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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES E-RENEWAL PROCESS FOR LAW FIRM ENTITIES

Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride and the Illinois Supreme Court announced on Wednesday that law firm entities will have the option, beginning with the 2013 renewal year, to renew electronically their annual registration and pay the \$40 renewal fee using the Supreme Court's electronic filing service.

Professional Corporations, Professional Associations, Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 721(f), must renew their registration with the Supreme Court Clerk on or before January 31 of each year. Until now, renewals could only be done in person or by mail.

Since becoming Chief Justice in October 2010, Chief Justice Kilbride has made a goal to enhance Illinois court operations by using improvements in technology. Today's announcement is yet another action toward making court operations more efficient and more user friendly.

Only a law firm entities' registration renewal can be filed electronically. If a firm is registering for the first time, requesting a name change or needs to file any type of motion with its renewal application, the documents and renewal fee must be submitted to the Supreme Court Clerk's office by mail.

Law firms wishing to renew electronically can go to the Supreme Court's website at www.state.il.us/court. On the homepage, under "E-Business Online Services/Select a Court", scroll down and select "Supreme Court". The filer will then be directed to a page containing a link to the Supreme Court electronic filing service where an online application is provided. Only one law firm's renewal may be e-filed in a single transaction.

Once the renewal has been electronically submitted and reviewed by the Clerk, the filer will receive an email notification indicating if the renewal application has been accepted or rejected. If accepted, the filer will be directed to pay the renewal fee plus a \$1.25 convenience fee online. Once payment is received, a file stamped copy of the renewal application may be downloaded.

In 2012, the Clerk's office processed approximately 4,600 law firm renewal applications.

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