



## West Virginia Counties to Provide Certified Documents on the web

The West Virginia Legislature adopted Senate Bill 204 on April 14, 2001. The bill created Chapter 39A, Electronic Transactions, and amended Chapter 46A, the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, and Chapter 55, relating to actions on contracts. West Virginia County Clerks are now offering a way of certifying documents using electronic process that will save citizens and county time and money and provide a more secure way for verifying the authenticity of certified document that will meet all legal and HIPAA requirements. Image-X developed Clerk ePass in 2007 and multiple counties in Washington State are using ClerkePass to provide certified documents to citizens since 2008. West Virginia clerks are now offering electronically certified documents to citizens. Jefferson and Kanawha County are the first two counties to implement ClerkePass. Citizen's can request real estate documents such as deeds, liens filed, birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates etc. on web and receive them electronically or by overnight mail.

Jefferson county clerk staff Cherokee Grim along with Lew Tyree, House Counsel for West Virginia Housing Development Fund, and James B Crawford, III well known Charles Town attorney helped in testing the entire process.

Mr. Tyree said, "The document I requested worked great, it came back in a timely fashion and I was able to pull the deed up for viewing and also was able to print it." He concluded by saying that "I can definitely see how this system will be extremely advantageous to all of us."

Mr. Crawford Said, "Access to the records of Jefferson County Clerk's Office through the internet is a multiplier on helping us serve our client's needs"

The certified document network meets federal standards by complying with the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act Section 101, (d)(1)(B) By using ClerkePass, counties are also working to reduce CO2 emissions and paper usage.

County Clerk Jennifer Maghan said, "Jefferson County decided to participate because the ClerkePass process provides, fast, secure, efficient and "Green" process that will save time, paper and hassle for our citizens and staff"

For more information please visit [www.clerkepass.com](http://www.clerkepass.com) or call Image X at 805 964 3535 and ask for Dr. Shaikh.

Clerkepass will also be accessible through a link on the Jefferson County Clerk's homepage, [www.jeffersoncountyclerkwv.com](http://www.jeffersoncountyclerkwv.com).