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Eighth Judicial District Court

Parish of Winn

Ninth Judicial District Court

Parish of Rapides

Amended effective January 1, 2018.

Any judge of the Ninth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data complication of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Tenth Judicial District Court

Parish of Natchitoches

Amended effective April 7, 2020.

ELECTRONIC WARRANTS

WarrantNow is designated and approved for the purposes of receiving electronic applications for warrants in the Tenth Judicial District Court.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

All provisions of law relating to the use of electronic signatures by judges are hereby enacted including, but not limited to, La. Code Civ. P. art. 253, 1911, or other applicable law found therein; and La. Code Crim. P. art. 162.2 and/or other applicable law found therein; and La. R.S. 9:2601 et seq.

Any presiding judge or hearing officer of this court may electronically sign a court order, judgment, notice, official court documents or other writing by electronic signature if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted, or authorized by the judge or hearing officer to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's or hearing officer's handwritten signature. Said electronic signature shall be in .pdf format, flattened, or otherwise in a form which cannot be altered in accordance with standards set by the federal ESIGN Act.

Eleventh Judicial District Court

Parish of Sabine

Twelfth Judicial District Court

Parish of Avoyelles

Amended effective January 22, 2019.

All provisions of law relating to the use of electronic signatures by Judges are hereby enacted, including, but not limited to, La. Code of Civil Procedure Articles 253, 1911, or other applicable law found in the La. Code of Civil Procedure; and La. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 162.2 and/or other applicable law found in the La. Code of Criminal Procedure; and La. R.S. 9:2601 et. seq.

Thirteenth Judicial District Court

Parish of Evangeline

Fourteenth Judicial District Court

Parish of Calcasieu

Amended effective February 1, 2021.

Court orders, notices, official court documents and other writings may be signed electronically by the Judges of this Court if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Fifteenth Judicial District

Parishes of Acadia, Lafayette and Vermilion

Amended effective January 1, 2017.

Court orders, notices, official court documents, and other writings required to be executed in connection with court proceedings and judgments may be signed electronically by the Judges of this Court. Said electronic signatures shall be in PDF format, in accordance with standards set by federal ESIGN Act.

Sixteenth Judicial District Court

Parishes of Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary

Effective January 1, 2016; amended effective March 12, 2020; amended effective March 11, 2021.

ELECTRONIC WARRANTS

Warrantnow and CloudGavel are designated and approved for the purposes of receiving electronic applications for warrants in the Sixteenth Judicial District Court.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Any judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Seventeenth Judicial District Court

Parish of Lafourche

Effective July 29, 2016; amended effective October 23, 2017.

Any presiding judge of this court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Eighteenth Judicial District Court

Parishes of Iberville, Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge

Effective May 19, 2020.

Any presiding judge or hearing officer of this Court may electronically sign a court order, judgment, notice, official court document and other writings, whether criminal and civil, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Nineteenth Judicial Any judge or commissioner of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court **District Court** orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols **Parish of East Baton** executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's Rouge handwritten signature. Effective December 21, 2018. **Twentieth Judicial District Court** Parishes of East Feliciana and West Feliciana **Twenty-First Judicial District Court** Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa **Twenty-Second Judicial** Any presiding judge of this court may electronically sign a court order, notice, official court **District Court** document and other writings if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding Parishes of St. Tammany equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature. and Washington Effective January 1, 2016. **Twenty-Third Judicial** Court orders, notices, official court documents, and other writings required to be executed in **District Court** connection with court proceedings and judgments may be signed electronically by the Judges and Hearing Officers of this Court. Said electronic signatures shall be in PDF format, flattened, or Parishes of Ascension, otherwise in a form which cannot be altered. Assumption and St. **James** Effective January 1, 2016; amended effective September 15, 2018. **Twenty-Fourth Judicial District Court** Parish of Jefferson

Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court

Parish of Plaquemines

Amended effective January 1, 2019.

Any judge of the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court	
Parishes of Bossier and Webster	
Twenty-Seventh Judicial District Court	
Parish of St. Landry	
Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court Parish of LaSalle	Any judge of the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's written signature.
Amended effective March 16, 2020.	Warrantnow is designated and approved for the purposes of receiving electronic applications for warrants in the Twenty-Eighth Judicial District Court.
Twenty-Ninth Judicial District Court	Any presiding judge of this court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, judgments and other writings if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be
Parish of St. Charles Amended effective January 21, 2020.	the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.
Thirtieth Judicial District Court Parish of Vernon	Any presiding judge of this court may electronically sign a court order, notice, official court document and other writings if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.
Amended effective January	ELECTRONIC WARRANTS
3, 2018.	Warrantnow is designated and approved for the purposes of receiving electronic applications for warrants in the Thirtieth Judicial District Court.
Thirty-First Judicial District Court	
Parish of Jefferson Davis	
Thirty-Second Judicial District Court	
Parish of Terrebonne	

Parish of Allen

Thirty-Fourth Judicial District Court

Parish of St. Bernard

Effective November 20, 2020.

Any judge of the Thirty Fourth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court orders, notices, official court documents, and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted, or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

This shall include, but not be limited to, the use of the WarrantNow application, the DocuSign application, the St. Bernard Clerk's electronic signing system, or the transmission on unalterable .pdf or other flattened documents through means calculated to ensure the security and authenticity of the judge's signature.

Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court

Parish of Grant

Amended effective April 1, 2020.

All provisions of law relating to the use of electronic signatures by Judges are hereby enacted, including but not limited to, La. Code of Civil Procedure Articles 253, 1911, or other applicable law found in the La. Code of Civil Procedure; Article 162.2 and/or other applicable law found in the La. Code of Criminal Procedure; and La. R.S. 9:2601 et. seq.

Warrantnow is designated and approved for the purposes of receiving electronic applications for warrants in the Thirty-Fifth Judicial District Court.

Thirty-Sixth Judicial District Court

Parish of Beauregard

Amended effective August 27, 2021.

Any presiding judge of the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District Court may electronically sign court orders, notices, warrants, official court documents, and other writings, whether civil or criminal, if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

Thirty-Seventh Judicial District Court

Parish of Caldwell

Enacted effective March 16, 2020.

All provisions of law relating to the use of electronic signatures by Judges are hereby enacted, including, but not limited to, La. Code of Civil Procedure Articles 253, 1911, or other applicable law found in the La. Code of Civil Procedure; and La. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 162.2 and/or other applicable law found in the La. Code of Criminal Procedure; and La. R.S. 9:2601 et. seq.

Any presiding judge of this court may electronically sign a court order, notice, official court document and other writings if the electronic signature consists of a computer data compilation of any symbol or series of symbols executed, adopted or authorized by the judge to be the legally binding equivalent of the judge's handwritten signature.

ELECTRONIC WARRANTS/48 HOUR AFFIDAVITS

Warrantnow is designated and approved for the purposes of receiving electronic applications for warrants and 48 hour affidavits in the Thirty-Seventh Judicial District Court.

Thirty-Eighth Judicial District Court	
Parish of Cameron	
Thirty-Ninth Judicial District Court	
Parish of Red River	
Fortieth Judicial District Court	
Parish of St. John the Baptist	
Civil District Court	Any presiding judge of this court may electronically sign a court order, judgment, notice, minute
Parish of Orleans	entry, official court documents or other writing by electronic signature which is as an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.
Amended effective March 1, 2018.	
Criminal District Court	
Parish of Orleans	
Orleans Parish Juvenile Court	An electronic document requiring a signature shall be signed by an original signature, stamped signature, or an electronic graphic representation of a signature, or in the following manner: /s/ John or Jane Person. (As governed by La. Code Civ. Proc. Arts. 253, 1911 or other applicable law).
Parish of Orleans	
Amended effective April 1, 2024.	
Forty-Second Judicial District Court	
Parish of DeSoto	