filing, you receive email notification regarding the filing similar to the notice shown below.



moef-prodprev@thomsonreuters.com Sent: Tue 3/22/2022 3:08 PM To: Spencer, Jessica Retention Policy: 90 Day Delete Inbox (3 months) Expires: 6/21/2022 CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. C-Track E-Filing This is a notice to inform you that the filings, confirmation number 521647975941776, have been submitted on 2022-03-22. You can view the filings using the following link. Do not respond to this system-generated e-mail notification. For help with technical problems, please contact the system administrator.

Fig. 1.73: Email Confirmation

The email you receive displays according to the specific email application with which you registered your E-File account.

If you click the view link from the email, you may be prompted to log into the E-Filing application. Once you are logged into E-File, the **Filing Summary** screen displays.

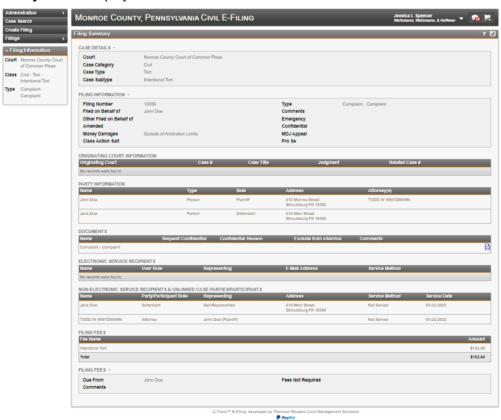


Fig. 1.74: Filing Summary screen

Additionally, any party that was served electronically with a successfully processed filling receives an email.

Once the filing is processed by the Prot, another email is sent. When the case is accepted and the case number is



automatically generated, the number is included in the email.

Filing Approval Case No. 000060-CV-2022

moef-prodprev@thomsonreuters.com

Sent: Tue 3/22/2022 3:16 PM

To: Spencer, Jessica

Retention Policy: 90 Day Delete Inbox (3 months) Expires: 6/21/2022

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

C-Track E-Filing

This is a notice to inform you that the filings filed in Case No. 000060-CV-2022 have been accepted by the Clerk on 2022-03-22. You can view this filing using the following link.

Do not respond to this system-generated e-mail notification. For help with technical problems, please contact the system administrator.

Fig. 1.75: Email Approval to E-Filer



1.7 Submit an E-Filing on an existing case

In this example we create an e-filing to an existing case.

1. From the home screen, click Create Filing from the left menu.

The Create Filing screen appears.



Fig. 1.76: Create Filing screen

- 2. Select a Court.
- 3. Select a Filing Category. Here, we select Existing Case.

The **Existing Case** container is added to the screen.

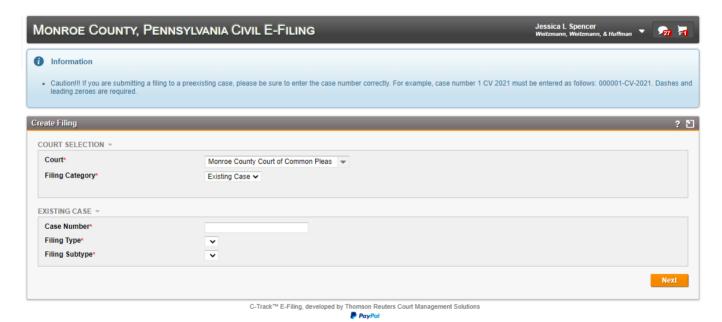


Fig. 1.77: Create Filing screen – Existing Case container is added

4. Enter Case Number.





Fig. 1.78: Create Filing screen - Existing Case error

If you enter a Case number for a case that does not exist, enter the case number incorrectly/incompletely, or enter a number for a Confidential case upon which you are not permitted to file, the **Case Number** field displays with a red outline and the **Filing Type** and **Filing Subtype** fields do not populate with drop down values, as shown above.

- 5. Select Filing Type.
- 6. Select Filing Subtype.

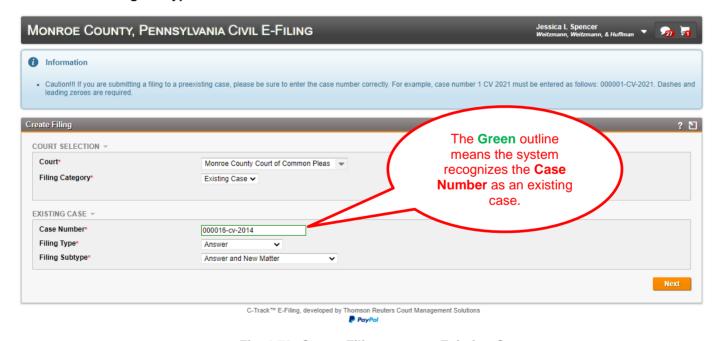


Fig. 1.79: Create Filing screen – Existing Case

7. Click Next.

The **Filing Information** screen appears. Additionally, the filing has been moved to the **Draft Filing Queue** which you can access from the **Filings > Draft** left menu option. If you navigate away from the filing, you can return to it by selecting it from



the Filings display table on the Draft Filing Queue screen.

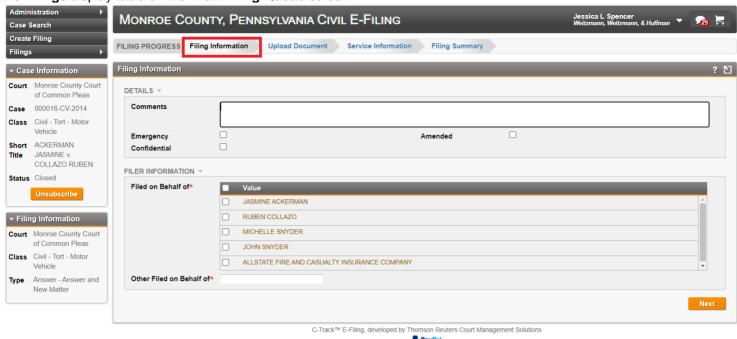


Fig. 1.80: Filing Information screen

Since we are e-filing on an existing case, Party information has already been entered on the case. We see the **Case Information** container in the left menu. Additionally, the **Filing Progress** Indicator does not contain a Party Information element. Also, a **Filing Fee** container only appears when the Court assesses a fee for this filing type.

The **Details** container lets you indicate if the filing is an **Emergency**, an **Amended** filing or is **Confidential** by selecting any of the check boxes. The **Confidential** check box here makes the filing itself confidential, not the case as a whole. You can also add a **Comment** to the filing.

The Filer Information container lets you identify the entity(s) for whom you are filing.

- 8. Select a Filed on Behalf of check box in the Filer Information container.
- 9. Complete other information, as needed.
- 10. Click Next.



The **Upload Document** screen appears.

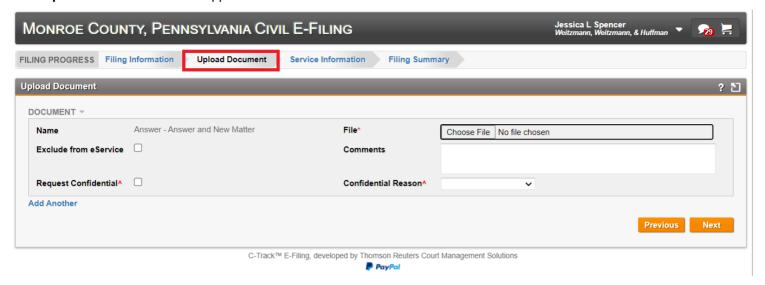


Fig. 1.81 Upload Document screen

When you specify **Request Confidential**, you must identify a **Confidential Reason** – here you are specifying the Document itself, as opposed to the whole case or the filing, is Confidential.

11. Click Choose File.

A browser window opens to allow you to navigate to a file on your PC that you want to upload.

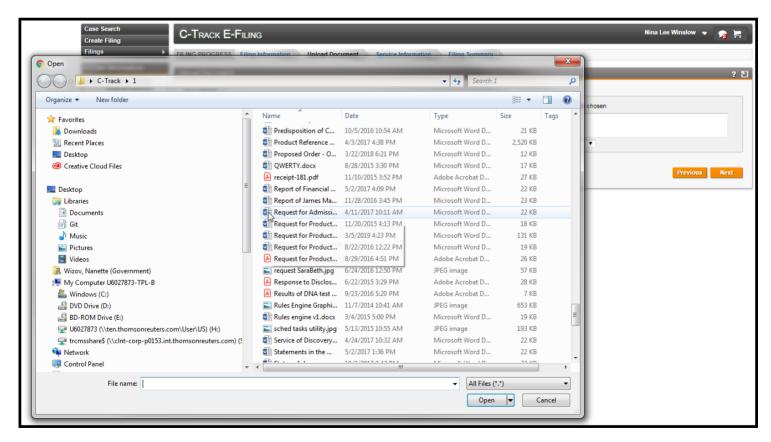


Fig. 1.82 Open browser window



- 12. Select the file you want to upload.
- 13. Click Open.

NOTE: The Court determines the maximum file size of documents that can be upload in an e-Filing submission. For Monroe County, the upload limit is 25MB. Any documents larger than 25 MB will need to be split and uploaded in multiple parts.

You must save larger documents in parts or sections and use the Add Another link at the bottom left of the Upload Document container to upload all documents of the filing.

You return to the **Upload Document** screen. The document title appears to the right of the **Choose File** button.

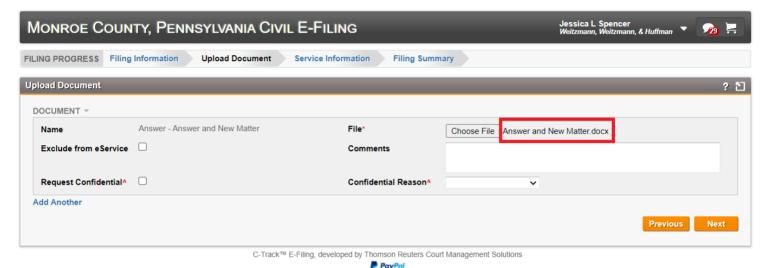


Fig. 1.83: Upload Document screen - file selected

- 14. Complete any Confidentiality information, as needed.
- 15. Click Next.

The **Service Information** screen appears.

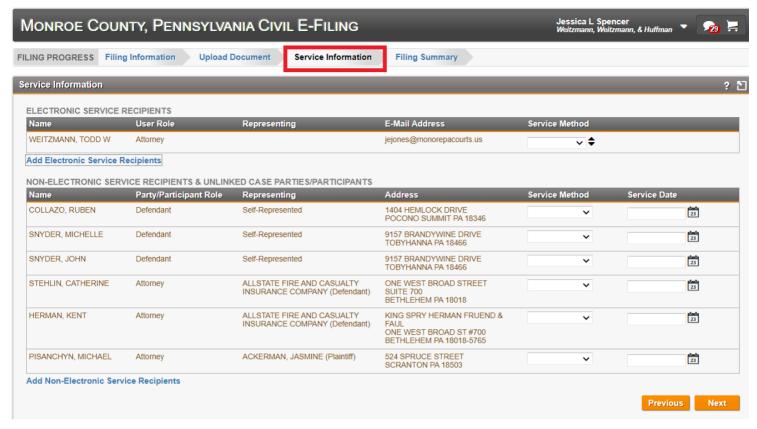


Fig. 1.84: Service Information screen

Here, the filer wants to include electronic service for an attorney who is not a party or participant to this case but is a registered e-File user.

16. Click the Add Electronic Service Recipients link.

The Add Electronic Service Recipients window appears



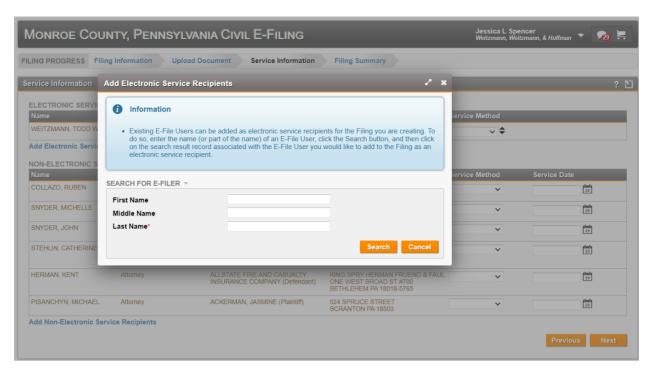


Fig. 1.85: Add Electronic Service Recipients window

The **Add Electronic Service Recipients** window has a single Search for E-filers container that lets you search for other authorized e-Filers you want to include for service.

- 17. Enter search criteria.
- 18. Click Search.

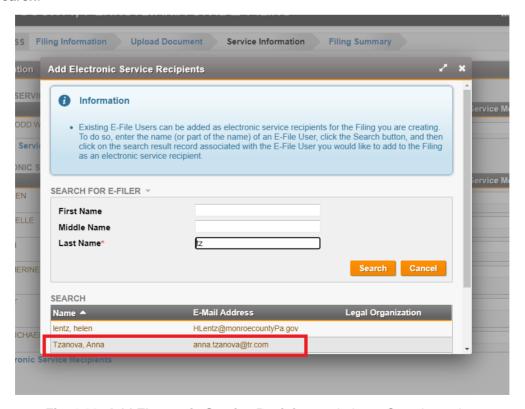


Fig. 1.86: Add Electronic Service Recipients window – Search result appears



19. Select the e-Filer you want to include for electronic service from the Search display table.

You return to the Service Information screen and the e-Filer is added to the Electronic Service Recipients table

- 20. Select Service Method for Electronic Service and / or Conventional Service Recipients, as needed.
- 21. Enter Service Date for Conventional Service Recipients, as needed.

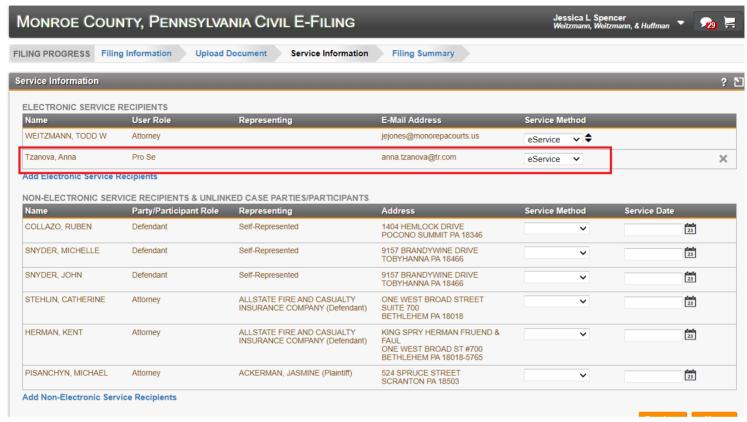


Fig. 1.87: Service Information screen - input complete

22. Click Next.



The Filing Summary screen appears.

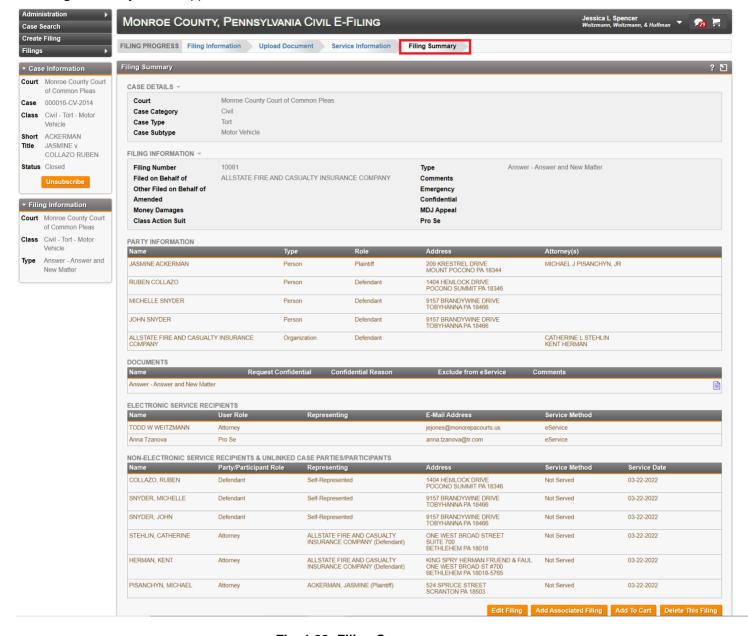


Fig. 1.88: Filing Summary screen

Review the Filing Summary screen to ensure the information you are submitting.

23. Click Add to Cart.



The Cart screen appears.



Fig. 1.89: Cart screen

24. Click Submit Filings.

You navigate to a payment screen where payment method information is captured. Once the information is successful saved and process, the **Submission Confirmation** screen appears.



Fig. 1.90: Submission Confirmation screen

You have successfully submitted as electronic filing for an existing case in the C-Track E-Filing application.

Processing of the Submitted Filing is performed by Prot personnel in the C-Track CMS application. Once processing is completed information about the success or failure of the submission is sent back to your E-Filer **Filing** queue. Information also appears in the **Notifications** icon in the top right screen banner of every **C-Track E-Filing** screen. Additionally, the Prot may send an email to the email address associated to your user account.

Once the Prot has processed the filing, you receive email notification regarding the successful or failure of the filing. The email you receive displays according to the specific email application with which you registered your E-File account.

Additionally, any party that was served electronically with a successfully processed filling receives an email notification.



1.8 Support Staff Completes a Draft Filing

When your Legal Organization Administrator associates another member of your Legal Organization to your E-File Account, and makes them an Authorized E-Filer in the Support Staff capacity, this allows them access to all filings available through your Filings menu, including filings in Draft status. By associating support staff, this creates a proxy relationship where the support staff acts on behalf of an authorized e-Filer to submit filings and complete filings in Draft status. Remember, Support Staff must also be authorized E-Filers – they register in e-File without a Bar ID.

You cannot associate support staff to your Personal Account, they must choose a Legal Organization in which your association is active.

In the example, a member of a Legal Organization who works in support of attorney's associated their E-File account to an attorney and completes a filing from Draft status and submits the filing to the Court.

1. Select the down arrow to the right of your Username in the top banner navigation.

The **User Account** options appear.



Fig. 1.91: User Account options exposed

NOTE: In addition to clicking the link in the User Account menu, the Select Authorizing E-File User window can be accessed through the keyboard shortcut:

Switch Association Ctrl + \ \ , U

2. Select the Switch Association link.

The **Select Association** window appears.

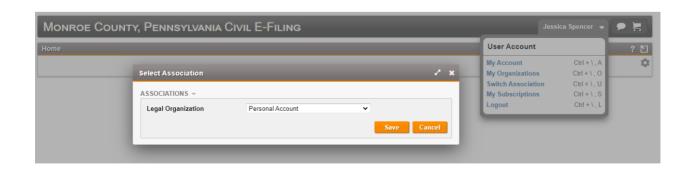


Fig. 1.92: Select Authorizing E-File User window

3. From the **Legal Organization** drop down, select your organization.

With the selection of the Legal Organization, the Authorizing Efile User drop down appears.





Fig. 1.93: Select Association window - Authorizing User drop down

- 4. From the **Authorizing User** drop down, select the E-Filer for whom you are filing. Note this user is authorized to file on behalf of three attorney users.
- 5. Click Save.

You return to the **Home** screen. Your Authorized E-File User appears below your user login and the Legal Organization appears below your Authorized E-File User in the upper right top banner.



Fig. 1.94: Home screen with Authorizing E-Filer functionality

6. Select Filings > Draft from the left navigation.

The **Draft Filing Queue** screen appears. All filings for the **Authorizing E-Filer** that have a draft status appear. If the **Authorizing E-Filer** was logged into the E-File application, the screen would display identical information.

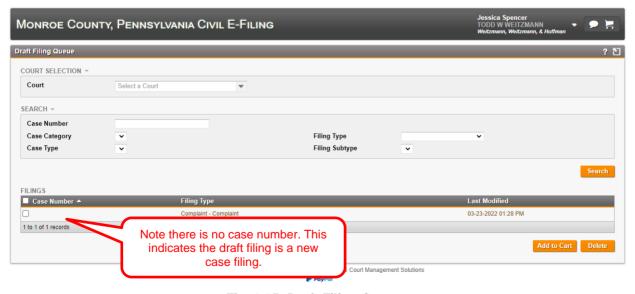


Fig. 1.95: Draft Filing Queue screen



The **Draft Filing Queue** screen displays three containers. The **Court Selection** container lets you identify a single Court for which you can view Draft Filings, since E-Filing supports filings in multiple Courts.

The **Search** container lets you enter criteria of **Case Number**, **Case Category**, **Filing Type**, and **Filing Subtype** upon which you can search.

The **Filings** display table shows all filings in the Draft queue by default. Since this filer has a single filing there is no need to use the Search function to find a filing.

The check box to the left of the **Case Number** can select individual filings for use with the **Add to Cart** button or the **Delete** button.

The check box in the header of the Filings display table selects all cases in the display table for use with the **Add to Cart** button or the **Delete** button.

The **Delete** button produces a **Confirm** window that requires you confirm the deletion of the filing. When you confirm the deletion, the filing is deleted from the **Draft Filing Queue** screen and is not recoverable.

The **Case Number** column of the **Filings** display table can be selected to navigate to the **Case View** screen to provide an overview of case information.

The Filing Type and Last Modified columns can be selected to navigate to the Filing Summary screen.

Within the **Filings** display table, the **Case Number** column can be selected to navigate to the **Case View** screen and the **Filing Type** and **Last Modified** columns can be selected to navigate to the **Filing Summary** screen.

7. Click the **Back** button of your browser to return to the **Draft Filing Queue** screen.

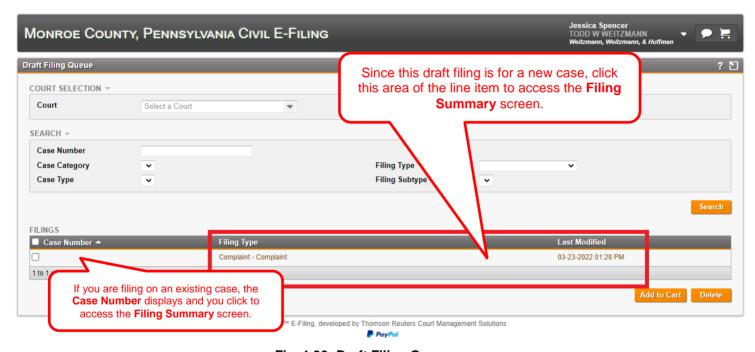


Fig. 1.96: Draft Filing Queue screen

8. Click the **Filing Type** area of the Filings display table line item.



The Filing Summary screen appears.

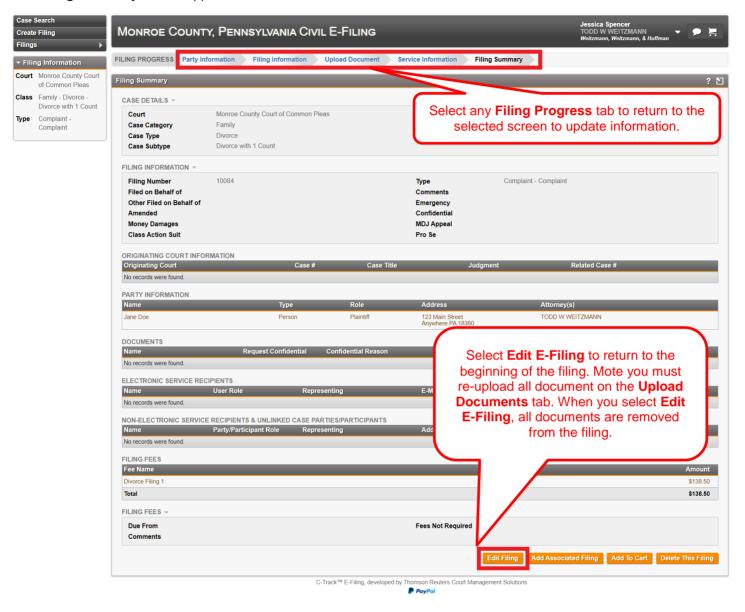


Fig. 1.97: Filing Summary screen

Review the **Filing Summary** screen to ensure the information you are submitting. Return to any screen to update information before you submit the filing

9. Click Add to Cart.

The Cart screen appears.



Note if you have additional filings already in the Cart when you associated to the Authorizing E-File User those filings also appear.

The X at the far right of any line item in the Filings display table lets you remove filings from the Cart and return the filing(s) to the Draft queue in the left menu.

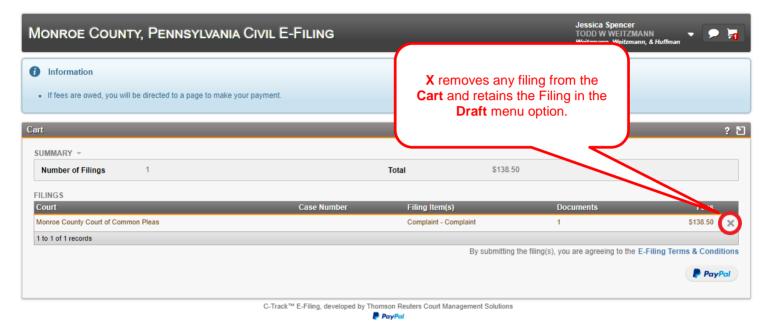


Fig. 1.98: Cart screen – filings ready for Submission

10. Click **X** for the filing you want to remove.

A Confirm window appears.

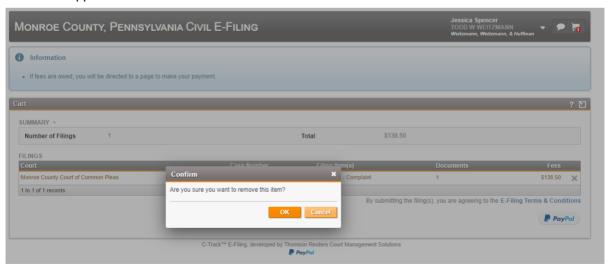


Fig. 1.99: Confirm window – Remove a filing from the Cart

- 11. Click Cancel.
- 12. Click the payment button or the **Submit Filings**.



The Submission Confirmation screen appears. Note the Cart icon shows no filings.



Fig. 1.100: Submission Confirmation screen - Successful submission

You have successfully submitted a filing on behalf of another authorized E-Filer in your legal organization. The **Green Success Notification** displays in the top content container, above the **Submission Confirmation** screen.

As a support staff user, the **Notification** icon and **Notifications** screen is updated with confirmation of a successfully submitted e-filing. Once the court processes the e-filing the Authorizing E-Filer, for whom you submitted the filing, receives an email.



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