# **Preparing Documents for E-Filing**

Depending on the document types and sizes included in your E-MACS e-filing, you may be required to do some document preparation before uploading your documents. Consulting the following guidelines before beginning the e-filing process may help the overall process.

Please note that you should factor in any document preparation time into your overall time needed to create and submit a filing in E-MACS.

## **Document Types**

E-MACS accepts the following document types:

- Microsoft Word
- PDF
- WordPerfect
- RTF (rich text)
- TXT (plain text)

# **Document Size Limit**

Large documents take up more "space" on a computer than smaller documents do. Documents you will be e-filing may be anywhere from a few KBs (relatively small) all the way up to dozens of MBs (very large), depending on their size.

The maximum size limit of individual documents you can upload to E-MACS is 25MB. If a document is larger than 25MB, you will be prompted by E-MACS that the document exceeds the maximum allowed file size.

#### How do I determine the size of a document?

If you would like to check the size of your document(s) before beginning the e-filing process in E-MACS, do the following:

#### On a pc / Windows device:

- 1. Locate the document on your computer.
- 2. Right-click the document and select "Properties."
- 3. In the dialog that displays (which will resemble the following, regardless of file type), locate the Size information. If the size is larger than 25MB (as it is in the following example), you will need to separate the document into separate parts before e-filing.

If the document size is given in KBs, then the document is well below the 25 MB threshold.

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General Secu	rity Details Previous Versions						
POF	My Test Document						
Type of file: Adobe Acrobat Document (.pdf)							
Opens with: 🔀 Adobe Acrobat Change							
Location: C:\Users\spanierc\Documents\TEST HELP PROJE							
Size: 45.5 MB (47,770,091 bytes)							
Size on disk: 45.5 MB (47,771,648 bytes)							
Created:	Today, September 29, 2014, 1 minute ago						
Modified:	Tuesday, November 05, 2013, 11:20:34 AM						
Accessed:	Today, September 29, 2014, 1 minute ago						
Attributes:	Read-only Hidden Advanced						
	OK Cancel Apply						

#### On a Mac:

- 1. Navigate to where your document is located (e.g., the Desktop or Documents folder).
- 2. Click the **List** icon at the upper-left to display all documents in a list.



In the list of documents that displays, the size of each document will be clearly labeled, as shown below.

-	Name	Date Modified	Size	Kind
2	archive.jpeg	Nov 26, 2013, 1:13 PM	8 KB	JPEG Image
2	images-1.jpeg	Nov 26, 2013, 1:08 PM	4 KB	JPEG Image
2	images-2.jpeg	Nov 26, 2013, 1:09 PM	4 KB	JPEG Image
2	images.jpeg	Nov 26, 2013, 11:40 AM	4 KB	JPEG Image
7	Kevin Brochure copy.ai	Jul 8, 2014, 9:51 AM	152 KB	Adobument
7	Kevin Brochure.ai	Jul 8, 2014, 1:01 PM	5.9 MB	Adobument
2	Kevin_0001.jpg	Jul 8, 2014, 9:57 AM	484 KB	JPEG Image
1	Kevinbrochureinside.ai	Jul 11, 2014, 11:06 AM	280 KB	Adobument
1	Krueger.jpg	Jun 10, 2014, 11:09 AM	968 KB	JPEG Image
1	lawlibdoorway.psd	Apr 28, 2014, 3:52 PM	516 KB	Adobop file
-	libguidesbanner.psd	Nov 26, 2013, 3:20 PM	744 KB	Adobop file
-	logo.psd	Nov 26, 2013, 3:43 PM	68 KB	Adobop file
1 📑	MSLL_FullColor_CS2.eps	Jun 25, 2014, 2:55 PM	476 KB	EPS File
2	MSLLLogoStyleGuide (1).pdf	Jun 23, 2014, 3:33 PM	452 KB	PDF Document
2	MSLLLogoStyleGuide (2).pdf	Jun 23, 2014, 3:39 PM	452 KB	PDF Document
*	My Great Movie	Aug 20, 2014, 2:46 PM		iMovie Project
🕨 🎑	My Stuff	Nov 26, 2013, 8:29 AM		Folder
	Panorama_360_Camera (4).jpg	Nov 26, 2013, 3:43 PM	160 KB	AdobEG file
2	Picture 1.png	Today, 4:10 PM	236 KB	Porta Image
4	Picture clipping	Jul 2, 2014, 3:12 PM	332 KB	Picturlipping
	Rosalie_Wahl_1 01.aiff	Apr 28, 2014, 4:06 PM	313.9 MB	AIFC dio File
	suzyparty copy.eps	Jul 2, 2014, 4:37 PM	1.6 MB	EPS File
1	suzyparty.ai	Jul 2, 2014, 4:35 PM	496 KB	Adobument
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Otherwise, E-MACS will inform you if a document is too large when you try to upload it.

### **Uploading Documents as Multiple Parts**

As stated, documents larger than 25MB must be divided into separate parts.

Each document upload page in E-MACS has an **Add Another Part** feature that enables you to upload a single document in multiple parts.

### **Removing Confidential Information from Documents**

The e-filer is responsible for redacting (removing or segregating) information that is confidential from efiled documents. The clerk's office is not responsible for redacting documents or for correcting redaction errors in e-filed documents.

See Rule 112 of the <u>Minnesota Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure</u> (click the "Adobe PDF" link) for details on redacting confidential information from submitted documents.

Some of this confidential information includes:

- names and identifying information of crime victims and alleged victims of sexual or domestic assault
- financial identifiers, such as social security numbers and bank account information
- names of parents and children in juvenile protection cases

Failure to redact sensitive information could result in rejection of your filing or other sanctions.