



# Superior Court of California County of Sonoma

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## News Release

### **Sonoma County Superior Court to Offer Online Ability to Pay Tool for Infractions**

As part of the Sonoma County Superior Court's ongoing effort to increase access to justice, Sonoma County became the newest California court to begin using MyCitations: an online option for people struggling to pay fines related to infractions.

In October, 2016, the U.S. Department of Justice "Price of Justice Initiative" grant, was awarded to the Judicial Council of California. Grant funds were used for development and implementation of the MyCitations: Ability to Pay Tool. Sonoma County is the newest county to implement this program. This tool is currently available for most California Courts and will be available for all California Trial courts within this coming year.

The tool allows court users to look up citations online, answer a series of simple questions and submit a request to the court for a possible reduction in the amount owed based on their financial situation. Users can also request a payment plan, more time to pay, or community service.

This new option saves both time and resources and allows the public to make requests without the need to appear in court. Prior to the implementation of this tool, only those that had previously made payment arrangements with the court could pay online.

A link to the MyCitations tool can be found on the court's website at <https://sonoma.courts.ca.gov> or reached directly at <https://mycitations.courts.ca.gov>