

July 12, 2019

To the Rome Bar and other interested parties:

Re: Filing in Floyd Superior Court

As I am sure you have heard, the AOC (Administrative Office of the Courts) has been hit with ransomware disabling most of their servers. It is possibly worse than at first believed. They may have lost all of their data. Unfortunately all of the new eCourt files are involved. eCourt is not operational at this time. In addition to the Superior Court, the Magistrate Court and the Juvenile Court have been impacted by the attack.

This has caused the clerk's office to begin the process of re-entering all documents filed during the last 5 ½ months into Sustain, as well as entering all new cases into Sustain. Barbara Penson, Clerk, and her staff are making Herculean efforts to manually enter cases to stay ahead of calendars and scheduled events.

There has been and will continue to be some disruptions in filing papers. The clerk's office as well as our offices are trying to work through these problems. There is a problem printing calendars, particularly criminal calendars, which may impact the setting of cases and the issuance of subpoenas.

The electronic filing of civil cases had not been integrated into the eCourt case management system and so it remains a working component of the clerk's office. Those cases are also being manually entered into the former database and documents scanned into the document server that served that database. You can continue to e-file but it may be difficult to retrieve those documents.

We ask for your cooperation as we work through this issue.

Judge J. Bryant Durham, Jr., Chief Judge
Judge John E. Niedrach
Judge William F. Sparks
Judge Kay Ann Wetherington

c: Barbara H. Penson, Clerk