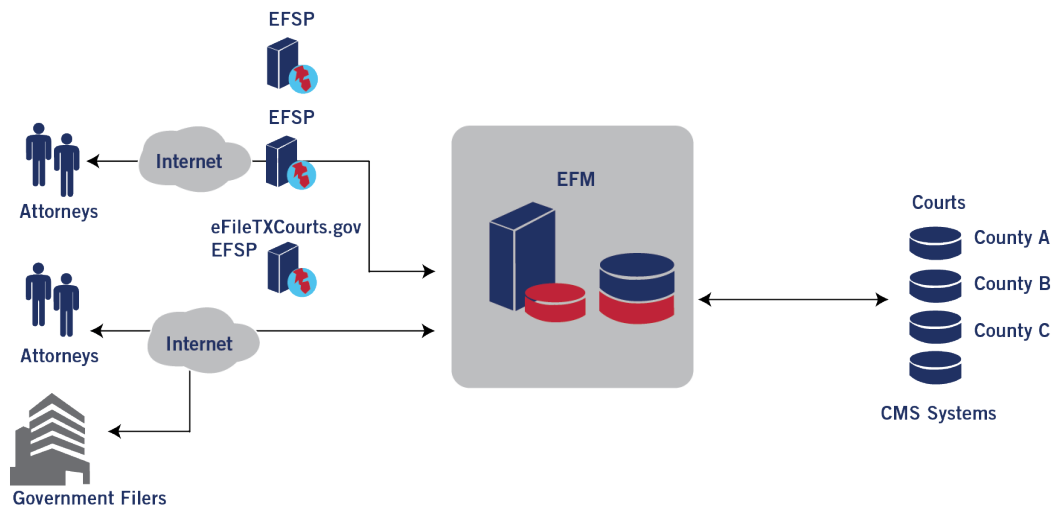# How Does eFileTexas.gov Work

eFileTexas.gov is a system that accepts electronic documents from attorneys (as pdfs) and other filers via Web portals, and securely distributes these documents to the appropriate county or appellate court where they can be accepted into the case management system of that court.

There are three basic components to this system:

- **EFSPs** – E-filing Service Providers (EFSPs) are vendors that provide Web portals for attorneys and other filers to use to submit documents into the eFileTexas.gov system. Filers register with one or more of these EFSPs to submit documents. These EFSPs offer other services in addition to submitting documents to eFileTexas.gov, and they charge for these services. The state of Texas also offers an EFSP service for submitting documents. It is offered for free and is called eFile.TXCourts.gov.
- **EFM** – The e-filing Manager (EFM) is the system that accepts filings from the EFSPs and distributes them to the various county and appellate courts. Court clerks can either log into the EFM to review and accept filings or courts can connect and integrate their case management systems to the eFileTexas.gov EFM.
- **CMS** or Case Management Systems – These are the systems courts use to manage all the cases in their jurisdiction. This includes information about the parties involved, hearings, filings, evidence etc. These systems are created and maintained by a variety of vendors or by the county and can be connected with eFileTexas.gov so that they share information, and accept filings electronically.