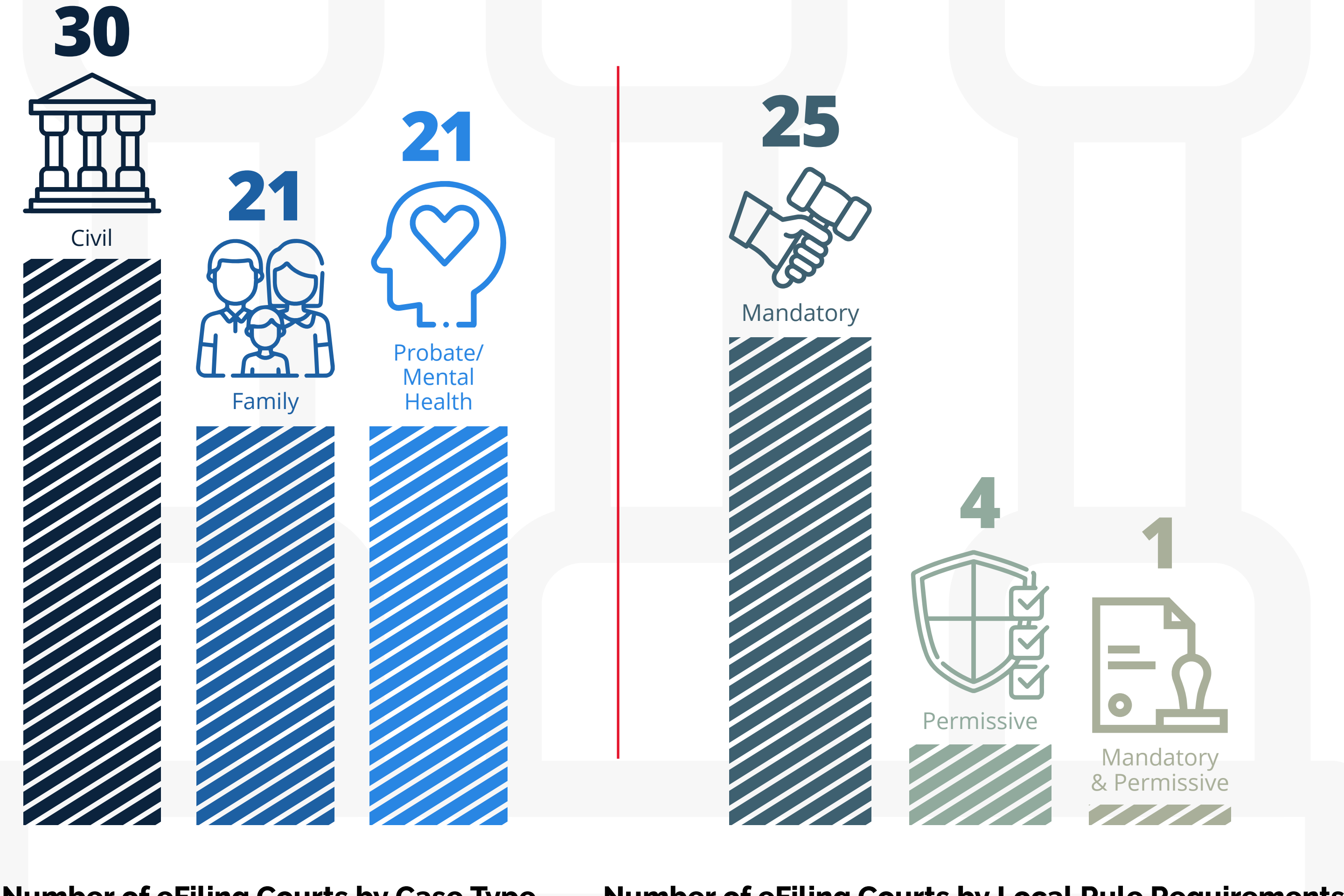


# California Courts Offering eFiling



Electronic court document filing (eFiling) makes it easy to do business with the California Courts but the variety of eFiling fees charged in the eFiling ecosystem can create confusion for businesses that offer eFiling to their customers.

To make eFiling fees easier to understand, this infographic explains why eFiling fees exist, identifies eFiling fee stakeholders in the California Superior Court System, and notes the amount of fees currently being charged for eFiling in California Superior Court.



Courts dictate by local rule which case types must be eFiled (mandatory) and which type are not required to be eFiled (permissive).

## Number of Counties Supported by EFM's

### What is it?

**EFM** The Electronic Filing Manager (EFM) is a firewall software layer between outside parties and the court system.

Courts do not have their own technology development capabilities so they rely on third-party software providers to integrate with the court's case management system. This is how California Courts enable electronic filing.

The service these third-party vendors provide creates additional costs for the courts which, in turn, may be passed on to eFilers. These costs can include an eFiling manager fee in instances when the eFiler pays via credit card or ACH and EFM credit card or EFM ACH payments.

Some courts may also charge a court technology fee to help recover their technology investment.

### Who makes it?

**EFM** Several companies and organizations provide EFM software including Tyler Technologies (Tyler) and Journal Technologies Inc (JTI).



## California Court Fees Related to eFiling

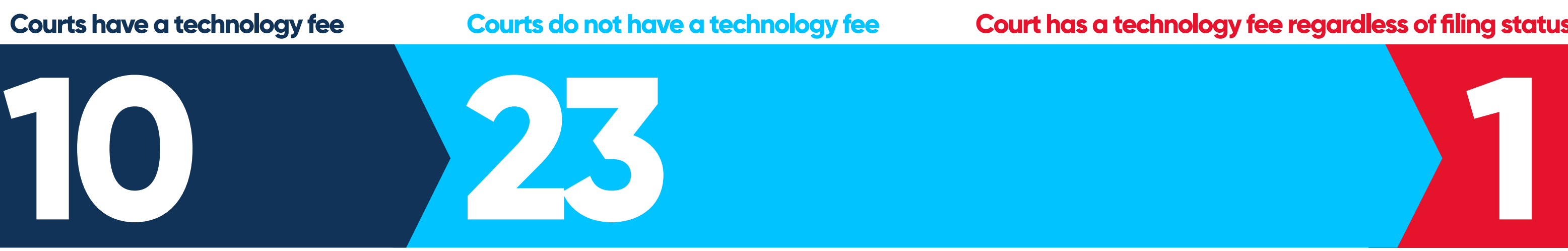
County	EFM	EFM Credit Card	EFM ACH	Court Tech. Fee
Alameda	\$2.95	None	None	\$5.00
Butte	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Calaveras	\$5.00	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Contra Costa	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$1.25	None
Fresno	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Imperial	\$1.95	None	None	None
Kern	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Kings	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	\$2.05
Los Angeles	\$1.95	None	None	\$2.25
Mendocino	\$5.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
<b>CIVIL</b>				
	None	None	None	\$2.25
<b>FAMILY &amp; PROBATE</b>				
	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	\$2.25
	\$5.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None

County	EFM	EFM Credit Card	EFM ACH	Court Tech. Fee
Merced	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Monterey	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Napa	\$5.00	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Orange	None	None	None	\$2.25*
Placer	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
	None	None	None	\$2.25
San Diego	\$3.00*	None	None	None
<b>FAMILY</b>				
	\$5.00	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
San Francisco	None	None	None	None
San Luis Obispo	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
San Mateo	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None

County	EFM	EFM Credit Card	EFM ACH	Court Tech. Fee
Santa Barbara	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	\$1.50
Santa Clara	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	\$2.05
Santa Cruz	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Sonoma	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Stanislaus	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Sutter	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Tohama	\$5.00	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None
Tulare	\$2.95	None	None	None
Yolo	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	\$1.50
Yuba	\$3.50	2.75%-3%	\$0.25	None

## Cost of Convenience: Court Tech Fees

Electronic court filing provides a speedy, paperless workflow, but those conveniences aren't always free. Some California courts charge a fee to offset costs related to their eFiling technology:



## Court Fees in the LegalConnect Workflow

See where the transaction for eFiling court fees occur and how they are paid in the LegalConnect ecosystem.

