

Magistrate Court Fines, Fees Payable Online

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – West Virginia magistrate court fines, fees and court costs can be paid online starting September 16, 2022, through a portal developed by the Supreme Court Administrative Office and West Virginia Interactive.

The portal is accessible from a link on the West Virginia Judiciary website: <u>https://apps.wv.gov/Courts/MFP</u>. Individuals will be able to enter their case number and pay the amount owed online with a credit or debit card without having to physically visit a court office.

There is a \$2 fee for each transaction. West Virginia Interactive receives the transaction fees to cover the cost of creating and operating the payment system.

Individuals also can pay installments or make payments toward their payment plans through this system.

"The online payment system will make it easier for West Virginians to pay their fines and court costs," said Chief Justice John Hutchison. "Magistrate court funds many important things, including community corrections, law enforcement training, court security, courthouse improvements, and the per diem regional jail fee.

"The new online payment system is an important part of the Supreme Court's effort to make the judicial system more accessible to West Virginians," he said.

Restitution cannot be paid online, but traffic tickets can once they are assessed.

Individuals can call the magistrate court to get their case number and then pay the fine and fees online. Magistrate court clerk office phone numbers are available on the West Virginia Judiciary website under the Court Information by County link: http://www.courtswv.gov/public-resources/court-information-by-county.html.