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Orange County Leads State in Streamlining Child Support Liens

Orange County became the first in the state Wednesday to begin accepting abstracts of judgment filed electronically by the California Department of Child Support Services.

The Orange County Child Support office submits about 6,500 abstracts of judgment each year for recording to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. Overall, 30,000 abstracts are submitted annually from all sources.

The new procedure transforms an often time-consuming process into one that is virtually automatic, said Jan Sturla, director of Orange County Child Support Services. The goal is to expand the program statewide.

"We would love to be able to do this in every county in California, because we record in 58 counties," Sturla said. "It would save everybody a lot of time and trouble."

The new procedure simplifies recording the abstracts, which place liens on all real property owned by a parent to secure unpaid child support payments. The streamlined process replaces manual recording of the liens.

"This is a faster, safe, and more efficient process that ultimately benefits everyone involved in ensuring that child support payments are made," Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly said.

Orange County is a statewide leader in the electronic recording of documents, which reduces expenses and increases efficiency. The county also offers a system allowing title and escrow companies, financial institutions and others to record documents electronically in multiple counties. Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties have indicated their intention to join Orange County's system, called SECURE.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder provides a variety of public services, including recording property transactions, maintaining and issuing copies of birth, death and marriage certificates, issuing marriage licenses and performing wedding ceremonies. The department files Fictitious Business Names and Notary Public oaths and bonds, and processes passport applications. It is home to the Orange County Archives, a center for materials, research and education preserving Orange County history.