

RULE 16- ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

- 16.1 For purposes of this rule, “electronic signature” means an electronic symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with intent to sign the record.
- 16.2 The Court may authorize and utilize platforms which permit judges, acting judges, magistrates and/or the clerk of court and his/her deputy clerks to execute a document via an assigned token coded to affix a unique electronic signature authorized by the signer. The Court may also authorize and utilize various platforms which permit judges, acting judges, and/or magistrates, as well as clerks, probation officers, and other court employees and parties, including litigants, counsel, witnesses and jurors physically present at the Court or actually appearing before a judge, acting judge and/or magistrate, to execute documents via a signature pad, whereby an electronic signature is created by the signer directly.
- 16.3 An electronic signature executed pursuant to this rule shall be effective for all purposes under the Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rules of Superintendence, and the Ohio Revised Code.

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