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Hon. Carolyn M. Jewett  
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RE: San Juan County Local Court Rules Proposed Changes

Dear Hon. Carolyn M. Jewett,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2021 changes to the San Juan County Local Court Rules. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office has one suggestion, attached. We hope that this suggestion will be useful to you and welcome the opportunity to meet with you and the members of the SJCBA to discuss the proposed changes if it will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

  
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Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

C: Randall K. Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney  
John Chessell, SJCBA President

Comment Regarding Local General Rules

**LGRLJ 30. Electronic Filing and Service**

The proposed rule reads as follows:

- (a) Electronic filing (“eFile”) authorization, charges, exceptions, and waiver.
  - (1) *Mandatory Electronic Filing.* Effective September 8, 2021, attorneys shall electronically file (eFile) all documents using the court’s designated eFiling service, Odyssey File and Serve, unless this rule provides otherwise. Non-attorneys or *pro se* parties are not required to eFile, but are encouraged to do so.

The proposed rule arguably prohibits an attorney from filing a document in open court. We suggest an edit to the first sentence as follows: “Effective September 8, 2021, attorneys shall electronically file (eFile) all documents not submitted in open court using the court’s designated eFiling service...”.