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## **D.C. Courts Rolling Out Credit Card Pilot Program**

Good news today for anyone ever caught without cash, checks or a money order trying to make a payment in **District of Columbia Superior Court**. Starting Monday, the Civil Actions Branch will roll out a pilot program to allow credit cards for nearly all fines and fees.

The courts hope to expand the program by the end of the year to all Superior Court divisions and other **D.C. Courts** operations, and also set up an online payment system. Most fines and fees paid to the court, regardless of the method, will continue to go to the Crime Victims Compensation Program.

The civil branch will now accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa and bank check cards; until further notice, all other divisions will continue to accept only cash, checks or money order. Certain payments will be excluded from the new system, including restitution paid to a victim and payments made on criminal bonds.