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**To:** eFiling Comments

**Subject:** Mandatory eFiling in Allegany and Cattaraugus County Surrogate's Courts

This is to oppose the imposition of mandatory eFiling in Allegany County and Cattaraugus County Surrogate's Courts. When I file an estate, I prefer to file all the documents together. The original will and death certificate have to be filed in any event, which will then result in filing things piecemeal. I have a solo practice, and having to scan papers in order to file them, along with the other complications of eFiling, is inconvenient and unnecessarily time consuming. I am in the courthouse frequently, and I prefer filing papers securely by personal delivery. If voluntary eFiling has been as successful as represented in the March 7 memorandum from Judge Feroletto, why is there a need to make it mandatory? I understand from court personnel that eFiling doesn't really save them any work, but it makes more work for attorneys. If pro se parties are going to be exempted, there will still have to be mechanisms in place to accommodate filing original papers. I have no objection to optional eFiling continuing, but I am asking that it not be mandated.

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