



EDMS ALERT: Written Plea of Guilty Changes

Changes to accommodate presenting a Written Plea of Guilty for Judicial Review prior to it being filed with the court. Effective Monday, 12/23/2013.

Rule 16.707 says "Written plea agreements may be electronically presented to the court, but need not be filed prior to the plea proceeding. If the plea is accepted the electronically presented plea agreement shall be filed." To accommodate either practice, of filing the plea document with the clerk or of presenting the proposed plea document to the judge, the following Document types have been added for filers to choose from based on which their local practice dictates:

- 1) Written Plea of Guilty (Filed with Clerk) - which goes directly to the clerk and is file stamped and docketed by clerk before the judge sees it.
- 2) Written Plea of Guilty (Presented to Judge) - which is NOT file stamped or docketed unless approved by a judicial officer. This document routes the same way any electronically presented document does, going directly to the Judge for judicial review before going to the clerk for docketing.