

Rule 20

PREFATORY RULE

- (a) **Kansas eCourt Rules.** This set of rules when referred to as a whole will be identified as the Kansas eCourt Rules.
- (b) **Purpose.** The Kansas Supreme Court has developed a centralized case management system that maintains case records of the Kansas judicial branch. The case management system provides efficient, effective court operations and increases access to justice for the people of Kansas. This set of rules standardizes the processing of case filings to provide consistent user experience and allow for workshare among judicial branch employees. These rules expand access to case records available publicly through an internet, browser-based access point using a public access portal. These rules balance the importance of protecting the interests of parties participating in the judicial system, including personally identifiable information and proprietary business information, with the goal of expanding access to case records and increasing transparency of the judicial branch.
- (c) **Statutory References.** In these rules, a reference to a statute includes any subsequent amendment to the statute.
- (d) **Applicability.** Unless otherwise indicated, these rules apply to courts as the Kansas eCourt case management system is implemented.

[**History:** New rule adopted effective June 14, 2019; Am. effective June 12, 2020.]