

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

Rene C. Davidson Courthouse

RICHARD WETZEL et al
Plaintiff/Petitioner(s)
VS.
AT&T CORP. et al
Defendant/Respondent
(s)

No. 26CV197126
Date: 07/10/2026
Time: 3:59 PM
Dept: 18
Judge: Patrick McKinney

ORDER Re: Electronic Service

The Court determines that in this complex asbestos case, establishing a uniform manner of electronic service will reduce delay, expense and inconvenience to the parties; assist in trial preparation; and further the administration of justice. Accordingly, the Court orders as follows pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §1010.6 and California Rules of Court 2.250-2.261 that the following shall apply to all parties in this action.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. All parties are ordered to utilize File & ServeXpress as their electronic service vendor for service of motions, pleadings and other documents to be filed with the Court, consistent with California Code of Civil Procedure §1010.6.
2. Electronic service pursuant to this order is mandatory for all documents filed with the court, but the parties may in addition use other methods of service provided for by statute, including personal service.
3. Electronic service under this Order is mandatory for discovery, responses, and verifications to discovery.
4. Counsel or parties filing original documents with the Court shall do so with the Clerk of the Court, following existing filing procedures pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure and Alameda County Local Rules.
5. Electronic service in this case through File & ServeXpress is deemed the equivalent of personal service. Electronic service of the document is deemed complete at the time of transmission. The additional two court days' notice period following service under California Code of Civil Procedure §1010.6(a)(4)(B) does not apply.
6. Any document that is electronically served between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Pacific Time on a court day shall be deemed served on that court day.
7. Any document that is electronically served either on a non-court day, or on a court day after 8:00 p.m. Pacific Time, shall be deemed served on the next court day.

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8. Electronic service by e-mail in this case is not allowed under this Order, unless the serving party or parties, and each party or parties on whom service is effected, have agreed in writing to permit such service.

9. Parties shall use the File & ServeXpress Link feature for all ex parte applications and for all motions when serving a document that relates to a previously served document. For example, oppositions and replies and their supporting documents should be linked to the initiating motion. Linking will allow the court and case participants to access related documents more easily.

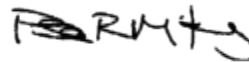
10. Within five (5) days of receipt of this Order, plaintiffs' counsel shall submit to File & ServeXpress via email to eservice@fileandservexpress.com, a complete and current service list of counsel of record or self-represented parties for this litigation. Within five (5) days of service of this Order, or within five (5) days of the entry of appearance for a new attorney of record or self-represented party, each attorney of record or self-represented party for this litigation shall register for electronic service with File & ServeXpress. Plaintiff(s) shall promptly notify File & ServeXpress to remove any defendant from the service list who is no longer a party to this action.

11. Nothing in this Order shall limit the parties from reaching additional stipulations or agreements to effectuate service.

12. Correspondence giving notice of Ex Parte Applications shall be served electronically on File & ServeXpress pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated : 07/10/2026



Patrick McKinney / Judge

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