Illinois E-Filing Tips & Instructions

In order to E-File your case, you must first choose an Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP). NIJC & CVLS use Odyssey E-File, as it is free and easy to use: https://efileil.tylertech.cloud/OfsEfsp/ui/landing. If this is your first time E-Filing, you must create an account and register. In order to waive fees for your client, you will also have to set up a waiver account. Instructions and training videos for using the Odyssey service are available at: https://odysseyfileandserve.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/360010234812

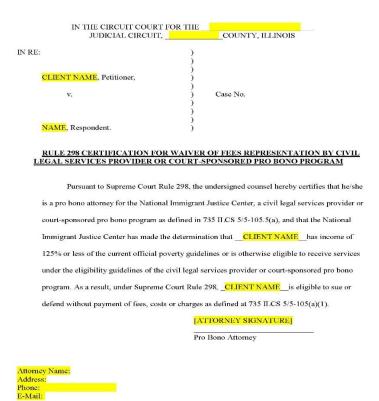
E-Filing Using a "CLSP"

NIJC clients are considered clients of a "civil legal services provider" and are entitled to an automatic waiver of fees (called a "CLSP") under 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5(b):

"When a party is represented in a civil action by a civil legal services provider or attorney in a courtsponsored pro bono program, all fees and costs relating to filing, appearing, transcripts on appeal, and service of process **shall be waived** without the necessity of a motion for that purpose."

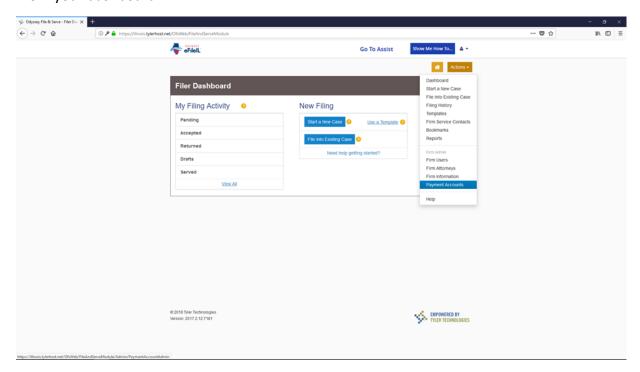
1. Fill Out and Sign Your CLSP

NIJC provides a sample CLSP form along with your case file. You should fill out and sign your CLSP along with your initial documents, to waive fees associated with the case:

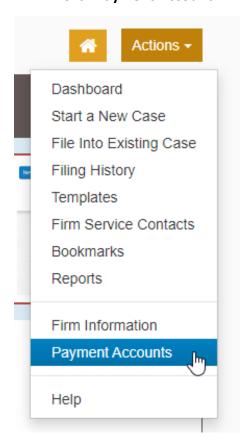


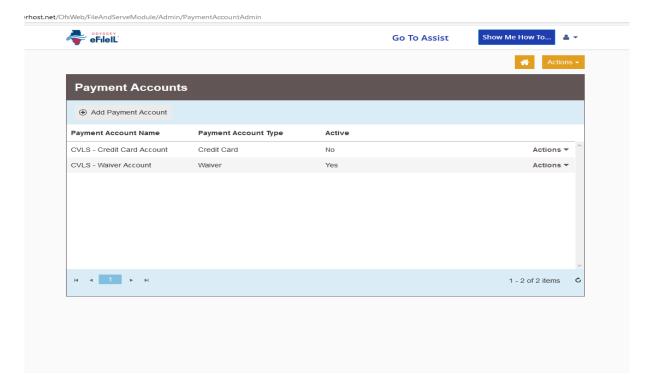
2. Create a Waiver Account in the Odyssey eFile Account

From your dashboard:

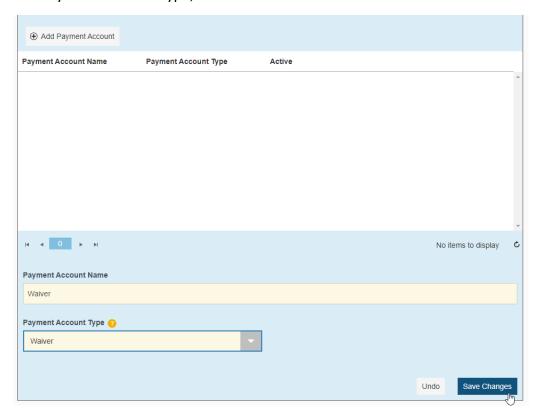


- 1. Click on the **Orange** Actions tab in the upper right-hand corner
- 2. Click Payment Account.





- 3. Click Add Payment Account.
- 4. Name the payment account: (here it's called Waiver).
- 5. Click Payment Account Type, choose Waiver.



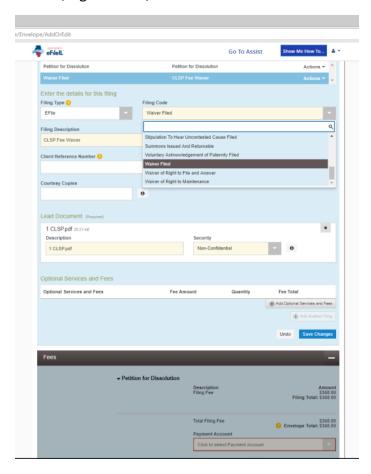
6. Click **Save Changes**.

Now you are ready to file your client's case!

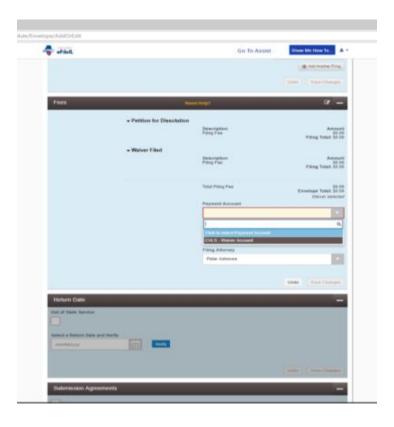
3. File Your Case and Upload Your CLSP

After you initiate your case in the eFile system, you will upload your initial pleadings. You must upload a CLSP as well, in order to avoid being charged for the filing.

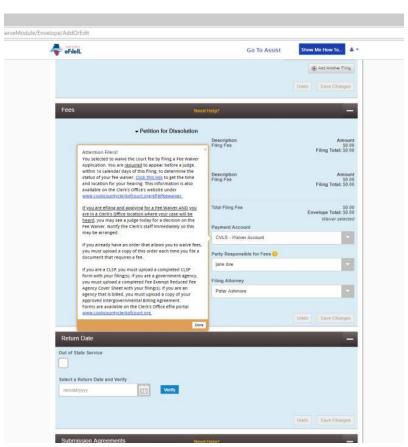
- 1. Under "Filing Code," choose "Waiver Filed" (NOT "fee waiver!").
- 2. **Upload** your scanned, signed CLSP, and name it. The total fee will still show up:



3. After uploading your document, you will need to **select a payment account** – choose your previously selected "Waiver" account. This should return the amount due to zero.



4. When you are ready to submit your whole filing, you will be given a final warning to upload your CLSP:



5. **Click "done,"** and finish submitting your filing according to the eFile instructions.