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E-Filing of Attorney's Affidavits in Adoptions to Be Required by Rule of NYS Supreme Court, Appellate Division

NEW YORK — The four Departments of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, have approved an amendment to court rules (22 NYCRR 603.33, 691.23, 806.28 and 1015.17) to require, effective November 15, 2022, the electronic filing of Attorney's Affidavits with the Office of Court Administration (OCA) in agency and private placement adoption matters. The amended rules are available online at:

<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/rules/adoption-affidavit/index.shtml>

Concurrent with these rule amendments, OCA has instituted a new online adoption affidavit system for use by attorneys with UCS Online Service Accounts. The system allows the secure paperless filing of individual affidavit forms (UCS-836) and provides proof of filings. The new system will replace the previous paper mailing system.

To access the new system, go to:

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