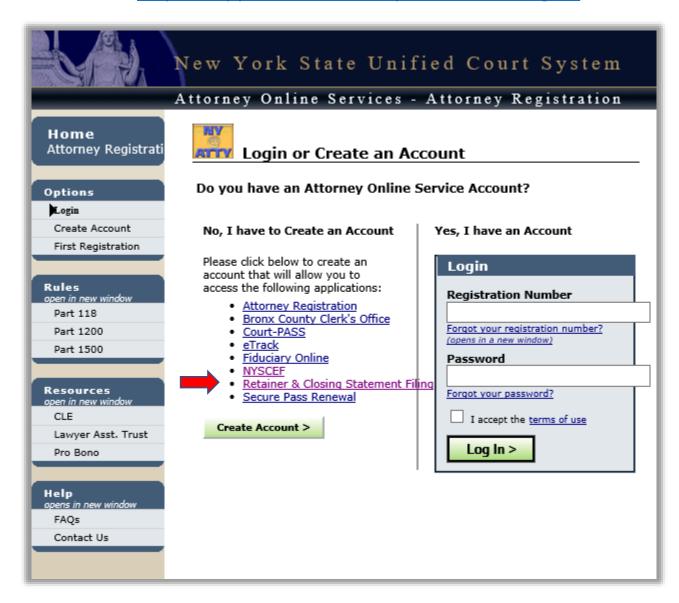
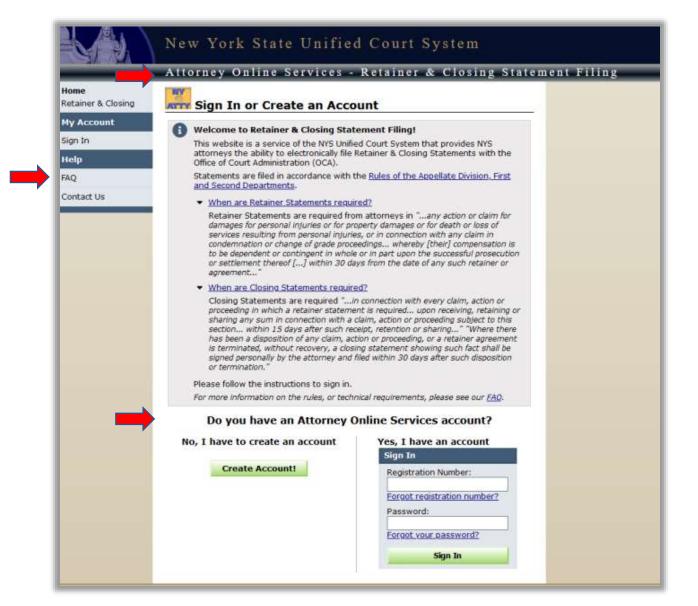
Effective June 8, 2020, amendments to the Appellate Division, 1st and 2nd Departments Retainer and Closing rules (22 NYCRR 603.25 & 691.20) will require the electronic filing of R&C Statements with the Office of Court Administration (OCA).

A new OCA R&C E-filing system is scheduled for release on June 8, 2020 to permit attorneys with Online Services Accounts to securely file individual R&C forms. The system will assign an OCA Statement number and provide proof of filing. Access to the system can be found here: https://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/aronline/SignIn



The new Online Services R&C E-filing system has been designed to replace the practice of mailing forms to OCA and the return of paper postcard receipts from OCA. The process simply requires attorneys to upload either a completed and signed Retainer or Closing Statement. The OCA E-filing system will return proof of filing with an imprinted OCA Statement filing number.

The system includes simple instructions and FAQs for commonly asked questions.



The new Online Services R&C E-filing system permits attorneys to upload an individual Retainer or Closing Statement for each client using their Online Services account. In addition, the system will provide screens to view previously E-filed R&C statements.

Electronic upload files containing R&C statements may also include any required attachments. However, the statement <u>MUST</u> be the first page(s) of all upload files.

The system requires an individual Retainer statement from each attorney, however, either counsel may E-file a joint Closing Statement, as permitted by rule, at the conclusion of the matter.



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Attorney Online Services - Retainer & Closing Statement Filing

Retainer and Closing Statements must be uploaded separately, and an

OCA Statement Number will be assigned to each upload.

You are logged in as **EGNII, SHITILI K.** (Attorney Registration Number: 2070G(5)) <u>sign out</u>

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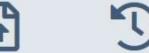
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Retainer Statements

Joint Statements NOT Permitted *

Upload Retainer

Upload an individual retainer statement for each client retained, together with any attachments.

Retainer History View the history of all

the retainer statements uploaded with your Attorney Online Services account.



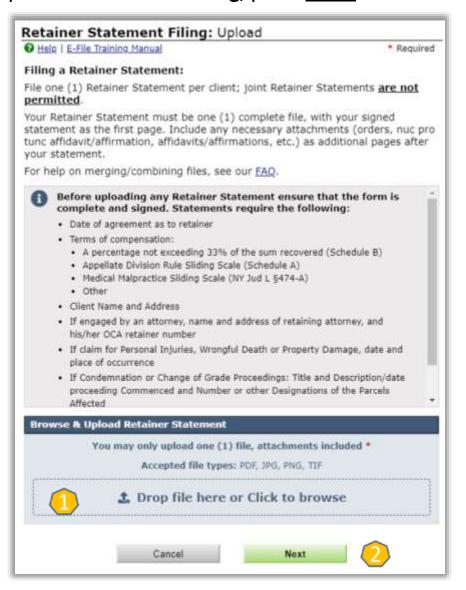
- * Joint Retainer Statements are not permitted by the rules. If in a co-counsel relationship on a contingent fee basis, the rules require trial or appeal counsel to report on their Retainer Statement the "...particulars as to the fee arrangement, the type of services to be rendered in the matter, the code number assigned to the statement of retainer filed by the retaining attorney and the date when said statement of retainer was filed."
- ** Joint Closing Statements are permitted under the rules. Only a single attorney needs to upload the joint Closing Statement. After that counsel files the joint Closing Statement, they can share the OCA Closing Statement filing receipt with co-counsel as proof of filing.

<u>Retainer Upload</u> - <u>STEP 1</u> - Drop the correct statement file you wish to upload saved on your computer, or click to Browse to find and select the file.

Your statement and any attachments must be saved in a single file for uploading. Your signed Retainer <u>must</u> begin on Page 1 of the file, followed by any attachments.

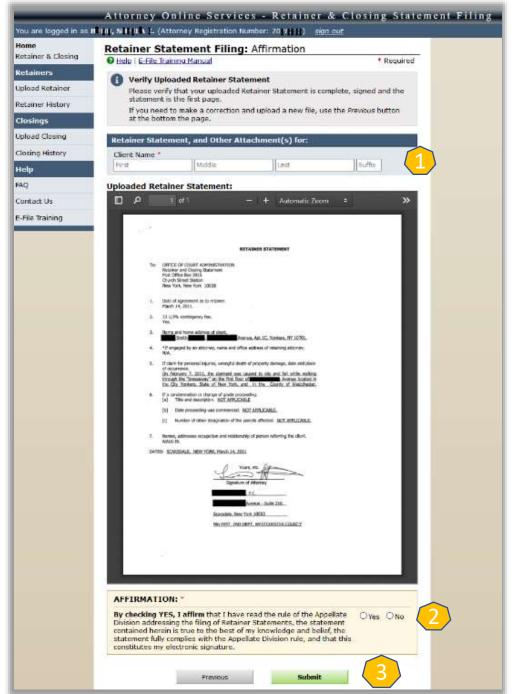
Acceptable file types are .pdf, .jpg, .png, and .tiff.

STEP 2 - To proceed with the E-filing, press Next.



<u>Retainer Affirmation</u> - <u>STEP 1</u> - Type the Client's Name and verify that the statement is complete & correct.

<u>STEPS 2 & 3</u> – Click <u>Yes</u> to affirm & click <u>Submit</u> to complete the E-filing. If incorrect, click <u>Previous</u> to select a new statement to upload.



Retainer E-Filing Complete – after a successful upload, a confirmation screen will verify the filing with the OCA Statement number.

The page will also include the name of the client and the email address where a receipt was sent.

A link is also provided to <u>Download</u> the E-filed statement if required.

User may proceed to <u>Upload Another Retainer</u>, <u>Return Home</u> to file a Closing Statement or <u>Sign Out</u>.

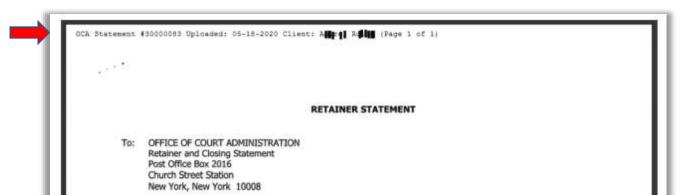


Retainer Statement Confirmation Email — An email confirming each successful upload will be sent to the attorney's account email on file.

The email will contain the OCA Retainer Number assigned, the name of the client, and a link to return to the system to view the E-filed statement.



<u>Retainer Statement Number</u> – All E-filed Retainer Statements will include the OCA Statement number, filing date, client name, and page count.

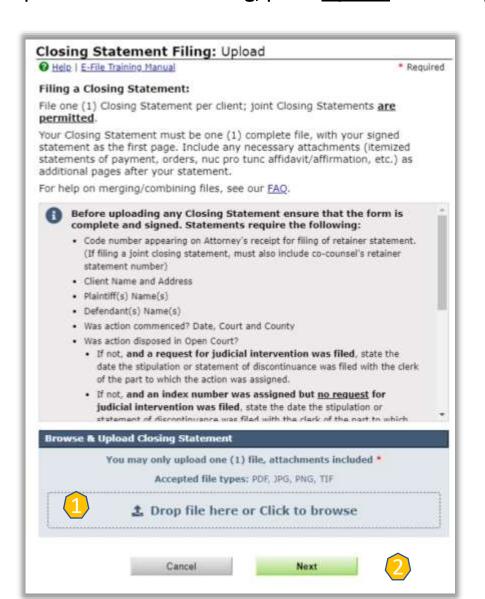


<u>Closing Upload</u> - <u>STEP 1</u> - Drop the correct statement file you wish to upload saved on your computer, or click to Browse to find and select the file.

Your statement and any attachments must be saved in a single file for uploading. Your signed Closing <u>must</u> begin on Page 1 of the file, followed by any attachments.

Acceptable file types are .pdf, .jpg, .png, and .tiff.

STEP 2 - To proceed with the E-filing, press Upload and then Next.



<u>Closing Affirmation</u> - <u>STEP 1</u> - Type the Retainer Number & Client's Name and verify that the statement is complete & correct. (If a joint closing statement, include co-counsel's Retainer Number as well.)

<u>STEPS 2 & 3</u> – Click <u>Yes</u> to affirm & click <u>Submit</u> to complete the E-filing. If incorrect, click <u>Previous</u> to select a new statement to

upload.



<u>Closing E-Filing Complete</u> – after a successful upload, a confirmation screen will verify the filing with the OCA Statement number.

The page will also include the name of the client and the email address where a receipt was sent.

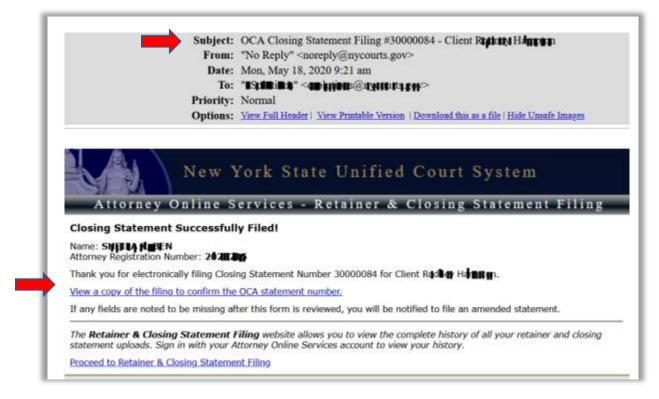
A link is also provided to <u>Download</u> the E-filed statement if required.

User may proceed to <u>Upload Another Closing</u>, <u>Return Home</u> to file a Retainer Statement or Sign Out.



<u>Closing Statement Confirmation Email</u> – An email confirming each successful upload will be sent to the attorney's account email on file.

The email will contain the OCA Closing Number assigned, the name of the client, and a link to return to the system to view the E-filed statement. If a joint Closing Statement, you may wish to send a copy of the email or E-filed statement to co-counsel as proof of filing.



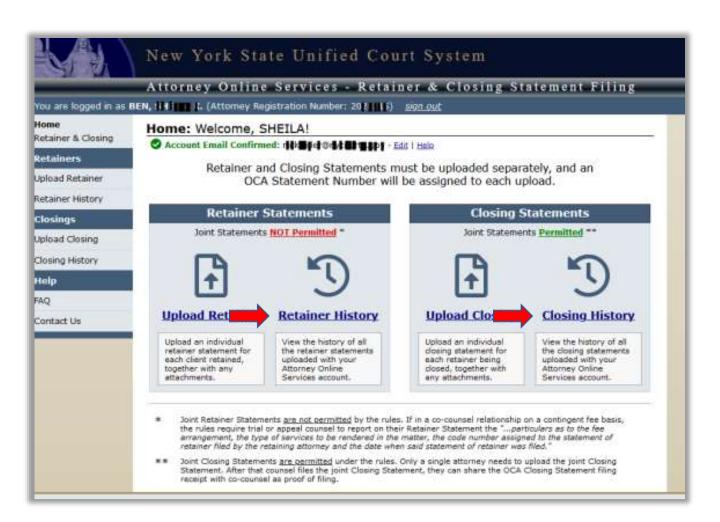
<u>Closing Statement Number</u> – All E-filed Closing Statements will include the OCA Statement number, filing date, client name, and page count.



Retainer and Closing History –

The new Online Services R&C E-filing system also provides an inventory of previously E-filed R&C statements.

This feature will permit users to view a list of prior R&C E-filings and retrieve copies of those filings.



Retainer and Closing E-file – questions to: R-C@nycourts.gov

Retainer and Closing History -

Lists of prior R&C E-filings include the Filing Date, Client Name, OCA Statement Number, and a link to Download a copy of the filing.

