

Unfreezing the Cave Man Lawyer

Going Paperless in the Judicial World



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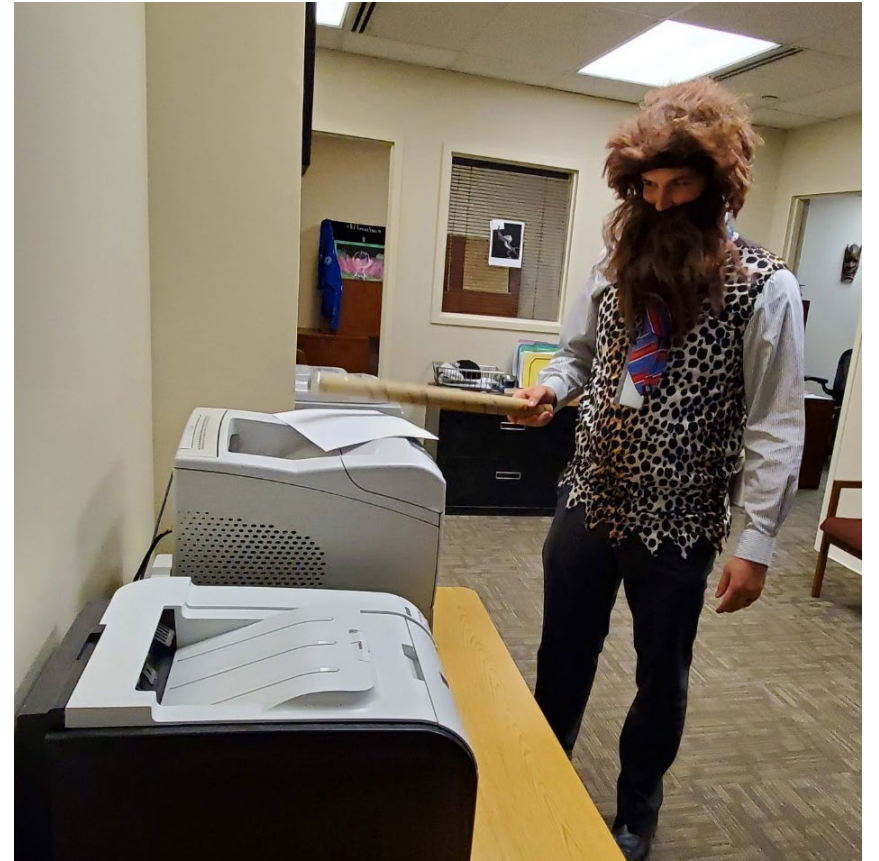
Remembering the Cave

What did your office look like 10 years ago?



The Thaw Begins...

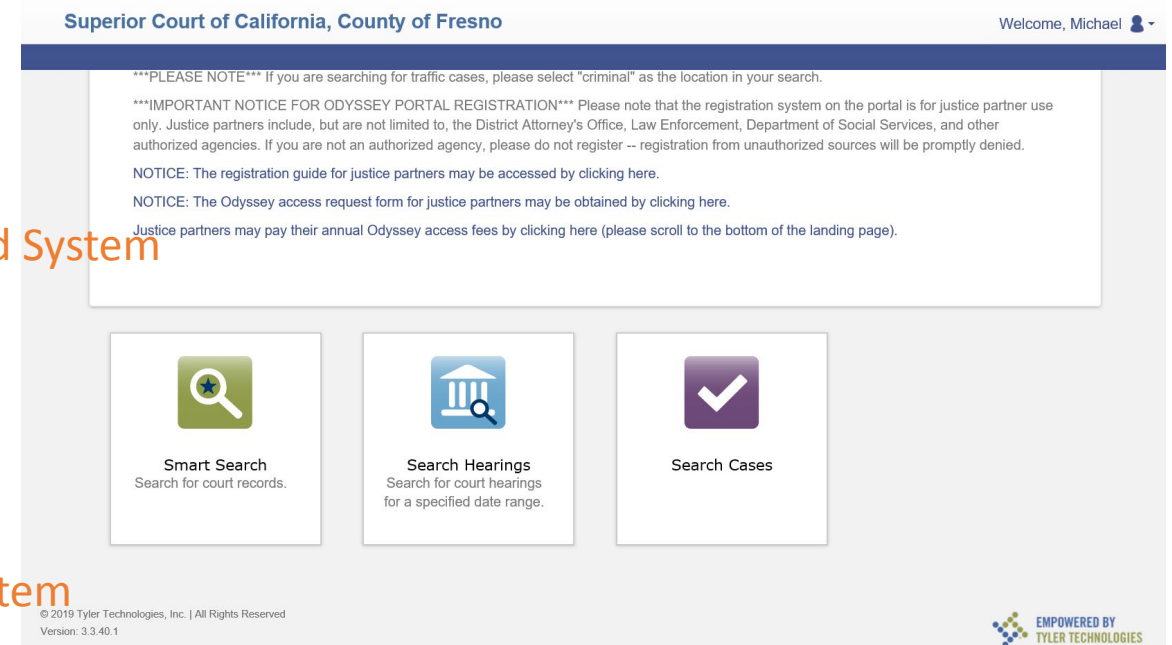
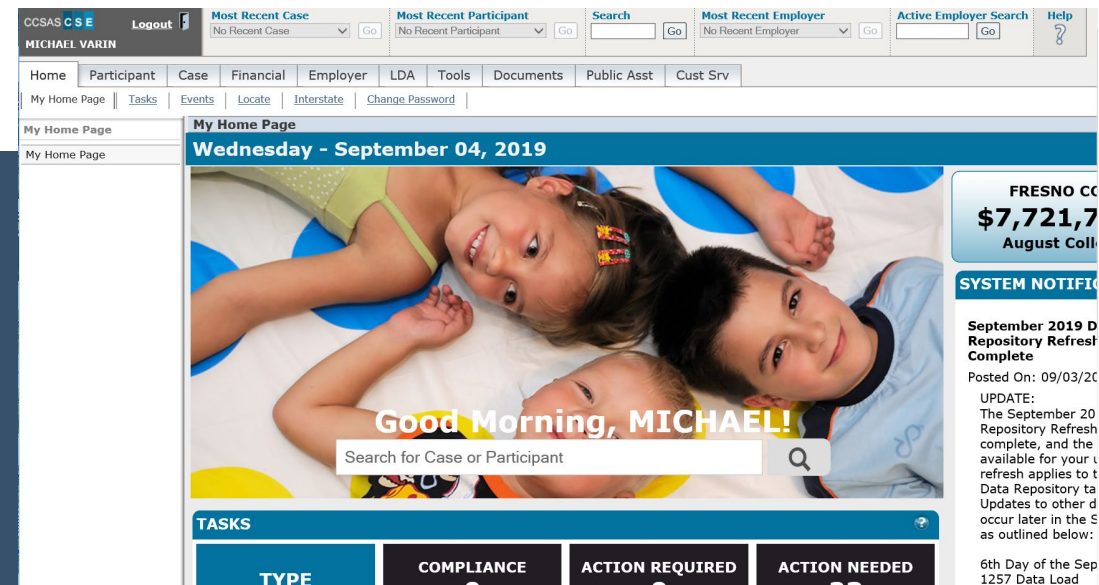
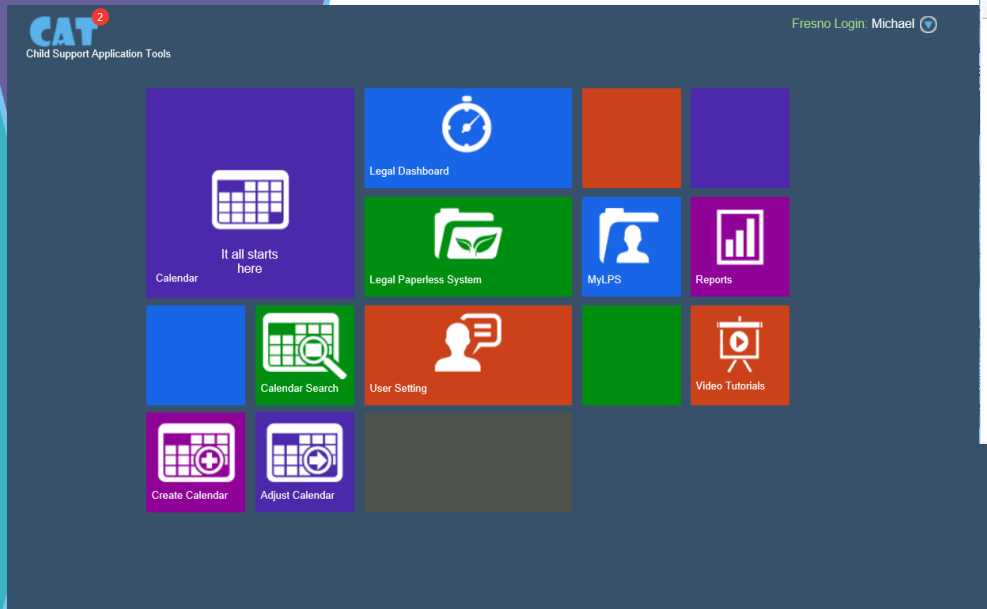
What created
the incentive to
go paperless?



Exploring the Cave

What does “paperless” look like in your office?





CSE – California Child Support Automated System

- Case management
- Document generation and storage
- E-Filing

LPS – Legal Paperless System

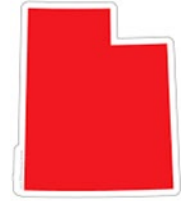
- Court hearings

Odyssey – Court's Case Management System

- E-Filing
- Access to court file



Utah Components



- No paper files
- All documents downloaded or scanned and added to web-based document management system.
- Use of document management system to access documents and “pass” file back and forth.
- All electronic signatures whenever possible. All electronic filing with the court.
- Notices from court and parties generally come and go by email. We print and mail documents to self-represented parties when necessary.

Washington Components



- Secure File Transfer Protocol set up between WA Division of Child Support and Office of Administrative Hearings
- Two Tiers
 - Urgent
 - Non-urgent
- Hearing exhibits
- Electronic Signatures
- Preparation for Hearings

Changing the Cave Man Code

What statutory
or rule changes
were necessary?



Carving new rules



- Rule 10(i). Forms of pleadings and other papers. Allowed for electronic copies to be considered original
- Rule 11(a)(2). Signing of pleadings, motion, affidavits, and other papers; representations to court; sanctions. Allowed for electronic signatures to be binding.
- Rule 5. Service and filing of pleadings and other papers. Allowed for service by electronic filing to those registered and service by registered email for many documents. Also allows for electronic filing of affidavits with a notary acknowledgment.
- Rule 6. Time. Addresses response time with electronic versus mailed service
- All rules covering discovery to allow for electronic storage and transmission of documents.
- Rules of Judicial Administration, Chapter 4. Operation of the Courts, Article 5 Civil Practice
- Rule 4-503. Mandatory electronic filing. Mandated electronic filing in civil cases as of April 1, 2013.
- Statutory Change:
Utah Code 78B-18a. Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act. In lieu of a notarized signature, allows for an unsworn declaration that statement is true and correct and declared under criminal penalty. Current form allows for electronic signatures on declarations to take the place of notarized affidavits.

Carving new rules



- California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1010.6(b) – Permissive e-filing; Courts can mandate by local rule
- California Rules of Court, rule 2.252 – General rules on e-filing
- California Rules of Court, rule 2.253 – Permissive and mandatory e-filing
- California Rules of Court, rule 2.257 – Electronic signatures allowed for declaration under penalty of perjury; LCSA can maintain copy if original signature was used
- California Rules of Court, rule 2.259 – Actions by the court on receipt of electronic filing
- The Superior Court of Fresno County, Local Rules, rule 4.1.13 – Mandates e-filing for represented parties or entities (e.g. DCSS), unless excused by court
- California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1010.6(a) – Electronic service allowed in limited circumstances
- California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1013b – Proof of electronic service
- California Rules of Court, rule 2.251 – Electronic service

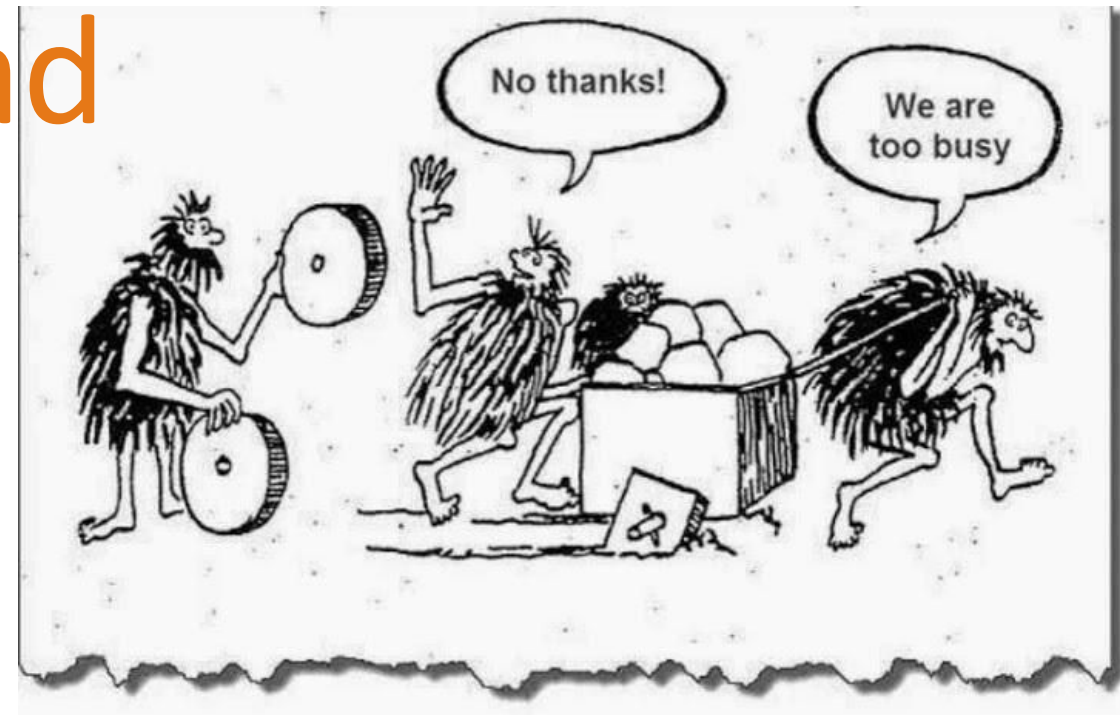
Redecorating the Cave

What hardware
needed to be
added?



The Cave Man Adapts

What in-office
processes had
to change?



Cave Man Meets Fire!

Has there been
resistance to
going paperless?



Cave Man Meets Civilization

How do you
file your court
documents?





Status of E-filing Nationwide

Legal Actions

Legal Action View Options:

☒ Family Law

☐ Criminal

☐ Civil

☐ Probate

☐ Bankruptcy

☐ Workers Compensation

☐ EDD Appeals Board

Orders

Order View Options:

☒ Support Order

☒ Contempt Order

☐ Other Order

View

Legal Activity List

Generation/Entry Date ▾	Filed Date	Court Case Number	Description	Status	View Detail
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07/17/2019	07/18/2019	19CEFS01778	NOTICE OF MOTION (GENERIC)	FILED	IMG
07/16/2019	07/11/2019	19CEFS01778	ANSWER FILED	ACTIVE	
07/08/2019	07/09/2019	19CEFS01778	PROOF OF PERSONAL SERVICE	FILED	IMG
06/07/2019		19CEFS01778	JUDGMENT REGARDING PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS	PROPOSED	
06/07/2019	06/10/2019	19CEFS01778	SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT	SERVED	IMG
SUPPORT ORDER ▾ Add					Records 1 - 7

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GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY (Under Family Code, §§ 17400 and 17406): RAED J. NIJMEDDIN, CHIEF CHILD SUPPORT ATTORNEY FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES 2220 TULARE ST STE 310 UPPER FRESNO CA 93721-2106 200000002207117 TELEPHONE NO.: (866) 901-3212 FAX NO. (Optional): (559) 455-4669 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Under Family Code §§ 17400 & 17406	FOR COURT USE ONLY Electronically Filed By Superior Court of California, County of Fresno On: 7/18/2019 8:00 AM By: Maria Ruacho, Deputy								
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1. TO (name): ANNA L DEFREITAS

2. **READ THE ATTACHED REQUEST FORM.** A hearing on the motion for the relief requested will be held as follows:

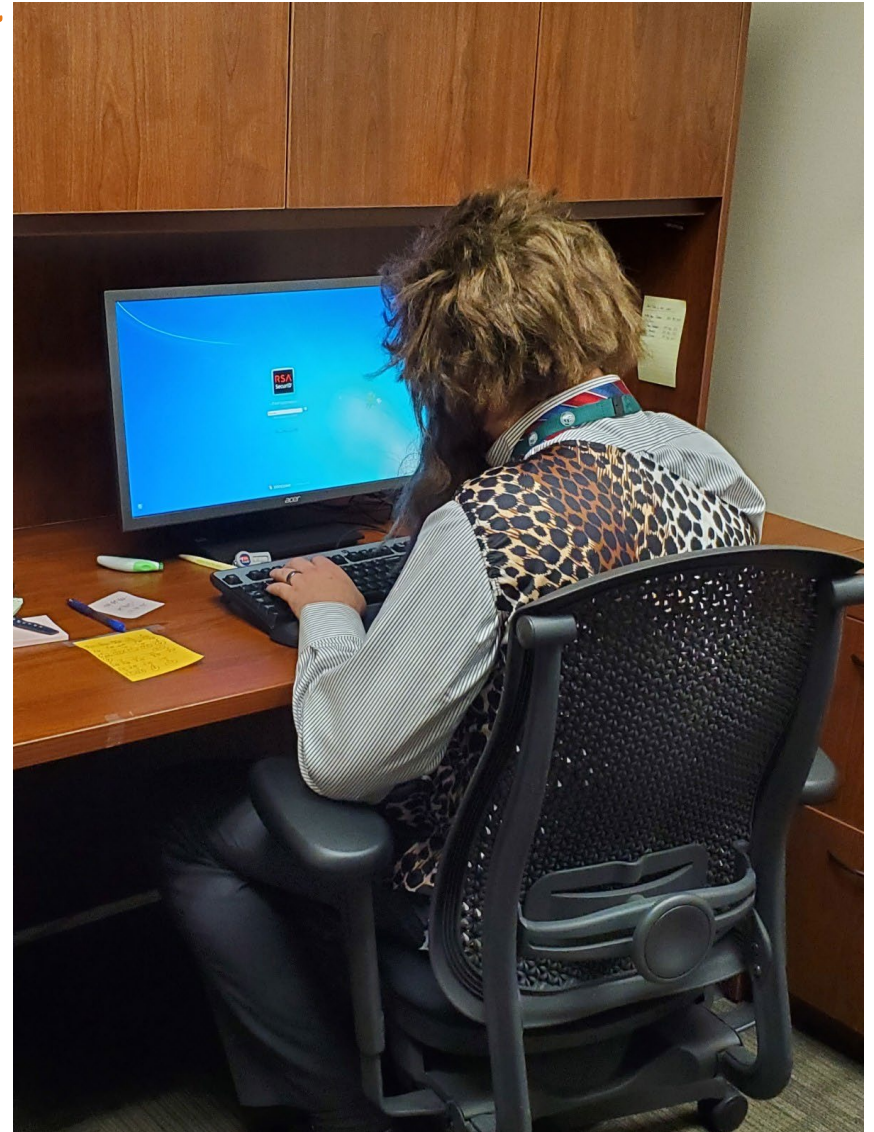
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Time: 08:00 a.m.

☒ Dept.: 301☐ Div.:☐ Rm.:

Prepping for the Hunt

How do you
prepare for
court?



Legal Paperless Calendar

Hearing Date

Department

Calendar

	Clerk Atty Prep	Item No. / Memo / Atty in Court	Status	Sup. Crt. No. Case No.	Match	Petitioner Respondent CSE CP	Pldgs/Issues FTA Note Comments	Flags	Last Update Assoc. Cases
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Face Sheet

Pleadings

Income

Other

☒ Clerk Prep

☒ Atty Prep: Varin, Michael 08/19/2019

☐ Paper

Atty in Court: Varin, Michael

☒ No Meet & Confer

Judicial Officer: Samuel Dalesandro

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Issues

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Parties

☒ NCP: JUAN DONATO VASQUEZ

Atty:

☐ See Separately

☐ Don't Wait for NCP

☐ NCP Interp.

NCP Lang:

☒ CP: CAROL MIGUEL

Atty:

☐ CP Needed to Stip

☐ Don't Wait for CP

☒ CP Interp.

CP Lang: SPANISH

Telephonic

☐ NCP Phone No.:☐ CP Phone No.:Time:

Case Information

☒ Local

☐ UIFSA

Mging Cnty: Fresno

Case Mgr: espitia.carina

Case Type:

Aid Closure Date:

Dependents

Children	DOB	Age	Aid Type	Paternity Status	Notes
		10		ACKNOWLEDGED	
		7		NEVER AT ISSUE	

Pleadings

Pleading	Date Filed	Date Served	Type	Answer/Resp. Filed	Issues	Notes
NCP Motion	07/03/2019				Modification	

Financials

☐ Disbursement Hold In Place
 ☐ Disbursement Hold Needed
 ☐ Stay of Enforcement In Place
 ☐ Stay of Enforcement Needed

Support Obligation ▲	Amount ▼	Allocation ▼					Effective Date ▼	Order Date ▼	Notes ▼
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				

Arrears	County	All Other	Total
PRINCIPAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
INTEREST	\$ 0.00	\$ 1124.35	\$ 1124.35
TOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 1124.35	\$ 1124.35

Last Payment Date:
Amount:

Past Hearings

Past Hearings ▲	Parties Present	History of Court Hearings ▼
04/27/2018	☐ NCP ☐ NCP Atty. ☐ CP ☐ CP Atty.	
09/06/2018	☒ NCP ☐ NCP Atty. ☒ CP ☐ CP Atty.	
08/19/2019	☒ NCP ☐ NCP Atty. ☒ CP ☐ CP Atty.	
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Issues

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1. County Motion: Paternity	
2. County Motion: Est. Child Support	
3. County Motion: Health Insurance	
4. County Motion: Arrears Payment	
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Beyond Carving on Walls

How do you
handle
signatures in
a paperless world?



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Beyond the Carrier Owl

Can process
service be
paperless?



Stuck in the Stone Age

What is one
area where
you cannot get
rid of the paper?



Cave People Have Dreams Too...

If you had
one wish...



Questions for the Cave People?



“Grog Ugh” (Translated: “Please complete your session and speaker evaluations. Thank you!”)

