OVERVIEW

The following instructions are intended to assist you with filing an Annual Registration Statement (ARS) through the Virgin Islands Judiciary Electronic Filing System (VIJEFS) and paying the associated fee. Pursuant to Virgin Islands Supreme Court Rule 203(e), all active members must electronically file an ARS and pay a \$50.00 annual assessment fee for each reporting period beginning on January 1st of each year. All ARS filed after February 1st shall be considered late filings, and requires a \$200.00 fee, which includes the \$50.00 annual assessment fee and the \$150.00 late filing.

For purposes of the registration requirement, an active member of the Bar is any individual authorized to practice law in the Virgin Islands in any capacity, whether regularly admitted, specially admitted, admitted *pro hac vice*, or licensed as a certified in-house counsel, foreign legal consultant, legal intern, or military spouse and whether in good standing. Please familiarize yourself with VISCR 203(e). The Rules of Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands can be found on the Court's website at Rules - Judiciary of the US Virgin Islands (vicourts.org)

ARS FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Filing the ARS begins with registering as an e-filer. **Go to the Login Screen** E-Filing - Login (vicourts.org)

BECOMING AN E-Filer

From the Login page please select the "Register as an E-Filer" button.





Fig. 1 – Login Screen for the VIJEFS

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You will be taken to the "E-file Registration" screen and prompted to input information that is pertinent to creating your filing user profile.

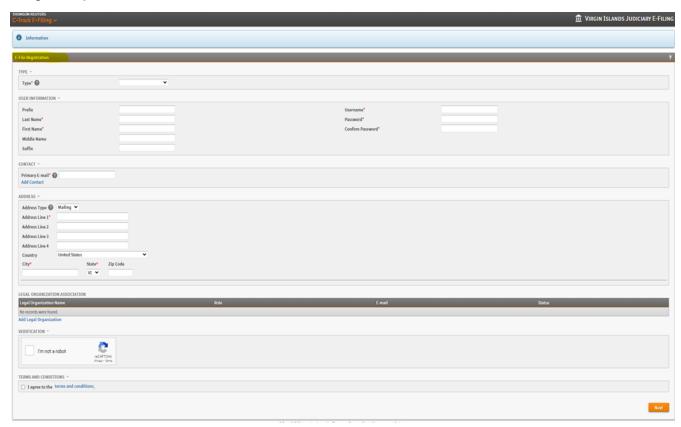


Fig. 2 – E-File Registration Screen for the VIJEFS

Access type: If you are not a member of the Virgin Islands Bar with a valid VI Bar Number please select **E-File User**. Users who have taken the prescribed attorney oath may select **Registered Representer**. Complete all required fields marked with a red asterisk (*). Your password must contain a minimum of eight characters. When all fields have been completed and you have agreed to the terms and condition which appears at the bottom of the screen, click on Next.

The next page lets you know that you are currently pending user approval. Please check the primary email you entered on the e-file registration form for further instructions.



Fig. 3 – Pending User Approval Screen for the VIJEFS

Activation Email - After submitting the required information to create an e-file user account, you will receive a confirmation e-mail to activate your account. You must click on "link" to confirm your email before logging into the VIJEFS. If you do not receive an activation e-mail within a few hours of creating your user account, complete the E-Filing Help Desk Form - Judiciary of the US Virgin Islands (vicourts.org) for further assistance.

Please be aware of the privacy and spam settings on your e-mail account and ensure that "<u>noreply-efile1@vicourts.org"</u> is whitelisted in your spam settings. The email text is as follows:

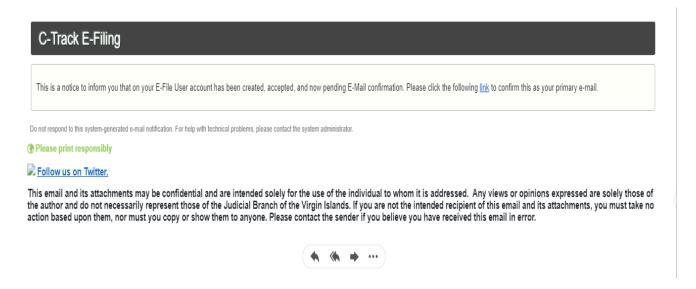


Fig. 4 –Activation Email for the VIJEFS

After activating your account, you will be able to log into the electronic filing system and begin to file the ARS.

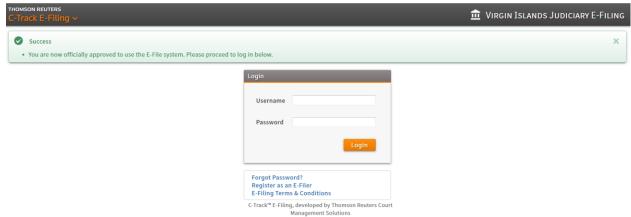


Fig. 4 – Login Screen for the VIJEFS

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Upon logging into the e-filing system, you will land on the "Home" screen, which shows several useful tabs. Before you begin, please ensure that the ARS Form is completed in its entirety. The ARS **MUST BE TYPED**. To download and complete the pdf fillable version of the ARS please visit the Court's website at <u>Attorney Registration - Supreme Court of the US Virgin Islands (vicourts.org)</u>. If the form is completed in its entirety and your signature is attached to the document, please select the create filing tab. Next, select the following entries for each category.

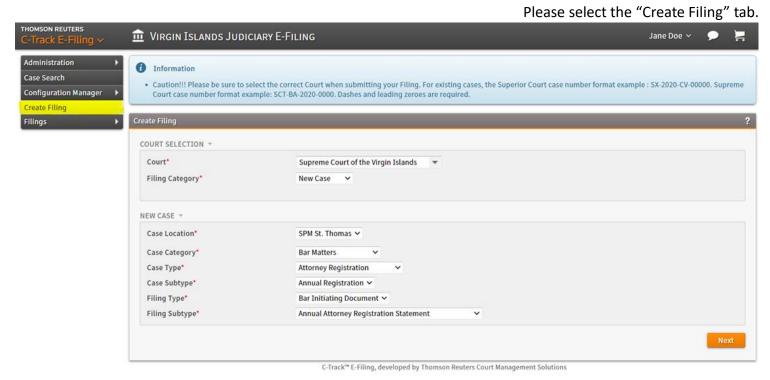


Fig. 5 – Create Filing Screen

• Court: The application is being filed in the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands.

- Filing Category: Users submitting their ARS for the current reporting period must select "New Case" when filing their bar initiating document. Users should only select "Existing Case" and enter the appropriate case number if filing an Amended Annual Attorney Registration Statement.
- Case Location: Users should select "SPM St. Thomas" as the case location.
- Case Category: All users submitting a filing related to an Annual Registration Statement must select "Bar Matters" as the case category.
- Case Type Users submitting an Annual Registration Statement must select "Attorney Registration" as the case type.
- Case Subtype: Users must select, "Annual Registration"
- Filing Type: The Filing Type to be selected is "Bar Initiating Document," which is the first document that initiates the filing of the matter. Users should only select "Bar Response" if filing an Amended Annual Attorney Registration Statement for an existing ARS matter.
- **Filing Subtype:** Users should select "Annual Attorney Registration Statement" as the case type. Users should only select "Bar Response" if filing an Amended Annual Attorney Registration Statement for an existing ARS matter.

When all the required entries have been selected, please click on Next. The Party Information indicator is highlighted and the Party Information container appears.



Fig. 6 – Party Information Screen

Click the Add Another Case Party link. The Party Information window appears.

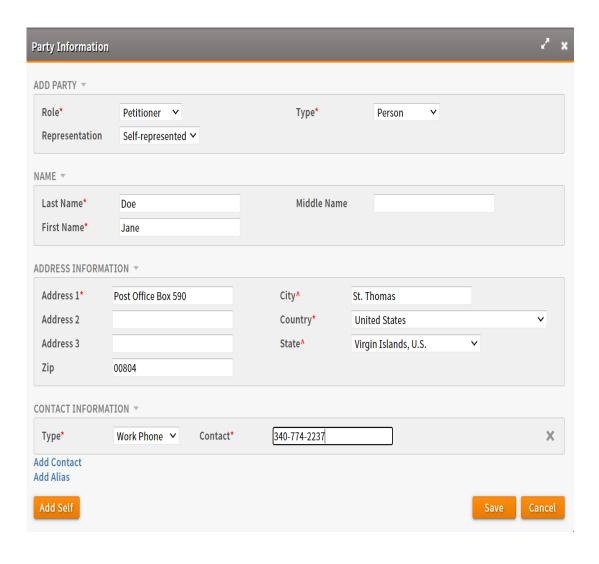


Fig. 7 – Party Information Window

After entering the required information, click "Save" at the bottom of the dialogue box.

The Party appears in the **Parties** display table of the **Party Information** screen. When parties have been created, click to proceed.

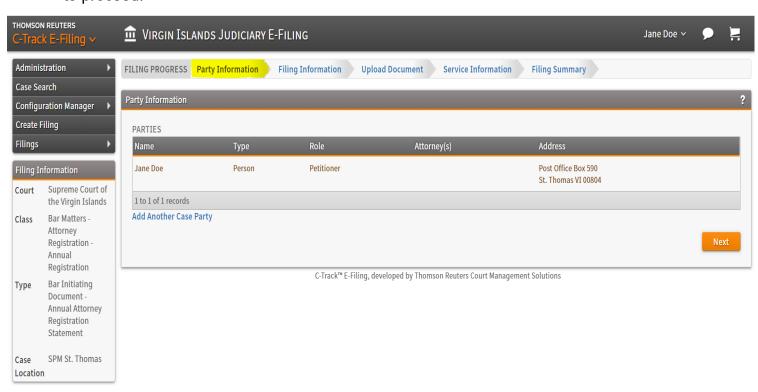
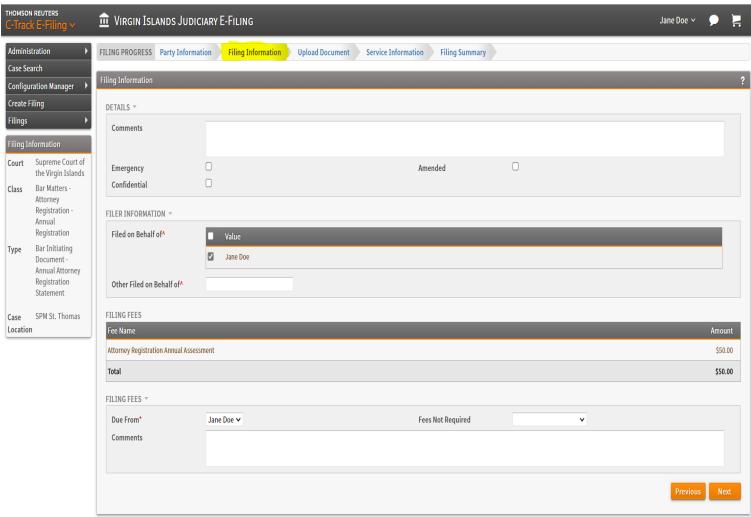


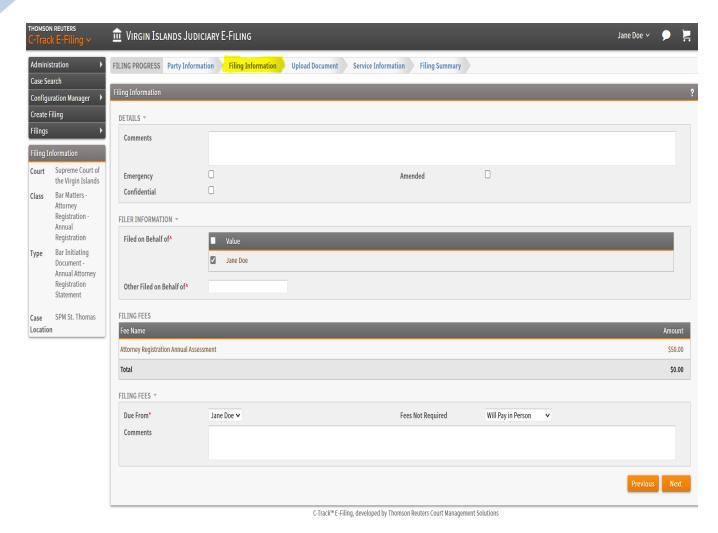
Fig. 8 – Summary of Party Information

The Filing Information Indicator is highlighted and Filing Information screen appears.



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Should you wish to pay by **credit card**, please check the box adjacent to your name then click to proceed.

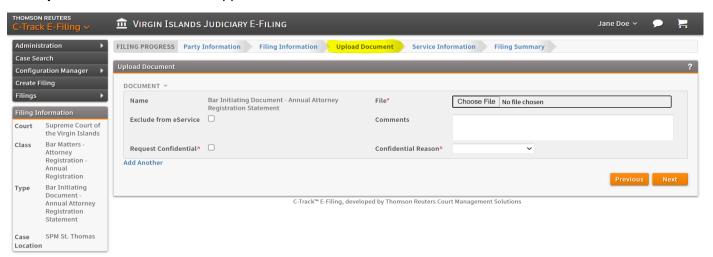


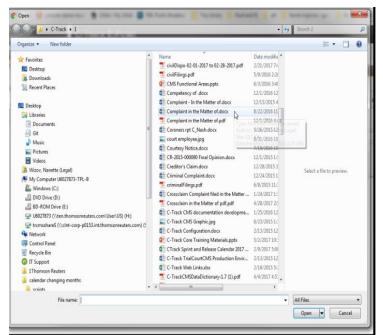
Users who wish to mail or hand deliver the requisite payment should check the box adjacent to their name but select" Will

Pay in Person" from the Fees Not Required option before clicking Next to proceed.

Please click Next to proceed.

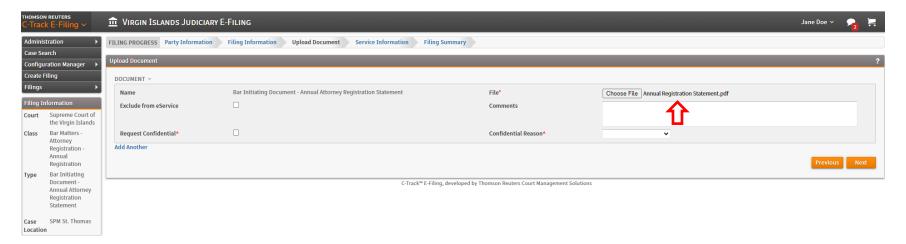
The **Upload Document** screen appears.





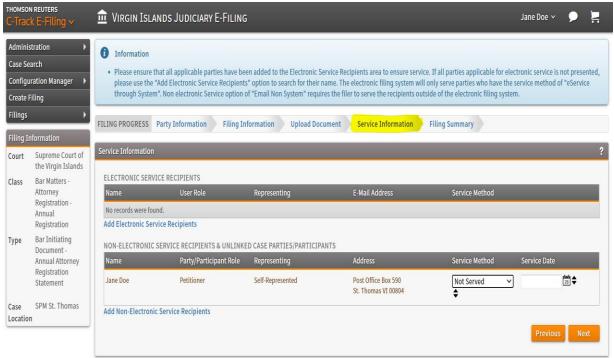
Upload Document Screen: Annual Registration Statements are confidential. Therefore, a request for confidential is not required. From this screen the user must click on **Choose File** to upload the ARS. A browser window opens to allow you to navigate to a file on your PC that you want to upload. Select the file you want to upload. Click **Open.**

You will return to the **Upload Document** screen and the document title appears to the right of the **Choose File** button. Once the user is sure that the selected file is ready for uploading, the user should click on the Next button to proceed.



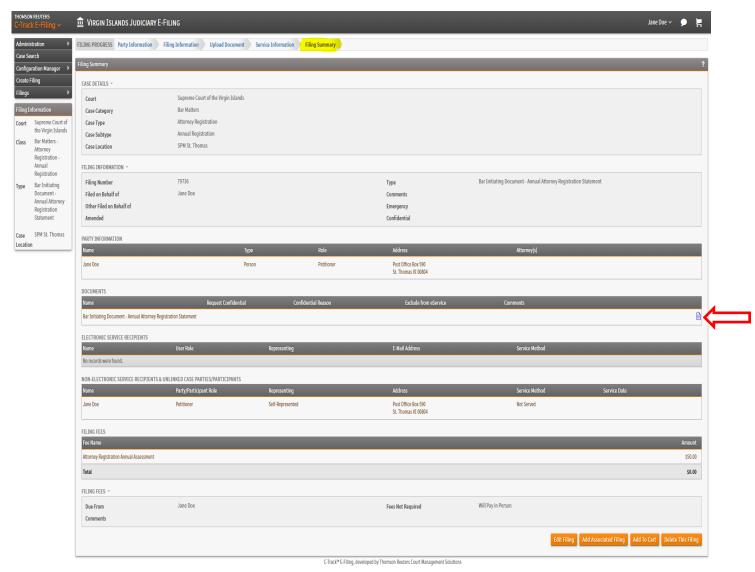
Please note: Once the <u>Annual Registration Statement</u> (Click the link to view the form) is submitted <u>and</u> accepted, you will receive a case number. Should you need to file an <u>Amended Annual Registration Statement</u> (Click the link to view the form) you will need to know the existing case number.

- Filing Type: The Filing Type to be selected is "Bar Response," which is the first document that initiates the filing of the matter.
- Filing Subtype: Users should select "Annual Attorney Registration Statement" as the case type.



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Service Information: Please note that the user may select "Not Served" from the Service Method drop down menu since the filing is not required to be served. Please click to proceed.



Document icon: Select the icon to confirm that the form was completed in its entirety and your signature is attached. Additionally, the user may verify that the correct document was uploaded.

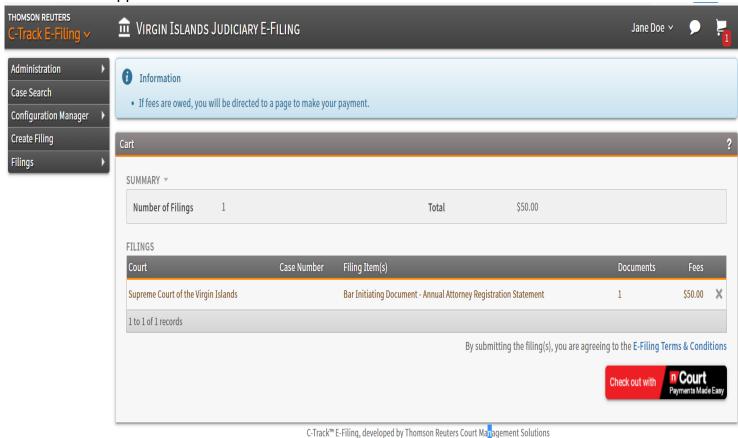
The "Filing Summary" screen will provide a summary of the e-filing information. Clicking the button will take you to the "Cart" screen found on page 18. If you owe late filing fees (\$150.00), please click the Add Associated Filing tab.

The Add Associated Filing screen appears



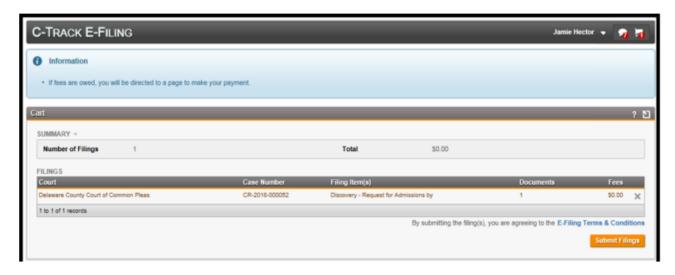
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- Complete each item marked by a red asterisk (*) then click to proceed. You must repeat the instructions found on pages 11 through 15.
- Filing Type: Please select Financial.
- Filing Subtype: Please select ARS late registration payment.

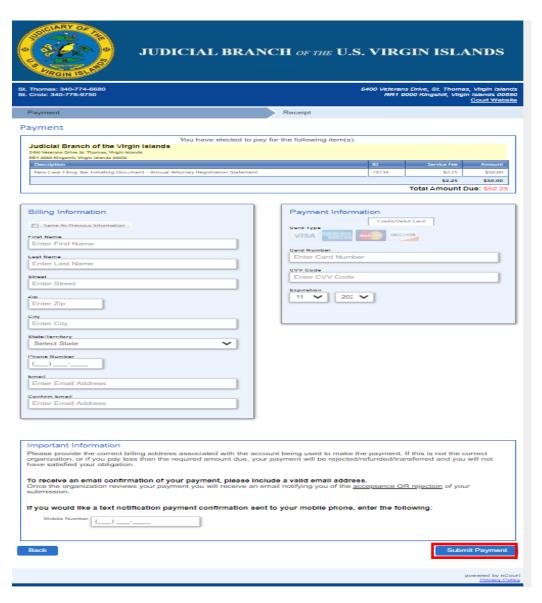
The Cart screen appears.



Please note: If the user elected to pay with a credit card, click **Check Out with NCourt**, you will be directed to the "Payment Information" screen found on the next page. The user will then enter the necessary credit card information for processing.

Please note: If the user selected **No Fee Reason: Will Pay In Person** click **Submit Filings** and remember to give your check/money order to the Office of Bar Admissions.





Enter all the required information and select the "Submit Payment" button to complete the filing. Once you have submitted payment, you will be navigated to the **Submission Confirmation** screen.

The **Submission Confirmation** screen appears.

