## MIFILE COMING TO HOUGHTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

The Houghton County Probate Court is excited to announce that we will soon join the ranks of the more than 50 MiFILE courts in the state. MiFILE is an e-filing initiative sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court and State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). The statewide e-filing system provides for the electronic submission and serving of documents in Michigan courts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week without requiring a trip to the courthouse.

Much work has gone into creating a statewide e-filing solution. Michigan Court Rules have been amended to support e-filing. Standards have been established to ensure that the experience for the filers and the courts are consistent and reliable. Continued enhancements of the system increase access to justice, allows flexibility for litigants and enables courts to become more efficient.

The Houghton County Probate Court will be an official e-filing court in less than 90 business days. Once live, attorneys will be mandated to e-file as required by Michigan Court Rule 1.109(G)(3)(f). Self-represented litigants may e-file but are not required to do so. Filers can learn more about MiFILE on Michigan's One Court of Justice website Filer Information page or by reading the MiFILE Quick Reference Guide. Video tutorials demonstrating the e-filing process are available on the MiFILE YouTube Channel.

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