

# **KENTUCKY CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS' MANUAL**

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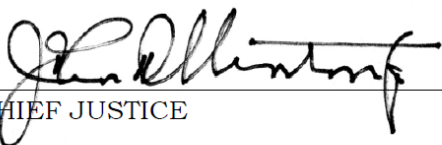
**IN RE: Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Manual**

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# HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

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Where applicable, this manual will feature full-length instructions, as well as quick-reference instructions on the right-hand column. All quick-reference instructions align with corresponding instructions, so if something is not clear, you can quickly reference the appropriate instruction for further information.

### 3.3 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a judgment or final order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description.
3. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney.
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of judgment.
5. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**NOTE:** Right of redemption exists if land was sold in pursuance of a judgment or court order or under execution for less than two thirds of the appraised value.

Enter, date, initial
Add document
Serve notice of entry
Document manner and date of notice of entry
Close case

Hyperlinks can be utilized throughout the manual to connect the user to specific references in the KyCourts User Manual, Clerks’ Accounting Manual, and Court of Justice Forms. The user may also use hyperlinks to connect to other chapters or headings within this manual.

Process maps are also available by hyperlinks in various chapters throughout this manual and provide a visual workflow of clerk processes. A full list of process maps may be found [here](#), including a [Circuit Court Clerks – Symbol & Sub-Process List](#) with a legend of map symbols and sub-process maps.

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# 1 ADOPTIONS

## *KRS 199.470 - 199.630*

*Circuit Court or Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

### 1.1 *Confidentiality*

Adoption cases are confidential. You may not disclose the names of any parties or furnish any copy of the records except on court order. KRS 199.570(1).

Pending case files and records are not open to inspection by anyone except:

- The parties;
- Their attorneys; and
- The Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

### 1.2 *Temporary Custody*

- KRS 199.473 provides for the process to file for temporary custody in anticipation of filing an adoption petition. If you receive a petition for custody with intent to adopt it may be filed as an AD case type using the steps below.

1. Upon receipt of a Petition for Adoption, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. Open the case in the confidential CO division of KYCourts following instructions in the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.
3. Generate the next case for **AD** adoption cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use the case type **ADPT**.
4. Create a party screen for the child using the child's current name.
5. Schedule a hearing no later than 72 hours after the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays.
6. Issue and serve summons and the petition per the initiating party's instructions. See [Service of Process](#).





3. Generate the next case for **AD** adoption cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use the case type **ADPT**.
4. Create a party screen for the child using the child’s current name.
5. Issue and serve summons and the petition per the initiating party’s instructions. See [Service of Process](#).

**NOTE:** A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125.

6. Email copy of the petition to **Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS)** to investigate at [Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov).

**NOTE:** If the court designates some other person, agency or institution to make the required investigation, send one copy of the petition, and notify the Cabinet for Health and Family Services of this designation. Fees for copying and forwarding are to be taxed as costs. KRS 199.510.

7. When motions or other pleadings are filed in the case, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file on the appropriate screen. When a motion or order sets a hearing, complete a scheduled events screen.
8. Pursuant to FCRPP 31(2), in the event of an uncontested adoption, a hearing shall be held within 60 days of the filing of a request for a final hearing.

**Quick Reference**

Case AD  
 Case type ADPT  
 Create party screen  
 Issue and serve summons

[Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov)

*CHFS  
 Department for  
 Community Based  
 Services-  
 Adoptions Section  
 275 E Main St, 3-CE  
 Frankfort, KY 40621*

File, date, initial  
 Complete scheduled events screen

1.4 ***Guardian Ad Litem***

9. Upon receipt of an affidavit or a petition requesting the appointment of a guardian ad litem, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **AFF**.
10. Consult your roster of attorneys and make an appointment unless your judge wishes to make these appointments.
11. Prepare [AOC Form 115](#), Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **AGAL**.
12. Attach a copy of the appointment to the summons and complaint to be served on the defendant through the guardian ad litem. Send a copy of the appointment to the attorney for the plaintiff and all other parties.

**NOTE:** If a guardian ad litem is not appointed when the petition is filed, then the court, not the clerk, appoints a guardian ad litem to defend the action. You may make this appointment only when the judge is not present in the county. CR 17.03(2).

13. Complete a party screen for the guardian ad litem.

File, date, initial  
 Document type **AFF**

AOC Form 115  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **AGAL**

Complete a party screen

### 1.5 *Appointment of Counsel*

A living, biological parent has the right to counsel in an adoption proceeding if he or she does not consent to the adoption. KRS 199.502. If you receive AOC DNA-11, Financial Statement, Affidavit of Indigence, Request for Counsel and Order:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials.
2. Immediately deliver the affidavit to the judge.
3. When an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. If the order approves the appointment of counsel, have the judge appoint an attorney or you may make the appointment if the judge has delegated this authority to you.
5. Mail a copy of the order of appointment to the attorney, CHFS and the indigent parent(s).

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 Deliver affidavit to judge  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Appoint Counsel  
 Mail copy to CHFS and indigent parent(s)

### 1.6 *Adoption Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen in the computer including a brief description in the memo field. Use document type **JA**.
3. If the judgment changes the child’s name, create a party screen using the party type **NKA** (now known as). Do not delete the original party screen.
4. Give [notice of entry](#) of the judgment to the attorney for petitioners.
5. Email an attested copy of the final judgment, whether granting, denying, or dismissing the petition, to the **Cabinet for Health and Family Services** at [AdoptionServicesBranch@ky.gov](mailto:AdoptionServicesBranch@ky.gov).

**NOTE:** This includes any amendment, reversal, modification, or vacation of the judgment. KRS 199.520(3), 199.570(5).

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Enter judgment/order on document screen  
 Document type **JA**  
**NKA-** now known as  
 Notice of entry  
 CHFS  
 AdoptionServicesBranch@ky.gov

#### 1.6.1 **VS 102 Forms**

If Vital Statistics Form VS 102 (Adoption Information) is not filed concurrently with the petition, furnish the form to the petitioner or attorney for completion. After an adoption is ordered, complete the certification portion of Form VS-102. KRS 199.570(2). Mail to the **Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Vital Statistics**.

*Vital Statistics*  
 275 East Main Street  
 1E-A  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

### 1.6.2 Sealing the File

1. When the final order is entered, place the court file in a suitable envelope and seal it. Note the case number on the outside of the envelope and place in numerical order in a locked cabinet. These cases are not to be opened by anyone except on written court order. KRS 199.570(1).

**EXCEPTION:** A copy of a judgment in an adoption case being appealed may be made available to a party to the appeal. Bone v. Shadoan, Ky., 746 SW2d 68 (1988).

2. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge disposition fields on the case screen.

Place order in envelope and seal it

Complete disposition date, type, and judge on case screen

### 1.6.3 Health Care Information

1. If you receive health care information for inclusion in an adoption case file, apply the FILED stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen.
2. If the adoption file is sealed, attach the document to the sealed file and deliver to the chief circuit judge. Follow the judge's order as to opening and re-sealing the case file.
3. If the health care information is received from a source other than the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, mail a copy of the information to Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

*CHFS  
Department of  
Community Based  
Services,  
Adoption Section  
275 E Main St, 3-CE  
Frankfort, KY 40621*

## 1.7 *Foreign Country Adoptions*

A petition for adoption under KRS 199.470 shall be required for a child born outside the United States without a decree, judgment, or final order of adoption issued by a court or other governmental authority with appropriate jurisdiction in a foreign country, or for any child born outside of the United States who does not qualify for United States citizenship upon entry into the United States. KRS 199.585. Follow the process as set forth in [Petition for Adoption](#).

## 1.8 *Inspection of Adoption Records*

*KRS 199.572*

1. An adult, adopted person 21 years old or older may petition the circuit court for inspection of his/her adoption records retained by the clerk's office. [AOC Form 290](#), (Petition to Inspect Adoption Records) may be used.
2. If an adoption is of record in your office, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen using document code **PIAR**. Attach the petition to the sealed adoption file and deliver to the judge. Do not collect a filing fee or issue a summons.

AOC Form 290

File, date, initial  
Document code **PIAR**

**Do not** collect filing fee or issue summons

3. If there is no adoption file of record in your office, return the petition to the petitioner.

### 1.8.1 Inspection Without Notification

If the court orders inspection without notification to Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS):

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 290.1](#), (Order Granting Request to Inspect) may be used.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description. Serve notice of entry on the petitioner. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service on the notice of entry of the order. See [Notice of Entry](#).

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial  
AOC Form 290.1

Notice of entry

### 1.8.2 CHFS to Notify

If the court orders CHFS to notify biological parents:

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 290.1](#), (Order Requiring CHFS to Notify Biological Parents) may be used. Enter on a document screen. Serve CHFS by first class mail with a copy of both AOC Form 290 and AOC Form 290.1.
2. Instruct the petitioner to contact the **Cabinet for Health and Family Services**, regarding payment of a fee for adult adoptee searches.

**CHFS Telephone: (502) 564-2147**

3. Upon receipt of any affidavit of notification of biological parents or affidavit that the parents are deceased or cannot be located, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. File the affidavit on a document screen, using document type **AFF**. Take the file to the judge.
5. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials to any affidavit tendered by the biological parents that authorizes or does not authorize inspection and file on a document screen. Send a copy to the CHFS address.
6. Take the file to the judge.

Enter, date, initial  
NOE  
AOC Form 290 and AOC  
Form 290.1

*CHFS  
Department of  
Community Based  
Services,  
Adoption Section  
275 E Main St, 3-CE  
Frankfort, KY 40621  
T: 502-564-2147*

Document type **AFF**  
File, date, initial  
Take file to judge

### 1.8.3 Order Granting or Denying Inspection

1. Upon receipt of a signed order granting or denying the request to inspect apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 290.2](#), (Order Granting or Denying Request to Inspect Adoption Records) may be used. Use document code **OGI** Order Granting Inspection or **ODI** Order Denying Inspection.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description. Serve notice of entry on the petitioner and make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of the notice of entry of the order. See [Notice of Entry](#). A copy should also be sent to the **Cabinet for Health and Family Services**.
3. Reopen and reseal the adoption record pursuant to the judge's order.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 AOC Form 290.2  
 Document type **OGI** or  
**ODI**  
 Serve notice of entry  
 CHFS  
*Department of  
 Community Based  
 Services,  
 Adoption Section  
 275 E Main St, 3-CE  
 Frankfort, KY 40621*  
 Reopen and reseal  
 adoption record

## 2 AFFIDAVITS

### *CR 43.13, KRS 30A.070*

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- An affidavit is a written statement or declaration sworn to or affirmed before an officer per CR 43.13.
- Clerks may take any affidavit requested or permitted in the progress of a proceeding in his/her court. KRS 30A.070.
- A clerk is not a notary public by virtue of the office but rather has a limited authorization to administer oaths and certify court forms or other court-related documents.
  1. Upon the receipt of an affidavit have the affiant swear or affirm the truth of his/her statement and sign the affidavit in your presence.
  2. Certify and sign following the affiant's signature.

**NOTE:** You do not need to be a notary public to certify court documents. Your clerk's oath serves that purpose. To certify non-court documents (outside the duties of the clerk's office), you need to become a notary public.

### 3 AGISTER’S LIEN AND WARRANT

#### *KRS 376.400, 376.410*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

- Agister's lien is a lien upon an animal provided by contract or statute as a security for fees of a person who has fed or cared for the animal.
- After a lien has been filed in the county clerk's office, the lien may be enforced in district court in the county where the animal was boarded.

#### 3.1 *Receipt of Affidavit*

1. Upon receipt of an [affidavit](#) to enforce an agister's lien collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials. *CR 5.05(3)*.
3. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) of KyCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**.
4. Generate the next case number for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
6. Upon receipt of an agister's warrant apply the **FILED** stamp and add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** An agister’s warrant will be prepared by the plaintiff or plaintiff’s attorney and issued by the district judge. KRS 376.410.

7. Enter on a document screen, using the document type **AFAL**.
8. Make a copy of the warrant. Give the plaintiff the original and one copy of the warrant, and a copy of the affidavit. Instruct the plaintiff to deliver them to the officer for service. The plaintiff will pay the officer directly. *CR 4.01(1)(b), KRS 23A.200(2), 24A.170(2)*.
9. When a return of service is made, enter the return date in the memo field of the same document screen. *CR 4.01(1)(b), KRS 23A.200(2), 24A.170(2)*.

**Quick Reference**  
 Collect filing fees  
  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Case type **OTH**  
  
 District Civil **C** case  
  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Document type **AFAL**  
  
 Copy warrant and give warrant and affidavit to plaintiff.





## 4 APPEALS

### *KRS 23A.010(4), RAP 1-63; RCr 12.02, 12.04*

*District or Circuit Court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court*

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- An [appeal](#) is a timely resort by an unsuccessful party in a lawsuit or an administrative proceeding to an appropriate superior court empowered to review a final decision on the ground that it was based upon an erroneous application of law.
- In the appellate process, the measuring of time periods is governed by the rules set out in CR 6.01. The day on which the initiating event occurs is not included in the time period. The next day is the first day of the measured period. The calendar days are counted off to the number allowed by the applicable rule. The last numbered day is the deadline. The required act must have been done on or before that day. Rap 5(E) and 6.
- [Appeals to Court of Appeals/Supreme Court](#)
- [Appeals from Administrative Agencies](#)
- [District to Circuit Court Appeals](#)

#### 4.1 *Appeals to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals*

[Process Map](#)

The time limits for filing appeals, calculated from notice of entry of the judgment, are as follows:

Appeal Type	Time Limit
Civil Actions, RAP 3(A)	30 DAYS
Paternity Judgments, KRS 406.051	60 DAYS
Criminal Actions, RCr 12.04(3)	30 DAYS

### 4.1.1 Notice of Appeal

1. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal or cross-appeal, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Checks are made payable to the Circuit Court Clerk. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- Filing [In Forma Pauperis](#) (also see [Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis](#));
- In a criminal case when the appellant is represented by the Public Advocate/Defender;
- When a judicial officer is a party in his/her official capacity. RAP 13(B)(3).
- In a criminal or civil case when the appellant is the Commonwealth.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees UNLESS the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. If neither a filing fee, nor an [In Forma Pauperis](#) motion, is included with the notice of appeal, return the notice of appeal to the appellant with an explanation of the deficiency.
3. Upon receipt of a filing fee or an order granting IFP status to the appellant, apply **FILED** stamp to the notice of appeal or cross-appeal; add the date and your initials.
4. File on a document screen using document type **NA** for a notice of appeal and document type **NCA** for notice of cross-appeal.
5. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal from an inmate in a criminal case, apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials to the envelope containing the motion, the motion itself and any documents pertaining to the motion. Make a notation in the memo screen: Inmate Appeal and USPS envelope.
6. The clerk must prepare and file the notice of appeal in a criminal case if requested by an appellant when proceeding without counsel. You may use [AOC Form 376](#) (Notice of Appeal). RAP 2(C), RCr 12.04, RCr 11.02(2). If you prepare the notice for a criminal appellant, you will make the necessary copies to serve the court and all other parties.

**NOTE:** Upon receipt of a notice to appeal involving a DUI forward the NOA (and later the decision by the appeals court) to the Department of Transportation Drivers Division of Drivers Licensing.

**Quick Reference**  
 Notice of appeal must be signed and accompanied by a filing fee or motion to proceed IFP. If neither is present, return the NOA to the party or attorney who attempted to file it

File, date, initial

Document type:  
 Notice of appeal: **NA**  
 Notice of cross-appeal: **NCA**

File, date, initial

Make necessary copies  
 AOC Form 376

**4.1.2 Amended Notice of Appeal**

1. When an amended notice of appeal is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen using document type **AMNA**.
2. Mail a copy of the amended notice of appeal showing the date **FILED** to the appellate court clerk and all attorneys of record and to any party not represented by an attorney.

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **AMNA**  
 Mail copy of amended notice

**4.1.3 Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis**

1. When the notice of appeal is accompanied by an [In Forma Pauperis](#) motion with affidavit, apply the **TENDERED** stamp (or write the word **TENDERED**) to the notice of appeal; add the date and your initials.
2. File the notice of appeal on a document screen using document type **TD**. If the record on appeal is a video, type "video" on the notice of appeal and highlight with a fluorescent marker.
3. Apply **FILED** stamp to the IFP motion; add the date and your initials and file on a scheduled event screen as **MNH** (motion not requiring a hearing). File on a motion screen using motion type **PFP**.
4. Deliver the motion and order to the circuit judge.
5. Upon receipt of a signed order ruling on the motion, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on a document screen using document type **OFF**.

**Quick Reference**  
 Tender, date, initial  
  
 Document type **TD**  
  
 File, date, initial  
 Event type **MNH**  
 Motion type **PFP**  
 Deliver to Judge  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OFF**  
  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Document type **NA**  
  
**NOTE:** See Forcible Entry and Detainer regarding rent fees due when an IFP motion is granted.  
  
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If the order sustains the appellant's motion:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice of appeal (which has already been marked as **TENDERED**) add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a new document screen. Use document type **NA**. Move the notice of appeal from its location as a tendered document in the case file to correspond with its current filing.

**NOTE:** Do not cross through or otherwise obliterate the **TENDERED** notation on the notice.

**NOTE:** In an appeal of a forcible detainer action, when an IFP motion is granted, the appellant is not required to deposit any rents due as directed in KRS 383.255(1). See [Forcible Entry and Detainer](#).

If the judge denies the motion:

1. Give [notice of entry](#) of the order to the appellant and appellee. The appellant then has 30 days to pay the required filing fee or appeal the judge's order.

2. If a notice of appeal of the denial of the motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is filed, immediately certify the denial and send to the Appellate Court. See [Appeals in Special Cases](#).

**NOTE:** No filing fee or motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is required in this instance.

#### 4.1.4 Pre-hearing Statement

Upon request of the appellant/cross-appellant in civil cases appealed to the Court of Appeals, after the notice of appeal/cross-appeal has been filed, provide them with either a link to [AOC Form 070](#), Kentucky Court of Appeals Civil Appeal Prehearing Statement on the [kycourts.gov](#) website or a digital file of the form to download. RAP 22(A)(1).

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- Orders granting or denying class action certification under CR 23.06
- Prisoner applications seeking relief relating to confinement or conditions of confinement
- Appeals from findings of contempt
- Appeals relating to extraordinary writs
- Appeals from orders of paternity, dependency, neglect, or abuse, domestic violence, or juvenile status offense

RAP 22(A)(2) It is the responsibility of each appellant and cross-appellant, or his/her attorney, to execute, sign, serve and file this statement with the Court of Appeals within 20 days from the filing of the notice of appeal or cross-appeal. RAP 22(A)(1)

#### 4.1.5 Supersedeas or Criminal Bond

See [Appeal Bond](#). Appeal bond amounts must be set by the judge.

**4.1.6 Pleadings Sent to Appellate Clerk and Counsel/Parties**

**NOTE:** Check the sentence to determine whether twenty (20) years or more is to be served to bypass the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court.

1. At such time as the notice of appeal or cross-appeal has been **FILED**, send **only** the following to the Appellate Clerk and counsel for the parties (or the parties if they are *pro se*).
  - a. A copy of the filed stamp notice of appeal or cross-appeal (as well as a copy of the envelope if filed by an inmate);
  - b. A copy of receipt for the filing fee or an order granting a motion to proceed in forma pauperis;
  - c. The judgment or order sought to be reviewed;
  - d. A certified copy of the case history and docket sheet, (if a docket sheet exists); and
  - e. Any opinion or findings of the circuit court and/or administrative agency. (RAP 22(A)(1), RCr 12.04(2))

**NOTE:** In Criminal cases, where a Motion to Alter, Amend, or Vacate is filed, the clerk should send a copy of the original judgment of conviction.

2. In a criminal case, also send a copy to the Criminal Appellate Division of the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Public Advocacy.
3. Make a notation in the memo field of the document screen of the date the appeal documents were sent and the names of those who were sent the copies.

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 File stamp  
*Clerk of the Court of Appeals*  
 669 Chamberlin Ave.  
 Suite B  
 Frankfort, KY 40601  
*Clerk of the Supreme Court*  
 Room 209, Capitol Building  
 700 Capitol Avenue  
 Frankfort, KY 40601  
*Office of the Attorney General*  
 Criminal Appellate Division  
 1024 Capital Center Dr.  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

**4.1.7 Designation of Record**

1. When a Designation of Record is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document type **DOR**.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the **“B”** recording of any court trial or jury trial held in the case being appealed; add the date and your initials.
4. File by completing a document screen using document type **TAPE**. CR 98(2)(a)(i).

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **DOR**  
 Document type **TAPE**

**4.1.8 Time Limits for Certification of Record**

The following time limits for certification of a record to the Supreme Court/Court of Appeals apply. On your desk calendar or other manual calendar, note the date the record is due to be certified. Do not certify a record until the party’s 10 days to file from the designation has run or all parties have filed their designation.

Case Type	Time Limit
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<b>Criminal</b>	30 days from the filing of the notice of appeal or from the date that <i>in forma pauperis</i> is granted. RAP 26(B)(4)(a) and (c).
<b>Civil (no prehearing statement is required)</b>	30 days from the filing of the notice of appeal. 26(B)(4)(a).
<b>Civil (prehearing statement is required)</b>	30 days from the appellate court’s order stating there will be no prehearing conference or stating the agreement or results of the prehearing conference. 26(B)(4)(b).

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**Sentenced 20 Years (+)**

In cases where a defendant is sentenced to 20 years or more, the record is sent to the Supreme Court instead of the Court of Appeals. These cases are not automatic appeals and a notice is required. KY Constitution, Section 110(2)(b); RCr12.02.

**Quick Reference**  
Sentenced 20 Years (+) are sent to the Supreme Court. These cases are not automatic appeals and a notice is required.

**Death Penalty Cases**

KRS 532.075

The following additional instructions apply:

1. Prepare [AOC Form 080](#), Clerk's Notice on Appeal of Capital Case.
2. [AOC Form 085](#), Report of Trial Judge of Capital Case will be completed by the trial judge.
3. Do not file or docket the notice and report.
4. Include the notices with the record but do not certify the clerk’s notice as a part of the record.

Death penalty cases are directed to the Supreme Court.

4.1.9 Record Certification

RAP 26(B)(5)

1. Once the record has been indexed, prepare [AOC Form 076](#), Certification of Record on Appeal and Notice of Certification of Record on Appeal. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification/notice; add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document type **NCR**. Send notice of the certification and the index of the record on appeal to the clerk of the appellate court and copies of the notice and index to all attorneys in the case and parties not represented by counsel RAP 26(B)(5), RCr 12.02. Note in the memo field the names of the parties to whom copies are served. RAP 26(B)(5).

AOC Form 076  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NCR**  
Mail copy

4.1.10 Preparation of Record on Appeal to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals

Record	Preparation
<b>Written Record</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certify the entire original record, including the juror strike sheets, up to and including the designation of record if a designation is filed (not required).</li> </ul> <p><b>Exception:</b> Do not include any depositions listed for exclusion in the designation of record. Depositions are the only part of the original record allowed to be excluded by a party.</p> <p><b>Exception:</b> If the parties in a Civil Case submit an agreed narrative statement of the case, which the trial court approves, apply the FILED stamp to the statement; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen using document type ST. Certify and send this narrative statement to the appellate court instead of all or any portion of the original record it is intended to replace. RAP 25(A)(4) and (5); RCr 12.02.</p>
<b>Video Recordings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>B</b> recording of any court trial or jury trial held in the case being appealed shall be included in the original record on appeal.</li> <li>• The <b>B</b> recording of any pre-trial or post-trial hearing, or any portion thereof, should not be included in the original record on appeal unless it was designated by a party. RAP 26(A)(3)(a), RAP 26(B)(2), CR 98(2), RCr 12.02.</li> </ul>



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<b>Recordings in Circuit Court Appeal Cases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the appeal record you are preparing is from a circuit court appeal case (XX), include any audio cassettes, video tapes, and digital recording disks which were filed and made part of the circuit court (XX) case.</li> </ul>
<b>Exhibits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only exhibits such as documents, maps, charts, and other papers which can be placed in 10" x 13" envelopes shall be sent to the appellate court RAP 24(A), RAP26(B)(3), RCr 12.02. Do not send weapons, contraband, or other physical evidence should not be sent to the appellate court unless ordered to do so. RAP 24(A), RAP26(B)(3). Make sure all exhibits are sufficiently identified and check exhibit envelopes to be sure you are not including physical evidence RAP26(B)(3).</li> </ul>

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**Narrative Statement**

1. The parties may file an agreed Narrative Statement pertaining to all or part of the evidence or proceedings at a hearing or trial in lieu of an official record. Apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials and file on a document screen using document type **ST**. Include this in the record on appeal only if approved by the trial court. RAP25(A)(4).
2. The appellant may prepare a Narrative Statement if no official record of the evidence or proceedings at a hearing or trial exists or, if made, is not audible from the recording; apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials and file on a document screen using document type **ST**. Include this in the record on appeal only if approved by the trial court. RAP 25(A)(1), RAP 25(A)(5).
3. The appellant’s narrative statement will state the date of service on the appellee(s). Create a tickler system on the scheduled events screen for 10 days from the date of service on the appellee(s). Make a notation in the memo: “Submit all statements, objections, or amendments served to the court by appellant and appellee(s) for the court’s settlement and approval.” RAP 25(A)(2).
4. Any statement approved by the trial court, or any order refusing to approve a narrative statement, shall be included in the record on appeal. If the record has already been certified, the approved narrative statement shall be certified as a supplemental record on appeal and immediately sent to the appellate court. RAP 25(A)(5).

File, date, initial

Document type **CTGR**

File, date, initial

Document type **ST**

**NOTE: Transcripts should not be filed without approval.** The trial court approves the narrative statement. The Court of Appeals approves transcript.

**Multiple Appeals**

- If more than one appeal is filed from the same judgment, prepare one record on appeal. RAP 26(C), RCr 12.02.
- In criminal appeals, if one appeal is to the Supreme Court and another is to the Court of Appeals, send the original record to the Supreme Court and a certified copy to the Court of Appeals. RAP 26(C), RCr 12.02.

- In criminal appeals with multiple defendants, when only one defendant is appealing, all papers filed in the case are a part of the original record on appeal.

#### 4.1.11 Binding the Record

*RAP 26(B)(1), RCr 12.02, CR 98*

1. Use the case history or docket sheet to prepare the index for the entire written record. RAP 26(B)(1).
2. Arrange all of the written record in the order in which they were filed or entered beginning with item #1 on the top and ending with the clerk's certification of the record. RAP 26(B)(1), RCr 12.02.
3. Number the pages in consecutive order, at the bottom center. Note the page numbers on the case history/docket sheet. RAP 26(B)(1), RCr 12.02.
4. Assemble into volumes of no more than 150 pages and securely bind at the left side in a black binder. Avoid splitting documents into multiple volumes. You may order the prescribed binder by completing AOC Form 1002 Office Supply Order Form. The item number is ACC 25971, Report Cover. The report cover includes a paper fastener and label. RAP 26(B)(1).
5. Affix the label to the front cover of the binder showing the style of the case and indicate by Roman numeral the volume number. Place the index for each volume at the beginning of that volume. Create a master index for the entire record by copying the index at the beginning of each volume. Place the master index in the front of Volume I only, as the first item.

**NOTE:** Written transcripts, depositions, worker's compensation original records, or any administrative agency record should not be combined and bound in the clerk's bound volumes or renumbered. However, these items should be certified as part of the record on appeal.

6. All exhibits filed with the record, including those not sent to the appellate court, shall be sufficiently identified and the index shall direct where they may be found.
7. Contact the Court of Appeals Clerk with questions.

#### 4.1.12 Transmitting the Record

1. Upon request of the appellate court, transmit the record to the Court of Appeals or Supreme Court. RAP 26(D)(3), RCr 12.02. If transmitting the record via postal service, use certified mail to allow for tracking of the package.

Exception: Appeals in Special Cases

**NOTE:** Retain control of the original record until the clerk of the appellate court requests it be transmitted. RAP 26(D)(3).

**NOTE:** Only send one certified copy of the recorded proceedings. RAP 26(D)(3).

**Quick Reference**

Do not transmit the record until the appellate court requests the record

**4.1.13 Preparation of Briefs**

1. You may let attorneys check out the records to prepare briefs. Pro se parties may review the record during regular business hours or be provided a copy of the original record at no cost. However, retain the original recordings and the evidentiary exhibits. RAP 26(D)(2)(d). Copy recorded hearings and trials as specified by the attorney or pro se party. Charge the attorney or pro se party a fee, per disc/DVD copied, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#). If the copy is mailed to the attorney, collect certified mail fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).
2. Appellant withdraws the record first for 60 days and returns the record to you before or when the brief is filed. Appellee then withdraws the record for 60 days and returns the record to you before or when the brief is filed. Appellant may then withdraw the record for 15 days to prepare the reply brief. If the appellant is also a cross-appellant, a combination brief may be filed within 60 days after the date on which the last appellee’s brief is filed or due to be filed. RAP 26(D)(2), RAP 30(C), RAP 30(D).
3. When an attorney withdraws the record, have the attorney sign an out card and place the card in the file as a substitute for the record. See [Maintenance of Records](#).
4. Note withdrawals and returns in the memo field of the case screen. RAP 26(D)(2)(e).

Attorneys may remove the record from your office for the purpose of preparing briefs.

Collect fees

Note withdrawals

**4.1.14 Supplemental Record**

1. When the trial or appellate court orders the record supplemented, or the parties file a stipulation to supplement the record, prepare the supplemental record following the procedures herein beginning [Preparation of the Record on Appeal to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals](#). The supplemental record will begin with the first item filed after the original certification.
2. Complete [AOC Form 076](#), Certification of Record on Appeal and Notice of Certification of Record on Appeal, and designate at the top of the form **SUPPLEMENTAL**. Apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials, and file on a document screen. Use document type **NCR**.

**NOTE:** When the appellate clerk requests the record on appeal, include the supplemental record.

**NOTE:** If the record on appeal has already been transmitted to the appellate court, transmit the supplemental record as soon as it has been prepared and certified.

**Quick Reference**  
Prepare supplemental record

AOC Form 076  
Designate form **SUPPLEMENTAL**  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NCR**

**4.1.15 Appeals in Special Cases – Denial of Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis**

*RAP 55*

1. When a Notice of Appeal of the denial of a motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. No filing fee or motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is required to appeal a denial. RAP 55(B).
3. File by completing a document screen using document type **NA**.
4. **Immediately** index and bind a certified copy of the following:
  - a. The motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis together with any attachments and responses thereto;
  - b. The tendered notice of appeal;
  - c. Any subsequent motion with supporting documents relating to in forma pauperis;
  - d. The order being appealed;
  - e. Video or audio recordings of the hearing, if one was held; and
  - f. The notice of appeal of the rulings of the trial court.
5. Complete [AOC Form 076](#), Certification of Record on Appeal. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. File by completing a document screen using document type **NCR**. Serve on attorneys of record and parties not represented by counsel.
7. The original record shall be kept by circuit clerk. Send the certified copy of the record to the appellate court as soon as practical but no later than 10 days after the notice of appeal is filed. Do not wait for the appellate court to request the record. RAP 55(D).
8. Call the Court of Appeals Clerk’s Office for further instructions, if needed.

File, date, initial
Document type <b>NA</b>
AOC Form 076 File, date, initial
Document type <b>NCR</b>



4.1.17 Appeals in Special Cases - Granting or Denying of Writ of Habeas Corpus

RAP 26(E), RAP 52

1. When a Notice of Appeal from the grant or denial of a Writ of Habeas Corpus is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen using document type **NA**. A designation of record is not required.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** In Forma Pauperis or appellant is the Commonwealth.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

3. A designation of record is not required. The record on appeal will consist of all written documents on file and all video recordings unless specified by the party appealing. RAP 26(E), RAP 52(B).
4. **Immediately** index, bind, certify the record. RAP 52(B).
5. Complete AOC Form 076, Certification of Record on Appeal. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. File by completing a document screen using document type **NCR**. Serve on attorneys of record and parties not represented by counsel.
7. Send the entire record to the appellate court as soon as practical but no later than 10 days after the notice of appeal is filed. Do not wait for the appellate court to request the record. RAP 52(B).
8. Call the Court of Appeals Clerk’s Office for further instructions, if needed.

File, date, initial  
Document type **NA**

Collect fees

AOC Form 076  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NCR**

4.1.18 Appeals in Special Cases - [Decision in Election Contest](#)

1. When a Notice of Appeal from the decision in an election contest is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen using document type **NA**.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** [In Forma Pauperis](#) or appellant is the Commonwealth.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

3. **Immediately** index, bind, certify and forward to the appellate court the entire original case file.
4. Complete [AOC Form 076](#), Certification of Record on Appeal. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. File by completing a document screen using document type **NCR**. Serve on attorneys of record and parties not represented by counsel.
6. Do not wait for the appellate court to request the record.
7. Call the Court of Appeals Clerk’s Office for further instructions, if needed.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NA**  
Collect fees

AOC Form 076  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NCR**

4.1.19 Appeals in Special Cases - [Decision of Election Candidate Qualifications](#)

1. Upon receipt of a telephonic directive from the Court of Appeals, immediately index, bind, certify and transmit the entire original case file.
2. Complete [AOC Form 076](#), Certification of Record on Appeal. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. File by completing a document screen using document type **NCR**. Serve on attorneys of record and parties not represented by counsel.
4. Do not wait for the appellate court to request the record.
5. Call the Court of Appeals Clerk’s Office for further instructions, if needed.

AOC Form 076  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NCR**

**4.1.20 Appeals in Special Cases - Denial of Request for Self-Consent Abortion**

1. When a Notice of Appeal from the denial of a request for a [self-consent abortion](#) is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen using document type **NA**.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid unless the appellant makes a declaration indicating she has insufficient funds to pay the filing fee. KRS 311.732(6); RAP 2(H) CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010; RAP 13(B)(1).
3. No later than five (5) days from the filing of the Notice of Appeal, forward the entire, original record to the appellate court.
4. Complete [AOC Form 076](#), Certification of Record on Appeal. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. File by completing a document screen using document type **NCR**. Serve on attorneys of record and parties not represented by counsel.
6. Do not wait for the appellate court to request the record.

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **NA**  
 Collect fees

AOC Form 076  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **NCR**

**4.2 Administrative Appeals**

[Process Map](#)

**4.2.1 Petition for Review**

A petition for de novo review (appeal) of a decision of an administrative agency is an original action in circuit court. KRS 23A.010. Reviews of cases from local agencies may be filed in district court. KRS 24A.010(2).

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- A petition for review of a denial of a request for a license to carry a concealed weapon is filed in district court. KRS 237.110.
- A petition for review of an order of the fiscal court is filed in circuit court. KRS 23A.010(4).
- A petition for review of a local policy disciplinary action is filed in circuit court. KRS 15.520.



1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.  
**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:
  - [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**Note:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. For instructions on opening the case, refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. Use case type **AB**. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. Issue a summons immediately for each person to be served and make a copy. Use summons type **CI**. Follow the initiating party’s instructions for service of the summons and the complaint (or other initiating document) of the initiating party. The party requesting the summons shall furnish sufficient copies of the petition for this purpose. CR 4.04(1). See [Service of Process](#).
5. Upon return of service, process according to the type of service. See [Service of Process](#).  
**Note:** A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125.
6. If a hearing is scheduled, calendar for the appropriate date by completing a scheduled events screen.
7. Upon receipt of an agency’s original record file the record into the appeals record. Add the document in the case management system using document code **RTRF** (Record Transferred from Another Court/Agency.)  
**Note:** Large administrative records may be accepted in an electronic format (flash drive) with a written letter certifying the record.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Case type **AB**  
Circuit Civil **CI** case or  
District Civil **C** case

Summons type **CI**

Document type **RTRF**

#### 4.2.2 Order

1. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on the document screen.
2. After the order is entered, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of service of notice of entry of order. See [Notice of Entry](#).
3. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial

Serve notice of entry

Close case

4. After the case is completed and the time for filing a notice of appeal has elapsed (30 days), return the agency's record.

[Process Map](#)

### 4.3 *Appeals to Circuit Court*

RAP 48

#### 4.3.1 Time Limits for Filing Appeals

RAP 48(B)(1)-(2)

The time limits for filing appeals are as follows, calculated from notice of entry of the judgment:

Appeal Type	Time Limit
Civil Actions, RAP 3(A)	30 DAYS
Exceptions: Small Claims, KRS 24A.340	10 DAYS
Forcible Detainer Cases, KRS 383.255	7 DAYS
Election Contests, KRS 120.075	10 DAYS
Paternity, KRS 406.051	60 DAYS
Juvenile Matters, KRS 610.130, RAP 3(A)	30 DAYS
Dependency, Neglect, Abuse, KRS 620.155, RAP 3(A)	
Mental Health, KRS 645.260, RAP 3(A)	
Criminal Actions, RCr 12.04	

#### 4.3.2 Time Limits for Preparation of Record to Circuit Court

The record on appeal does not need to be certified. RAP 48(E)(4).

The record on appeal remains in the custody of the district court clerk until requested by the circuit court. RAP 48(E)(4).

**EXCEPTION:** In a [forcible detainer action](#), you have 10 days from the date the appellant deposits rent monies (past-due, current, and future rents) with you to prepare and deliver the appeal record to the Circuit Court. KRS 383.255(2). See the [Accounting Manual](#) regarding collection of fees.

#### 4.3.3 Supersedeas Bond or Criminal Bond

See [Appeals Bonds](#).

#### 4.3.4 Notice of Appeal

1. When you receive a notice of appeal or cross-appeal, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTION:** There is no filing fee:

- When filing [In Forma Pauperis](#),
- In a criminal case when the appellant is represented by the Public Advocate/Defender,
- When a judicial officer is a party in his/her official capacity,
- In a criminal or civil case when the appellant is the Commonwealth. RAP 54.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying a filing fee unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. If the appellant does not meet any of the above exceptions, and they do not include a filing fee, nor an [In Forma Pauperis](#) motion with the notice of appeal, return the notice of appeal to the appellant with an explanation of the deficiency. See [Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis](#) below. RAP 48(B)(4).
3. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal **from an inmate in a criminal case**; apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials to the envelope containing the motion, the motion itself and any documents pertaining to the motion. Make a notation in the memo screen: "Inmate Appeal and USPS Envelope." RAP 26(A)(2).
4. Upon receipt of the filing fee, apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice of appeal or cross-appeal; add the date and your initials; file on a document screen. Use document type **NA** for a notice of appeal and document type **NCA** for notice of cross-appeal.
5. The clerk must prepare and file the notice of appeal in a criminal case if requested by an appellant proceeding without counsel. You may use AOC Form 376 (Notice of Appeal). RAP 2(C), RCr 12.04, RCr 11.02(2). If you prepare the notice for a criminal appellant, you will make the necessary copies to serve the court and all other parties.
6. Transmit a copy of the check or receipt and a copy of the notice of appeal showing the date filed to the circuit clerk. Note in the memo field of the document screen the date of transmittal. RAP 2(C), RCr 12.04(2).

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial  
NOA from Inmate:  
Memo inmate appeal  
and USPS envelope  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NA** or  
document type **NCA**

Notice in a Criminal  
Case: AOC Form 376

7. In a criminal or juvenile case, mail a copy of the notice to the Commonwealth's Attorney and/or County Attorney.
8. In a DUI appeal, if the defendant's license has been mailed to the Transportation Cabinet, mail a copy of the Notice of Appeal that has been stamped **FILED** to the Cabinet. Note in the memo field of the document screen the names of persons to whom copies were sent, and the date of the mailing. RAP 2(C), RCr 12.04(2). Forward any decision by the appeals court to the Division of Drivers Licensing.

**NOTE:** Create a tickler for the 30 days the appellant has for filing a statement of appeal by completing a Scheduled Events Screen. The 30 days will run from the date the first notice of appeal is filed. RAP 48(F)(1).

#### 4.3.5 Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis

1. When the notice of appeal is accompanied by an [In Forma Pauperis](#) motion with affidavit, apply the **TENDERED** stamp (or write the word **TENDERED**) to the notice of appeal; add the date and your initials.
2. File the notice of appeal on a document screen using document type **TD**. If the record on appeal is a video, type "video" on the notice of appeal and highlight with a fluorescent marker.
3. Apply **FILED** stamp to the IFP motion; add the date and your initials and file on a scheduled event screen as **MNH** (motion not requiring a hearing). File on a motion screen using motion type **PFP**.
4. Deliver the motion and order to the district judge.
5. Upon receipt of a signed order ruling on the motion, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on a document screen using document type **OFF**.

If the order sustains the appellant's motion:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice of appeal (which has already been marked as **TENDERED**) add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a new document screen. Use document type **NA**. Move the notice of appeal from its location as a tendered document in the case file to correspond with its current filing.

**NOTE:** Do not cross through or otherwise obliterate the **TENDERED** notation on the notice.

**NOTE:** In an appeal of a forcible detainer action when an IFP motion is granted the appellant is not required to deposit any rents due as directed in KRS 383.255(1). See [Forcible Entry and Detainer](#).

If the judge denies the motion:

3. Give [notice of entry](#) of the order to the appellant and appellee. The appellant then has 30 days to pay the required filing fee or appeal the judge's order.

#### Quick Reference

Mail Notice of Appeal  
*Transportation Cabinet,  
 Division of Driver  
 Licensing  
 200 Mero Street-  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Frankfort, KY 40622*

Tender, date, initial

Document type **TD**

File, date, initial  
 Event type **MNH**  
 Motion type **PFP**

Deliver to Judge

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OFF**

File, date, initial

Document type **NA**

**NOTE:** See Forcible Entry and Detainer regarding rent fees due when an IFP motion is granted.

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4. If a notice of appeal of the denial of the motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is filed, immediately certify the denial and send to the appellate court (circuit court). See [Appeals in Special Cases](#).

**NOTE:** No filing fee or motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is required in this instance.

### 4.3.6 Preparing Record on Appeal to Circuit Court

#### Case File

1. The written record on appeal includes the paper or digital record of pleadings, motions, and papers in the district court file.
2. Do not index or certify the record unless and until requested by the Court of Appeals, after a motion for discretionary review is granted. RAP 48(E)(4), RCr 12.02.

#### Recording Log/Recordings

1. Copy the recording log. Indicate in red ink on the copy the beginning and ending numbers of the case being appealed.
2. Locate the audio, or video recording of the trial or other proceedings conducted in the district court case and place the copy of the log and recording(s) in the file. RAP 48(E)(2), RCr 12.02.

**NOTE:** For instructions on recording a tape or digital disk see [Recordings: Audio/Video](#). Fees for copies of recordings may be found in the [Accounting Manual](#).

Except for forcible detainer appeals, deliver the record on appeal to the Circuit Court when requested.

### 4.3.7 Receipt of Appellate Record by Circuit Court

1. Upon receipt of a record on appeal from district court, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Treat the entire record as a single item. RAP 5(D)  
  
**NOTE:** Juvenile, hospitalization and disability cases retain confidentiality on appeal, as well as the address of the petitioner and children in domestic and interpersonal protective order cases.
2. Assign to a division in circuits having more than one judge, using the procedure set out in your local court rules.
3. For instructions on opening the case, refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual. Use case type **XR** for criminal appeals and case type **XI** for civil appeals. Assign the next number for circuit court appeals (**XX**) by using the next pre-numbered file folder.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Case type:  
Criminal appeals: **XR**  
Civil appeals: **XI**  
Circuit appeal case: **XX**

**NOTE:** Appeals of juvenile and mental health cases are filed in the confidential CO division. Remember to maintain confidentiality of the case file. KRS 610.340.

**NOTE:** If the appeal is a criminal appeal, complete a charge screen only for the charge(s) being appealed.

4. If the appellant in a civil case requests to file a supersedeas bond (see [Appeal Bonds](#)) at this point in the appeal, direct the appellant to the district court. RAP 63(C)(2).

#### 4.3.8 Appeal Perfected

1. Appellant(s) will perfect their appeal by filing a statement of appeal within 30 days of the date the first notice of appeal was filed. RAP 48(F)(1). Apply the **FILED** stamp to the statement of appeal; add the date and your initials. RAP 5(D).
2. File on a document screen using document type **STA**.  
**NOTE:** Create a tickler for the 30 days the appellee or appellee/cross-appellant has to file a counter-statement by completing a Scheduled Events Screen. The 30 days will run from the date the statement of appeal is filed. RAP 48(F)(2). See KyCourts Manual.
3. Except when there is more than one notice of appeal filed, if the statement of appeal is not filed within the 30-day time limit, immediately deliver the case to the judge noting the appellant’s failure to perfect the appeal. RAP 48(F)(1).
4. Within 30 days after the date on which the appellant's statement of appeal was filed, the appellee or appellee/cross-appellant shall file and serve a counter-statement. RAP 48(F)(2). Apply the **FILED** stamp to the counter-statement; add the date and your initials. RAP 5(D).
5. File on a document screen using document type **CS**.

File, date, initial

Document type **STA**

File, date, initial

Document type **CS**

#### 4.3.9 Submission to Judge for Decision

- When the statement of appeal and appellee's/cross-appellant’s counter-statement have been filed, or the time for filing the counterstatement has expired, immediately deliver the case to the judge for a decision. RAP 48(I). A notation of the referral should be made in the memo field of the case screen.

#### Quick Reference

Create 30/60 day tickler events

**4.3.10 Final Opinion or Order Entry**

1. When an opinion or order that resolves the appeal is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen. CR 58(1), RAP 48(J).
2. Serve [notice of entry](#), by delivering a copy of the decision to all counsel or parties proceeding pro se and the trial court judge; and in all traffic cases to the **Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver Licensing**.
3. If the appeal is a criminal appeal, close the charge screen in the "XX" case with the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type. Close the case by completing **ONLY** the disposition date and judge on the case screen.
4. If the appeal is a [civil appeal](#), close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
5. The parties will have 30 days to file a motion for discretionary review in the Court of Appeals. Create a 30-day tickler from the date the order is entered by completing a schedule event screen.

Enter, date, initial  
 Enter on document screen  
 Notice of entry  
*Transportation Cabinet,  
 Division of Driver  
 Licensing  
 200 Mero Street-  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Frankfort, KY 40622*

**4.3.11 Statement of Costs**

1. Upon final disposition of an appeal in circuit court, you must send the parties a statement of the portion, if any, of the filing fees charged to be reimbursed by one party to another. RAP 48(L).  
  
**NOTE:** All costs in civil cases must be paid by the unsuccessful party. RAP 48(L).  
  
**NOTE:** In criminal cases, no reimbursement is required from the Commonwealth, a municipality, or a pauper. RAP 48(L).
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the statement; add the date and your initials. RAP 5(D). File on a document screen using document type **ST**. In the memo field list the parties who were mailed the statement.

File, date, initial  
 Document type **ST**

**4.3.12 Motion for Discretionary Review**

*RAP 44*

If no motion for discretionary review in the Court of Appeals is filed within 30 days from entry of opinion or order, the circuit court opinion or order is final. RAP 40(G), 44(B)(1).

1. Return the district court's record to district court with a copy of the circuit court's opinion or order when the 30 day period for filing a motion for discretionary review has expired. Retain the circuit court appellate case file associated with the XX case in circuit court.
  - a. If the district court judgment is reversed and further proceedings are ordered, the case will proceed in district court.
  - b. If the district court judgment is affirmed or the appeal is dismissed, the district court will enforce the judgment.

**NOTE:** When a circuit appeal is remanded to district court use disposition code **TRF** (transfer) in the case/charge.

If the losing party files a motion in the Court of Appeals for discretionary review of the circuit court judgment, you will receive a copy of the motion and the Court of Appeals decision on the motion. RAP 44(B)(1), RAP 44(H).

1. If the Court of Appeals grants the motion, follow the instructions in the [Appeals to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals](#) subsection of Section 4 of this manual, including the Preparation of Record on Appeal to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals and Binding the Record. RAP 26(B)(1).
2. When the Court of Appeals decides the case and returns the original record on appeal to you, return the district court's record to district court. RAP 27(H)(3).

**Quick Reference**

Disposition code **TRF**

#### 4.3.13 State Board of Elections (SBE) Reporting

Per KRS 27A.070 the AOC must send notice of felony convictions to the State Board of Elections after the conviction becomes final, including the exhaustion of all appeals.

An automated process will send all felony convictions automatically 40 days from disposition date unless the SSN is missing or invalid or one of the following document codes exist in the case. AMNA, AOA, NA, NAAB, NAAR, NCA, NCR, OAA, OARD, ODRA, ORA, OSB, STA, OSA, OAVA, and OGMPD. These exceptions will be compiled and sent to the Circuit Clerks monthly.

If you receive a Final Stamped Opinion Affirming from the Court of Appeals add a disposition date and type of COAOAF COA Opinion Affirming Final to any and all of the above document codes in the case.

If the appeal is dismissed use disposition code RSBE Report to SBE on any and all of the documents listed above.

**NOTE: Remember, all appeal document codes must be updated with the COAOAF/RSBE disposition type for the case to be sent to the SBE.**



## 5 APPLICATION FOR DECLARATION OF DEATH

### *KRS 422.132*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

#### 5.1 *Application*

1. Upon receipt of Application for Declaration of Death [AOC Form 857](#), Application for and Declaration of Death Due to Catastrophic Event, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.
2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
  3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials.
  4. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**. Generate the next case number in the computer for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
  5. **Do not** issue a summons.
  6. Deliver the case file to the judge.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 857

Collect filing fee

File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**  
District Civil C case

**Do not** issue summons

#### 5.2 *Judgment/Order*

1. When a signed order is received from the judge, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen. Use document type **ADDCE**. Serve notice of entry on the parties by making a copy of the order that has been stamped "ENTERED" and mail or hand deliver it to the parties or attorney. The method of service and date of service must be completed on the document screen. See [Notice of Entry](#).
3. If the order directs the Registrar of Vital Statistics to issue a death certificate at no charge, mail a certified copy of the Order to CHFS, Vital Statistics.
4. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial

Document type **ADDCE**

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*Cabinet for Health and  
Family Services  
Registrar of Vital  
Statistics – First Floor  
275 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40621*

Disposition type **OTH**

## 6 APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT

### *KRS 454.430-450*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

- A party receiving periodic payments of damages for personal injuries established by settlement or judgment in resolution of a tort claim must seek court approval to transfer the [structured settlement](#) payment rights.
- An application for approval of the transfer of structured settlement payment rights may be filed in the county where the applicant resides or in the county where the original action was or could have been filed.

### 6.1 *Application*

1. Upon receipt of an application for transfer of structured settlement, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth KRS 453.010.
2. With an application for approval of the transfer of structured settlement the payee or transferee shall file with the court and serve on all protected parties a notice of the proposed transfer and the application for its approval. The Notice shall include:
    - A copy of the transferee's application to the court;
    - A copy of the disclosure statement required under KRS 454.431(2).
    - Notification of the time and place of the hearing and notification of the manner in which and the time by which written responses to the application must be filed, which shall not be less than ten (10) days after service of the transferee's notice in order to be considered by the court.
  3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials.
  4. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
  5. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
  6. Add the application as a document using document code **SET** and memo application for transfer of structured settlement.

#### Quick Reference

Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**  
Circuit Civil **CI** case

**Do not** issue summons

Document type **SET**

## APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT

7. Have the judge assign a hearing date as requested by the applicant, (or do this yourself if the judge has delegated this duty to you). **Do not issue a summons.**

**NOTE:** If you set the hearing, schedule the event no less than twenty (20) days from the date of the notice.

8. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled event screen.

### Quick Reference

Do not issue a summons

Calendar Hearing

## 6.2 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of an order for a transfer of a structured settlement, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen using document type **OAS** and memo the details.
3. Serve notice of entry on all parties. Note the manner and date of service on the document screen. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type, and the judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAS**

NOE

## 7 ARBITRATION

### *KRS 417.190-220*

*District and Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

Arbitration is the submission of a dispute to an unbiased third person chosen by the parties to the controversy, who agree in advance to comply with the arbitrator's decision. Most arbitration is considered *binding*: parties who agree to arbitration are bound to that agreement and are also bound to satisfy any award determined by the arbitrator. A party to an arbitration may apply to the court to enforce (vacate, modify, correct or confirm) an award.

#### 7.1 *Motion/Application*

1. Upon receipt of a motion/application to enforce an arbitration award, treat the motion as an initiating document.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) for a district civil or circuit civil case as indicated by the petitioner and give a receipt.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local rules.
4. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials. CR 5.05 (3). For more information on how to open a case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts manual.
5. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder as requested by petitioner.
6. If the motion sets a hearing date, complete a scheduled events screen using event type **MH**. Use motion type **MTE** and memo details.
7. **Do not** issue a summons.
8. Serve notice of an initial motion/application for an order as instructed by the initiating party by certified mail or to be personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. See [Service of Process](#).

#### Quick Reference

Treat motion as initiating document

Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

**CI** – Circuit Civil

**C** – District Civil

Event type **MH**

Motion type **MTE**

**Do not** issue summons

Serve Notice

## 7.2 *Judgment/Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description.
3. Serve notice of the **ENTERED** judgment/order on all parties by mail or hand delivery. Enter the method of service (mail or personal service) and notice of entry date on the document screen. See [Service of Process](#) and [Notice of Entry](#).
4. When the judgment or order closes this case, enter the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition on the case screen.
5. Appeal from final orders or judgments shall be taken in the manner and to the same extent as from orders or judgments in a district or circuit civil action. See [Appeals](#).

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Enter judgment/order

Serve notice to all parties

## 8 ATTACHMENT

### *KRS 425.301-316; 383.030*

*District and Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

- Attachment is a prejudgment remedy by which the plaintiff seeks to reach property of the defendant, whether the property is in the hands of the defendant or a third person, as security for the payment of the judgment, which he hopes to obtain. KRS 425.301, 425.306.
- If the suit is for damages or recovery of money, the proper prejudgment writ is an attachment.
- A plaintiff may have an attachment for rent due under KRS 383.030.

### 8.1 *Initiating Documents*

1. The following documents are required to apply for the writ:

1. A complaint and summons (KRS 425.301(3));
2. A verified motion requesting the attachment (KRS 425.307, KRS 425.301(1) and (2) and KRS 425.306) which:
  - Is under oath;
  - States the nature and amount of plaintiff's claim;
  - States that it is just;
  - States the statutory grounds for the attachment.
    - (a) Defendant is a foreign corporation or non-resident of Kentucky and absent from the Commonwealth; or
    - (b) Has been absent from Kentucky for four months; or
    - (c) Has left Kentucky to defraud his creditors; or
    - (d) Is hiding or has left the county of his residence to avoid service of summons; or
    - (e) Is removing or selling his property with intent to defraud his creditors. KRS 425.301(1) and (2) and KRS 425.306;
3. A demand stating that the defendant has seven days to either request a hearing or pay the claim in full; otherwise, an attachment shall issue (KRS 425.301(3));
4. An affidavit showing compliance with the requirements of KRS 425.301(3) regarding notice and demand to the defendant.

2. Upon receipt of a complaint, a motion, affidavit and a demand requesting a writ of attachment, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.

4. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the complaint, motion, demand, and affidavit; add the date and your initials.
5. Open a case. Use case type **OTH**. For more information, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
6. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or district civil **C** case or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
7. Serve the documents according to the petitioner's instructions. For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

**NOTE:** If the motion, demand, and affidavit are filed after the complaint, the plaintiff must deliver the motion and demand to the defendant or send the motion and demand by certified mail, return receipt requested, to defendant's last known place of address, at least seven (7) days and not more than 60 days before the order granting the attachment is sought. KRS 425.301.

8. The plaintiff must file enough copies of all pleadings for service upon each defendant in addition to the original. Collect a copy fee (if appropriate) as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fee

Assign division

File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**Circuit Civil **CI** caseDistrict Civil **C** case

Serve documents according to petitioner's instructions

## 8.2 *Summons Issuance*

The initiating party will decide whether the summons is to be served by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays upon an affidavit that the process cannot be executed after that day. KRS 454.125.

### 8.2.1 Hearing

1. If a hearing is requested, complete a scheduled events screen using event type **OH**.
2. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Enter the order on the document screen including a brief description. Use document type **OST**.
4. Serve notice on every party not in default or who has not waived notice by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of the notice of the order.

**NOTE:** If the plaintiff asks you to issue the attachment without a hearing, check the affidavit of compliance to make sure enough time has elapsed from the date of notice to the defendant: Seven days from date of notice (KRS 425.301(3)); three additional days if notice was by mail (CR 6.05).

**Quick Reference**  
Scheduled event type  
**OH**  
Enter, date, initial  
  
Document type **OST**  
  
NOE

### 8.3 Surety Bond

Before issuing the attachment, plaintiff must post a surety bond. KRS 425.309. Kentucky banks and savings and loan institutions do not need a surety on their bonds. KRS 425.001. For more information, see [Bonds and Sureties](#).

1. Upon receipt of a surety bond, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Collect a fee for taking the bond and a fee for issuing the attachment as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **BSUR**.

File, date, initial  
  
Collect a fee for taking the bond and issuing the attachment  
  
Document type **BSUR**

### 8.4 Issuance of Writ of Attachment

1. Prepare and issue AOC Form 106, [Writ of Attachment](#).
2. Make a notation of the issuance of the attachment by completing a document screen. Use document type **WA**. Use the date of issuance as the filing date. It is not necessary to make a copy for the case file; the officer's return will provide a copy.
3. Give the attachment and a copy to the plaintiff for delivery to the sheriff or other serving officer. The plaintiff will pay the service fee directly to the officer.
4. When a return of service is received; apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the file stamp date and officer's return date in the memo field of the document screen where the attachment was issued.

AOC Form 106  
Document type **WA**  
  
File, date, initial



## 8.5 *Motion to Quash*

1. Upon receipt of a motion to quash the writ of attachment, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a motion screen, using motion type **MH** and memo the details.
3. Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.
4. When a signed order ruling on the motion is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description. Use document type **OQSH**.
6. Serve notice of entry of the order on every party not in default or who has not waived notice by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. See [Notice of Entry](#).
7. Enter the method of service (mail or personal delivery) and notice of entry date on the document screen where the order is entered.
8. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Motion type **MH**

Schedule the event

Document type **OQSH**

**NOE**

## 9 AUTOPSY IMAGES AND RECORDINGS

### *KRS 72.031-72.032*

*Circuit Court*

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- No autopsy photograph, or other visual image in whatever form, video recording, or audio recording shall be open to the public unless the spouse or personal representative of the decedent provides an express waiver to the state medical examiner, coroner, or other public official in lawful possession of those materials to make those materials public. KRS 72.031.
- The records discussed in this chapter are limited to photos, images, and video/audio recordings of autopsy. It does not include autopsy or fatality reports.

#### 9.1 *Sealing Autopsy Record*

1. Upon receipt of any autopsy photograph, or other visual image in whatever form, video recording, or audio recording, present the record to presiding judge for direction on sealing the record.
2. Upon direction from the judge to seal, place the image or recording in an envelope; apply the **FILED** stamp to the envelope; add the date and your initials.
3. Indicate the name of the party delivering the records and mark the envelope **AUTOPSY-CONFIDENTIAL**. Seal the envelope.
4. File the record on a document screen. Use the document type **SD**.
5. Place the sealed envelope in the appropriate case file.
6. Do not release the sealed envelope from your custody except when actually used in the action or proceeding. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope from the case file.

**BEST PRACTICE:** Place sealed envelopes in the file on the left-hand side to allow easy removal from the case record when granting inspection requests.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Mark envelope  
**AUTOPSY-  
CONFIDENTIAL**  
Document type **SD**

## 9.2 *Petition for Access to Autopsy Records*

- The Circuit Court of the county where the decedent resided or, if the decedent was not a resident of the Commonwealth, in which an autopsy photograph, other visual image in whatever form, video recording, or audio recording is located may, upon a showing of good cause, issue an order authorizing any person to view or copy a photograph, other visual image in whatever form, video recording, or audio recording of an autopsy or to listen to or copy an audio recording of an autopsy, and may prescribe any restrictions or stipulations that the court deems appropriate.

1. Upon receipt of a petition requesting access to an autopsy photo or recording, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** You may also treat a motion or an application as an initiating document.

2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
4. Open a Circuit Civil case. Use case type **OTH**. For more information, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
5. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
6. Schedule a hearing as directed by completing a scheduled event screen. File motion by completing motion screen using motion code **MAIR**. The filing party should indicate whether notice has been given to the surviving spouse or personal representative, (or if none, the deceased’s adult children, or if none, surviving parents). If the filer indicates there is no individual to represent the estate, the hearing may be scheduled without giving such notice.
7. Do **not** issue a summons. The petitioner will provide notice of the petition and any hearing which may be held.
8. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
9. Enter the order on the document screen including a brief description. Use document type **OAIR**.
10. Serve notice on every party by making a copy of the order that has been stamped ENTERED and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of the notice of the order.

Quick Reference	
Collect filing fees	
File, date, initial	
Case type <b>OTH</b>	
Circuit Civil CI cases	
Motion type <b>MAIR</b>	
Enter, date, initial	
Document type <b>OAIR</b>	

9.3 *Violation of KRS 72.031*

- Any violation of KRS 72.031 by an individual other than the surviving spouse, children, parents, or personal representative of the decedent shall result in a fine of not more than \$500 for the first violation and not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent violation.
- Any fines ordered to be collected shall be paid into the crime victims' compensation fund.

## 10 BAIL JUMPING WARRANT

### *KRS 520.070, 520.080*

*District and Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

**NOTE:** If the warrant ordered is for a juvenile charged with an adult crime, refer the matter to the Court Designated Worker (CDW).

1. Upon receipt of an order for a warrant for bail jumping, create a new case unless otherwise directed to place the charges in the existing case.
2. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case for a **M** or **F** case.
3. Add the charge of bail jumping by completing a charge screen using the following UOR codes. If directed to place in the existing case, add a new charge in the existing case.
  1. UOR 49201, Bail Jumping, 1st degree, if original charge is a felony; or
  2. UOR 02605, Bail Jumping, 2nd degree, if the original charge is a misdemeanor.
4. Issue the warrant by completing a warrant screen. Use warrant type **WA**.
5. When a return is received, enter the return information on the warrant screen and calendar the case by completing a scheduled events screen.
6. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
7. Enter on a document screen and give [notice of entry](#) by mail or hand delivery.
8. If the judgment disposes of the charge, close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge, trial type, original and final plea.
9. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a sentence screen.
10. When all charges are disposed of:
  1. *If the case is in District Court*, the system closes the case screen once you fill in the disposition date and judge at disposition fields.
  2. *If the case is in Circuit Court*, when the defendant has been sentenced, complete the disposition date and judge at disposition fields **ONLY** on the case screen.

#### Quick Reference

Generate next **M** or **F** case

Bail jumping 1<sup>st</sup> degree

– **UOR 49201**

Bail jumping 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

– **UOR 02605**

Warrant type **WA**

Enter, date, initial

Give notice of entry

## 11 BILL OF COSTS

### *KRS 453*

[Process Map](#)

Once a judgment has been entered in a civil case, the successful party may submit to the court a bill of costs to be reimbursed for expenses from the case. The other party has an opportunity to file exceptions to contest the amount of the costs.

#### 11.1 *Bill of Costs*

1. When you receive a "Bill of Costs," apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **BOC**.
3. The bill of costs will state the date of service on the losing party. Create a tickler system on the scheduled events screen for five days from the date of service on the losing party. Make a notation in the memo: "If no exceptions filed, endorse costs on judgment."

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial  
Document type **BOC**

Create a tickler for five days from the date of service

#### 11.2 *With an Exception*

1. If an exception is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **EXPT**.
3. *If the exception sets a hearing, complete a scheduled events screen. If no hearing is requested, deliver the case file to the judge.*
4. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the judgment or order on a document screen, including a brief description in the memo field.
6. Serve notice of the **ENTERED** judgment/order on all parties by mail or hand delivery. Enter the method of service (mail or personal service) and [notice of entry](#) date on the document screen.

File, date, initial

Document type **EXPT**

Enter order, date, initial

Serve notice of entry to all parties

11.3 *Without an Exception*

1. If no exceptions have been filed at the end of the five day period, endorse on the face of the judgment the amount of the costs as stated in the Bill of Costs and the notation: "Costs recoverable as a part of the judgment."

**Quick Reference**  
Endorse costs amount on Judgment, noting "Costs recoverable as part of Judgment."

## 12 BONDS AND SURETIES

### *RCr 4, CR 65.05, RAP 62-63, KRS 431.510-.545*

*District and Circuit Courts*

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- [Bonds and Sureties in Criminal Cases](#)
- [Bonds and Sureties in Civil Cases](#)
- [Replevin Bond](#)
- [Supersedeas Bond](#)

### 12.1 *General Provisions and Clerk's Responsibilities*

1. When bond is set, it is your responsibility to assess and take the required security, write the bond and process it. Refuse any surety if there is any doubt as to the sufficiency to cover the amount of the bond. KRS 30A.060, RCr 4.32. However, take any bond that the court orders, following the specific requirements of the order. If the judge's order specifies full cash, you may not accept property. RCr 4.04(3).
2. In addition to the circuit clerk, the chief circuit judge shall authorize another public official to prepare and accept bail bonds. KRS 30A.060(3), RCr 4.24. You are not responsible for the sufficiency of bail taken by the official. The official must turn over to you by the next business day the bail bond and any other papers, the money received, and the bond filing fee. RCr 4.28.

**NOTE:** There is no liability for taking an insufficient bond when following the court's order or when another authorized official takes the bond.

3. Certain persons cannot act as sureties on a bond. The surety (except an approved corporate surety), must be a resident of Kentucky or own real estate in Kentucky. This is not required on a full cash bond. For more information, see [Sureties](#).
4. If bond is posted in district court, but the case is transferred to circuit court, send the bond papers to circuit court with the rest of the case file. In cases involving a change of venue, send the bond and any deposits to the court where venue has been ordered.
5. The conditions of release listed on the bail bond form, including subsequent modifications, shall be entered on the bail bond screen in KyCourts within 24 hours of being filed, excluding weekends and holidays.

#### **Quick Reference**

Assess bond and take required security

If bond is transferred or appealed, send bond papers to circuit court with the rest of file

Enter conditions of the bond in KyCourts within 24 hours



## 12.2 *Bonds and Sureties in Criminal Cases*

### 12.2.1 Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail Administrative Release Program

Effective January 1, 2017, all circuits and districts must implement the use of the Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail Administrative Release program. This program replaces the previous financial uniform schedule of bail in its entirety.

“Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail” means the authority granted by the court to a pretrial officer to apply a pre-determined release decision to detained defendants based on a uniform schedule of bail without the need for a judicial review.

Eligible defendants with a low risk or moderate risk score on the pretrial services interview assessment may be release on recognizance. Exceptions:

- The defendant is charged with a violation of KRS 222.202 (Offenses of Alcohol Intoxication or Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in a Public Place) or KRS 189A.010, in which case he or she may be released under certain conditions
- The defendant is charged with violating KRS 189A.010 with injuries or accident or any aggravating circumstances (other than refusals)
- The defendant is charged with a violation of KRS 189A.090 (Driving on a DUI Suspended License)
- Charges of bail jumping, violation of a protective order, and DUI 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense or Greater are not eligible for administrative release

### 12.2.2 Driving Under the Influence

- A verified and eligible Kentucky resident charged with a first offense of KRS 189A.010 (Driving Under the Influence) shall be released on recognizance, provided that the charging document does not disclose any injuries/accident or aggravating circumstances as defined in KRS 189A.010(11)(excluding refusals). If the charging document discloses any aggravating circumstances, then the Schedule shall not be applicable.
- In the event there are no injuries/accident or aggravating circumstances disclosed, the defendant shall be released as follows:
  - To an adult who is willing to accept responsibility for the defendant through a signature verification on a form prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts; or
  - At such time as the defendant is able to safely care for himself or herself but in no event shall the defendant be detained for more than eight (8) hours following his or her arrest; or
  - Unless such person’s release is precluded by other provisions of law.
- Bail for a non-resident defendant charged with a first offense of KRS 189A.010 shall be set per KRS 431.523.

**KRS 431.523(1):** Bail for persons who are not residents of Kentucky who are charged with a violation of KRS 189A.010 shall be five hundred dollars (\$500) unless the defendant was involved in a motor vehicle accident in which property damage or physical injury to a person

was involved in which case bail shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). In the event of serious physical injury or death the minimum amount of bail shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Must be full cash or court approved surety. KRS 431.523(2).

### **12.2.3 A.I., Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in a Public Place and Public Intoxication**

- A verified and eligible defendant with a low risk or moderate risk score who has been arrested for a violation of KRS 222.202 (Alcohol Intoxication or Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in a Public Place) and has not had two (2) prior convictions for violations of KRS 222.202 in the previous twelve (12) months, shall be released as follows:
  - To an adult who is willing to accept responsibility for the defendant through a signature verification on a form prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts; or
  - At such time as the defendant is able to safely care for himself or herself but in no event shall the defendant be detained for more than eight (8) hours following his or her arrest; or
  - Unless such person's release is precluded by other provisions of law.
- All determinations as to the number and timing of a defendant's prior violations of KRS 222.202 shall be made at the jail.

### **12.2.4 Public Intoxication**

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a defendant charged with a violation of KRS 502500 (Public Intoxication) with a low risk or moderate risk score shall be released as follows:

- To an adult who is willing to accept responsibility for the defendant through a signature verification on a form prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts; or
- At such time as the defendant is able to safely care for himself or herself but in no event shall the defendant be detained for more than eight (8) hours following his or her arrest; or
- Unless such person's release is precluded by other provisions of law.

### 12.2.5 Bail Bond Processing

1. Collect the partial or full amount of the bond imposed by the court plus the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 64.005, KRS 431.540, RCr 4.22, 4.26(1). This fee may be collected at the defendant's first court appearance (OAG 81-299) and may be waived if the defendant is indigent. *Edmonson v. Commonwealth*, 725 S.W. 2d 595 (Ky. 1987). A defendant shall not be held in custody for failure to pay the \$25.00 bond filing fee.

**NOTE:** On a property bond, collect a bond recording fee and a lien release fee for the county clerk as well as the bond filing fee per instructions in the [Accounting Manual](#).

2. When someone wants to post a bond, prepare AOC Form 365.1, Bail Bond, include thereon any nonfinancial conditions the judge has imposed.
3. Have the defendant sign the form in the boxed area in the middle and at the bottom. Verify affidavit requirements and, if the surety qualifies (see surety requirements section), have the surety sign as surety in the boxed area of the form. (Except an approved corporate surety).
4. Have the judge sign the order to the jailer at the bottom of the form, or sign for the judge if you are authorized to do so.
5. Distribute the copies of the bond per the distribution list on the form.
6. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the top copy of the bond form; add the date and your initials.
7. File on a bail screen, within 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, the conditions of release, including subsequent modifications must be entered on the bail screen.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Collect bond, plus bond filing fee</p>
<p>AOC Form 365.1</p>
<p>Verify affidavit requirements</p>
<p>File, date, initial</p>
<p>Enter bond details in KYCourts within 24 hours</p>

### 12.2.6 Bail Bond Entry Codes

Type of Bond	Bond Code
<a href="#">ROR - Release on Personal Recognizance</a>	OR
<a href="#">Administrative Release</a>	AR
<a href="#">Property Bond</a>	PB
<a href="#">Unsecured Bond</a>	UN
<a href="#">Full Cash Bond</a>	FC
<a href="#">Partially Secured Cash Bond</a>	PS
<a href="#">Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificates</a>	GA

### 12.2.7 Released on Personal Recognizance

Release on personal recognizance (known as ROR or OR), is release based on the defendant's written promise to appear. RCr 4.00(f), RCr 4.10.

### 12.2.8 Property Bond

A bond in which the defendant or surety pledges real property, located in Kentucky, instead of cash to guarantee the defendant’s appearance. Review the court order and determine the amount of property required to set bond for the defendant. RCr 4.04(1)(d)(v).

**NOTE:** The equity in the real estate must be twice the amount of the bond over and above any other encumbrances or exemptions. KRS 431.535 (1)(b), RCr 4.34(5).

1. Require the defendant or his surety to file [AOC Form 360](#), Sworn Schedule for Bail Bond Secured by Real Estate. RCr 4.34(1). The schedule must include a legal description of the real estate.

**NOTE:** A “manufactured home,” as defined in KRS 186.650, can only be accepted as part of the real property to be used as security on a property bond if the owner of the manufactured home:

- (1) Executes and files with the county clerk an affidavit of conversion to real estate pursuant to KRS 186A.297 that states that the manufactured home has been or will be permanently affixed to the real estate; and

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 360

- (2) Accompanies the affidavit with a surrender of the Kentucky certificate of title. A “recreational vehicle” (as defined in KRS 186.650), including a travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, and motor home, should never be included in the value of real property.
- 2. Require the defendant or the surety to file a statement from the Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) of the county where the land is located, showing the value of the land. In addition, if the defendant or surety wants you to include the value of the manufactured home in the value of the land, require him or her to file a certified copy of the applicable affidavit of conversion to real estate that was filed with the county clerk, accompanied by a certified copy of the Kentucky certificate of title for the manufactured home that was surrendered to the county clerk.

**CAVEAT:** The PVA statement of value should already include the value of the manufactured home. Do not add the value of the manufactured home a second time. RCr 4.34(1).

- 3. The property must be worth twice the amount of the bond over and above any other encumbrances or exemptions. KRS 431.535 (1)(b), RCr 4.34(5). Each property owner has a \$5,000 homestead exemption. KRS 427.060, KRS 431.535(1)(b), RCr 4.34(5). There is another exemption pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 522(d), currently in the amount of \$15,000 plus \$800 plus up to \$7500 of any of the unused amount of the exemption provided in 11 USC Section 522(d)(1). Upon execution of AOC- 360 these exemptions are waived.

**NOTE:** The homestead exemption should not be applied to rental property. It should be deducted only from the value of property used as a permanent residence when determining its value for use as a property bond. The homestead exemption may be waived by the property owner for purposes of posting a property bond. The waiver should be in writing, signed by all parties with an interest deeded in the property, and state the waiver is for the purpose of posting a property bond. KRS 427.060, KRS 427.100. The waiver should be included in the paperwork for bond.

**NOTE:** The property cannot be used as security if it has been used as security on a bail bond within the preceding 12 months. (This requirement does not apply if the property belongs to the defendant or to a relative. Relative is defined as no further removed from the defendant than a first cousin, or the defendant's father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law. KRS 431.535(3)(e)).

- 4. If you are satisfied with the value of the real property, continue with [bail bond processing](#).
- 5. Send a certified copy of the bail bond and sworn schedule, and the recording fees collected, to the county clerk of each county in which the land is located. RCr 4.36.

**Quick Reference**

Require a statement from the PVA showing the value of the land, and if necessary, the manufactured home on it.

The property must be worth twice the amount of the bond over and above any other encumbrances or exemptions.

Continue with bail bond processing.

Send a certified copy of the bail bond to the county clerk where the land is located.

**NOTE:** Affix a green sticker to the outside of the case file to denote a property bond has been posted in the case. This alerts you to release the bond in the county clerk's office according to the judge's order when the defendant has been sentenced and the case has been disposed of. Order the green sticker from AOC using item number AVE-05052, and indicating the color fluorescent green.

### 12.2.9 Unsecured bond

An unsecured bond is a promise by the defendant or surety to pay the designated amount upon a failure to appear when ordered by the court to do so or upon a breach of a material condition of release, not secured by any deposit of or lien upon property. RCr 4.00(h).

### 12.2.10 Full Cash Bond

A full cash bond is a bond in which the full amount of the bond (see [Accounting Manual](#) for acceptable forms of payment) is deposited in your office either by the defendant or surety. RCr 4.00(b).

### 12.2.11 Partially Secured Cash Bond

A partially secured cash bond is a bond which requires a deposit of less than the full amount of the bond. The exact percentage depends on the judge's order, and may be as little as 10% of the amount of the bond. The designated percentage is paid to your office by the defendant or surety at the time of release of the defendant. In the event of forfeiture for nonappearance, the defendant or the surety is liable for the full amount of the bond. RCr 4.00(b).

### 12.2.12 Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate

Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate (RCr 4.18) is a printed card issued by the American Automobile Association (or similar organization) guaranteeing the appearance of its members on most motor vehicle violations. RCr 4.18(2).

- You must accept this certificate in lieu of cash bail bond up to \$500 for most motor vehicle offenses. RCr 4.18(1). The certificate may not be used on violations of KRS 189A.010 (driving while intoxicated) or KRS Chapter 281 (motor carriers for hire). RCr 4.18(1)(b).
- The certificate must:
  - Have the defendant's signature, RCr 4.18(1), (2);
  - Be in effect on the date of the violation, RCr 4.18(1)(a); and
  - Carry a statement that the association guarantees the defendant's appearance or will pay the fine or forfeiture up to \$500. RCr 4.18(2)(a), (b).



### 12.3 *Bail Bond Credit*

1. Upon receipt from the jailer of [AOC Form 365.2, Notice of Bail Credit](#), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document code **NBC**.
3. Update the bond information. For more information on how to update the bail bond information, see [Bail Detail](#) in the KyCourts Manual.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 365.2  
 File, date, initial  
 Document code **NBC**

### 12.4 *Change in Posted Bail Bond*

Unless otherwise specified, when the judge orders a change in an existing bond of any type, complete and process AOC Form 365.1, Bail Bond in the same manner as an original bond, including thereon any nonfinancial conditions which the judge has imposed. RCr 4.12 and 4.14.

**NOTE:** Do not charge a bond filing fee since this is a modification of the original bail bond. For more information regarding processing a reduction or increase in the original bond, see the [Accounting Manual](#).

AOC Form 365.1  
 Do not charge a bond filing fee

### 12.5 *Defendant Lodged in Another Jurisdiction*

If a defendant is jailed in a county or state different from where he/she was charged, there are two ways to accomplish the posting of bond.

**NOTE:** Exception- Does not pertain to extradition proceedings. Kentucky does not have Jurisdiction over out of state bonds and therefore should not collect bonds set by another state.

#### 12.5.1 **Posting Bond in a County Where Defendant Was Charged**

1. Complete the bond form and if required, have the surety sign in your presence.
2. Fax the completed bond form (with surety's signature, if required) to the jail where the defendant is lodged. Direct the jailer or a notary to witness the defendant signing the bond.
3. Have the signed bond form returned to you by hand-delivery or fax. Attach the bond form signed by the defendant form to the original bond form.
4. Fax [AOC Form 385, Release from Custody](#) to the jail after the signed bond form is received. The release alerts the jail that you have received the bond form with the defendant's signature and the defendant may be released from jail.

Complete bond form, have surety sign  
 Fax form to where the defendant is lodged  
 AOC Form 385  
 Fax form to the jail where the defendant is lodged



### 12.5.2 Posting Bond in a County Where Defendant is Lodged

The circuit clerk (or jailer if so designated) of the county where the defendant is lodged may allow the defendant to post bond in that county.

1. Receipt the bond money (if a cash bond) as Money Collected for Others.
2. Forward the bond paperwork, (including a copy of the receipt) together with a check for the amount of the bail bond to the clerk of the county where the defendant is charged.

**Quick Reference**  
 Receipt bond money  
 Forward bond paperwork to the county clerk where defendant is charged

### 12.6 *Sureties*

*RCr 4.30(2), KRS 431.510*

➤ The following persons cannot be sureties:

- Attorneys;
- Sheriffs and deputy sheriffs;
- Judges;
- Master commissioners and trial commissioners;
- Clerks and deputy clerks;
- For-profit bail bondsmen, whether individuals or corporations;
- Pretrial release officers.

**NOTE:** The surety (except an approved corporate surety, KRS 304.21-350) must be a resident of Kentucky or own real estate in Kentucky. This is not required on a full cash bond. RCr 4.30(1).

1. Require the surety (except an approved corporate surety, KRS 304.21-350) to complete and sign the Affidavit of Surety contained in the boxed area of AOC Form 365, Bail Bond, describing the property with which he/she will cover the amount of the bond. *This is not required on a full cash bond.* RCr 4.30(1).
2. The surety must have nonexempt value equal to the amount of the bond. If there are several sureties, their combined nonexempt worth must be equal to the amount of the bond. RCr 4.32. Each property owner has a \$5000 homestead exemption. KRS 427.060. *This is not required on a full cash bond.* RCr 4.30(1).

AOC Form 365, Bail Bond

## 12.7 *Bonds More Than \$10,000 Cash*

1. Prepare [IRS Form 8300, Transactions Received for More Than \\$10,000.00 Cash](#) when a bond is received for more than \$10,000.00 cash, for the following offenses:
  - Controlled Substances, KRS Chapter 218A; or
  - Money Laundering or Racketeering, KRS 506.120

### NOTES:

- Federal Form 8300, reports of cash payments over \$10,000.00 received in a trade or business, must be completed and submitted to the Internal Revenue Service within 15 days after receipt of such money. Mail the original of the form to the Internal Revenue Service.
  - You are responsible for filing IRS Form 8300, even if the jailer takes the bond. For more information, see the [Accounting Manual](#). It is acceptable for the circuit clerk, deputy clerk or bookkeeper to sign the form. You must retain a copy of every Form 8300 filed for a period of five years.
  - By January 31st of each year, you must provide a written statement to each person(s) named on each Form 8300 that you filed during the previous year. This statement must include your name and address; your title, (circuit clerk); your office phone number and the total amount of reportable cash received from the person(s) during the year. The statement must include the fact that you are reporting the information to the Internal Revenue Service.
  - Civil and criminal penalties may be imposed for willful non-compliance with these guidelines.
2. In box #34 on the form type - Bail posted for (state specific criminal offense).
  3. If the case number is available, include it on the form.
  4. Enter the Cash received from the person. This includes the following:
    - US Currency totaling more than \$10,000.
    - Cashier's check, bank draft, money order or traveler's check less than \$10,000 combined with US Currency to total more than \$10,000.
    - Cashier's check, bank draft, money order or traveler's check less than \$10,000 combined with another cashier's check, bank draft, money order or traveler's check less than \$10,000 to total more than \$10,000.
    - This includes the amount of bail plus any fees (such as bail bond fee) if the total including fees makes the bond total over \$10,000.
    - Cash does not include personal checks, regardless of the amount.

### Quick Reference

IRS Form 8300

Mail form within 15 days

*Internal Revenue Service*

*Detroit Computing Center*

P.O. Box 32621  
Detroit, MI 48232

By 1/31 each year, provide a written statement to each person named on each IRS Form 8300 filed the previous year

5. Make a copy of the original form and after marking through the social security number, distribute copies as follows:
  - File one copy in the respective case file and retain for five years.
  - One copy to the bookkeeper in your office.
  - In case of an IRS audit, contact your AOC Judicial Auditor.
  - The U.S. Attorney in the district where the defendant resides.
  - The U.S. Attorney in the jurisdiction where the offense was committed if different from the defendant’s Residence.

**NOTES:**

- For attorney mailing addresses throughout the country, see the [United States Attorneys' Offices Contact Information list](#).
- For additional information, see the [Accounting Manual](#).

**Quick Reference**  
 Make copies of the IRS Form 8300, cross out the Social Security number, and distribute accordingly

### 12.8 *Refunds*

*RCr 4.44; RCr 4.48; KRS 431.545*

A court order is required to release or refund a bond. For more information, see the [Accounting Manual](#).

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. File a document screen. Use document type **OREF**.

Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OREF**

### 12.9 *Property Bond Release*

1. Complete [AOC Form 366 Property Bond Lien Release Notification](#).
2. Deliver the form, together with the lien release fee collected at the time the bond was filed, to the County Clerk of the county where the real estate is situated. The lien on the real estate must be discharged and the release recorded in the margin by the county court clerk. RCr 4.44(3).
3. Enter the form on a document screen. Use document type **PBR**.
4. Within seven days of the release by the county clerk, send notice of the release to the property owner.

**NOTE: Lack of good cause for delay in releasing a lien will result in a daily fine of \$100.00 TO \$500.00. KRS 382.365.**

AOC Form 366  
  
 Document type **PBR**  
 Send notice of release to property owner

### 12.10 *Disposition of Bail Bond Monies*

When the court orders discharge of the bail bond upon compliance with conditions of release, release the bond and distribute the bail bond money.

### 12.10.1 Money Deposited by Defendant

- **10 Percent Bond**
  - Defendant found not guilty or case dismissed, return full amount. KRS 431.530(5).
  - Defendant found guilty, retain 10 percent of amount deposited but not less than \$5.00; on defendant's request via a bond assignment, pay defendant's attorney of record. KRS 431.530(3), (4); RCr 4.46.
  - If a percentage bond other than a 10% bond is posted, do not retain any percentage of the amount deposited.
- **Other Amount of Cash**
  - Defendant found not guilty or case dismissed, return full amount. KRS 431.535(6); RCr 4.44(2).
  - Defendant found guilty, on court order, pay fine and/or costs; on defendant's request via a bond assignment, pay attorney; return any remainder without retaining any percentage. RCr 4.44(2); 4.46.
- **Stocks and Bonds**

Defendant found guilty, not guilty or case dismissed, return full amount. KRS 431.535(6).

### 12.10.2 Money deposited by surety:

- **10 Percent Bond**
  - Defendant found not guilty or case dismissed, return full amount. KRS 431.532(4).
  - Defendant found guilty, retain 10% of amount deposited but not less than \$5.00. KRS 431.532(2), RCr 4.44(2).
  - If a percentage bond other than a 10% bond is posted, do not retain any percentage of the amount deposited.
- **Other Amount of Cash**

Defendant found guilty, not guilty or case dismissed, return full amount. KRS 431.535(6).
- **Stocks and Bonds**

Defendant found guilty, not guilty or case dismissed, return full amount. KRS 431.535(6).
- **Bond Assignment**

When the bond is posted by a surety, the bond assignment must be made by the surety. Acceptance of the bond assignment by the Circuit Clerk creates an obligation for which the clerk is liable. The Circuit Clerk is liable if money is released to an improper party. See Bond Assignments in the [Accounting Manual](#).

**NOTE:** Money deposited by a surety cannot be applied to fines and costs without consent of the surety.

12.11 *Forfeitures*

RCr 4.42, RCr 4.48

1. If the court schedules a bond forfeiture hearing, complete a scheduled events screen for the next available court date. Use the scheduled events code **BFH**. The hearing is to determine if the bond should be forfeited.
2. Send notice of the hearing to the defendant and the defendant’s surety, if any.
3. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
4. File on a document screen. Use document type **OFB**. RCr 4.48(4).

**NOTE:** If the district court orders a forfeiture and the amount is beyond its jurisdiction, or if real estate is involved, send a copy of the district court’s order and the bond to the circuit court. RCr 4.48(2). In circuit court, open the case following instructions in the Case Add section of KYCourts Manual. Generate the next circuit civil **CI** number or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **OTH**.

5. Serve a copy of the order by first class mail on the defendant and the surety at their last known addresses. RCr 4.48(1).
6. The defendant or surety has 20 days after service of the order, or return of not found to appear. Create a tickler system for 30 days from the date the order is mailed by completing a scheduled events screen. RCr 4.48(1).
7. If the defendant or surety request a hearing, complete a scheduled events screen for the next available court date. Use scheduled event code **BFH**.

**NOTE:** This hearing is not for the purpose of determining whether bond should be forfeited, but is for the purpose of determining whether the court’s prior order of forfeiture should be reversed.

8. If no hearing is requested, after the 30 days have elapsed, deliver the case file to the judge.
9. When a signed judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment; add the date and your initials.
10. Enter on a document screen and give notice of entry by mailing a copy of the judgment to the defendant and surety.

**NOTE:** When a bond is forfeited, the defendant or surety may be liable for the full amount of the bond, even if a lesser amount was deposited. RCr 4.48(1).

11. Forfeit the bond. For more information, see the [Accounting Manual](#) or contact your judicial auditor.
12. If the forfeiture is a property bond, immediately send the judgment of forfeiture to each county clerk where the land is located. RCr 4.48(4).

Quick Reference	
Scheduled events code	<b>BFH</b>
Send notice of hearing to defendant/surety	Enter, date, initial
Document type	<b>OFB</b>
Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> case	Case type <b>OTH</b>
Create a tickler system	
Scheduled events code	<b>BFH</b>
Enter, date, initial	
Forfeit the bond	

## 12.12 *Surrender of Defendant*

RCr 4.50

### 12.12.1 Exoneration

- At any time before forfeiture, any surety or any party acting at the request of the surety, may move the court before which the defendant has been held to answer, for exoneration from liability on the bond or recognizance and that any money or bonds that have been deposited as bail be returned to the surety. The motion must be in writing and served upon all parties.
  - After a hearing upon the motion, for good cause shown, the court may exonerate the surety or sureties, subject to the interests of any valid lienholder, from liability on the bond or recognizance. Any money or bonds that have been deposited as bail shall be returned to the surety or sureties once the defendant is remanded to custody or released on such conditions required by the court.
1. Upon receipt of a motion to exonerate, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  2. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen and file the motion by completing a motion screen.
  3. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen.
  4. Do not refund any money or bonds held pursuant to the court's order until the defendant is remanded to custody or released on such conditions required by the court.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Enter, date, initial

### 12.12.2 Bail Posted in One Court, Proceedings in Another Court

1. If bond is posted in district court but the case is transferred to circuit court, send the bond papers to circuit court with the rest of the case file. RCr 3.22, 4.54(1).
2. In cases involving change of venue, send the bond and any deposits to the court where venue has been ordered. RCr 3.12, 3.22, 8.26.

12.13 *Bonds and Sureties in Civil Cases*

[Process Map](#)

KRS 30A.060, 454.180 to 454.190, CR 4.11, CR 65.05, CR 81A

- There are various types of civil bonds that may be filed with the clerk. The amount of the bond is set by the court and is usually equivalent to the judgment or amount of property being secured. When in doubt as to the proper amount of a bond, consult the presiding judge.
- A bond pursuant to CR 4.11 may be posted to secure the property of a party who has been constructively served. This bond guarantees the compliance of the filing party in the event the constructively served party files for relief from a judgment within one year after its entry. The amount of the bond shall be fixed at not less than the fair market value of the property awarded in the judgment.
- A bond pursuant to CR 65.05 may be required for temporary injunctions or restraining orders. For more information, see [Temporary Injunctions and Restraining Orders](#).
- You are responsible for the sufficiency of any surety accepted by you or your deputy. KRS 30A.060.
  1. When a civil bond is filed, require the surety to make an affidavit to show qualification. KRS 454.180, KRS 454.185. Taking the affidavit relieves you of liability for taking insufficient surety if the surety falsifies their financial situation. *Commonwealth v. Lewis*, 181 Ky. 804, 205 S.W. 921 (1918).
  2. Verify affidavit requirements. The surety must:
    - Be a resident of Kentucky.
    - Be worth double the sum to be secured, beyond debts.
    - Have property in Kentucky, not exempt from execution, equal to the amount of bond.

Refuse any surety if you are in doubt as to the sufficiency to cover the amount of the bond. If your judge orders you to take a bond you must do so; the order protects you from liability for taking an insufficient bond.

3. Collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.
4. File the bond and affidavit by completing a document screen. Use document type **BSUR**. You may file the affidavit as an attachment in the memo.

**NOTE:** The following governmental agencies are exempt from giving bond in order to bring an action, take any steps in a proceeding, indemnify a party, or stay the enforcement of a judgment. CR 81A, KRS 454.190.

- The United States.
- The Commonwealth of Kentucky, its cities, counties, or other political subdivisions, their agencies or officers acting for them.

**Quick Reference**

Require surety to make an affidavit

Verify affidavit requirements

Collect bond filing fee

Document type **BSUR**



12.14 *Replevin Bond*

[Process Map](#)

KRS 426.450 - 426.470

1. The judgment debtor may postpone collection of most money judgments for three months by posting a replevin bond with surety. KRS 426.450.
2. Judgments which cannot be replevied are:
  - A judgment to enforce a lien;
  - A judgment against a collecting officer, attorney or agency in a suit for neglect of failure to fulfill his/her duties;
  - A judgment of a surety against his/her principal;
  - A judgment upon a debt due by obligation having the force of a judgment;
  - A judgment for specific property or its value;
  - A judgment on a sale, replevin, or forthcoming bond. KRS 426.470.
3. Require the surety to make an affidavit to show qualification. KRS 454.180, 454.185. Taking the affidavit relieves you of liability for taking insufficient surety if the financial information is falsified. *Commonwealth vs. Lewis*, 181 Ky. 804, 205 S.W. 921 (1918).
4. Verify affidavit requirements.

The surety must:

- Be a resident of Kentucky.
- Be worth double the sum to be secured, beyond debts.
- Have property in Kentucky, not exempt from execution, equal to the amount of bond.

Refuse any surety if you are in doubt as to the surety's sufficiency to cover the amount of bond. If your judge orders you to take a bond you must do so; the order protects you from liability for taking an insufficient bond.

5. Collect a bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.
6. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.
7. Complete a document screen. Use document type **BO**.

**Quick Reference**

Require the surety to make an affidavit

Verify affidavit requirements

Collect bond filing fee

File, date, initial

Document type **BO**

## 12.15 *Bonds in Appeals Cases*

[Process Map](#)

### 12.15.1 Civil Cases

- A supersedeas bond is security posted by the appealing party (who has lost a lawsuit in a lower court) to compensate the opposing party for the legal expenses in case it wins also in the higher (appellate) court. Supersedeas bonds are only available in civil cases. For more information, see [Appeals](#).

- [AOC Form 155](#), Supersedeas Bond

1. A civil appellant may give a supersedeas bond to stay enforcement of judgment pending appeal. RAP 63(B). The trial court retains jurisdiction to determine all matters related to the right to file a supersedeas bond, (the amount, sufficiency, and surety) even after a notice of appeal or other appellate steps have been taken. RAP 63(C)(2).
2. KRS 411.187 establishes a \$100 million cap on any supersedeas bond for punitive or exemplary damages on a civil judgment that is appealed. By court order, the cap may be lifted and the bond requirement reinstated to the full amount of the judgment. This provision applies to all civil actions including pending appeals.
3. You or the trial court judge may approve the bond for good and sufficient surety.

The bond must (unless the court orders otherwise):

- Show the surety's address; (the surety must be someone other than the appellant) *Webb v. Webb*, Ky., 500 S.W.2d 59 (1973); (there is no restriction against a corporation of which the appellant is president signing appellant's bond as surety); RAP 63(B)(1);
  - Undertake to pay the amount of the judgment stayed, plus interest, costs and any modification by the appellate court; RAP 63(B)(1)-(2);
  - If the judgment concerns particular property, or, if the property is held by the sheriff, the amount of the bond need cover only damages for use of property plus interest and costs. RAP 63(B)(3).
4. Collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.
  5. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond and affidavit; add the date and your initials.
  6. Complete a document screen. Use document type **AFF**.
  7. Mail a copy of the bond to all appellees. RAP 5(D).
  8. Make a notation of the mailing in the document screen memo where the bond is filed.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 155

Approve the bond

Collect bond filing fee

File, date, initial

Document type **AFF**

12.15.2 Criminal Cases

1. Provisions governing bail on pretrial release apply to bail on appeal. RCr 12.78(3).
2. If the judge does not order a change in the bail, it remains effective.
3. If the judge orders any changes in the bail, prepare a new bond in accordance with the judge's instructions.
4. Collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.
5. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.
6. Complete a bail screen. For more information, see [Bail Detail Screen](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
7. Send a copy of the bond to the Commonwealth Attorney. RCr 12.80. Make a notation of the service in the bail screen memo.

Quick Reference	
	Collect bond filing fee
	File, date, initial
	Mail a copy of the bond to the Commonwealth Attorney

## 13 CALENDAR

### *CR 58(2)*

#### *District Court*

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- For more information, see [Judgments and Orders](#).
- You must keep a district court calendar for each court date. The calendar is created by completing a scheduled events screen. The calendar has space for the judge's notations on each case. These notations may include orders and judgments; therefore, maintenance of the calendar is very important. CR 58(2).
  1. Complete a scheduled event screen for the correct court date.
  2. In any criminal case in which the judge sets a new appearance date for payment of a fine or an installment, complete a scheduled event screen for that date.
    1. If payment is made in full on or before that date, cancel the scheduled event to reflect a DELSCH action. For more information, see [Counter Screen](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
    2. If an installment payment is made, create a new scheduled event with the new payment due date. Continue doing this until the fine is paid in full. This procedure allows for calendar control of the case until the fine is paid.
  3. The judge must sign each calendar page. This validates the judgments on that page. CR 58.
  4. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  5. Keep all original signed calendars in a master file by date or if single page dockets are used place original in individual case file. CR 79.01, CR. 79.03.

## 14 CIRCUIT CRIMINAL CASES

[Process Map](#)

- A circuit criminal case is commenced with the filing of an [indictment](#) or [information](#). An indictment is returned by the [Grand Jury](#) and an information is filed by the commonwealth attorney.

### 14.1 *Misdemeanor Indictments*

1. An indictment returned by the Grand Jury for a [misdemeanor](#), not joined with a [felony](#) charged in the same indictment, shall be docketed in [district court](#). RCr 5.20.
2. If the misdemeanor charge came from a district court case, file the indictment for the misdemeanor in that case file.
3. When a [No True Bill](#) is returned on a misdemeanor, the circuit judge shall release the defendant from custody and/or exonerate bond. RCr 5.22. Place a copy of the NTB in the district court file. If an NTB is returned on a direct submission, place the NTB in the grand jury report file.

### 14.2 *Circuit Criminal: Indictments Joined with a Felony*

- An indictment for a misdemeanor joined with a felony shall be docketed in **circuit court**. RCr 5.20.
  1. Upon receipt of an indictment or information, apply the **FILED** stamp to the indictment or information; add the date and your initials. There is no filing fee in criminal cases. KRS 453.190(1).
  2. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instruction on opening the case and handling of multiple defendants. Use case type **CR**. Generate the next case number for circuit criminal **CR** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
 

**NOTE:** Open one case file and assign one case number when two or more offenses, whether felonies, misdemeanors, violations, or any combination thereof, are charged in the same or related indictment, information, served criminal complaint or citation, where the offenses are of the same or similar character or are based on the same acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common plan or scheme. See [Uniform Case Management Standards](#).
  3. Cross reference the circuit criminal case with the underlying district court case number by completing a cross reference screen, when applicable. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for specific instructions.
  4. Issue a warrant or summons as directed by the court.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Case type **CR**

### 14.3 *Administrative Procedure*

1. Set up a tickler system by completing a scheduled events screen for sixty days from the filing date of the indictment. At the end of the sixty-day period, print the calendar. Any case(s) wherein the warrant or summons on indictment is not served close the charge screen with **AP** Administrative Procedure.
2. Close the case by completing the disposition date and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
3. At such time as the warrant is returned served, complete a special status screen to reopen the case. Remove the disposition date and disposition type from the charge screen. Do not change disposition information on the case screen.

### 14.4 *Sealed Indictment*

1. If the court directs that the indictment be sealed, open the case in the sealed **SE** division utilizing case add. Do not disclose any information concerning the case.
2. Create a case “holder” in the **CI** division using your next CR number so the sealed case may be transferred to the circuit **CI** division at such time as the case becomes a public record.
1. In the circuit CI division add the case holder by completing a party screen using **SEALED PARTY** for the defendant and complaining witness party names.
2. In the circuit **CI** division complete a case screen only using the case number assigned to the case in the **SE** division. Enter the style of the case as **SEALED RECORD**. Enter the original filing date, case type of **SE** sealed, and disposition date the same as the filing date. Enter the judge who sealed the indictment as the open judge and judge at disposition.
3. At such time as the case becomes public record (unsealed), through [Case Level Maintenance](#), delete the case in the circuit **CI** division and transfer the case from the sealed **SE** division to the circuit **CI** division.

**Quick Reference**

**CI** Division  
Circuit **CI** Division

**SE** Division  
Enter **SEALED RECORD**

### 14.5 *Amended Indictment*

1. Upon receipt of an amended indictment, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File the amended indictment by completing a document screen in the already existing/originating case. Use document type **OAI**.
3. Amend the charge(s) screen, as appropriate, to reflect the charges added or otherwise amended.
4. Follow the court's direction for issuance of a summons or bench warrant.
5. Complete a scheduled events screen as directed by the court.
6. When a return of service is received, enter the return information on the warrant or summons screen.
7. When a hearing or trial is scheduled, calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Document type **OAI**

### 14.6 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description. Distribute [notice of entry](#) to every party. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the distribution of the notice of entry of the judgment or order.
3. An order from the court showing the defendant incompetent to stand trial; not guilty by reason of insanity; or guilty but mentally ill may subject the defendant to a firearm prohibition. See [Firearm Prohibition](#).

Enter, date, initial

NOE

### 14.7 *Charge Closing*

1. When a judgment or order disposes of a charge, close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge, trial type, original plea and final plea fields. For more information, see [Pleas](#).

**NOTES:**

- Court trial is entered as trial type disposition only when an actual trial is held. Except for the jury being present, the same set of circumstances as a jury trial must exist, i.e., opening statements by attorneys, cross-examination of witnesses, closing arguments and a finding by the court. The entry of a guilty plea in open court is not a court trial.
- If a court trial or jury trial has been entered as the trial type, an original plea and final plea must be entered.

- If an original plea has been entered, a final plea must be entered whether or not the defendant changes the plea. If no plea is entered, (example: charge is dismissed at arraignment), original and final plea are both left blank. Original plea and final plea reflect what the defendant has entered regardless of a different finding by the court.

**Conviction Reporting**

Charge Date	Process	Exception
Before 7-1-2020	Report conviction date to Division of Driver Licensing at time of sentencing.	<p>If sentencing does not occur at the time of finding of guilt or entry of guilty plea, refer to <a href="#">KyCourts Manual</a> for instructions on deleting the conviction report.</p> <p>When sentencing occurs, enter the length of time the defendant’s operators’ license is suspended/revoked.</p>
On or After 7-1-2020	Report conviction date to Division of Drivers Licensing at time of sentencing.	

Refer to instructions in KyCourts Manual for disposition of offenses reportable to Driver Licensing. Also see [Conviction Reporting](#).

14.8 *Sentence*

1. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a sentence screen.
 

**NOTE:** If the defendant is sentenced to time and the time is suspended or conditionally discharged, enter the time assessed in the "total sentenced" field. Enter time suspended or conditionally discharged in the "suspended" or "conditionally discharged" field.
2. When all charges in the case have been disposed of and the defendant has been sentenced, complete the disposition date and judge at disposition fields ONLY on the case screen.
3. If the judgment imposes a sentence of death or confinement, provide the sheriff with two certified copies of the judgment. RCr 11.22.



## 14.9 *Court Costs, Fees, and Fines*

- Court costs are not assessed unless there is a conviction. Absent a finding of indigency, imposition of court costs is mandatory anytime there is a conviction.

### 14.9.1 Initial Assessment and Setting Show Cause Date for Installment Payments

1. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. Court costs are based upon the following:
  - Offenders will pay the court costs in effect on the violation date shown on the citation or indictment plus library fee and court facilities fee, if applicable.
  - Refer questions about receipting court costs to your Judicial Auditor.
2. Apply payments first to court costs, then to restitution, then to fees, and finally to fines, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Contact your Judicial Auditor if you receive a court order directing you to apply payments in a different fashion.
3. If the court establishes an installment plan for the offender, schedule a show cause hearing using scheduled event type **SCIP** as ordered by the court.
4. The defendant shall be given notice of the total amount due, the payment frequency, and the date by which all payments are made.
  1. The notice shall instruct the defendant that if he or she has not complied with the installment payment plan by the scheduled date, he or she shall appear on that date to show cause as to why he/she is unable to satisfy the obligations.
  2. The notice shall be given to the defendant in writing on a form provided by the AOC. Use [AOC-465.1](#) (Fine & Cost List with Order to Show Cause For Non-payment) or [AOC 465.2](#) (Order for Deferred or Installment Payments or Courts, Fees, and Fines with Show Cause Order).

**Quick Reference**

Event type **SCIP**

Apply payments first to:

Court Costs  
Restitution  
Fee  
Fines

### 14.9.2 Failure to Pay or Appear at Show Cause Hearing

- The response of a court to nonpayment shall be determined only after the court costs, fees, or fines have not been paid and either a show cause hearing has been held, or the defendant has failed to appear at the show cause hearing. Every warrant for arrest issued shall include a notice to the jailer that the defendant shall be released upon payment or completion of daily credit pursuant to KRS 534.070.
  1. If defendant fails to appear at a show cause hearing, the judge may issue a warrant for the defendant’s arrest.
  2. If a bench warrant is issued, include in the Bail memo in KYCourts the total amount of court costs, fees, and fines owed by defendant.

### 14.9.3 Jail Credit

- Defendants incarcerated for failure to pay court costs, fees, or fines (or for failure to appear and show cause for nonpayment) are entitled to a jail credit for time spent against the amount owed. Unless the defendant is incarcerated pursuant to orders in other cases, upon service of sufficient days in jail to have sufficient credit to satisfy the court costs, fees, or fines, the defendant shall be released from jail.

Credit is applied by the jailer at the following rates for each day spent in jail:

- \$50 per day if no community service is performed
- \$100 per day if (8) eight hours of community service is performed
- 1/8 of \$100 for each hour worked

**NOTE:** The jailer is responsible for tracking the amount of credit the defendant has earned and filing the [AOC 426 \(Notice of Jail Credit\)](#).

1. Upon receipt from the jailer of AOC 426 (Notice of Jail Credit), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document code **NJC**. Enter the amount of credit earned in the box provided. Refer to the Jail Credit section in the [Accounting Manual](#) for information about applying the credit.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial  
  
Document code **NJC**

### 14.10 *Incompetency Determination*

1. If an order is entered finding a defendant incompetent to stand trial, mail a copy of the order to the **State Board of Elections**. KRS 30A.145.
2. A person found incompetent to stand trial may be subject to a firearm prohibition. See [Firearms Prohibition](#).
3. A person found incompetent to stand trial is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle during the period of the person’s incompetency. KRS 186.560.
4. Upon a finding of incompetency for any charge using disposition type **INC – Incompetent to Stand Trial**; an abstract reporting record will be generated notifying DOT.
5. When the individual is found competent to stand trial, manually enter a **COR – correction record** for each charge in which a report was generated due to the **INC** disposition.

*State Board of Elections  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

Disposition type **INC – Incompetent to Stand Trial**

Manually enter **COR**  
Disposition type **INC**

### License Surrendering Procedures

- Confiscate license. KRS 186.440, or
- Have defendant sign a Transportation Cabinet Division of Drivers Licensing Form TC 94-9 Denial Statement indicating defendant does not possess a driver's license, or

- Issue a duplicate license and confiscate. KRS 186.440. The location code should match the issuing location, but the issuing location will not match the address for an out-of-county conviction.

### 14.11 *Pretrial Diversion of a Class D Felony*

KRS 533.250 - 533.262

1. Upon receipt of an [AOC Form 347](#), Motion for Pretrial Diversion of Class D Felony is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen and file the motion by completing a motion screen using motion code **PDDF**.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 347  
 File, date, initial  
 Motion code **PDDF**

#### 14.11.1 **Order**

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description. Use document type **OGMPD** if the order grants the motion or **ODMPD** if the order denies the motion.
3. Serve [notice of entry](#) as shown in the distribution list at the bottom of the form. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of the order.
4. If the order grants the motion for pretrial diversion:
  - Close the charge screen by completing the disposition type as **DIV** (Diversion).
  - Schedule the date the charge is to be dismissed by completing a scheduled events screen. Enter in the memo field of the scheduled events screen, "Dismissed/Diverted."
  - Close the case screen by completing the disposition date field with the date the court ordered diversion and the judge at disposition field.

Enter, date, initial  
 Motion granted-  
**OGMPD**  
 Motion denied-  
**ODMPD**  
 NOE  
 Disposition type **DIV**  
 Enter scheduled events  
**Dismissed/Diverted**

#### 14.11.2 **Diversion Successfully Completed**

At the end of the pretrial diversion period when a signed order is received ordering the charge dismissed/diverted, overlay the disposition type and date on the charge screen with the disposition of **DD** (dismissed/diverted) and the date of the order. Do not change the disposition date on the case screen.

### 14.12 *Voiding of Pretrial Diversion of a Class D Felony*

1. Upon receipt of a motion to void the pretrial diversion of a Class D Felony, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen and file the motion by completing a motion screen.
3. Reopen the case statistically. Refer to the [Special Status Detail Screen](#) Section of the KyCourts Manual.
4. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 346](#), Order Voiding Pretrial Diversion of Class D Felony, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description. Use document type **OVPD**. Find original document code OGMPD Order Granting Motion for Pretrial Diversion and add disposition date and disposition code RSBE Report to State Board of Elections (SBE).
6. Serve [notice of entry](#) as shown in the distribution list at the bottom of the form. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of the order.
7. If the order grants the motion to void the pretrial diversion, schedule a sentencing hearing as directed by the order by completing a scheduled events screen.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Schedule hearing

AOC Form 346  
Enter, date, initial

Document type **OVPD**

NOE

#### 14.12.1 **Sentencing**

When the defendant is sentenced and a signed [AOC Form 445](#), Judgment and Sentence on Plea of Guilty, is received:

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, using document type **JSPG** and including a brief description.
3. Serve notice of entry as shown in the distribution list at the bottom of the form. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of the order.
4. Overlay the disposition type and disposition date on the charge screen according to the court's order.
5. Complete a sentence screen, if appropriate.
6. Reclose the case by completing a special status screen. Refer to [Special Status Detail Screen](#) Section of KyCourts Manual for instructions.
7. To report convictions, see [conviction reporting](#) in this chapter.

AOC Form 445

Enter, date, initial

Document type **JSPG**

NOE

Overlay disposition

Complete sentence screen

14.13 *Order to Corrections Cabinet*

All court orders, opinions, or judgments relating to the custody of a convicted felon shall be emailed to **Justice.OIS-Court-Documents@ky.gov**.

**Quick Reference**  
Justice.OIS-Court-Documents@ky.gov

14.14 *Order Involving Youthful/Public Offenders*

When you have entered a sentencing order involving juveniles charged as youthful offenders/public offenders:

Mail a copy to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

If a youthful offender is found guilty of specified charges, serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on the principal of the school attended by the child as directed in the order.

*Department of Juvenile Justice*  
1025 Capital Center Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601  
NOE to school principal

14.15 *Sex Offender Registration Form*

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order: Probation and Parole Form P:227, Sex Offender Duty To Register Notification Form, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **ORSO**.
3. Give [notice of entry](#) of the judge’s order by distributing a copy of the form as shown in the distribution list at the bottom of the form.

Enter, date, initial  
  
Document type **ORSO**  
  
NOE

14.16 *Sex Offender Registration Non-Compliance Notice*

1. Upon receipt of a notification of non-compliance by a defendant of requirements of the Sex Offender Registry (KRS 17.510 (13)(b)), apply the **FILED** stamp to the notification; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **NON**.

**NOTE:** If the notification is received in a county other than the county of conviction, file in a miscellaneous file labeled "Out of County Sex Offender Non-Compliance Notices."

3. Mail or hand-deliver a copy to the commonwealth attorney.
4. Notify the judge of the notification of non-compliance. Schedule a hearing as directed by the court or pursuant to motion or notice from the commonwealth attorney.
5. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. Enter the order on the document screen (or manual docket sheet if the notification is received in a county other than the county of conviction). Distribute [notice of entry](#) on every party. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of distribution of notice of entry of order.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Document type **NON**

Enter, date, initial

Enter order on document screen  
NOE

14.17 *Interpersonal Protective Order Following Stalking or Sexual Assault Offense Convictions*

14.18 *Kentucky Rule of Evidence (KRE) 412 Hearing in Rape and Similar Cases*

- Procedure to determine admissibility of evidence.

For hearings held pursuant to KRE 412(c)(2), motions and related papers together with the audio or video tape of the hearing must be sealed and remain sealed unless the court orders otherwise.

1. When the motion(s) and related papers are received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a motion or document screen as appropriate. If the pleading is a motion, schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.
3. Place the motion or other pleading in an envelope; mark the envelope **CONFIDENTIAL**; add the date and your initials. Seal the envelope.
4. Place the sealed envelope in the case file.

**NOTE:** If an audio or video hearing is held, place the tape of such hearing in an envelope; mark the envelope **CONFIDENTIAL**; add the date and your initials. Seal the envelope.

Place the sealed envelope in the case file.

5. Do not release the sealed envelope(s) from your custody except when actually used in the action or proceeding. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope(s) from the case file.
6. An individual seeking to view the sealed envelope(s) must secure a court order giving him/her access.
7. When the case is closed, maintain the confidentiality of the pleadings.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial</p>
<p>Mark envelope <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p>
<p>Mark envelope <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b></p>

## 15 CITATIONS

### *KRS 431.450*

*District Court*

[Process Map](#)

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The circuit clerk has a statutory duty to "maintain a system of accountability for all citations issued ... to assure that citations are not wrongfully destroyed, tampered with, or otherwise compromised in any manner." KRS 431.450(3).

- [eCitation](#)
- [Transmittal Log](#)
- [Pre-payable Citations](#)
- [Court Appearance Citations](#)
- [Fish/Wildlife Citations](#)
- [Court Costs, Fees, and Fines](#)
- [DUI Citations](#)
- [CDL Citations](#)
- [Motor Carrier Citations](#)

#### 15.1 *eCitation*

Citations are generated electronically through a program known as [eCitation](#). Law enforcement officials will enter the citation/offense information into the eCitation program which will then be available for the clerk's office to retrieve electronically.

- [Pre-payable](#) and [Court Appearance Citations](#) (KRS 431.450, KRS 431.452) may be electronically processed. Refer to the Pre-payable and Court Appearance Citations sections in this chapter and the [eCitation](#) User Guide for additional information.
- Citations issued for a service of a warrant or a summons must be processed manually.



**NOTES:**

- Do not open a case file on a citation with a UOR code for serving a warrant or summons.
- If a copy of a citation is received by the clerk **prior** to the original citation being submitted to your office (outside of eCitation); create a case in the case management system utilizing the copy. When the original citation is received by the court and you attempt to add the case using citation entry, a message will display indicating that the citation has already been utilized and provide the case number associated with that citation number. When the original citation is received, stamp it filed; add the date and your initials. Place the original in the case file.
- If a prepayable offense is cited with a non-prepayable offense, the officer will cite the violator to court. If the judge dismisses the non-prepayable offense PRIOR to the court date listed on the citation, the prepayable offense may be prepaid and the violator is not required to appear in court.
- eCitation will add the case to the case management system generating the next case number in the computer for Traffic (TR), or Misdemeanor (MI), or Felony (FE) cases.
- When processing a citation, if the officer has submitted an incorrect court date, you must correct the date after citation processing by retrieving the case in KYCourts and updating the scheduled events screen. If a clerk must assign or correct a court date and time, the clerk must issue a court notice to the defendant of the correct court event.

**Quick Reference**

Add date and initials

**BEST PRACTICE:** When possible always create a case using the original citation. Creating a case from a copy should only be done when absolutely necessary.

**CASE TYPE:**  
 Traffic- **TR**  
 Misdemeanor- **MI**  
 Felony- **FE**

**15.1.1 Transmittal Log**

A transmittal log must be printed each day from eCitations indicating all transmitted and processed citations. This is in accordance with KRS 431.455(2), which requires peace officers or other persons to whom uniform citations are distributed to properly account for citations issued and transmitted.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the transmittal list; add the date and your initials.
2. File in a master file.
3. Check the citations against the transmittal list. If there are any discrepancies, report them to the law enforcement agency involved. If you have reason to believe that citations are reported inaccurately, report the problem to Legal Services at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

File, date, initial

## 15.2 *Manual Processing*

Cases may be opened by completing the [Citation Entry](#) screen in KyCourts when a case cannot be processed electronically using the eCitation program.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the citation; add the date and your initials.
2. Open the case by completing the Citation Entry Screen(s).
  1. If the case is prepayable, check the prepayable box.
  2. Enter the complaining witness in the Person # field.
  3. Complete the Scheduled Events portion:
    - Event Type - **ARR** Arraignment;
    - Court date - Enter the date shown on the citation;
    - Judge - **NA** Not Applicable;
    - Court Time - Arraignment Time

(NOTE: If prepayable, you may set the scheduled time for an “off-time” in order that the prepayable calendar will print separately from court appearance cases);

    - Court Code - Courtroom number, if applicable.
3. Generate the next case number in the computer for Traffic (T), Felony (F), or Misdemeanor (M) Cases.

**NOTE:** Open one case file and assign one case number when two or more offenses, whether felonies, misdemeanors, violations, or any combination thereof, are charged in the same or related indictment, information, served criminal complaint or citation, where the offenses are of the same or similar character or are based on the same acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common plan or scheme. See [Uniform Case Management Standards](#).

**NOTE:** If offenses are mixed in nature on a district court criminal complaint, i.e., felonies, misdemeanors and/or traffic charges in some combination, the case type assigned will be that of the most serious offense. For exceptions see: [Case Numbering](#).

### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Traffic- **T**

Misdemeanor- **M**

Felony **F**

Event type **ARR**

Generate the next **T, F,**  
or **M** case

### 15.2.1 Mental Health Citation

Do not open a case file if you receive a citation charging a defendant with:

**UOR Code 030040**, 60/360 Day Involuntary Hospitalization of Mentally Ill Person; or

**UOR Code 030050**, Emergency Detention; or

**UOR Code 030080**, Involuntary Commitment of Individual with Alleged Intellectual Disabilities

Retain the citation by stapling it to the transmittal log submitted with the citation. If other charges are listed on the citation, file and process the citation but do not complete a charge screen for any charges with the codes listed herein. See [Mental Health](#).

### 15.3 *Payment of Pre-Payable Citation*

*KRS 431.452 and KRS Chapters 150, 177, 189, 235, 281.*

- For any violation shown on the [pre-payable chart](#) (speeding 1 to 25 mph over the limit), the defendant may elect to pay the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in [Accounting Manual](#), to the circuit clerk before the date of his/her trial or be tried in the normal manner. Payment of the fine and court costs to the clerk shall be considered a plea of guilty for all purposes. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185.

**NOTE:** Citations issued to a defendant under the age of 18 per the charge date are NOT prepayable and will be cited to court. See Section [Traffic Citations to Minors](#).

Payment is due before the court date shown on the citation. KRS 431.452(3)(c).

See [Pre-Payable Fine Chart](#).

1. Collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. See [Court Costs, Fees, and Fines](#).
2. When payment is made, close the Charge screen by completing:
  - Disposition Date - Payment Date;
  - Disposition TPE - **PRPD** Prepayable Citation Paid;
  - Disposition Judge - **NA** Not Applicable;
  - Trial Type - **N** No Trial

**NOTE:** Refer to the [KyCourts Manual](#) for instructions on closing charges using the counter screen.

3. See [charge dispositions reportable to Division of Driver Licensing](#). Also see [Reporting Convictions](#) in this manual.
4. Complete a sentence screen by entering the Sentence Date, Judge as **N/A** Not Applicable and the amount of the fine and costs, and any other sentence details, e.g., STS.
5. When all charge dispositions in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the Disposition Date and Judge at Disposition.

### 15.4 *[Prepayable Fine Chart](#)*

#### **Speeding Prepayables:**

- Speeding fines in violation of KRS 189.390: [Click here](#).
- To view UOR Codes for Prepayable Speeding Offenses: see [UOR Codes](#).
- If the speeding charge is in a highway work zone area, the fine is double the amount shown.
- For speeding 21 to 25 mph over the limit in a 55 mph or greater speed zone, the prepayable fine shall be sixty dollars (\$60).

**Prepayable Overweight Offenses**

- When the excess load is 5000 lbs. or less, the fine is \$.02 per pound for each pound for excess load. KRS 189.990(2).
- When the excess load is over 5000 lbs., the statute provides that the fine is \$.02 per pound for each pound of excess load BUT the fine imposed must not be less than one hundred dollars (\$100) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500), i.e. between \$100 to \$500. Because an offender only has to pay the minimum fine amount if he/she chooses to prepay, the fine amount is \$100 for an overweight violation of more than 5000 lbs. KRS 189.990(2).
- To view Prepayable Overweight Offenses: See [UOR Codes](#).

**Other Prepayables and Clerk Calculated Pre-Payables:**

**NOTE:** In addition to the fine indicated, collect court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3).

**15.5 Parking Violations**

There are no costs on a prepaid parking citation when:

- The offender does not request a hearing and the fine is paid before the court date; and
- The citation does not involve parking in a fire lane or blocking the travel portion of the highway. KRS 24A.175(2).

**15.6 Seat Belt Violations**

There are no court costs on a citation for seat belt/Off Highway Vehicle Violations, whether prepaid or by court appearance, unless it is cited with another offense for which court costs are applicable. KRS 189.990(25),(31)

**15.7 Booster Seat Violations**

There are no court costs on a citation for a booster seat, whether prepaid or by court appearance, unless it is cited with another offense for which court costs are applicable. KRS 189.990(25). A person who has not been previously charged with a violation of KRS 189.125(3)(b) may elect to acquire a booster seat. Upon presentation of sufficient proof of the acquisition, the charge shall be dismissed and no fees or costs shall be imposed.

### 15.8 *KRS 189.580(1)(b) or 6(b) Offenses*

There is no fine or court cost on a citation for offenses under KRS 189.580(1)(b) or (6)(b) for Duty in case of accident/Movement of vehicle from roadway after accident/ Removal of vehicles obstructing roadway. KRS 189.993(12).

### 15.9 *Prepayable Citations Not Paid By Court Date*

1. When a prepayable traffic citation is not paid before the court date the defendant must appear in court.
2. Follow the judge's calendar order. When a signed calendar is received, it is an order or judgment for each case listed. CR 58. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** Notice of entry of judgment is not required in traffic or misdemeanor cases. RCr 12.06(3).

3. If the court establishes an installment plan for the offender, schedule a show cause hearing using event type **SCIP** as ordered by the court. Apply payments first to court costs, then to restitution, then to fees and finally to fines, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Contact your Judicial Auditor if you receive a court order directing you to apply payments in a different fashion.
4. If the defendant does not appear the court may issue a Failure to Appear. Close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type using FTA, disposition judge and trial type.

**NOTE:** An FTA disposition type will electronically notify the Kentucky Department of Transportation Division of Drivers Licensing.

5. Upon receipt of payment of the fine and costs close the charge screen by overlaying:
  - Disposition Date - payment date;
  - Disposition Type - **PRPD** Prepayable Citation Paid;
  - Disposition Judge - **NA** Not Applicable;
  - Trial Type - **N** No Trial
6. Upon payment and removal of the FTA disposition notification will be electronically transmitted to DDL at the Kentucky Department of Transportation. Click [here](#) for charge dispositions reportable to the Division of Driver Licensing.
7. Complete a sentence screen by entering the sentence date, Judge as **N/A** Not Applicable, the amount of the fine and costs and any other sentence ordered by the Court, e.g., STS. See KyCourts Manual for assistance in closing using [Counter Screen](#).

#### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial

Event type **SCIP**

8. When all charges in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the disposition date and judge at disposition fields.
9. If the defendant requests a court appearance, have your judge assign a court date (or you may do so if your judge directs) and enter on a scheduled events screen. Notify the defendant of the court date by court notice or summons as directed by your judge.

### 15.9.1 Court Notice

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the court notice; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen. Use document type **NH**. Deliver a copy of the notice to the defendant.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial Document type <b>NH</b></p>
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### 15.9.2 Summons

1. Generate a summons by completing the summons screen. Give to the sheriff or other peace officer for service. Do not make a copy for the file, the officer's return will provide a copy. When a return is received, enter the return information on the summons screen.

### 15.9.3 Judgment/Order

1. When a signed calendar is received, it is an order or judgment for each case listed. CR 58. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Notice of entry of judgment is not required in traffic or misdemeanor cases. RCr 12.06(3).
2. When the calendar disposes of a charge, close the charge screen(s) by adding disposition date, disposition type, judge, trial type, original plea and final plea fields.
3. See the [Pleas](#) section in this manual regarding criteria for entering court trial, jury trial, and plea information in the charge screen.
4. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a [Sentence Detail](#).
5. When all charge dispositions in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the Disposition Date and Judge at Disposition fields.
6. Place the original signed calendar in a master calendar file by date. It is not necessary to place a copy of the calendar in the case file.
7. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable as set in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3). See [Court Costs, Fees, and Fines](#).

15.9.4 Other Prepayables (Non-Traffic) Not Paid By Court Date:

- 1. Assign a court date as directed by your judge and enter on a scheduled events screen. Notify the defendant of the court date by court notice or summons as directed by your judge.

**Notice:** Apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen. Use document type **NH**. Mail a copy of the notice to the defendant.

**Summons:** Generate a summons by completing a summons screen. Use summons type **CR**. Give to the sheriff or other peace officer for service. Do not make a copy for the file, the officer's return will provide a copy. When a return is received, enter the return information on the summons screen.

- 2. When a signed calendar is received after the defendant’s court appearance, it is an order or judgment for each case listed. CR 58. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. RCr 12.06(3). Enter the information on the appropriate screen.

**NOTE:** Notice of entry of judgment is not required in traffic or misdemeanor cases.

- 3. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a sentence screen.
- 4. When the calendar disposes of a charge, close the charge screen(s) by adding disposition date, disposition type, judge, trial type, original plea and final plea fields.
- 5. Refer to instructions in KyCourts Manual for charge dispositions reportable to Division of Driver Licensing ([DDL Requirements](#)).
- 6. When all charge dispositions in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the disposition date and judge in disposition fields.
- 7. Place the original signed calendar in a master calendar file by date. It is not necessary to place a copy of the calendar in the case file.
- 8. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3). See [Court Costs, Fees, and Fines](#).

Quick Reference	
File, date, initial	Document type NH
Summons type CR	
Enter, date, initial	

## 15.10 *Court Appearance Citations*

*KRS 431.450, KRS 431.452*

### 15.10.1 Processing Court Appearance Citations

1. When a citation is received indicating a court appearance, schedule the case for arraignment on the next available court date.
2. When a signed calendar is received, it is an order or judgment for each case listed. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. CR 58. Enter the information from the calendar on the appropriate screen.

**NOTE:** Notice of Entry of judgment is not required in traffic or misdemeanor cases. RCr 12.06(3).

3. If the order or judgment imposes jail time, complete AOC Form 425, Order of Commitment and deliver to the transporting officer.
4. When the calendar disposes of a charge, close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge, trial type, original plea and final plea fields.
5. Refer to instructions in KyCourts Manual for charge dispositions reportable to Division of Driver Licensing ([DDL Requirements](#)).
6. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a sentence screen.
7. When all charges in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the disposition date and judge at disposition fields.
8. Place the original calendar in a master calendar file by date. It is not necessary to place a copy of the calendar in the case file.
9. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3).

**NOTE:** If a speeding charge is in a school zone where flasher lights have been installed and are flashing, the court will direct that the fine amount listed on the chart, located in the prepayable section herein, be doubled.

10. If a defendant is convicted of a second or subsequent charge of "No Insurance" (KRS 304.99-060), redocket the case for review in six (6) months for additional proof of security and payment receipt. If the license is suspended, copy the court calendar and mail to the Division of Drivers Licensing.

Enter, date, initial

AOC Form 425

### 15.10.2 Traffic Citations Issued to a Minor

*KRS 189.999*

All offenses under KRS 189.999 transmitted for a defendant under the age of 18 as of the charge date should be cited to court. The court shall not adjudicate a traffic violation involving a minor



unless the person who assumed liability for the minor under the provisions of KRS 186.590 is present. **DO NOT** accept prepayment prior to the court date.

1. Process a traffic citation issued to a minor the same as any other court appearance citation.
2. If a parent/guardian fails to appear in court with the minor reschedule the event at the court’s direction and mail a court notice to the parent/guardian of the minor; if the identity is not known, send “To the Parent/Guardian of [minor’s name]” to the address listed for the minor on the citation.

### 15.11 *Fish & Wildlife Citations*

- Any person who fails to appear pursuant to a citation or summons issued by a conservation officer or peace officer of this Commonwealth for violation of KRS 150 or any administrative regulation promulgated thereunder shall forfeit his or her license or, if that person is license-exempt, shall forfeit the privilege to perform the acts authorized by the license. The individual shall not be permitted to purchase another license or exercise the privileges granted by a license until the citation or summons is resolved. The court shall notify the department whenever a person has failed to appear pursuant to a citation or summons for a violation of this chapter or any administrative regulation promulgated thereunder. KRS 150.990.
- Process [Prepayable eCitations](#) and [Court Appearance Citations](#) issued by a conservation or peace officer for a violation of KRS Chapter 150 as indicated above.
- If a prepayable is not paid by the court date or the person fails to appear in your court proceed as directed below in addition to any action ordered by the judge.
  1. Photocopy the citation. The copy must be legible.
  2. Mark **FTA** on the face of the citation in red ink.
  3. Photocopy the marked copy of the citation. Retain this copy and file with the original citation in the case file.
  4. Mail the marked copy to **Department of Fish and Wildlife**.
  5. Enter disposition information on the charge screen(s) using **FTA** disposition type.
  6. When the citation has been satisfied, retrieve the photocopy marked **FTA** from the case file. Mark **SATISFIED** on the face of the photocopy in red ink. Mail the marked copy to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Quick Reference**  
 Mark **FTA**  
*Department of Fish and Wildlife*  
*Law Enforcement Division*  
*#1 Sportsman’s Lane*  
*Frankfort, KY 40601*

Disposition type **FTA**  
 Mark **SATISFIED**

### 15.12 *Court Costs, Fees, and Fines*

- Court costs, fees, and fines are not assessed unless there is a conviction. Absent a finding of indigency, imposition of court costs is mandatory anytime there is a conviction.
- Court costs are based upon the charge date. Offenders will pay the court costs in effect on the violation date shown on the citation plus library fee and court facilities fee, if applicable. Refer questions about receipting court costs to your Judicial Auditor.

### 15.12.1 Initial Assessment and Setting Show Cause Date for Installment Payments

1. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3). Court costs are based upon the following:
  - Offenders will pay the court costs in effect on the violation date shown on the citation or indictment plus library fee and court facilities fee, if applicable.
  - Refer questions about receipting court costs to your Judicial Auditor.
2. Apply payments first to court costs, then to restitution, then to fees and finally to fines, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Contact your Judicial Auditor if you receive a court order directing you to apply payments in a different fashion.
3. If the court establishes an installment plan for the offender, schedule a show cause hearing using scheduled event type **SCIP** as ordered by the court.
4. The defendant shall be given notice of the total amount due, the payment frequency, and the date by which all payments must be made.
  1. The notice shall instruct the defendant that if he or she has not complied with the installment payment plan by the scheduled date, he or she shall appear on that date to show cause as to why he/she is unable to satisfy the obligations.
  2. The notice shall be given to the defendant in writing on a form provided by the AOC. Use AOC-465.1 (Fine & Cost List with Order to Show Cause For Non-payment) or AOC 465.2 (Order for Deferred or Installment Payments or Courts, Fees, and Fines with Show Cause Order).

Event type **SCIP**

### 15.12.2 Failure to Pay or Appear at Show Cause Hearing

- The response of a court to nonpayment shall be determined only after the court costs, fees, or fines have not been paid and either a show cause hearing has been held, or the defendant has failed to appear at the show cause hearing. Every warrant for arrest issued shall include a notice to the jailer that the defendant shall be released upon payment or completion of daily credit pursuant to KRS 534.070.
  1. If defendant fails to appear at a show cause hearing, the judge may issue a warrant for the defendant's arrest.
  2. If a bench warrant is issued, include in the Bail memo in KYCourts the total amount of court costs, fees, and fines owed by defendant.

### 15.12.3 Jail Credit

Defendants incarcerated for failure to pay court costs, fees, or fines (or for failure to appear and show cause for nonpayment) are entitled to a jail credit for time spent against the amount owed. Unless the defendant is incarcerated pursuant to orders in other cases, upon service of sufficient days in jail to have sufficient credit to satisfy the court costs, fees, or fines, the defendant shall be released from jail.

Credit is applied by the jailer at the following rates for each day spent in jail:

- \$50 per day if no community service is performed
- \$100 per day if (8) eight hours of community service is performed
- 1/8 of \$100 for each hour worked

**NOTE:** The jailer is responsible for tracking the amount of credit the defendant has earned and filing the [AOC 426 \(Notice of Jail Credit\)](#).

1. Upon receipt from the jailer of AOC 426 (Notice of Jail Credit), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document code **NJC**. Enter the amount of credit earned in the box provided. Refer to the [Jail Credit](#) section in the [Accounting Manual](#) for information about applying the credit.

AOC Form 426  
File, date, initial  
  
Document code **NJC**

### 15.13 *DUI Citations*

When DUI Citations are received in District Court (KRS 189A):

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the citation; add the date and your initials. Refer to Case Add section of KYCourts Manual. Generate the next case number in the computer for Traffic (T), or Felony (F) cases.

**NOTE:** Open one (1) case file and assign one (1) case number when two (2) or more offenses, whether felonies, misdemeanors, violations, or any combination thereof, are charged in the same or related indictment, information, served criminal complaint or citation, where the offenses are of the same or similar character or are based on the same acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common plan or scheme.

**NOTE:** If offenses are mixed in nature on a district court criminal complaint, i.e., felonies, misdemeanors and/or traffic charges in some combination, the case type assigned will be that of the most serious offense. For exceptions see: [Case Numbering](#).

2. When a citation is received wherein a defendant is charged with a second or subsequent DUI, a Request for a Vehicle Registration Inventory must be emailed to the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing **immediately** to ensure the defendant’s license plate registration information is available to the Judge at the time of the defendant’s arraignment. See [License Plate Impoundment](#) for more information.

File, date, initial  
Traffic- **T**  
Felony- **F**

### 15.13.1 Driving History Record

The defendant's driving history record (DHR) must be provided to the judge at arraignment. KRS 189A.210. You may provide this or Pretrial Services will do it for you. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

**NOTE:** To request a driving history record, include Name, DL or SSN, and DOB and email or fax to: [KYTC.DHR@ky.gov](mailto:KYTC.DHR@ky.gov) or 502-227-0779 (Fax) / 844-930-0102 (Fax inbox).

### 15.13.2 Blood Test Report

1. When the clerk receives the blood test report results (with the citation or later,) complete a document screen using document type **BTR** and enter the BA result in the field on the charge screen in KyCourts.

**NOTE:** If the defendant refused a chemical test enter BA Code 999. If a blood test was administered enter BA Code 888. Leave the BA field blank if a urine test was administered and memo "Urine Test" in the charge screen.

Document type **BTR**

### 15.13.3 Pretrial Suspension

#### Types:

- The defendant refused a chemical test or has had his/her license revoked or suspended one (1) or more times in the ten (10) years before this arrest for refusing a chemical test. KRS 189A.200(1)(a).
- This is the defendant's second or subsequent offense by having one (1) or more DUI convictions in the ten (10) years before this arrest. KRS 189A.200(1)(b).
- Defendant was involved in an accident resulting in death or serious injury to person other than the defendant. KRS 189A.200(1)(c).

#### License surrendering procedures:

- The court will Confiscate the license. KRS 189A.200(3), or
- Have defendant sign a Transportation Cabinet Division of Drivers Licensing Form TC 94-9 Denial Statement indicating defendant does not possess a driver's license, or
- Issue a duplicate license and confiscate. KRS 189A.200(3). The location code should match the issuing location, but the issuing location will not match the address for an out-of-county conviction.

**Suspension Procedures:**

1. If a person whose license has been suspended files a motion for judicial review, calendar a license suspension review hearing within 30 days of the filing of the defendant's motion by completing a scheduled events screen. KRS 189A.200(2).
2. Complete the top half of [AOC Form 341](#), Pretrial Suspension Order.
3. Upon receipt of the signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen.
4. Send license (or denial statement) and the form on a **daily** basis to Drivers Licensing.
5. Complete a scheduled events screen, as ordered by the court, to recalendar the case for the termination of the suspension order (completion of bottom half of AOC Form 341).

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 341  
Enter, date, initial

**IMPORTANT:** Send license or denial statement and AOC Form 341 to DL DAILY

*Transportation Cabinet  
Division of Driver Licensing  
200 Mero St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40622*

**15.13.4 Pretrial Ignition Interlock Application and Order**

**Note:** For DUIs that occurred after 7/1/20, applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation. For DUIs that occurred prior to 7/1/20, follow the process below.

A person who is subject to pretrial suspension may make application to the court for authorization to apply for an ignition interlock license and device.

1. Upon receipt of AOC Form 495.4 Pretrial Application for Authorization for an Ignition Interlock License and Device apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **PAI**.

**Note:** An IID application may be made at arraignment or any time thereafter.

2. Deliver the application to the judge or complete a scheduled event screen, using your local protocol.
3. Upon receipt of a signed AOC Form 495.5 Pretrial Order Authorizing Application for Ignition Interlock License and Device apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **POI**.
4. Send the Order (AOC form 495.5) on a **daily** basis to Drivers Licensing.

File, date, initial

Document type **PAI**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **POI**

AOC Form 495.5



Before 7-1-20	Report conviction date to Division of Driver Licensing at time of sentencing.	If sentencing does not occur at the time of finding of guilt or entry of guilty plea, refer to KYCourts Manual for instructions on deleting the conviction report. When sentencing occurs, enter the length of time the defendant's operators' license is suspended/revoked. See KYCourts Manual.
On or After 7-1-20	Report conviction date to Division of Drivers Licensing at time of sentencing.	

### 15.13.7 DUI Sentence

1. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a [Sentence Detail](#).
2. When all charge dispositions in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the disposition date and judge at disposition fields.
3. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees in effect per the violation date as set out in [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3).

### 15.13.8 Not Guilty Disposition

Not Guilty Disposition. If the disposition is not guilty and a pretrial suspension was ordered:

- Chemical Test Refusal. Do not complete or send termination of suspension order (AOC Form 341) to Drivers Licensing.
- Subsequent offenders. Send termination of suspension order (AOC Form 341) to Drivers Licensing.

#### Post-Acquittal Ignition Interlock Application & Order

**NOTE:** For DUIs that occurred after 7/1/20, applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation. For DUIs that occurred prior to 7/1/20, follow the process below.

A defendant may apply for an ignition interlock license post-acquittal.

1. Upon receipt of AOC Form 495.10 Post-Acquittal Application for Authorization to Apply for an Ignition Interlock License and Device, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **AAI**.
2. Deliver the application to the judge or complete a scheduled event screen, using your local protocol.
3. Upon receipt of a signed AOC Form 495.11 Order Upon Acquittal Authorizing Ignition Interlock License and Device apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OUI**.
4. Send the Order (AOC Form 495.11) on a **daily** basis to Drivers Licensing.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 341

File, date, initial

Document type **AAI**

AOC Form 495.11

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OUI**

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Division of Driver  
Licensing  
200 Mero St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40622*



15.13.9 Disposition of Guilty

If the disposition is guilty (ADE) KRS 189A.040, 189A.045:

- 1. At sentencing, complete [AOC Form 494](#), Notice to Attend Alcohol, Drug, Education Program, with program's name, address and phone number and give a copy to the defendant. Apply **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **NAT**. Place the original in the case jacket and send a copy, with copy of uniform citation, to the program administrator.
- 2. Upon receipt of a notice that the defendant failed to enroll or dropped out, calendar a show cause hearing on a scheduled events screen, for 20 days from receipt of notice. Notify defendant of court date. Add the **FILED** stamp to the notice; add the date and your initials; file on a document screen using document type **NADE**.
- 3. After the hearing, when an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen.
- 4. When notice is received that defendant has completed the program, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **NOC** and memo details.

**NOTE:** In a DUI appeal, if the defendant's license has been mailed to the Transportation Cabinet send a copy of the NOA to Division of Driver Licensing. See [Appeals](#).

AOC Form 494
File, date, initial
Document Type: <b>NAT</b>
File, date, initial
Document Type: <b>NADE</b>
Enter, date, initial
File, date, initial
Document type <b>NOC</b>

**Operator’s License Surrender (Post-Judgment)**

- 1. Every operator’s license suspended or revoked by the court shall be surrendered to the court. If [AOC Form 342](#), Confiscation Order for Operators’ License is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OC**. Give 2 copies to a peace officer for service on the defendant. When a return is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the return; add the date and your initials. Enter the return date in the memo field of the document screen where the Confiscation Order for Operators’ License is entered.
- 2. When you receive a surrendered or confiscated operator’s license, forward immediately to the **Transportation Cabinet**.

**Ignition Interlock (Post-Judgment)**

**NOTE:** For DUIs that occurred after 7/1/20, applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation. For DUIs that occurred prior to 7/1/20, follow the process below.

A defendant may apply for an ignition interlock license upon conviction.

- 1. Upon receipt of AOC Form 495.12 Application to Court Upon Conviction for Authorization to Apply for an Ignition Interlock apply the **FILED** Stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **ACI**.
- 2. Deliver the application to the judge or complete a scheduled event screen, using your local protocol.
- 3. Upon receipt of a signed AOC Form 495.13 Order Upon Conviction Authorizing Ignition Interlock License and Device apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OCI**.
- 4. Send the Order (AOC Form 495.13) on a **daily** basis to Drivers Licensing.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 342  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document Type: **OC**  
  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Transportation Cabinet  
 Division of Driver  
 Licensing  
 200 Mero St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Frankfort, KY 40622  
  
 AOC Form 495.12  
  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **ACI**  
  
 AOC Form 495.13  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OCI**  
  
**IMPORTANT:** Send  
 Order to DOT Division  
 of DL

### 15.13.10 Ignition Interlock Device (IID) Violations and Amendments

#### Notice of Violations

1. Upon receipt of a notice of an IID violation apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **NO** – Notice Other and memo IID Violation.
2. Calendar a show cause hearing on a scheduled events screen for the next available hearing.
3. Notify the defendant of the court date.
4. Schedule periodic reporting of the operating status of the ignition interlock device, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.

#### Amendments

**NOTE:** For DUIs that occurred after 7/1/20, applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation. For DUIs that occurred prior to 7/1/20, follow the process below.

1. Upon receipt of an AOC-495.9 (Order Amending Interlock License), or any other order changing the terms of a defendant’s ignition interlock license, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **OAIL**.
2. Send the Order on a **daily** basis to Drivers Licensing.

File, date, initial  
Document type **NO**

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **OAIL**

### 15.13.11 License Plate Impoundment

#### License Plate Impoundment Procedure

1. When a citation is received wherein a defendant is charged with a second or subsequent DUI, a [Request for a Vehicle Registration Inventory](#) must be emailed to the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing **immediately** to ensure the defendant’s license plate registration information is available to the Judge at the time of the defendant’s arraignment.

**NOTE:** The email is [kytcmvlhelpdesk@ky.gov](mailto:kytcmvlhelpdesk@ky.gov) and is shown on the Request for Vehicle Registration Inventory Form. **Print the form and complete requested information.** The judge will designate who will be responsible for emailing the request for the Vehicle Registration Inventory. This may be the judge’s secretary, a pretrial release officer, the circuit clerk or any other designee. It is important that you meet with your judge to establish this procedure.

2. When the emailed Vehicle Registration Inventory is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using **VEHICLE**.
3. When you receive [AOC Form 495.2](#), Order Requiring Impoundment of License Plate(s), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen using document type **ORIL**. Distribute the order according to the list at the bottom of the order.

**Quick Reference**  
[Request for a Vehicle Registration Inventory](#)

Email:  
[kytcmvlhelpdesk@ky.gov](mailto:kytcmvlhelpdesk@ky.gov)

File, date, initial  
Document type  
**VEHICLE**

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **ORIL**

4. If the order specifies a date by which the license plate(s) must be surrendered, complete a scheduled events screen. Use Scheduled event type: **REV** and Memo: **PLATE IMPOUNDMENT**.
5. Immediately transmit a copy of the Order Requiring License Plate Impoundment together with a copy of the Vehicle Registration Inventory to **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**.

*Kentucky  
Transportation Cabinet  
Division of Motor  
Vehicle Licensing  
200 Mero St, W2-05-02  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

**Return of license plate when an application for authorization to apply for an ignition interlock license and device is granted at the same time the license plate is ordered impounded.**

**NOTE:** For DUIs that occurred after 7/1/20, applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation. For DUIs that occurred prior to 7/1/20, follow the process below.

1. If an application for an ignition interlock license and device is granted by the judge at the same time license plate impoundment is ordered, there is no need for the license plate to be surrendered to the court.
2. If an impounded license plate has been surrendered to the court and the order of impoundment has not been forwarded to Motor Vehicle Licensing at the time the application is granted, give the plate to the defendant. Note the return of the plate in the memo box on the document screen for the order requiring impoundment of license plate(s).
3. Once the order of impoundment has been sent to Motor Vehicle Licensing, the defendant must go to the county clerk's office to reinstate the registration.
4. When a license plate is received, note the receipt of the plate by entering the license plate number in the memo field of the document screen where the Order Requiring License Impoundment is entered.

Note the receipt of the plate by entering the license plate number in the memo field of the document screen where the Order Requiring License Impoundment is entered.

**Return of license plate when a hardship registration is granted at the same time the license plate is ordered impounded.**

**NOTE:** For DUIs that occurred after 7/1/20, applications shall be filed with the Department of Transportation. For DUIs that occurred prior to 7/1/20, follow the process below.

1. If a hardship license registration is granted by the judge at the same time license plate impoundment is ordered, there is no need for the license plate to be surrendered to the court.
2. If an impounded license plate has been surrendered to the court and the order of impoundment has not been forwarded to Motor Vehicle Licensing at the time the hardship registration is granted, give the plate to the hardship registration recipient. Note the return of the plate in the memo box on the document screen for the order requiring impoundment of license plate(s).
3. Once the order of impoundment has been sent to Motor Vehicle Licensing, the hardship registration recipient must go to the county clerk's office to reinstate the registration.
4. When a license plate is received, note the receipt of the plate by entering the license plate number in the memo field of the document screen where the Order Requiring License Impoundment is entered.

**Quick Reference**

Note the receipt of the plate by entering the license plate number in the memo field of the document screen where the Order Requiring License Impoundment is entered.

### 15.13.12 Handling of Surrendered Plates

1. At your convenience, but at least once a week, forward surrendered plate(s) to: **Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.**
2. Use these guidelines to determine the method of transmittal:
  - If you are transmitting less than ten (10) license plates, package the plate(s) together with a copy of the Vehicle Registration Inventory Forms and Orders Requiring License Plate Impoundment for each plate forwarded. Attach a pre-addressed business reply label furnished by Motor Vehicle Licensing.
  - If you are transmitting ten (10) or more license plates, and you have a United Parcel Service (UPS) daily account, package the plates as for any other UPS shipment. Include in the package a copy of the Vehicle Registration Inventory Form and Order Requiring License Plate Impoundment for each plate forwarded. Select freight collect - ground delivery and use Motor Vehicle Licensing Account No. E1393E.
  - If you are transmitting ten (10) or more license plates, and do not have a United Parcel Service (UPS) daily account, call Motor Vehicle Licensing at (502) 564-5301, for mailing instructions. Include in the mailing a copy of the Vehicle Registration Inventory Form and Order Requiring License Plate Impoundment for each plate forwarded.
3. If the defendant fails to surrender all the license plate(s) listed on the Vehicle Registration Inventory from Transportation by the time specified in the Order Requiring License Plate Impoundment, schedule a show cause hearing, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 Kentucky  
 Transportation Cabinet  
 Division of Motor  
 Vehicle Licensing  
 200 Mero St, W2-05-02  
 Frankfort, KY 40601  
 502-564-5301

Enter, date, initial  
 File, date, initial

15.13.13 Hardship Vehicle Registration

When [AOC Form 495.3](#), Application and Order for Hardship Vehicle Registration is received:

- 1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **AH** in the same case as underlying charge(s). Do not collect a filing fee.
- 2. Deliver the application and case file to the judge or set a hearing, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.
- 3. When the signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document code **OHVR**. Distribute the order according to list at bottom of the order.

**NOTE:** Provide a copy to the defendant to take to the county clerk’s office for reinstatement of defendant’s license plate registration.

**NOTE:** If a hardship license registration is granted by the judge at the same time license plate impoundment is ordered, there is no need for the license plate to be surrendered to the court. If an impounded license plate has been surrendered to the court and the order of impoundment has not been forwarded to Motor Vehicle Licensing at the time the hardship registration is granted, give the plate to the hardship registration recipient. Note the return of the plate in the memo box on the document screen for the order requirement impoundment of license plate(s). Once the order of impoundment has been sent to Motor Vehicle Licensing, the hardship registration recipient must go to the county clerk’s office to reinstate the registration.

**IMPORTANT:** If an Order Requiring Impoundment of (defendant’s) License Plate has been forwarded to the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing, even though the license plate has not been transmitted, the hardship registration recipient **MUST** go to the county clerk’s office for reinstatement of defendant’s license plate registration.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 495.3  
File, date, initial  
Document Type: **AH**

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **OHVR**

15.13.14 **Hardship Driver’s License**

A defendant may apply for a hardship driver’s license at any time during the license suspension period for drug related offenses; however, a hardship license may not be issued to a defendant who has refused to take an alcohol concentration or substance test or any other test offered by a law enforcement officer. KRS 189A.410.

**Procedure for In-State Conviction**

1. Defendant applies in county where offense occurred. 601 KAR 12:060 Sec. 1.
2. Do not collect a filing fee.
3. Defendant must complete [AOC Form 492.A](#), Affidavit for Hardship License and [AOC Form 492](#), Application for Hardship License. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit and application; add the date and your initials.
4. File the affidavit and application on document screens in the same case as underlying charge. Set hearing date on the scheduled events screen. Distribute the application according to the list at the bottom of the application.
5. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 493](#), Hardship Driver's License Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OHL**. Distribute the order according to the list at the bottom of the order.
6. If granted, defendant presents to driver's license clerk in defendant's county of **residence responsible for issuing the license** his/her identification and:
  - two (2) copies of order;
  - withdrawal notice (WTH) from Division of Drivers Licensing (The DL computer will automatically indicate the expiration date)
7. When the License is issued a copy of the order is given along with the laminated license and decal to the defendant. Inform the defendant that they are to keep with them at all times while driving. Follow additional Instructions to clerk as found on the bottom of AOC Form 493 Hardship Driver’s License Order.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 492.A  
AOC Form 492  
File, date, initial

AOC Form 493  
Enter, date, initial  
Document Type: **OHL**



### 15.14 *Procedure for Out-of-State Conviction with a Defendant Holding a KY DL*

1. Do not collect a filing fee.
2. Defendant applies in county of current residence and must complete [AOC Form 492.A](#), Affidavit for Hardship License and AOC Form 492, Application for Hardship License. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit and application; add the date and your initials. Add both documents using document codes **AFHD** and **AAHD**.
3. Refer to Case Add section of the KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case number in the computer for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. Distribute the application according to the list at the bottom of the application. **Do not** issue a summons.
5. Deliver the case file to the judge or if directed by the judge, schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.
6. When [AOC Form 493](#), Hardship Driver's License Order, is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OHL** and distribute the order according to the list at the bottom of the order.
7. If granted, defendant presents to driver's license clerk:
  - two (2) copies of order;
  - withdrawal notice (WTH) from Division of Drivers Licensing (DL Computer will indicate expiration date)
8. When the License is issued a copy of the order is given along with the laminated license and decal to the defendant. Inform the defendant that they are to keep with them at all times while driving. Follow additional Instructions to clerk as found on the bottom of AOC Form 493 Hardship Driver's License Order.

#### Quick Reference

No filing fee

AOC form 492.A

AOC Form 492

File, date, initial

Document types:

Application: **AAHD**

Affidavit: **AFHD**

District Civil **C** Cases

**Do not** issue a

summons

AOC Form 493

Enter, date, initial

Document Type: **OHL**

### 15.15 *Commercial Drivers' Licenses*

Clerk shall report moving violation convictions by holders of commercial drivers licenses (CDL) (whether or not the violation occurs in a commercial vehicle) to be posted to the driver's record within 10 days of conviction for in-state drivers and within 30 days for out-of-state drivers. See [Conviction Reporting](#).

## 15.16 *Motor Carrier Citations*

*KRS 281.670*

*District Court*

1. If a holder of an out-of-state CDL fails to appear in your court for an offense NOT covered by the non-resident violator compact, issue an FTA (FTA disposition) to Division of Driver Licensing.

**NOTE:** The offenses not covered by the NRVC for which you may issue an FTA notice include:

- offenses which mandate personal appearance
  - moving traffic violations which carry suspension/revocation
  - equipment violations
  - size/weight violations
  - transportation of hazardous material violations
2. If a holder of a Kentucky or out-of-state CDL, operating a commercial vehicle, is convicted of a moving or non-moving traffic charge, the clerk of the court shall, within 15 days, notify the motor carrier under whose permit the driver was operating. KRS 281.763. Make a copy of the completed original citation and mail it to the motor carrier.

**Quick Reference**  
FTA's are issued electronically to the Transportation Cabinet Division of Drivers Licensing when an FTA disposition is entered.

## 15.17 *Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon (CCDW) Licenses*

Do not collect court costs for a citation issued for any of the following noncriminal violations:

- failure to change a permanent address of a CCDW license holder;
- failure to provide notice to the KSP of the loss, theft or destruction of a CCDW license;  
or,
- failure to carry and/or display the CCDW license upon the request of a law enforcement officer.

## 15.18 *Reporting Convictions*

## 16 CIVIL ACTIONS

### *CR 3, 4*

*Circuit and District Courts*

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#### 16.1 *Fees*

1. Before the petition is filed, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. If the party is proceeding in forma pauperis, the complaint is accompanied by a [Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis](#) and a supporting affidavit. Any matter to be filed, including appeals, shall be considered filed on the date it is tendered.

**NOTE:** If the motion is overruled, the moving party has thirty days to pay any required fees or costs or to appeal the decision. If the moving party fails to pay the required fees or costs or to seek review, the matter shall be treated as not timely filed. CR 5.05(4).

**EXCEPTIONS:** See [Civil Actions Filed by Inmates](#).

3. If you receive an order from your circuit judge assessing additional costs in cases requiring extraordinary services, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add your date and your

initials. Enter the order on the docket sheet in your General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order File. Mail a copy of the order to your local bar. CR 3.02(3)(a),(b),(c). Refer to the [Accounting Manual](#) regarding collection of extraordinary services.

### 16.2 *Civil Case Cover Sheet*

Per Supreme Court order 2019-17 the use of the AOC- 104 Civil Case Cover Sheet is mandatory effective January 1st, 2021. The cover sheet should be included with all filings excluding DNA, DVO/IPO, Small Claims, and Mental Health.

**Note:** eFilers will enter the required data as part of the submission process and will not submit the cover sheet separately. If a file is received by mail without the Cover Sheet, please accept the filing and return notice to the filer that additional information is required. You may use [this](#) template for your return to the filer.

### 16.3 *Petition/Complaint*

1. The plaintiff must file enough copies of the complaint for service upon each defendant in addition to the original which is filed in your office. If you make the copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp add the date and your initials.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
4. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

**Note:** Correction to Birth Certificates or Marriage Certificates should be filed as a Circuit Civil action.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Circuit Civil **CI** cases or District Civil **C** cases

*Office of the Attorney General,  
Consumer Protection Division  
1024 Capital Center Drive  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

#### 16.3.1 **Complaint Involving a Constitutional Challenge**

KRS 425.005 Venue for Claims against the Commonwealth. Challenges to the constitutionality of a Kentucky Statute; Executive Order; Administrative Regulation; or Order of any cabinet, program cabinet, or department established under KRS Chapter 12.

A plaintiff who is a resident of Kentucky shall file a complaint or petition in the office of the Circuit Court clerk in the county where the plaintiff resides. A plaintiff who is not a resident of Kentucky shall file a complaint or petition in the Franklin Circuit Court. The plaintiff shall certify in the complaint or petition filed under this section that a copy of the complaint or petition has been served upon the Attorney General before or at the time of filing.

This complaint should be filed in Circuit Court using the case type CCHAL.

#### 16.3.2 **Complaint Involving Consumer Protection**

Mail a copy of any complaint involving consumer protection issues to Office of the Attorney General.

### 16.3.3 Complaint Involving Medical Malpractice

A certificate of merit is required to be filed with a complaint for medical malpractice. A certificate of merit is an affidavit or declaration that the claimant has reviewed the facts of the case and consulted with at least one expert qualified pursuant to the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Evidence and that the expert has concluded there is a reasonable basis to commence the action. The clerk is not obligated to review pleadings to determine if a certificate of merit is included.

### 16.3.4 Verified Petition Pursuant CR 27.01

This is a petition filed in anticipation of future court action. For questions on processing, please contact Court Services.

### 16.3.5 Summons Issuance

The clerk is required under CR 4.01(1) to issue a summons **immediately** upon the filing of a complaint/petition. See [Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis](#).

#### EXCEPTIONS:

- [Civil Actions Filed by Inmates](#)
- [Warning Order Service](#)

Generate a summons for each defendant, by completing a summons screen for each defendant in the case. CR 4.02, CR 4.04(1). See [Civil Summons](#).

### 16.3.6 Service of Summons

The petitioner will direct whether service is by certified mail, personal service, or return to the petitioner. See [Service of Process](#).

16.4 *Warning Order Service*

1. If a warning order is requested to obtain constructive service, do not issue a summons. CR 4.05, 4.06.
2. A complaint/affidavit will be filed with you stating the reason the defendant cannot be served and the defendant's last known address, or affiant's ignorance of such fact.
3. Consult your roster of attorneys and make the appointment. You may not appoint the plaintiff or the attorney as the warning order attorney, and these persons may not suggest anyone for the appointment. CR 4.07(1).
4. Prepare and sign the warning order [form](#); apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
5. Make a copy and attach to a copy of the complaint and deliver to the warning order attorney.
6. File the warning order by completing a document screen using document type **AWOA**.
7. Complete a party screen for the warning order attorney.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Document type **AWOA**

Complete party screen

16.5 *Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem*

CR 4.04

1. Upon receipt of an affidavit stating that the defendant has no guardian, curator, or conservator residing in this state known to the affiant and request for an appointment of a [Guardian Ad Litem](#), apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials. KRS 387.305(1).
2. File the affidavit by completing a document screen, using document type **AFF** and memo **GAL** in the memo field.
3. Consult your roster of attorneys and make an appointment unless your judge wishes to make these appointments.
4. Prepare and sign the appointment of Guardian Ad Litem [form](#).
5. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. File the appointment by completing a document screen, using document type **AGAL**.
7. Make a copy of the appointment and attach the copy to a summons and complaint to be served on the defendant through the guardian ad litem.
8. A copy of the appointment is also given to the attorney for the plaintiff and all other parties.

**NOTE:** If a guardian ad litem was not appointed when the complaint was filed, then the court, not the clerk, appoints a guardian ad litem to defend the

File, date, initial

Document type **AFF**  
Memo **GAL**

File, date, initial

Document type **AGAL**

action. You may make this appointment only when the judge is not present in the county.  
CR 17.03(2).

9. Complete a party screen for the guardian ad litem.

### 16.6 *Motions/Pleadings*

1. When motions or other pleadings are filed in the case, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete the appropriate screen, i.e., scheduled events, motion or document screen.
3. When a hearing or trial is scheduled, complete a scheduled event screen.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

### 16.7 *Amended Complaints*

[Process Map](#)

CR 15.01

A complaint may be amended once without leave of court at any time before a responsive pleading is served. Otherwise, consent from adverse party(ies) must be obtained.  
CR 15.01.

- There are no filing fees for the filing of an amended complaint.

**NOTE:** If the filer indicates the amended complaint exceeds the jurisdictional limit of the court the original case is filed in, collect the difference in the filing fees from the current jurisdiction and the jurisdiction that the case is being transferred to as appropriate based upon the amount in controversy contained in the amended complaint.

1. Upon receipt of an amended complaint; apply the **FILED** stamp and add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document type **AMC**.
3. Prepare a summons by completing a summons screen for each defendant in the case.

**NOTE:** Send notice/service as directed by party/attorney filing the amendment. If the filer does not direct service, return the summons to the filer for service.

4. Attach a copy of the amended complaint and the original complaint to one copy of the summons.

**NOTE:** The plaintiff should furnish sufficient copies of the complaint for service on the defendant(s), in addition to the original, which is filed in your office. If you make the copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

5. Serve the defendants as requested by the plaintiff or attorney, following the instructions for personal service, certified mail, warning order or guardian ad litem. See [Service of Process](#).

Statutory amount that designates a case within a jurisdiction, i.e.; small claims, district civil, circuit civil.

File, date, initial

Document type **AMC**

16.8 *Counterclaims and Cross Claims*

[Process Map](#)

CR 13

- Counterclaim is a claim for relief asserted against an opposing party after an original claim has been made; a defendant's claim in opposition to or as a setoff against the plaintiff's claim.
- A cross claim is a claim asserted between co-defendants or co-plaintiffs in a case and that relates to the subject of the original claim or counterclaim.

16.8.1 **Filing Fees**

- There are no filing fees for a counterclaim or cross claim in a circuit court case. KRS 23A.200.
- In district court there is no filing fee unless the cross claim or counterclaim raises the amount in controversy to a higher filing category.

If a counterclaim or cross claim exceeds the jurisdictional limit of the court the original case is filed in, collect the difference in the filing fees from the current jurisdiction and the jurisdiction that the case is being transferred to as appropriate based upon the amount in controversy contained in the counterclaim or cross claim. See additional information below for Small Claims, District Civil \$500 or less and District Civil \$500 - \$5,000.

**NOTE:** Do not process the counterclaim or cross claim until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

Small Claims KRS 24A.230; 24A.290; 24A.310(1)	
<p><b>\$2,500 or Less:</b></p> <p>If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim does not exceed \$2,500.00 (exclusive of interest and cost)</p>	<p>No filing fees</p> <p>No transfer of the case is required</p>
<p><b>Exceeds \$2,500 but does not exceed \$5,000:</b></p> <p>If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim exceeds \$2,500.00 but does not exceed \$5,000.00</p>	<p>Collect filing fees per Accounting Manual</p> <p>Transfer the case to Civil District Court</p>
<p><b>Exceeds \$5,000:</b></p>	<p>Collect filing fees per Accounting Manual</p>



If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim exceeds \$5,000.00	Transfer the case to Circuit Court
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When a counterclaims or cross claims is received in a District Court case:

<b>District Civil:</b> Amount in Controversy is \$500 or less (not filed in Small Claims)	
<p><b>\$500.00 or Less:</b> If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim is \$500.00 or less</p>	<p>Do not collect filing fees No transfer is required</p>
<p><b>Exceeds \$500.00 but does not exceed \$5000.00:</b> If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim exceeds \$500.00 but does not exceed \$5,000.00</p>	<p>Collect filing fees per Accounting Manual No transfer is required</p>
<p><b>Exceeds \$5,000.00:</b> If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim is over \$5,000.00</p>	<p>Collect filing fees per Accounting Manual Transfer the case to Circuit Court. KRS 24A.120(1).</p>
<b>District Civil</b> including original actions of Administrative Agencies, Special Districts or Boards. CR 3.03, KRS 24A.010	
<p><b>\$500.01 to \$5000.00:</b> If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim does not exceed \$5,000.00</p>	<p>Do not collect a filing fee No transfer is required</p>
<p><b>Exceeds \$5,000.00</b> If the amount of the counterclaim or cross claim exceeds \$5,000.00</p>	<p>Collect filing fees per Accounting Manual Transfer the case to Circuit Court. KRS 24A.120(1).</p>

### 16.8.2 Counterclaim/Cross Claim

1. Upon receipt of a counterclaim or cross claim apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen using document code **CC** (Counterclaim) or **CR** (Cross claim).

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 Document code **CC**-  
 Counterclaim  
 Document code **CR**-  
 Cross Claim

### 16.8.3 Case Transfer When Amount Exceeds Jurisdictional Limit

#### Originating Court

1. If you are the originating court note the transfer in the case screen memo field. Complete the closing information on the case screen.
2. Transfer the contents of the case file including a copy of the case history and a copy of the docket sheet, if a docket sheet exists.
3. Place the file folder in the numerical order with other cases in that category. Note on the file folder the court to which the case was transferred and the new case number if you know it.
4. Prepare [AOC Form 122](#), Notice of Transfer of Action. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials to the notice.
5. File the notice by completing a document screen using document type **NTA**. Mail a copy of the notice to the plaintiff and defendant.

AOC Form 122  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **NTA**

#### Receiving Court

1. If you are the receiving court apply the **FILED** stamp to the entire record from the originating court; add the date and you initials.
2. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
3. Generate the next case number for district civil **C** or circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. File the entire record from the originating court as a single item on a document screen using the document type **DCF**.

File, date, initial  
  
 District Civil **C** cases  
 Circuit Civil **CI** cases  
  
 Document type **DCF**

### 16.8.4 Summons

See [Civil Summons](#).

If the court orders the summoning of new parties:

1. Ask the counter claimant or cross claimant to provide enough copies of his/her pleading, including the original complaint, for service on the new parties. If you make the copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in [Accounting Manual](#) from the counter claimant or cross claimant and give a receipt. KRS 24A.170.

2. Enter any new parties by completing a party screen and issue summons by completing a summons screen on the appropriate party.
3. The counter claimant or cross claimant will decide if service is to be made by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). See [Service of Process](#).

## 16.9 *Third Party Complaint*

CR 14.01

A complaint may be filed by a defendant against a third party, alleging that the third party may be liable for some or all of the damages that the plaintiff is trying to recover from the defendant.

1. When you receive an order allowing the filing of a third party complaint, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing the document screen using document type **OITC**, Order Intervening Third Party Complaint.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OITC**

### 16.9.1 Filing Fees

1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

### 16.9.2 Complaint

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the third party complaint; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter on a document screen using document code **COMT** (Complaint – Third Party).  
**NOTE:** Intervening Complaint requires no filing fee. Enter on document screen using document code **COMIT** (Complaint- Intervening).
3. Complete a party screen(s) for new parties added.

File, date, initial  
  
 Document code **COMT**  
 Document code **COMIT**

### 16.9.3 Summons

1. Issue a third party summons for each party to be served by completing [AOC Form 120](#), Third Party Summons. Complete a summons screen for each third party summons issued using summons type **TP**.

**NOTE:** Complainant must file enough copies of both the original complaint and the third party complaint for service on each new party added. CR 4.04(1). Collect the required copying fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) if you make these copies.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 120  
Summons type **TP**

### 16.9.4 Service of Summons

The party filing the third party complaint will decide if service is to be made by certified mail or personally delivered by sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). See [Service of Process](#).

## 16.10 *Parties in Default*

Any parties who are in default for failure to appear must be given notice of pleadings asserting new or additional claims against them by summons or warning order, as requested by the attorney. CR 5.01.

## 16.11 *Voluntary Dismissal of Action*

*CR 41.01*

1. Upon receipt of a notice of dismissal of an action apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **NDIS**.
3. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**NOTE:** Notice of entry by the clerk of a voluntary dismissal is not required.

File, date, initial  
Document type **NDIS**

16.12 *Judgment/Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice.
3. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry or judgment.
4. If the judgment or order involves consumer protection issues, mail a copy to the **Office of the Attorney General**.
5. If the judgment or order includes child support ([AOC Form 152](#), Uniform Child Support Order), place a copy of the order in a designated area (box or basket) in your office for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. AOC 152 is a mandatory form.
6. If the judgment or order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
7. If the judgment or order dissolves a business entity (statutory trust, cooperative association, corporation limited liability company, or limited liability partnership) send a certified copy to the Secretary of State.

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial

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*Office of the Attorney  
General  
Consumer Protection  
Division  
1024 Capital Center Dr.,  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

AOC Form 152

*Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of  
Kentucky  
Capitol Building  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
<http://sos.ky.gov/>*

## 17 CIVIL ACTIONS FILED BY INMATES

[Process Map](#)

- When an inmate files a petition in a civil action, it must be accompanied with the appropriate filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), or a motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis (IFP). If the motion is filed In Forma Pauperis, follow the instructions for [Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis](#) below.

**NOTE:** If a filing fee or motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis does not accompany the petition, return the petition to the inmate.

### 17.1 *Filing Fee*

If the petition is accompanied by a filing fee, the case proceeds as any other civil action. To continue, follow the instructions in [Civil Actions](#).

**NOTE:** When an inmate commences, intervenes, or joins an action or an appeal of a judgment in a civil action or proceeding, the inmate shall pay at least partial court fees and costs. At a minimum, the inmate shall pay a five (\$5) filing fee unless the court determines the inmate is unable to pay a fee and waives all fees and costs. See [Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis](#). KRS 454.410.

### 17.2 *Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis*

1. If the petition is accompanied by a motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
2. Open a case. For instructions on how to open a case, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
3. Generate the next case number or use the next pre-numbered file folder for circuit civil **CI** cases; district civil **C** or small claims **S** cases as appropriate.
4. File the pauper motion on a PFP motion screen. Process concerning the inmate’s case shall not be served until the filing and the fee relating to service of process is paid. KRS 454.410. **DO NOT** issue a summons until the judge has ruled on the motion.
5. Deliver the file to the judge to rule on the IFP Motion.
6. When an order ruling on the motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

Quick Reference
File, date, initial
Open case
Generate case number District Civil - <b>C</b> Small Claims - <b>S</b>
File PFP motion screen
Deliver file to the judge
Enter, date, initial

### 17.2.1 Motion for In Forma Pauperis Granted

If the motion is granted, the case proceeds as any other civil case in that category.

1. Enter by completing a document screen using document type **OFFP**.
2. Serve notice of entry to the parties. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
3. Record that the motion has been granted in the PFP motion screen.
4. Issue a summons for each defendant in the case. The petitioner directs if service is by certified mail or personal service.

**NOTE:** If the petitioner directs service by certified mail process the request without collecting certified mail fees. If the petitioner requests service by personal service forward the request to the sheriff along with a copy of the In Forma Pauperis order. The petitioner is responsible for the personal service fee directly to the officer.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b></p> <p>Document type <b>OFFP</b></p> <p>Service notice of entry</p> <p>Record on PFP motion screen</p> <p>Issue summons</p>
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### 17.2.2 Motion for In Forma Pauperis Denied

If the motion is denied, the order will direct dismissal if the inmate does not pay filing fees or partial filing fees as specified by court order within 45 days of entry of the order. The summons is not processed concerning the inmate's case and shall not be served until the filing fee and the fee relating to [service of process](#) is paid. KRS 454.410.

1. Note the motion has been denied in the memo box of the PFP motion screen.
2. Schedule a hearing for 45 days from the entry of the order by completing a scheduled event screen. Make a notation in the memo that the Court is to dismiss the action if the fee is not paid. If the required fee is paid within the 45 day period, return to the scheduled event screen and unschedule (DELSCH) the "date/scheduled" field. The case then proceeds as any other civil case in that category.
3. If the filing fee is not paid and the court enters an order dismissing the action, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order, add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen.
4. Serve notice of entry to the parties. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
5. Close the case screen by adding the closing information, i.e., disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition.

<p>Filing fees due within 45 days</p> <p>Add memo to PFP motion screen</p> <p>Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Serve notice of entry</p>
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### 17.2.3 Notice of Appeal for In Forma Pauperis

*RAP 55*

See Appeals in Special Cases – Denial of Motion to Proceed [In Forma Pauperis](#).

## 18 CIVIL SUMMONS

### *CR 4*

[Process Map](#)

### 18.1 *Summons Issuance*

The Clerk is required under CR 4.01(1) to issue a summons immediately upon the filing of the complaint or petition.

**EXCEPTION:** [Civil Actions Filed by Inmates](#)

A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125.

1. Generate a summons for each person to be served by completing a summons screen. CR 4.02.

**NOTE:** To expedite the filing of a lawsuit, the attorney may choose to complete and return to you, a civil summons for signature at the time the complaint is filed. If the attorney is willing to prepare his/her own summons, you may provide the attorney with [AOC Form 105](#), Civil Summons. In either instance a summons screen is completed.

2. The summons and the complaint (or other initiating document) and any motions filed therewith shall be served together. The party requesting the summons shall furnish sufficient copies of their pleadings for this purpose. CR 4.04(1), 14.01.
3. The initiating party will decide whether the summons is to be served by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). The petitioner may also request the summons be returned to the petitioner to initiate service. Use the following codes as appropriate:

**CM** – Certified Mail

**PS** – Personal Service

**RAP** – Return to Attorney/Petitioner

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 105

Service Codes:

Certified Mail – **CM**  
 Personal Service – **PS**  
 Return to  
 Attorney/Petitioner -  
**RAP**

### 18.2 *Service of Process*

See [Service of Process](#).



## 19 COMMISSIONERS OF CIRCUIT COURT/FORECLOSURE

### *CR 53, AP Part IV; FCRPP 4*

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#### 19.1 *Master Commissioner/Domestic Relations Commissioner*

- Upon court order or by local rule, refer cases to the master commissioner or domestic relations commissioner. CR 53, AP Part IV, Section 3 (2); FCRPP 4.
- Send a copy of orders referring cases to special master commissioners for judicial sale to Auditing Services at the Administrative Office of the Courts. AP Part IV, Sec. 13(3).

#### 19.2 *Motion for Judgment and Order of Sale*

1. When you receive a motion for judgment and order of sale, collect the Judicial Sales Administrative Fee (JSAF) as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the motion until the JSAF fee is paid. If a motion is received without payment, return it to the movant/attorney.

**NOTE:** Any judicial sale which is rescheduled from the original sale date shall be considered a new referral for judicial sale and an additional JSAF of \$200 shall be charged.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date, and your initials.
3. Complete a scheduled event screen.
  - *If the motion is noticed to be heard on a specific date and time, use event type **MH**.*
  - *If the motion does not require a hearing, use event type **MNH**.*
4. Complete a motion screen using **JOS** motion type.
5. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date, and your initials.
6. Complete a document screen using **JOS** document type.
7. Serve a copy of the order on all counsel of record, including the Master Commissioner.

#### Quick Reference

Collect the Judicial Sales Administrative Fee

File motion, date, initial

Requires hearing – **MH**  
Does not require hearing – **MNH**

Motion type **JOS**

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **JOS**

### 19.3 *Notice of Filing of Report*

1. Upon receipt of the commissioner’s report apply the **FILED** stamp to the Report, add the date and your initials.
2. File the Report on a document screen using document type **RCOM** (Report of Commissioner) or **RMC** (Report Master Commissioner) as appropriate.
3. Prepare [AOC Form 240](#), Notice of Filing, apply the **FILED** stamp to the Notice of Filing; add the date and your initials.
4. File on a document screen using document type **NF**. Serve as per the distribution list on the bottom of the form.

**NOTE:** The commissioner is responsible for furnishing sufficient copies to all parties. CR 53.05(1), AP Part IV, Section 5 (1).

5. Parties may serve written objections on other parties within 10 days (three additional days if notice is by mail or electronic service) after being served with Notice of Filing of Commissioner's Report. CR 6.05. Application to the court for action upon the report and objection shall be by motion and notice. CR 53.05(2), 6.04.
6. When a motion and notice is filed for court action on the commissioner's report and any objections thereto, apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials and complete a motion screen.
7. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled event screen. CR 53.05(2).
8. When a signed order is received adopting, modifying or rejecting the report, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
9. Enter the order by completing a document screen in the computer, including a brief description and noting method and date of service of notice of entry. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

<b>Quick Reference</b>
File, date, initial
Document Type <b>RCOM</b> or <b>RMC</b>
AOC Form 240 File form, date, initial
Document type <b>NF</b>
File, date, initial
Schedule event
Enter order, date, initial
Service notice of entry

### 19.4 *Recording Log*

Proceedings before a Domestic Relations Commissioner shall be recorded by audio or video and a recording log shall be kept. The DRC shall file the recorded hearings and the recording log in the record with the clerk of the court. FCRPP 4(3).

1. Upon receipt of an audio or video recording log apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File the log on a document screen using document code(s) **RL** (Recording Log) or **VL** (Video Log) as appropriate. Place the log in the physical record.

File, date, initial
Document type <b>RL</b> – Recording Log <b>VL</b> – Video Log

## 20 COMPEL A WITNESS

### *KRS 421.240*

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#### 20.1 *Procedure to Compel a Witness of This State*

- If a judge of another state certifies under the seal of such court that there is a criminal prosecution pending in such court, or that a grand jury investigation has commenced or is about to commence, that a person of this state is a material witness, and that his presence will be required for a specified number of days, upon presentation of such certificate to any judge of a court of record in the county in which such person is, such judge shall fix a time and place for a hearing, and shall make an order directing the witness to appear at a time and place certain for the hearing. KRS 421.240.

1. Upon receipt of a certificate or request to compel a witness of this state take the request to any available judge.
2. Upon receipt of an order directing the witness to appear, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File the court order in the General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order file.
3. Schedule the hearing as directed by the judge/order on a manual docket using event type **OH**.
4. Provide the order to the sheriff to be personally served upon the witness. File the sheriff's return in the General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order file.
5. If at the hearing the judge determines the witness is material and necessary and that it will not cause undue hardship to the witness to be compelled to attend and testify in the other state, issue a summons as directed by the judge with the certificate attached, directing the witness to attend and testify in the court where the prosecution is pending or where a grand jury investigation is commencing as specified in the summons.

**NOTE:** If the judge signs the summons, do not retain any portion of the documents except for the court order (file in the General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order file.)

6. Upon receipt of a returned summons, file along with other related documents.

**NOTE:** Contest/challenge of a summons to compel a witness is handled in the requesting state.

#### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial

Schedule hearing  
Event type **OH**

Issue summons  
AOC Form 025.1

## 21 CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

### *KRS 416.540 to 416.610*

*Circuit Court*

A [condemnation proceeding](#) is an action by any person, corporation or entity, including the Commonwealth of Kentucky, its agencies and departments, county, municipality and taxing district authorized and empowered by law to take private property for a public use under the right of eminent domain. A condemnation proceeding is commenced by the filing of a petition.

#### 21.1 *Petition*

1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**NOTE:** Governmental agencies, including the Commonwealth, **are not** exempt from payment of this filing fee. KRS 416.560(3).

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
4. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Use case type **DOMAIN**.
5. Generate the next number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
6. **Do not** issue a summons at this time.
7. The plaintiff must file enough copies of the petition for service upon each defendant and commissioners, in addition to the original, which is filed in your office. If you make the copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Collect filing fees</p> <p>File, date, initial</p> <p>Case type <b>DOMAIN</b></p> <p>Circuit civil <b>CI</b> case</p> <p><b>Do not</b> issue summons</p>
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21.2 *Commissioners*

For more information, see [Commissioners of Circuit Court](#).

1. Following the filing of a petition to condemn property, the circuit court, or in the absence of the circuit judge, the circuit clerk, shall appoint three impartial landowners as commissioners. KRS 416.580.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the appointment; add the date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen. Use document type **OACO**.
4. Provide copies to the appointees and attorney for the plaintiff.
5. Within 15 days from the date of their appointment, the commissioners shall submit a written report to the circuit court describing the property sought to be condemned and the amount awarded.
6. Apply **FILED** stamp to the report; add the date and your initials.
7. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **RCOM**.
8. The commissioners are entitled to collect a reasonable fee which shall be taxed as costs by the court.

**Quick Reference**  
 Appoint three landowners as commissioners  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **OACO**

File report, date, initial  
 Document type **RCOM**

21.3 *Summons Issuance*

1. Following the filing of the commissioners' report, issue a summons on the respondent/landowner by completing a summons screen. CR 4.02, CR 4.04(1). Use summons type **CS**.

**NOTE:** Include a copy of the petition and commissioners' report with the summons. The amount of the commissioners fee should be included in the order or on the summons.

2. The plaintiff will instruct whether service of the summons is by certified mail or personal service. For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

Summons type **CS**

21.4 *Return of Service*

For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays upon an affidavit that the process cannot be executed after that day. KRS 454.125.

21.5 *Hearing*

- 1. Upon receipt of an answer to the petition, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- 2. File on a document screen. Use document type **ANS**.
- 3. Schedule a hearing as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.
- 4. If the owner prevails on the hearing, the court will order a final judgment entered in the case and the dismissal of the case. Upon receipt of final judgment and dismissal, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- 5. Enter the judgment on the document screen. Include the notice of entry method. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
- 6. After entry of the final judgment, and order of dismissal, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Document type **ANS**

Schedule a hearing

Enter judgment, date, initial

NOE

21.5.1 **Interlocutory Judgment**

- 1. If the owner does not file an answer to the petition, the court may enter an interlocutory judgment. When an interlocutory judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- 2. Enter the interlocutory judgment on the document screen, using document code **JIN**, and include the notice of entry method. Do not close the case. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
- 3. After entry of the interlocutory judgment, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

Enter interlocutory judgment, date, initial

Document type **JIN**

NOE

21.5.2 **Exceptions/Trial**

Within 30 days from the entry of an interlocutory judgment, either party may file exceptions to the interlocutory judgment on the matter of the amount to be paid to the owner for the property.

- 1. If exceptions are filed, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File the exceptions on a document screen using document code **EXPT**.
- 2. Schedule a trial as directed by your judge using event type **CT** - Court Trial or **JT** – Jury Trial. Upon conclusion of the trial, the court will order a final judgment to be entered.

File, date, initial  
Document code **EXPT**

Event type **CT** or **JT**

If no exceptions to the interlocutory judgment are filed, the court will order a final judgment to be entered.

**21.5.3 Payment to Owner**

The court may order that the amount to be paid to the owner of the condemned property be paid:

- directly to the owner of the property; or
- to the Circuit Clerk to be disbursed to the owner of the property.

Any monies paid to the Clerk, should be handled **according to the instructions of the Order**. KRS 416.630. The Order, if separate from the final judgment, should be processed in the same manner as the final judgment.

**21.5.4 Final Judgment**

1. When the order of final judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment on the document screen, and include the notice of entry method. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
3. After entry of the final judgment, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge in the proper disposition fields.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Enter final judgment, date, and initial</p> <p>Serve notice of entry</p>
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## 22 CONFISCATION OF LICENSE TO CARRY CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPON

[Process Map](#)

### 22.1 *Confiscation of License to Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon*

When a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon is confiscated by the court, mail the license together with a copy of the order of conviction to **Kentucky State Police Records Section**.

**Quick Reference**  
 KSP Records Section  
 1250 Louisville Road,  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

### 22.2 *Suspension of License to Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon*

A license to carry a concealed weapon shall be suspended or revoked if an Emergency Protective Order or Domestic violence Order is issued against the licensee. KRS 237.110(13)(k). The licensee must surrender the license to the court or a peace officer serving an EPO. The license is suspended until the DVO is terminated or the judge who issued the EPO/DVO terminates the suspension prior to the termination of the DVO.

1. If you receive a license to carry a concealed deadly weapon which was suspended or revoked because of domestic violence:
  - 1) Place the license in an envelope and note "License to Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon" on the outside of the envelope.
  - 2) Staple the envelope inside the domestic violence case file.
  - 3) Upon request of the licensee, return the license to the licensee, IF:
    - The Emergency Protective Order/Domestic Violence Order is terminated; or
    - A written Order Terminating the License Suspension is entered.



## 23 CONSOLIDATED CASES

### *CR 42.01*

[Process Map](#)

#### 23.1 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of an Order of Consolidation, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
  2. Enter the order by completing a document screen and placing the order in each case included in the consolidation and give notice of entry. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
- NOTE:** In the memo field of each case screen make a notation of the case number(s) with which it is consolidated.
3. If the Order of Consolidation does not specify into which case the other case(s) is to be consolidated, consolidate it into the most recently filed case.
  4. Cross reference the cases. For more information, refer to [Case Cross Reference](#) in the KyCourts Manual.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter order, date, initial

Complete a document screen and give notice of entry

#### 23.2 *Consolidation*

1. File all pleadings received, after the Order of Consolidation has been entered, in the case file designated by the court's order or in the most recently filed case.
- NOTE:** Pleadings filed prior to the Order of Consolidation remain in their respective case files.
2. Staple or band the case record being consolidated (secondary case) to the back of the senior action (primary case) and fold the older case record flap in. Place an out card in the location of the file that was consolidated (secondary case) noting the case number, case style and indicate the case has been consolidated per the entered order.

#### 23.3 *Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of a judgment or order that closes the consolidated case, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order by completing a document screen in each case included in the consolidation and give notice of entry. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
3. When an order or judgment closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen for each case consolidated.

Enter, date, initial

NOE

### 23.4 *Appeal*

1. In the event of an appeal of a consolidated case prepare and certify both the primary and secondary case. See [Appeals](#).

## 24 CORONER'S INQUEST VERDICT

### *KRS 72.420(3)*

[Process Map](#)

- A clerk's only duties pertaining to a coroner's inquest are outlined below. If the coroner requests you to summons jurors or perform other duties, direct the coroner to KRS 72.420.

#### 24.1 *Coroner Inquest Verdict*

1. When a Coroner's Inquest Verdict, for murder, manslaughter, or other criminal act, is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the verdict; add the date and your initials.
2. Maintain the verdicts by calendar year in a file folder labeled "Coroner's Inquest Verdicts."

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial  
Add to "Coroner's Inquest Verdicts" folder

#### 24.2 *Coroner Inquest – Failure to Obey Coroner's Subpoena*

1. Upon receipt of an application for contempt for failure to obey a coroner's subpoena, apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials.
2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
3. Open the case. Use case type **OTH**. For more information see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions for opening the case.
4. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. Deliver to the Judge and set a hearing as directed.
6. Upon receipt of an Order or Judgment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on the document screen.
7. After entry of the order, serve notice of entry on the parties by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver to the parties or attorney.
8. Enter the notice of entry method and date on the document screen when the order is entered. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
9. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

File, date, initial  
  
Case type **OTH**  
  
Circuit **CI** cases  
  
Deliver to Judge  
Enter, date, initial  
  
Notice of Entry  
  
Disposition type **OTH**

## 25 COUNTY LAW LIBRARY DUTIES

### *KRS Chapters 172 and 453*

- By statute, the circuit clerk is the librarian of the county law library and entitled to a salary from the fiscal court of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 per month for services as county law librarian. The clerk must see that county and state officials have access to the library at reasonable hours each day, except Sundays and holidays. KRS 172.110(1).

#### 25.1 *Inventory*

At the commencement of the clerk's term, the clerk who is leaving office must turn over to his/her successor an inventory of all books, stationery, and other property in the library at the time the new clerk takes office, which the new clerk receipts to the clerk leaving office. The clerk is responsible on his/her official bond for the value of all books lost from the library during the term of office. KRS 172.120(2).

#### 25.2 *Fees Collected*

The following fees are collected in counties electing the alternate method of financing law library. KRS 172.180. These are the only fees that may be collected by counties without an urban-county form of government. See Law Library in the [Accounting Manual](#) for additional details.

1. Upon receipt of an order issued by the Chief Circuit Judge requiring collection of the county law library fee under KRS 172.180, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File in your "General/Administrative Order File" and make an entry on the docket sheet attached to the file.
3. Upon entry of this order, begin collecting the following fees (not on examining trials and felony trials):

Court	Fee
District Criminal	\$.50 max
District Civil	\$1.00 max
Circuit Civil	\$1.00 max

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

**EXCEPTION:** in the counties of Jefferson, Boyd, Warren, Kenton, Franklin, Christian, Henderson, Fayette, Campbell, Daviess, McCracken, Hardin, Madison, Boone, Jessamine, and Scott (KRS 81.010) the fees are:

Court	Fee
District Criminal	\$1.50 max
District Civil	\$3.00 max
Circuit Civil	\$3.00 max

4. All counties having a county law library shall collect the following taxed attorney fees if the successful party is represented by an attorney. KRS 453.060(3).

Court	Fee
Circuit Civil	\$5.00
District Civil and Criminal	\$2.50 (except felonies)
Court of Appeals Civil	\$10.00

5. Fees for Circuit and District Civil should be collected at the time of filing of the petition. Fees collected on criminal cases should be added to the court costs at the termination of the action.

**NOTE:** The party against whom fees are ultimately assessed will be determined by the court at the termination of the proceedings. Unless the court otherwise orders, the clerk’s only responsibility is to collect the fees as set forth herein. Any adjustments, refunds, reimbursements, etc., will be between the parties’ attorneys as ordered by the court.

6. At the end of each month pay all sums collected during the preceding month to the trustees of the county law library. The clerk must make a full report of the payment and is entitled to receive a receipt for it. KRS 453.060(3).

### 25.3 *General Duties*

The clerk must keep the library rooms in order, preserve, arrange, and index all books, charts, maps and furniture belonging to the library. KRS 172.110(2). The details of this duty include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Discard superseded South Western Reporter 3d paperback advance sheets.
2. Shelf promptly upon their receipt the bound Kentucky Decisions, and South Western Reporter 3d paperback advance sheets so that they are accessible to the judges, county and state officials, and the public at reasonable hours each day except Sundays and holidays. KRS 172.110(1).
3. Receipt all books, maps and furniture placed in the library. The receipts (copies of the bills or packing slips) shall be given to the state law librarian and preserved in his office at Frankfort. KRS 172.110(3).
4. Keep a record in which the clerk charges each book to the person taking it from the library. The clerk must see that all books so taken are returned at the proper time. KRS 172.150.
5. Any person may use the books, but the clerk must not permit anyone to take them out of the library, except that officials and lawyers may take them to local courtrooms to be used in the argument of cases. Any person who has possession of a book belonging to the state must, upon request of the clerk, return it to the clerk. KRS 172.140.

**Quick Reference**

State Law Library  
Suite 200  
State Capitol  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Telephone: (502)564-4848

### 25.4 *Filing Reports*

Annually in December, the clerk must inventory all books in the library belonging to the state and report the library inventory under oath to the state law librarian before January 1. KRS 172.110(4). **There is a fine of \$5.00 per month for every month this inventory is delinquent.** KRS 172.990(1).

### 25.5 *End of Term*

At the end of the clerk's term, the clerk must turn over to his/her successor an inventory of all books, stationery, and other property in the library. KRS 172.120(1).

### 25.6 *Requests for Information*

1. Circuit clerks may obtain information concerning the performance of their duties from the **State Law Library**.
2. The state law library may order books for county law libraries and charge them to the county law library fund when so requested and when approved by the administrative assistant to the Chief Justice. KRS 27A.210(8).

State Law Library  
Suite 200  
State Capitol  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Telephone: (502)564-4848

## 26 COURT INTERPRETERS

### *Amended Administrative Procedures, Part IX*

- The court is required to appoint a qualified interpreter for each court appearance in any civil or criminal matter for each party, juror, witness or non-party, who is deaf or hard of hearing, or who cannot communicate in English which will prevent said person from properly understanding the nature of the proceedings or will substantially prejudice his or her rights. The court also provides interpreting services for deaf and hard of hearing attorneys who have been determined to be qualified to receive interpreting services.

**NOTE:** A non-party is one whose presence or participation in a court matter is necessary or appropriate, including but not limited to, to-wit:

- a parent or guardian of a juvenile and any of his or her family members involved in a juvenile proceeding,
- a victim of crime or parent or guardian of a minor victim of a crime;
- a family member, friend, or associate of a party or person participating in a court proceeding, who, along with the party or person, is an appropriate individual with whom the court should communicate.

### 26.1 *Contacting Court Interpreting Services*

A Contact Person must be designated in each county by the Chief District Judge or Chief Circuit Judge who will be responsible for scheduling a staff interpreter or freelance interpreter for court proceedings or direct services. The contact person may be a judge's secretary, court administrator, or other Court of Justice employee.

Upon receipt of a request or need of an interpreter the Contact Person should complete one of the following AOC forms:

- [AOC Form INT-10](#), Request for Interpreter/Assistive Technology "Deaf/Hard of Hearing" may be used.
- [AOC Form INT-11](#), Request for Interpreter/Assistive Technology Attorney who is "Deaf/Hard of Hearing" may be used.

After completion of the appropriate form, the Contact Person may contact Court Interpreting Services with the request by email, phone or fax.

[statewideinterpretingrequest@kycourts.net](mailto:statewideinterpretingrequest@kycourts.net)

<http://courts.ky.gov/courtprograms/CIS/Pages/ContactCIS.aspx>

Tel: 502-573-2350

Fax: 502-782-8700

An approved freelance interpreter or language provider company is listed on the [AOC Interpreter Directory](#).

#### Quick Reference

AOC INT-10

AOC INT-11

#### Contacting CIS:

[statewideinterpreterrequest@kycourts.net](mailto:statewideinterpreterrequest@kycourts.net)

<http://courts.ky.gov/courtprograms/CIS/Pages/ContactCIS.aspx>

T: 502-573-2350

F: 502-782-8700

**NOTE:** If your county has a staff interpreter you may contact them directly. You are required to schedule them if available. For contact information, please refer to the AOC Interpreter Directory.

### ***26.2 Telephone Interpreting Services***

Interpreters for court proceedings or direct services may be obtained by telephone for brief, non-evidentiary proceedings, including pretrial interviews and verification, initial appearances, and/or arraignments. Clerks may also obtain interpreting assistance via phone for direct services. Contact Interpreting Services for telephone policy and instructions for using the AOC contracted telephone services.

### ***26.3 Video Interpreting Services***

In those counties where there is Video Remote Language Interpreting services, access to a certified American Sign Language interpreter is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Video remote interpreting may be appropriate for communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing in various emergency situations.



## 27 COURT SECURITY INCIDENT REPORT

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### 27.1 *Kentucky Court of Justice Security Incident Report, Form AOC-FAC-50 (formerly AOC-PT-50).*

- An [AOC-FAC-50](#) must be completed for each security incident, which either involves Court of Justice personnel or occurs on property leased or maintained by the Court of Justice.
- A “security incident” means:
  - (1) a threat or assault against a court facility or the court community, including judges, court personnel, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, or others who are using a court facility; or
  - (2) any event or situation that disrupts court functions or compromises the safety of the court facility or court community.

A security incident is not limited to a violation of law and may include any act or circumstance that interferes with the administration of justice or threatens safety.

- Upon completion, scan and submit this form to the AOC Court Security Unit via email to [courtsecurity@kycourts.net](mailto:courtsecurity@kycourts.net) **by the close of the next business day** following the security incident. The Chief Circuit Judge, Circuit Court Clerk, and Sheriff’s Office must be copied on the email.

After filling out an AOC-FAC-50, scan and submit via email the form to AOC Court Security Unit and copy the Chief Circuit Judge, Circuit Court Clerk and the Sheriff’s Office.

### 27.2 *Court of Justice Incident Report Non KCOJ Personnel, Form AOC-OSH-1.0*

- An [AOC-OSH-1.0](#) must be completed to document a medical event, accident, injury, or illness experienced by an individual in a Kentucky Court of Justice facility who is not employed by the Kentucky Court of Justice. If the incident to be reported involves a KCOJ official or employee, do not complete this form. Instead, use the IA-1 First Report of Injury Form located on the AOC HR Intranet site.
- [AOC-OSH-1.0](#) must be mailed/faxed to the Safety and Health Administrator and the property owner or designee **within 72 hours** of the incident. Courtesy copies should be sent to the Circuit Court Clerk, if the incident occurred in a court facility, and the KCOJ official(s) and/or appointing authority responsible for employees where the incident occurred.

Mail/Fax completed for within 72 hours of incident to:  
 Safety and Health Administrator  
 AOC  
 1001 Vandalay Dr.  
 Frankfort, KY 40601  
 FAX: 502-782-8708

## 28 CREMATION/DISPOSITION OF DECEDENT REMAINS

### *KRS 367.93121*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

- An action to contest or determine the validity of any declaration setting forth a decedent’s preferences regarding the manner of disposition of their remains is an original action in district court and is brought in the same manner as an action to contest the validity of a will.
- A crematory may utilize AOC Form 858 Petition to Authorize Cremation of Decedent and Order.

#### 28.1 *Petition to Authorize Cremation*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 858 Petition to Authorize Cremation of Decedent and Order](#), collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) for a Petition for Cremation/Disposition of Decedent Remains, and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
  4. Open the case. For more information see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions for opening the case.
  5. Generate the next case number in the computer for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
  6. File on a document screen using document type **PBC**.
  7. **Do not** issue a summons.
  8. Deliver the case file to the district judge.
  9. Upon receipt of a signed [AOC Form 858 Petition to Authorize Cremation of Decedent and Order](#), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  10. Enter the order on the document screen. This constitutes entry of the order; it does not become effective until this is done.
  11. After entry of the order, serve notice of entry on the parties by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver to the parties or attorney.
  12. Enter the notice of entry method and date on the document screen when the order is entered. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
  13. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC form 858  
 Collect filing fees for  
 Petition for  
 Cremation/Disposition  
 of Decedent Remains

File, date, initial

**C** – District Civil  
 Document type **PBC**  
**Do not** issue summons

Enter, date, initial

Serve notice of entry

### 28.2 *Petition to Contest Disposition*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 859](#), apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. If AOC Form 858 has previously been filed and a district civil case has been created, add AOC Form 859 as a document in the case using document code **PPC**.

If a case has not been previously filed, open a district civil case and collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) for a district civil action under \$500.00, and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
4. Open the case. For more information see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions for opening the case.
5. Generate the next case number in the computer for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
6. Immediately deliver the case file to the district judge.
7. Upon receipt of an Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
8. Enter the order on the document screen. This constitutes entry of the order; it does not become effective until this is done.
9. After entry of the order, serve notice of entry on the parties by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver to the parties or attorney. Enter the notice of entry method and date on the document screen when the order is entered. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
10. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 859  
 File, date, initial

AOC Form 858  
 Document code **PPC**

Collect filing fees for district civil action under \$500

**C** – District Civil

Enter, date, initial

**Do not** issue a summons

Serve notice of entry

### 28.3 *Surety Bond*

The plaintiff must post a surety bond, cash deposit, or other surety sufficient to guarantee that the entity holding the declarant’s remains is compensated for the safe-keeping charges incurred while the action is pending. For more information, see [Bonds and Sureties](#).

1. Upon receipt of a surety bond apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

File, date, initial

Collect bond fee

Document type **BSUR**

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2. Collect a fee for taking the bond as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **BSUR**.

## 29 DEFERRED PROSECUTION

### *KRS 218A.1415; KRS 218A.14151*

[Process Map](#)

- Applies only to 1st and 2nd offense of Possession of Controlled Substance 1st, Class D Felony.

#### 29.1 *Application*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 331](#) (Application for Deferred Prosecution), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **ADP**.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 331  
File, date, initial  
Document code **ADP**

#### 29.2 *Order Acknowledging*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 331.1](#) (Order Acknowledging Deferred Prosecution), apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document code **OAKDP**.
3. Close the charge screen using disposition type **DP**. Close the case screen.
4. Provide [notice of entry](#) and distribute per the order's distribution list.

AOC Form 331.1  
Enter, date, initial  
Document code **OAKDP**  
  
Disposition type **DP**  
NOE

#### 29.3 *Order Terminating*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 332](#) (Order Terminating Deferred Prosecution), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Move the current disposition date, type and judge information to the memo field.
3. Calendar for a hearing.
4. Complete a document screen using document code **OTDP**.
5. Provide [notice of entry](#) to all parties per the distribution list.
6. When the case is resolved, reopen and close a special status screen. Refer to [Special Status Detail Screen](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions.

AOC Form 332  
Enter, date, initial  
  
  
Calendar hearing  
Document code **OTDP**  
NOE

## 29.4 *Order Sealing*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 333](#) (Order Sealing Records for Successful Deferred Prosecution), apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document code **OSDP** and provide [notice of entry](#) to all parties.
3. Move the current disposition date, type and judge information to the memo field and close out the charge as disposition type **DDP**.
4. Reopen and close a special status screen. Refer to the [Special Status Detail Screen](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions.
5. If the order directs sealing of specific items, print AOC Form 336, Supplemental Order Sealing records for Successful Deferred Prosecution from KyCourts and deliver to the judge for verification of specific items to be sealed.

**NOTE:** For KY3 counties – print from the case detail “forms” screen within KY3 - Form# SosOrder.

**NOTE:** For KY2 counties – print from the Report Printing drop-down list within KY2 – Supp Ord Seal Recs Success Defer Prosec/Void Conv

6. Upon receipt of the completed AOC Form 336 from the judge add Order as a document using document type **SOSR**.

**NOTE:** If charge(s) ordered sealed is in a circuit criminal case that originated in district court, you must print the supplemental order sealing AOC Form 336 from the district court case as well as the circuit court case to be delivered to the circuit court judge.

**NOTE:** If you are asked about a sealed record, advise that no such record exists.

### Quick Reference

AOC Form 333  
Enter, date, initial

Document code **OSDP**

Disposition type **DDP**

AOC Form 336

Document type **SOSR**

### 29.4.1 Seal the Electronic Record

1. Upon Receipt of AOC Form 334 and/or a completed AOC Form 336 from the judge, seal the electronic record by clicking “Seal Case/Charge” button under “Case Level Maintenance.” Click “Seal in accordance with HB 463” button.
2. [Seal Entire Case](#) will remove/transfer the entire case (all screens) from the “CI, DI or CO divisions” to the “SE division.”
3. [Seal Specific Charge\(s\)](#) will remove/transfer only the selected offenses from the case within the “CI, DI or CO division” to the “SE division.” Any reference to the sealed charges left in the “CI, DI, or CO division” must be taken out manually from any screen/field (the memo, BP/CO Recap).

**NOTE:** Sealing a charge/case Per HB 463 transfers the charge/case to the SE “Sealed Division.” Information relating to the charge or case will not appear for public inspection electronically. Sealing a charge/case Non HB 463 will transfer charge/case details to the SE division, however; other case details may still be viewable electronically to the public.

### 29.4.2 Seal the Case Record

1. If the case is not in the computer and if an original calendar can be located, make a copy and place in the original case file before sealing. Do not mark out the case on the copy.
2. Seal the original case jacket, case history (docket sheet and index card, if such exists), recording and log in an envelope. Add the case number, the defendant's date of birth and the date of the sealed order to the outside of the envelope. Maintain in a locked file cabinet. Do not open except by court order. If the court orders the case unsealed, make appropriate notation on outside of envelope.

**EXCEPTION:** If the recording includes other cases, make a notation on the log that the case file has been sealed. If a request for a copy is made, do not copy that portion of the recording that pertains to the sealed record.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to seal the audio tapes; the official retention and disposal schedule for district court tapes applies.

3. On the original calendar, obliterate the case and mark the obliteration "sealed."
4. If a charge(s) ordered sealed is in a circuit criminal case that originated in district court, you must also seal the charge in the district court case.

## 30 DISABILITY PROCEEDINGS

### *KRS Chapter 387*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

- Disability proceedings include:
  - Adjudging a person seventeen (17) years of age or older to be mentally or physically disabled to manage his/her affairs;
  - Determining that the person is no longer mentally or physically disabled.

**NOTE:** The county attorney is responsible for assisting the petitioner. KRS 387.560(3).

- [Disability Petition](#)
- [Appointment of Guardian/Conservator](#)
- [Petition for Relief/Modification](#)
- [Emergency Appointments](#)
- [Disability Procedure Checklist](#)
- [Settlement for Minor or Person Under Disability](#)
- [Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings](#)

### 30.1 *Venue*

Jurisdiction for disability cases lies in district court and venue for a respondent or ward who is a Kentucky resident is:

- In the county where the respondent or ward resides;
- In the county of domicile of respondent or ward;
- In the county where parent of respondent or ward who is a minor is domiciled. KRS 387.520(2).

**NOTE:** If no local conservator has been appointed and no petition in a disability proceeding is pending in this state, a domiciliary foreign conservator may file with a court in this state in a county in which property belonging to the disabled person is located, authenticated copies of the appointment and of any official bond given. The conservator may then exercise as to assets in this state all powers of a local conservator and may maintain actions and proceedings in this state subject to any conditions imposed on non-resident parties generally. KRS 387.520(3).



### 30.2 *Confidentiality*

All court records in disability proceedings are confidential except:

- Orders of appointment
- Judgments
- Orders affecting judgments. KRS 387.770(1).

Any person seeking to obtain confidential information contained in the court files or records may file a written motion stating why the information is needed. KRS 387.770(3). Maintain a log of individuals and entities granted access to the files or records by court order. KRS 387.770(3).

### 30.3 *Disability Petition*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 740](#), Petition to Determine if Disabled and [AOC Form 745](#), Application for Fiduciary of Disabled Persons, collect the filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. There is no jury filing fee. KRS 24A.170.

**NOTE:** Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. The petition will be filed in the confidential division of district court.

**NOTE:** [AOC Form 765](#), Report of Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team is required and may be filed with the petition or prior to the hearing. KRS 387.550(6).  
New case type codes: GCADLT and CONSVA.

3. Determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Assign an **H** number to the disability case using the next pre-number folder and a trailer number to each petition.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 740  
AOC Form 745  
Collect filing fee

File, date, initial

AOC Form 765  
Case type **GCADLT**  
**CONSVA**

Case number **H**

### 30.4 *Hearing*

- The hearing shall be a jury trial unless:
- The respondent if present, counsel for the respondent, and the attorney for the Commonwealth agree to a bench trial;
  - No objection to a bench trial is made by an interested person or entity; and
  - The interdisciplinary evaluation report prepared for the proceeding reflects a unanimous consensus of the persons preparing it that the respondent is disabled or partial disabled, the court has reviewed the report, and the court finds no cause to require a jury trial. KRS 387.540.
1. *If the petition is filed with [AOC Form 765](#), Report of Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team*, use document code **RIET**. The jury trial must be held within 30 days of the filing. KRS 387.570(1); 387.550(1).
  2. *If no Interdisciplinary Evaluation report is filed with the petition*, the jury trial must be held within 60 days of the filing of the petition. KRS 387.550(1).
  3. Upon receipt of [AOC 780](#), Order Setting for Hearing, or [AOC 782](#), Order Setting Bench Trial apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  4. File on a document screen using document type **OST** OR **OSDBT**.
  5. Complete a scheduled event screen for a jury trial using code **JT**.
  6. Mail a copy of the order no less than 14 days before the hearing to all of the following:
    - Petitioner
    - Respondent
    - Attorneys for both parties
    - All persons named in the petition
    - Person proposed for appointment as limited guardian, guardian, limited conservator, or conservator
    - Person with whom or facility where respondent resides. KRS 387.550(2)

#### Quick Reference

A jury trial should be scheduled until the court finds no cause to require a jury trial.

- \* If petition filed with AOC Form 765, jury trial within 30 days; document type **RIET**
- \* If no AOC Form 765, jury trial in 60 days

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OST**  
OR **OSDBT**

Scheduled event code  
**JT**

### 30.5 *Summons*

1. Prepare a summons on the respondent by completing a summons screen. CR 4.01(1)(b). [AOC Form 706](#), Hospitalization/Disability Summons, may be used for this purpose.
2. Serve the summons as prepared by the petitioner using the instructions provided in [Service of Process](#).
3. When a return of service is received, handle according to the instructions provided in [Service of Process](#).

**NOTE:** A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays upon an affidavit that the process cannot be executed after that day. KRS 454.125.

Prepare a summons

Serve summons

### 30.6 *Interdisciplinary Team*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 750](#), Order for Examination, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document type **OE**.
3. Complete party screen for each examiner using party type **OP**. Memo title of examiner, if known.
4. Give notice of entry by mailing a copy of the order to all of the following:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent
  - Attorneys for both parties
  - Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team
  - Individual or facility with custody of respondent
5. The Interdisciplinary report must be filed with court and served on attorneys for both parties at least 10 days prior to hearing. KRS 387.540(7). Any attorney who does not represent the petitioner or respondent must obtain a court order for a copy of the report.
6. Upon receipt of AOC Form 765, Report of Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team, apply the **FILED** stamp to the report; add the date and your initials.
7. File on a document screen using document type **RIET**.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 750  
Enter, date, initial

Document type **OE**

NOE

AOC Form 765  
File, date, initial

Document type **RIET**

### 30.7 *Appointment of Counsel*

- If the respondent does not obtain counsel within one week of the filing, the court will appoint counsel. KRS 387.560(1).
1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 755](#), Order Appointing Counsel, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
  2. File on a document screen using document type **OAC**.
  3. Complete a party screen for the attorney.
  4. Give notice of entry by mailing a copy of the order to all of the following:
    - Petitioner
    - Respondent
    - Attorneys for both parties
    - All persons named in petition or facility or person with whom respondent resides
    - Person proposed for appointment as limited guardian, guardian, limited conservator, or conservator

AOC Form 755  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type OAC  
 Complete a party  
 screen  
**NOE**

### 30.8 *Disability Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of a signed [AOC Form 785](#), Disability Judgment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document type **JDIS**.
3. Give notice of entry by mailing the judgment:

Certified copies to:	Copies to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian or conservator</li> <li>• County clerk for recording. <i>KRS 387.590(8)</i> Petitioner is responsible for any recording fee.</li> <li>• State Board of Elections, within 10 days after judgment <b>ONLY</b> if the judge has ordered that the respondent shall not retain the right to vote by checking the box on the form.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>If wholly disabled</i>, send certified copy of judgment with respondent's date of birth and social security number if possible.                                     <p><b>NOTE:</b> If wholly disabled, also send a copy to the Department of Transportation.</p> </li> <li>○ <i>If partially disabled</i>, send certified copy of judgment with respondent's date of birth and social security number and certified copy of Order Appointing Guardian or Conservator.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petitioner</li> <li>• Respondent</li> <li>• Attorneys for both parties</li> <li>• All persons named in petition</li> <li>• Facility where or person with whom respondent resides</li> </ul>

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 785  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **JDIS**

NOE

*State Board of Elections*  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, KY  
40601-3240

Kentucky Department  
of Transportation  
200 Mero Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601

### 30.9 *Appointment of Guardian/Conservator*

1. If the court orders a bond be posted, [AOC Form 825](#), Fiduciary Bond may be used. Collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
KRS. 62.030.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to bond; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen.

**NOTE:** If the District Court directs that the assets of a ward’s estate be deposited in a restricted account, the guardian or conservator is exempt from giving surety on his/her bond. KRS 387.070.

3. Upon receipt of AOC Form 770, Order of Appointment of Conservator and/or AOC Form 775, Order of Appointment of Guardian, and any bond required has been posted, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the Order; add the date and your initials.
4. File by completing a document screen using the appropriate document type. KRS 395.130, 62.060.
  - *If the petitioner is a guardian, use OAG*
  - *If the petitioner is a conservator, use OCON*
5. Give notice of entry of the Order of Appointment by mailing:

Certified copies to:	Copies to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian or conservator</li> <li>• County clerk for recording. KRS 387.590(8)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petitioner</li> <li>• Respondent</li> <li>• Attorneys for both parties</li> <li>• All persons named in petition</li> <li>• Facility where or person with whom respondent resides</li> </ul>

**NOTES:**

- Petitioner is responsible for any recording fee.
  - Do not advertise the appointment of the guardian or conservator. KRS 395.610(2).
6. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 825  
Collect bond filing fee

File, date, initial

AOC Form 770  
AOC Form 775  
Enter, date, initial

Document type  
\* If guardian - **OAG**  
\* If conservator - **OCON**

NOE

AOC Form 760  
Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAF**

7. Enter any order awarding fees. [AOC Form 760](#), Order Awarding Fees may be used. KRS 387.540(8), 387.560(2).
8. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
9. File by completing a document screen using document type **OAF**.
10. Serve notice of entry on the person or entity to whom fees are awarded.

### 30.9.1 Inventory and Settlement

*KRS 387.670(4), 387.710*

- The inventories and settlements listed below must be filed by:
  - A guardian or conservator for a minor;
  - A conservator or limited conservator for a disabled person
- A guardian for a disabled person (who is not also appointed as a conservator or limited conservator) is not required to file inventories and settlements but is required to file an annual report.

#### **An inventory within 60 days of appointment, KRS 387.710(1)**

1. Apply **FILED** stamp to inventory; add the date and your initials.
2. File the inventory on a document screen using document code **INV**.

**Quick Reference**  
  
Document type **INV**

**A settlement every two years**, within 120 days of the anniversary of the appointment, KRS 387.710(2), (may be informal if ward has no real property and possesses personal property of \$2500 or less for any year of the biennial report. KRS 387.710(2)(c).

1. Apply **FILED** stamp to settlement; add the date and your initials.
2. File the settlement on a document screen.
3. Present the settlement to the judge for approval.

File, date, initial  
  
File on document screen

#### **A final settlement upon termination of appointment, KRS 387.710(3)**

1. Apply **FILED** stamp to settlement; add the date and your initials.
2. File the settlement on a document screen.
3. Present the settlement to the judge for approval.
4. Return to fiduciary based on the following:
  - *If no exceptions are filed* within 30 days after settlement is approved, return vouchers to fiduciary.
  - *If exceptions are filed*, retain until settled, then return to fiduciary.

File, date, initial  
  
File on document screen

**An annual report as to the ward's condition, KRS 387.670**

1. Apply **FILED** stamp to the report; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 790](#), Annual Report of Guardian may be used.
2. File the report on a document screen using document code **RGD**.
3. Present the annual report to the judge for approval.

**NOTE:** Do not advertise reports or settlements of the guardian or conservator. KRS 395.610(2).

File, date, initial  
AOC Form 790  
Document code **RGD**

**30.9.2 Delinquent Inventory and Settlements**

- You must report in writing to the judge each month the names and addresses of all fiduciaries who are delinquent in filing an inventory or a settlement. KRS 395.635.
  1. Set up a tickler system to alert you of the names to be reported by completing a scheduled events screen for the date the inventory or settlement is due.
  2. Print and present the calendar to the judge on a monthly basis.
  3. If the inventory or settlement is filed before the due date, delete schedule event using instructions in the [Counter Screen](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.

**Quick Reference**  
Set up tickler system  
  
Present calendar to judge

**30.10 *Designation of Standby Guardian or Conservator***

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 777](#), Verified Petition for the Voluntary Appointment of a Guardian or Conservator and Standby Guardian and Order KRS 387.330, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File the application by completing a document screen using the following document types:
  - **PVA**
  - *If the petitioner is a guardian, use **OAG***
  - *If the petitioner is a conservator, use **OCON***
3. **Do not** issue a summons.
4. Deliver the case file to the judge. If the judge directs, schedule a hearing and give notice. Complete a scheduled events screen for the date of the hearing.

AOC Form 777  
File, date, initial  
  
Document types  
\* **PVA**  
\* If guardian - **OAG**  
\* If conservator - **OCON**  
  
**Do not** issue summons



### 30.10.1 Court Action for Designation of Standby Guardian/Conservator

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 777](#), Verified Petition for the Voluntary Appointment of a Guardian or Conservator and Standby Guardian and Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter on a document screen using the appropriate document type.
  - *If the petitioner is a guardian, use OAG*
  - *If the petitioner is a conservator, use OCON*
3. Give notice of entry to the attorneys of record and all parties not represented by counsel. Include notice of entry date and method. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. If the order designates the applicant as standby guardian or conservator, the applicant has 10 days following death, resignation, removal or incapacity of the guardian or conservator to accept the designation as standby guardian or conservator.
5. Upon receipt of an acceptance of the designation of standby guardian or conservator, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. File by completing a document screen.
7. Serve a copy of the acceptance on the ward by mailing a copy to the ward and his/her nearest adult relative.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>  AOC Form 777  Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Document type  * If guardian - <b>OAG</b>  * If conservator - <b>OCON</b></p> <p>Give notice of entry</p> <p>File, date, initial</p>
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### 30.10.2 Appointment of Standby Guardian or Conservator

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 770](#), Order of Appointment of Conservator or AOC Form 775, Order of Appointment of Guardian **and** [AOC Form 825](#), Fiduciary Bond (KRS 395.130, 62.060), collect the bond filing fee (if any bond is required) as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
KRS. 62.030.

2. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
3. Enter the order on a document screen using the appropriate document type.
  - *If the petitioner is a guardian, use OAG*
  - *If the petitioner is a conservator, use OCON*
4. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter on a document screen using document type **BF**.
6. Give notice of entry of the Order of Appointment by mailing:

Certified copies to:	Copies to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian or conservator</li> <li>• County clerk for recording. <i>KRS 387.590(8)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petitioner</li> <li>• Respondent</li> <li>• Attorneys for both parties</li> <li>• All persons named in petition</li> <li>• Facility where or person with whom respondent resides</li> </ul>

- Petitioner is responsible for any recording fee.
- Do not advertise the appointment of the guardian or conservator. *KRS 395.610(2)*

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 770  
 AOC Form 775  
 AOC Form 825  
 Collect bond filing fee

Enter order, date, initial

Document type  
 \* If guardian - **OAG**  
 \* If conservator - **OCON**

File bond, date, initial

Document type **BF**

**NOTES:**

### 30.10.3 Inventory and Settlement

A standby guardian or conservator must file (KRS 387.670(4), 387.710):

- [Inventory/Settlement Information](#)

**NOTE:** Do not advertise reports or settlements of the standby guardian or conservator. KRS 395.610(2).

- [Delinquent Inventory and Settlements](#)

### 30.10.4 Voluntary Appointment of Guardian or Conservator on Contingency

1. When [AOC Form 777](#), Verified Petition for the Voluntary Appointment of a Guardian or Conservator and Standby Guardian and Order is received (KRS 387.330), collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  3. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KYCourts Manual.
  4. Immediately close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 777  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

### 30.10.5 Revocation

1. If a signed revocation of the voluntary petition is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the revocation; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen.

File, date, initial

## 30.11 *Judicial Proceedings*

1. At such time as a verified statement is received apply the **FILED** stamp to the verified statement; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen.
3. Deliver the case file to the judge.
4. If the judge directs, schedule a hearing and give notice. Complete a scheduled events screen for the date of the hearing.

File, date, initial

Deliver file to judge  
Schedule a hearing (if necessary)

### 30.11.1 Appointment of Guardian/Conservator

For more information see [Appointment of Guardian/Conservator](#).

### 30.11.2 Inventory and Settlement

For more information, see [Inventory and Settlement](#) or [Delinquent Inventory and Settlements](#).

### 30.12 *Petitions for Relief, Modification*

A respondent in a disability case may petition the court (written or oral) for the appointment of an individual to assist the respondent in preparing a written Petition for Relief, Modification or Termination of a Disability Order entered by any court in the Commonwealth. KRS 387.620.

#### 30.12.1 Case Filed in Your Court

- **Oral Request:** In the existing case, schedule a hearing, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.
- **Written Request:**
  1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  2. File in the existing case by completing a document screen.
  3. Schedule a hearing, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.
- **Order Appointing:**
  1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  2. File by completing a document screen.
  3. Serve notice of entry on the respondent and the individual appointed to assist the respondent.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Schedule hearing

Enter, date, initial

File on document screen

Notice of Entry

#### 30.12.2 Not a Case in Your Court

Open a “H” case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual.

- **Oral Request:** Schedule a hearing, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.
- **Written Request:**
  1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  2. File in the case by completing a document screen.
  3. Schedule a hearing, as directed by the court, by completing a scheduled events screen.
- **Order Appointing:**
  1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  2. File by completing a document screen.
  3. Serve notice of entry on the respondent and the individual appointed to assist the respondent.

#### H Case

File, date, initial

Enter, date, initial

File on document screen

Notice of entry

30.12.3 **Petition for Relief, Modification or Termination**

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 795](#), Petition for Relief, Modification or Termination, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.  
  
**NOTE:** Any request for assistance in completing a petition for relief, modification, or termination should be presented to the court for appointment of a person to prepare a petition on behalf of the requestor.
2. File on a document screen in the case using document type **PRMT**.
3. Schedule a hearing to be held within 30 days of the filing of the petition, by completing a scheduled events screen. KRS 387.620(4).
4. Give notice of the hearing to all parties and persons named in the petition no less than 14 days prior to the hearing. KRS 387.620(4).
5. If an order is received appointing counsel, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials
6. Enter on a document screen using document code **OAC**.
7. If a motion for a jury trial is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initial.
8. File a motion screen.
9. Complete a scheduled events screen for the jury trial date.
10. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
11. Enter by completing a document screen. Memo the details of the relief, modification, or termination.
12. Give [notice of entry](#) to all parties and persons named in the petition.
13. Send a certified copy of restoration judgment, modification, or dissolution of guardianship to the County Clerk for recording. KRS 387.620(7).
14. Send certified copy of restoration judgment, modification, or dissolution of guardianship to originating court if restoration judgment, modification, or dissolution of guardianship is ordered by court other than where original judgment was entered. KRS 387.620(8).

<b>Quick Reference</b> AOC Form 795 File, date, initial
Document type <b>PRMT</b> Schedule hearing to be held within 30 days
Enter order, date, initial
Document type <b>OAC</b> File motion, date, initial
Enter signed order, date, and initial
Serve notice of entry

30.13 ***Emergency Appointments***

KRS 387.740

- The court may exercise powers of limited guardian or conservator or appoint one if:
  - There is a disability proceeding pending, including appeal.
  - There is a danger of serious impairment to the health or safety of respondent or damage or dissipation to his property if immediate action is not taken. KRS 387.740(1).

### 30.13.1 Petition for Emergency Appointment Received

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 747](#), Petition/ Application for Emergency Appointment of Fiduciary, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).

**NOTE:** There should also be a regular petition previously filed in the case or filed with an emergency petition/application. KRS 387.740. Petitioner is required to note the date of filing of the non-emergency petition on [AOC Form 747](#). If you receive an emergency petition/application and no other petition has been filed, please note this for the judge’s review.

2. Apply **FILED** stamp to the petition, add the date and your initials.
3. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
4. Add the petition as a document using document type **PEF**.

**NOTE:** Copy the case history at the close of each case. Place a tab on the side of the copy and insert in the file folder as a divider.

5. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 780](#), Order Setting Hearing, set a hearing date within one week of filing of petition by completing a scheduled events screen. KRS 387.740(3). Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
6. File the order as a document using document type **OST**.
7. Respondent is entitled to counsel. KRS 387.740(3) Upon receipt of [AOC Form 755](#), Order Appointing Counsel, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add date and your initials.
8. Add the order as a document using document type **OAC**.
9. Give notice of entry by mailing copies of Hearing Order and Counsel Order (if applicable) to:
  - All persons named in petition
  - County Attorney
  - Respondent's Counsel

For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

**NOTE:** Notice of time and place of hearing shall be given not less than 48 hours prior to hearing. KRS 387.740(3).

10. Upon receipt of a signed [AOC Form 748](#), Order for Emergency Appointment of Fiduciary, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
11. Complete a document screen using document type **OAEF**.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 747

Collect Filing Fee

File, date, initial

Document type **PEF**

AOC Form 780

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OST**

AOC Form 755

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAC**

NOE

AOC Form 748

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAEF**

## 12. Give notice of entry by mailing copies of judgment to:

Certified copies to:	Copies to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian or conservator</li> <li>• County clerk for recording. KRS 387.590(8) Petitioner is responsible for any recording fee.</li> <li>• State Board of Elections, within 10 days after judgment ONLY if the judge has ordered that the respondent shall not retain the right to vote by checking the box on the form.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>If wholly disabled</i>, send certified copy of judgment with respondent's date of birth and social security number if possible. KRS 30A.145.</li> <li>○ <i>If partially disabled</i>, send certified copy of judgment with respondent's date of birth and social security number and certified copy of Order Appointing Guardian or Conservator.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petitioner</li> <li>• Respondent</li> <li>• Attorneys for both parties</li> <li>• All persons named in petition</li> <li>• Facility where or person with whom respondent resides</li> </ul>

For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

### 30.13.2 Guardian/Conservator Appointed and Bond Posted

KRS 395.130, 62.060

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the Order of Appointment of Guardian; add the date and your initials.  
  
**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)  
  
**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
*KRS. 62.030.*
2. Enter the order on a document screen using the appropriate document type.
  - *If the petitioner is a guardian, use OAG*
  - *If the petitioner is a conservator, use OCON*
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the Fiduciary Bond; add the date and your initials.
4. Enter the bond on a document screen using document type **BF**.
5. Collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.
6. Give notice of entry by mailing copies to:

Certified copies to:	Copies to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardian or conservator</li> <li>• County clerk for recording. KRS 387.590(8).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petitioner</li> <li>• Respondent</li> <li>• Attorneys for both parties</li> <li>• All persons named in petition</li> <li>• Facility where or person with whom respondent resides</li> </ul>

**Quick Reference**

Enter order, date, initial

Document type  
 \* If guardian - **OAG**  
 \* If conservator - **OCON**

File bond, date, initial

Document type **BF**

Collect bond filing fee

Notice of entry

For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

**NOTES:**

- Petitioner is responsible for any recording fee.
  - Do not advertise the appointment of the guardian or conservator. KRS 395.610(2).
7. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields.



### 30.14 *Sale of Real Estate by Guardian/Conservator*

1. Upon receipt of a motion for permission to sell real property, apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen.
3. Complete a motion screen.
4. Give notice of this hearing by printing Court Notice and serve with the motion attached by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**NOTE:** Unless waived in writing, written notice of the hearing must be given to all known adult next of kin of the disabled person and any person with a vested or contingent interest in the property, as identified by the Guardian/conservator, at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

5. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
6. Serve notice of entry of the order and enter the method of service and notice of entry date on the document screen where the order is entered. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

Quick Reference	
	File motion, date, initial
	Enter order, date, initial
	Serve notice of entry

### 30.15 *Expungement*

- Following dismissal or withdrawal of a petition or determination that a respondent is no longer disabled, the respondent may at any time move to have all court records pertaining to proceedings expunged, provided a full release of all claims arising from the proceedings is submitted. KRS 387.770(2).

**NOTE:** A court order is required to expunge the case. For more information, see [Expungement](#). If you are asked about an expunged record, advise that no such record exists. An expunged record can be reopened only upon petition to the court and an order specifying the names of those who shall have access to the file.

1. Upon receipt of an order to expunge, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add date and your initials.
2. Enter on a document screen using document type **OEX**.
3. Notify any officials or agencies named in the order, and seal the records including all items mentioned above.
4. On the outside of the sealed envelope, add the case number, birth date of the respondent and the date of the order of expungement.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to destroy the electronic recordings; the official retention and disposal schedule for district court tapes/recordings applies.

	Enter order, date, initial
	Document type <b>OEX</b>
	Notify officials, seal record

### 30.16 *Disability Procedure Checklist*

1. Receive petition.
2. Court sets jury trial date.
  - *If an interdisciplinary evaluation form is filed with the petition*, the hearing must be set within 30 days of receiving the petition. KRS 387.550(1).
  - *If the petition is not filed with an interdisciplinary evaluation*, the hearing must be set within 60 days of receiving the petition. KRS 387.550(1).
3. Sends copies at least 14 days prior to hearing to the following:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent
  - Attorneys for both parties
  - All persons named in petition
  - Person proposed as guardian, limited guardian, limited conservator, or conservator KRS 387.550(2).
  - Person with whom or facility in which respondent resides
4. Issue summons.
5. Court appoints interdisciplinary team, if necessary. Sends copies of appointment to the following:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent
  - Attorneys for both parties
  - Team members
  - Individual or facility with custody of respondent KRS 387.540(1),(7).
6. Court appoints counsel if respondent does not obtain counsel within one week of the filing of petition. Sends copies to the following: KRS 387.560.
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent
  - Attorneys for both parties
  - All person(s) named in petition or facility or person with whom respondent resides
  - Person proposed for appointment as Limited Guardian, Guardian, Limited Conservator or Conservator

7. Judgment and Appointment. Sends copies of Judgment and Appointment.

Certified copies to:	Copies to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guardian or conservator</li> <li>County clerk for recording. KRS 387.590(8). Petitioner is responsible for any recording fee.</li> <li>State Board of Elections, within 10 days after judgment. Send the judgment (AOC Form - 785) only if the judge has ordered that the respondent shall not retain the right to vote by checking the box on the form.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Petitioner</li> <li>Respondent</li> <li>Attorneys for both parties</li> <li>All persons named in petition</li> <li>Facility where or person with whom respondent resides</li> </ul>

For additional information regarding guardianship, see [Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings](#).

### 30.17 *Settlement for Minor or Person Under Disability*

KRS 387.280

- The custodian of a minor may file a petition in district court to be paid a sum not exceeding 25,000, when the minor, having no guardian or conservator, is entitled to receive this sum resulting from a settlement.
  - The Custodian of a person under disability may file a petition in district court to be paid a sum not exceeding 10,000, when the person under disability, having no guardian or conservator, is entitled to receive this sum resulting from a settlement.
1. Upon receipt of a Petition for Custodian to Receive Money Settlement not exceeding \$10,000 for a person under disability or \$25,000 for a minor, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
  3. Assign a case number CR 5.05(3), by generating the next case number in the computer for district civil C cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **OTH**.
  4. Assign the case to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

District Civil C case  
Case type **OTH**

**Do not** issue summons

5. Assign a hearing per your local rules and advise the petitioner of the date, time and place of the hearing.
6. **Do not** issue a summons.
7. File the case by completing the case document and party screens.
8. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.

**NOTE:** Unless the court orders, the filing of an inventory and settlement is not required.

9. Upon receipt of a final order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
10. Enter the order on the document screen.
11. Serve notice of entry and make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry of the order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

**NOTE:** If the settlement involves the sale of real property, the purchaser of the real property may pay the share of the minor or other person under disability into the court, without giving bond.

12. Close the case. Complete the closing information on the case screen by adding the disposition date, disposition type, and the judge at disposition.

Quick Reference	
	Enter, date, initial
	Serve notice of entry
	Close the case

## 31 DISMISSAL NOTICES

### *CR 77.02(2)*

*District and Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

- For every case in which no pretrial step has been taken within the last year, notice shall be given to each attorney of record that the case will be dismissed in thirty days for want of prosecution except for good cause shown.

1. Print a report of all cases that have had no activity for a year. For instructions, see [Notice to Dismiss Due to Lack of Prosecution](#) in the KyCourts Manual.  
**NOTE:** Review the list and correct any cases that have been mistakenly left open.
2. Print the Notice to Dismiss for Lack of Prosecution for each case on the list of cases eligible report. For instructions, see [Notice to Dismiss Due to Lack of Prosecution](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the printed notice; add the date and your initials.
4. File the notice by completing a document screen using document code **NDLP**. For details of how to perform this for all cases, see [Mass Processes](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
5. Mail a copy to each attorney or party not represented and place the original in each case file.
6. Have the judge assign a hearing date (or do this yourself if the judge has delegated this duty to you). This date must be at least 30 days after the notice is mailed.
7. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled event screen in each case. For details of how to perform this for all cases, see [Mass Processes](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
8. When the order dismissing for lack of prosecution or an order indicating the case is to remain active is signed, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.  
**NOTE:** The orders may be printed from KyCourts.
9. Enter the order on a document screen including a brief description. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
10. After the order is entered serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice.
11. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of the notice of entry of the order.

**Quick Reference**  
Print “Notice to Dismiss Due to Lack of Prosecution” report

File, date, initial

Document code **NDLP**

Schedule a hearing

Calendar the hearing for each case

Enter, date, initial

NOE

**NOTES:**

- If an order is received that continues the case to a future court date, complete a scheduled event screen.
- If the order keeps the case on the active docket no further action is necessary.
- If the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type using **DLP**, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

## 32 DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE/LEGAL SEPARATION/ANNULMENT

### *KRS Chapter 403*

*Circuit Court or Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

#### 32.1 *Filing Fees*

Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

#### 32.2 *Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis*

See [In Forma Pauperis](#)

See [Civil Actions Filed by Inmates](#)

#### 32.3 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of a petition, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** Special reporting requirements are mandatory in dissolution and annulment proceedings. Do not file a petition for dissolution or annulment unless Vital Statistics Form 300 (Certificate of Divorce or Annulment) is filed concurrently with the petition by the petitioner or attorney. KRS 213.116(4).

File, date, initial

##### **VS 300 Form**

The VS 300 Form is available on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Vital Statistics website ([chfs.ky.gov](http://chfs.ky.gov)) as a downloadable document that can be completed electronically and printed. The form must be typed and cannot be handwritten.

When the decree or order of annulment is entered, complete the bottom portion of the VS 300 Form and mail at least monthly to: CHFS, Office of Vital Statistics, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 275 E Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40621

2. Assign the case to a division using the procedure in your local rules. Refer to Case Add section of KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.  
Case type codes: **DISSO, VISIT, CUSTO, SUPIV, SUPPRI, DFOTH**.
3. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

**Quick Reference**

Case type **DISSO, VISIT, CUSTO, SUPIV, SUPPRI, DFOTH**

### 32.4 *Domestic Violence Petition/Verified Motion*

All petitions/verified motions filed during the pendency of a dissolution or child custody proceeding alleging that an act of violence has occurred shall be assigned a domestic violence **D** case number with the appropriate trailer number. Use case type **DV**. The petitioner or the attorney for the petitioner shall complete an [AOC Form 275.1](#) Petition/Motion for Order or Protection to accomplish entry of the information in the LINK system. KRS 403.730(2). Refer to [Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders](#) for specific instructions.

**Quick Reference**

Case number **D**  
Case type **DV**  
AOC Form 275.1

### 32.5 *Summons Issuance*

The clerk is required under CR 4.01(1) to issue a summons immediately upon the filing of a complaint.

1. Generate a summons for each person to be served by completing a summons screen. To expedite the filing of a lawsuit you may provide attorneys with [AOC Form 105](#), Civil Summons, to complete and return to you for signature at the time the complaint is filed. In either instance a summons screen is completed.
2. The summons and the petition (and any motions filed with the petition) shall be served together. The party requesting the summons shall furnish sufficient copies of the petition for this purpose. CR 4.04(1).

**NOTE:** If you make copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

3. The initiating party will instruct whether service of the summons is by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). See [Service of Process](#).

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 105

### 32.6 *Warning Order Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem Service*

- See [Warning Order](#).
- In any court proceeding conducted pursuant to KRS 403.010 to 403.350, if the respondent is incarcerated for a conviction pursuant to KRS Chapter 507, 508, 509 or 510, where the petitioner is the victim, the guardian ad litem shall be paid by the Finance and Administration Cabinet. See [Guardian ad Litem](#).



32.7 *Domestic Relations Commissioner (DRC)*

1. Upon receipt of an Order referring the case to the Domestic Relations Commissioner, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on a document screen using document type **ORDR**. Memo the method and date of notice of entry.
3. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order by mail or hand delivery on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice.

Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **ORDR**  
 NOE

32.7.1 **Audio/Video Log**

Proceedings before the commissioner shall be recorded by audio or video and a recording log shall be kept.

1. **FILE** stamp the recording log and add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document code **VL** for the recording log and the audio or video recording. FCRPP 4(3).

File, date, initial  
 Document code **VL**

32.7.2 **Notice of Commissioners Report**

1. Upon receipt of a commissioner report, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** Do not apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the Commissioner's Report.

2. Prepare [AOC Form 240](#), Notice of Filing Commissioners Report, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Serve the notice by mail on all parties who have appeared in the action. FRCPP 4(4)(a).
4. Complete documents screens for the report and the notice using document codes **RCOM** (Report of Commissioner) and **NF** (Notice of Filing.)
5. Parties may serve written objections on other parties within 10 days after being served with the Notice of Filing of Commissioners Report. Application to the court for action upon the report and objection shall be by motion and notice. File stamp the motion and notice, add the date and your initials and complete a motion and scheduled event screen.
6. Upon receipt of a signed order adopting, modifying or rejecting the report, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on a document screen including method and date of notice of entry. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order by mail or hand delivery on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice.

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
  
 AOC Form 240  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Document code **RCOM**  
 Document code **NF**  
  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Enter, date, initial  
  
 Notice of entry

### 32.8 *Investigator's Report in Custody Proceedings*

1. If the court orders an investigation and report concerning custodial arrangements, upon receipt of the investigator's report, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen using document type **REP** and memo Investigator's Report. Mail a copy of the report to all attorneys of record and any party not represented by an attorney at least 10 days prior to any custody hearing. KRS 403.300(3).

File, date, initial  
  
Document type **REP**

### 32.9 *Decree of Dissolution*

1. Upon receipt of a signed decree or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the decree or order on the document screen including a brief description. Use document type **JDD** (Judgment- Decree of Dissolution.)
3. After the decree or order is entered, serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry of the decree or order.
4. When the decree of dissolution is entered, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen. Complete the bottom portion of VS Form 300 and mail at least one a month to the **Cabinet for Health and Family Services**. KRS 213.116(5).

**NOTE:** Issues such as custody, visitation, and support may be reserved, however; the case should be closed upon the entry of the decree.

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial  
  
Document type **JDD**  
NOE  
  
VS Form 300  
CHFS  
Office of Vital Statistics  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor- 275 E Main St  
Frankfort, KY 40621

### 32.10 *Child Support*

1. If the decree or order includes child support ([AOC Form 152](#), Uniform Child Support Order is used), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** [AOC Form 152](#) is a mandatory form.

2. Enter the order on a document screen using document types **OSUP** (Order for Support) or **OSUPW** (Order Wage/Benefit Withholding) as directed by the Order.
3. Serve [Notice of Entry of the Order](#) on all parties.
4. Place a copy of the order in a designated area (box or basket) in your office for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

AOC Form 152  
Enter, date, initial  
  
Document type **OSUP**  
or **OSUPW**  
  
NOE

32.11 *Notice of Relocation of Joint/Sole Custodian*

➤ A joint custodian seeking to relocate shall file a written notice with the court and shall serve the notice on the non-relocating joint custodian/non-custodial parent. Either party may file a motion for change of custody and/or timesharing within 20 days of service of the notice of relocation.

1. Upon receipt of a notice for relocation, stamp the notice **FILED**, add the date and your initials.
2. If the parties have an active EPO/DVO, present the notice immediately to the appropriate judge to determine whether the notice should be sealed. FCRPP 7.

**NOTE:** Pursuant to KRS 403.770, if a relocating custodian has an active EPO or DVO against the other parent or custodian, the relocating custodian must not be required to disclose to the other party the relocation destination. The court and clerks must comply with statutory mandates set forth in KRS 403.770 to maintain the confidentiality of that petitioner’s date of birth and address, as well as that of the petitioner’s minor children. If the domestic violence action is not pending in the same circuit, the court may require the relocating custodian to disclose the relocation provided only if the location is filed under seal, with strict confidentiality maintained by the court and clerk and the location is not disclosed to the opposing party. FCRPP 7.

3. Upon receipt of a notice for relocation stamp the notice **FILED**, add the date and your initials. Present the notice immediately to the appropriate judge to be sealed. FCRPP 7.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

File, date, initial

[UIFSA UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT](#)

[UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT \(UCCJEA\)](#)

[REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD CUSTODY ORDER](#)

## 33 DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

### *RCr 2.02*

[Process Map](#)

- There is no filing fee in a criminal case. KRS 453.190(1).
- If a person wishes to file a criminal complaint, direct him/her to the county attorney or commonwealth's attorney. The complaint must be made upon oath and must be signed. RCr 2.02.
- Upon receipt of a complaint take the complaint to your district judge or trial commissioner.

**NOTE:** In the event all district and circuit judges and all trial commissioners are absent from a county, the circuit clerk in that county may issue criminal warrants (including [search warrants](#)) prepared by the commonwealth attorney or county attorney, who shall certify that there is no district judge, circuit judge or trial commissioner within the county. KRS 15.725(5).

#### 33.1 *Appearance Bond*

A judge, trial commissioner, or other officer issuing an arrest warrant may require the complaining witness to post a bond to guarantee his/her attendance in court.

1. Prepare the Prosecuting Witness Appearance Bond, [AOC Form 485](#), for the complaining witness's signature; collect the amount of the bond, and the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 431.017.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials. Attach the signed bond form to the bookkeeping bond card a copy in the case file.
3. Pending complaints/warrants/summons are not court records and therefore, should not be maintained in the clerk's office. **Do not** open a case until the warrant or summons is served on a defendant.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 485  
Collect fees

File, date, initial

### 33.2 *Open a Case*

1. Upon receipt of service/execution of a warrant/summons on a defendant, apply the **FILED** stamp to the complaint; add the date and your initials.
2. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case for **T**, **M**, or **F** case.
3. Open one case file and assign one case number when two or more offenses, whether felonies, misdemeanors, violations, or any combination thereof, are charged in the same or related indictment, information, served criminal complaint or citation, where the offenses are of the same or similar character or are based on the same acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common plan or scheme. See [Uniform Case Management Standards](#).

**NOTE:** If offenses are mixed in nature on a district court criminal complaint, i.e., felonies, misdemeanors and/or traffic charges in some combination, the case type assigned will be that of the most serious offense. For exceptions see: [Case Numbering](#).

**NOTE:** If an appearance bond was posted by the complaining witness, a copy of the signed bond form attached to the bookkeeping bond card should be filed in the case file.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

**T, M, F case**

### 33.3 *Judgment/Order*

1. A signed calendar is an order or judgment for each case listed. CR 58. Upon receipt of a signed calendar, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the information on the appropriate screen(s).

**NOTE:** Notice of entry of judgment is not required in misdemeanor or traffic cases. RCr 12.06(3).

2. If the order or judgment imposes jail time, complete [AOC Form 425](#), Order of Commitment and deliver to the transporting officer.

Enter, date, initial

AOC Form 425

### 33.4 *Charge Closing*

1. When the calendar closes the charges(s), complete the disposition date, disposition judge, disposition type, trial type, original plea and final plea on the charge screen.

**NOTES:**

- To close using [BenchPro](#) refer to the KyCourts Manual.
  - See [Pleas](#) for more information regarding entering a plea and disposition.
  - Refer to instructions in the KyCourts Manual for charge disposition reportable to Division of Driver Licensing ([DDL Requirements](#)). Also see [Conviction Reporting](#).
2. An order from the court showing the defendant incompetent to stand trial; not guilty by reason of insanity; or guilty but mentally ill may subject the defendant to a firearm prohibition. See [Firearm Prohibition](#).

### 33.5 *Sentence*

1. If a sentence is imposed by the court, complete a sentence screen. See KyCourts Manual [Sentence Detail](#) Screen for additional information.

**NOTE:** When all charges in the case have been completed, the system will close the case screen by completing the disposition date and judge at disposition fields.

2. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3). See [Court Costs, Fees, and Fines](#).

**Quick Reference**  
Complete sentence screen

Collect fees

### 33.6 *Court Costs, Fees, and Fines*

Court costs, fees, and fines are not assessed unless there is a conviction. Absent a finding of indigency, imposition of court costs is mandatory anytime there is a conviction.

### 33.6.1 Initial Assessment and Setting Show Cause Date for Installment Payments

1. If ordered, collect the fine, court costs and applicable fees as set out in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt. KRS 24A.175(1); KRS 24A.185(1),(3). Court costs are based upon the following:
  - Offenders will pay the court costs in effect on the violation date shown on the citation or indictment plus library fee and court facilities fee, if applicable.
  - Refer questions about receipting court costs to your Judicial Auditor.
2. Apply payments first to court costs, then to restitution, then to fees and finally to fines, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Contact your Judicial Auditor if you receive a court order directing you to apply payments in a different fashion.
3. If the court establishes an installment plan for the offender, schedule a show cause hearing using scheduled event type **SCIP** as ordered by the court.
4. The defendant shall be given notice of the total amount due, the payment frequency, and the date by which all payments must be made.
  1. The notice shall instruct the defendant that if he or she has not complied with the installment payment plan by the scheduled date, he or she shall appear on that date to show cause as to why he/she is unable to satisfy the obligations.
  2. The notice shall be given to the defendant in writing on a form provided by the AOC. Use AOC-465.1 (Fine & Cost List with Order to Show Cause For Non-payment) or AOC 465.2 (Order for Deferred or Installment Payments or Courts, Fees, and Fines with Show Cause Order).

#### Quick Reference

Event type **SCIP**

### 33.6.2 Failure to Pay or Appear at Show Cause Hearing

- The response of a court to nonpayment shall be determined only after the court costs, fees, or fines have not been paid and either a show cause hearing has been held, or the defendant has failed to appear at the show cause hearing. Every warrant for arrest issued shall include a notice to the jailer that the defendant shall be released upon payment or completion of daily credit pursuant to KRS 534.070.
1. If defendant fails to appear at a show cause hearing, the judge may issue a warrant for the defendant's arrest.
  2. If a bench warrant is issued, include in the Bail memo in KYCourts the total amount of court costs, fees, and fines owed by defendant with the statement "released if paid or upon service of daily credit."

### 33.6.3 Jail Credit

Defendants incarcerated for failure to pay court costs, fees, or fines (or for failure to appear and show cause for nonpayment) are entitled to a jail credit for time spent against the amount owed. Unless the defendant is incarcerated pursuant to orders in other cases, upon service of

sufficient days in jail to have sufficient credit to satisfy the court costs, fees, or fines, the defendant shall be released from jail.

Credit is applied by the jailer at the following rates for each day spent in jail:

- \$50 per day if no community service is performed
- \$100 per day if (8) eight hours of community service is performed
- 1/8 of \$100 for each hour worked

**NOTE:** The jailer is responsible for tracking the amount of credit the defendant has earned and filing the [AOC 426 \(Notice of Jail Credit\)](#).

1. Upon receipt from the jailer of AOC 426 (Notice of Jail Credit), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen using document code **NJC**. Enter the amount of credit earned in the box provided. Refer to the Jail Credit section in the [Accounting Manual](#) for information about applying the credit.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial Document type <b>NJC</b></p>
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### 33.7 *No Insurance Charges*

If a defendant is convicted of a second or subsequent charge of "No Insurance" (KRS 304.99-060), redocket the case for review in six months for additional proof of insurance. If the license is suspended, the Division of Drivers Licensing will be notified electronically.



### 33.8 *Incompetency Determination*

KRS 186.560

1. If an order is entered finding a defendant incompetent to stand trial, mail a copy of the order to the **State Board of Elections**. KRS 30A.145.
2. A person found incompetent to stand trial may be subject to a firearm prohibition. See [Firearms Prohibition](#).
3. A person found incompetent to stand trial is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle during the period of the person’s incompetency.
4. Upon a finding of incompetency for any charge using disposition type **INC** – Incompetent to Stand Trial; an abstract reporting record will be generated notifying DOT.
5. When the individual is found competent to stand trial, manually enter a “**COR** – correction record” for each charge in which a report was generated due to the **INC** disposition.

#### License Surrendering Procedures

- Confiscate license. KRS 189A.200(3), or
- Have defendant sign a Transportation Cabinet Division of Drivers Licensing Form TC 94-9 Denial Statement indicating defendant does not possess a driver's license, or
- Issue a duplicate license and confiscate. KRS 189A.200(3). The location code should match the issuing location, but the issuing location will not match the address for an out-of-county conviction.

**Quick Reference**  
*State Board of Elections*  
 140 Walnut Street  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

Disposition type **INC**

**COR**- correction record

### 33.9 *Sex Offender Order to Register*

1. When Probation and Parole Form P:227, Sex Offender Duty to Register Notification Form, signed by the judge is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen using document type **ORSO**. Give [notice of entry](#) of the judge’s order by distributing a copy of the form as shown in the distribution list at the bottom of the form.

Enter, date, initial

Document type **ORSO**

**NOE**



33.11 *Kentucky Rule of Evidence (KRE) 412 Hearing in Rape and Similar Cases*

- Procedure to Determine Admissibility of Evidence: For hearings held pursuant to KRE 412(c)(2), motions and related papers together with the audio or video tape of the hearing must be sealed and remain sealed unless the court orders otherwise.
  1. Upon receipt KRE 412 (c)(2) motion(s) and related papers, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  2. File by completing a motion or document screen as appropriate. If the pleading is a motion, schedule a court date by completing a scheduled events screen.
  3. Place the motion or other pleading in an envelope; mark the envelope **CONFIDENTIAL**; add the date and your initials. Seal the envelope and place the sealed envelope in the case file.
  4. If an audio or video hearing is held place the tape of such hearing in an envelope; mark the envelope **CONFIDENTIAL**; add the date and your initials. Seal the envelope and place the sealed envelope in the case file.
  5. Do not release the sealed envelope(s) from your custody except when actually used in the action or proceeding. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope(s) from the case file.
  6. A party seeking to view the sealed envelope(s) must secure a court order giving him/her access.
  7. When the case is closed, maintain the confidentiality of the pleadings.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Mark **CONFIDENTIAL**,  
date, initial

Mark **CONFIDENTIAL**,  
date, initial

## 34 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND INTERPERSONAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

### *KRS 403.715 to 403.785, KRS 456, FCRPP Part IV*

*District Court, Circuit Court, and Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

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- Domestic violence and interpersonal protective order proceedings allow victims of domestic violence, dating violence and abuse, stalking, and sexual assault to obtain protection against further wrongful conduct through court protective orders and to expand law enforcement's authority to intervene and assist victims.
    - Domestic violence includes physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, strangulation, sexual abuse, assault, or fear thereof between family members or members of an unmarried couple. KRS 403.720.
    - Dating violence and abuse means physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, strangulation, sexual assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, or assault occurring between persons who are or have been in a dating relationship. KRS 456.010.
    - A victim of sexual assault or stalking as defined in KRS 456.010 may file a petition for an interpersonal protective order. No previous relationship is required.
  - In each jurisdiction, a local protective order protocol has been adopted by the District Judge, Family Court Judge (in counties where Family Court has been established) and Circuit Judge and approved by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. In addition to the information contained in this section, refer to your Local Protective Order Protocol for specific directions.
  - All protective order petitions shall be assigned a **D** case number with the appropriate trailer number, regardless of who (District Judge, Trial Commissioner, Family Court Judge or Circuit Judge) reviews the petition and orders the case filed.
  - [Protective Order Petition](#)
  - [Denied Petition](#)
  - [Issuance of Summons Only](#)
  - [Emergency/Temporary Interpersonal Protective Orders](#)
  - [Appeal of Protective Order](#)
  - [Violation of Protective Order \(Civil Contempt\)](#)
  - [Violation of Protective Order \(Criminal\)](#)
  - [Suspension of License to Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon](#)
  - [Foreign Protective Order](#)

- [Interpersonal Protective Order Following Stalking Conviction](#)
- [Expungement](#)

### 34.1 *Venue*

You are required to accept all petitions/motions for orders of protection. The judge or trial commissioner will make any and all determinations regarding the filing of the petition.

A domestic violence and/or interpersonal protective order petition may be filed:

- In the county where the victim resides; or
- In the county of current residence of the victim if the victim has left their usual residence to avoid violence and abuse. KRS 403.725(1), KRS 456.030.

### 34.2 *Confidentiality*

In domestic violence and interpersonal protective order cases the address of the petitioner and minor children are confidential. KRS 403.745, KRS 456.070.

Keep the case file in a locked cabinet. If a person, other than the petitioner or his/her attorney, requests access, **do not** give the person the file. Instead, make copies of the requested documents. Mark through/redact the addresses of the petitioner and any minor children.

**EXCEPTION:** The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is entitled to access the address of the petitioner and any minor children.

### 34.3 *Filing Fee*

There are no filing fees for domestic violence or interpersonal protective order cases.

No bond is required of the petitioner; nor is the petitioner required to pay any fees for service. KRS 403.745, KRS 456.070.

**EXCEPTION:** Filing fees may be assessed for appeals filed in protective order actions. See [Appeals](#).

### 34.4 *Cases Involving Minors*

- Protective order proceedings involving minors are not confidential. Address information of the petitioner must be kept confidential pursuant to the [Confidentiality](#) section above.
- It is not necessary to use initials or abbreviations for names of minors regardless of whether the minor is a petitioner or respondent.
- A petition/motion for protection may be filed on behalf of a minor by an adult. However, if a minor files a petition on his or her own behalf, you should accept it.

**NOTE:** When an adult files a petition on behalf of a minor, that adult should be listed as the petitioner and added in KYCourtsII as a plaintiff/petitioner using party type P. The minor to be protected is added using party type CH. Enter the minor’s full name, not initials.

1. If the respondent is a minor, the respondent’s parent or guardian must be served on behalf of the juvenile. Request parent or guardian information for service. If none is provided, notify petitioner that service may not be possible. You may not appoint a guardian ad litem for the respondent for purposes of service unless the minor has no parent or guardian. FCRPP 10(4).
2. If the minor has no parent or guardian, consult your roster of attorneys and make an appointment for purposes of service unless your judge wishes to make these appointments.
3. Prepare [AOC Form 115](#), Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. File the appointment by completing a document screen using document code **AGAL**.

### 34.5 *Petition/Motion for Order of Protection*

➤ Give the petitioner a brochure, [How to Obtain a Protective Order](#), a supply of which may be ordered from the Print Shop at AOC.

1. The petitioner should complete [AOC Form 275.1](#), Petition/Motion for Order of Protection, which includes the motion for relief. The petition must be signed and it must be verified. KRS 403.725, KRS 456.030.

**NOTE:** An attorney filing a verified motion stating an act of domestic violence has occurred in a dissolution or child custody proceeding must complete [AOC Form 275.1](#) Petition/Motion for Order of Protection for entry in the LINK system. KRS 403.725.

2. Upon receipt of a signed and verified petition, AOC Form 275.1, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 275.1

AOC Form 275.1

AOC Form 275.1  
File, date, initial

### 34.5.1 Review of Petition

1. Upon receipt of a petition for an EPO/IPO, check the index of circuit court cases to ascertain if a dissolution or child custody proceeding between the parties is pending. If a dissolution or child custody case is pending between the parties, cross-reference the **D** case with the circuit **CI** case and place a copy of any resulting orders entered in the circuit **CI** case file.
2. Deliver the petition to the appropriate Trial Commissioner, District Court Judge, Family Court Judge, or Circuit Court Judge as provided by your Protective Order Protocol.
3. Upon receipt of a petition which has been reviewed, refer to the Court Action box on page 3 for the judge or trial commissioner’s determination. See additional instructions below to process a [denied petition](#), to issue a [summons only](#), or [to issue an emergency/temporary interpersonal protective order](#).

**NOTE:** Protective order petitions may be taken after regular office hours and each local Protocol is required to outline the procedure for petition intake and review. Upon receipt of a petition taken after hours, process the documents received according to these additional instructions along with any other requirements of the local Protocol.

Check Index

Deliver to judge

### 34.5.2 Denied Petitions

1. If the trial commissioner/judge denies the petition and does not issue an Emergency Protective Order (EPO) or Temporary Interpersonal Protective Order (TIPO) or direct the issuance of a summons for a hearing, the trial commissioner/judge shall note that information on the petition. KRS 403.735(4), KRS 456.040, FCRPP 10.
2. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. If no prior case exists involving the parties, assign a case number using the next pre-numbered folder for **D** cases including a trailer number. If a prior case exists involving the parties, assign the appropriate trailer to the existing case number.
  - **Do not** assign a new number if the same parties have a prior domestic violence or interpersonal protective order case in your court.
  - It does not matter which party was the petitioner or the respondent, so long as the case is a DV/IPO case between the two parties named in the current petition.
  - To separate trailers, copy the case history at the close of each case. Place a tab on the side of the copy and insert in a file folder as a divider.
3. For domestic violence cases, assign a case type code of **DDP**. For interpersonal protective order cases, use case type code **DIP**.
4. Add the petition as a document using document type **COM**.
5. The judge number code of the trial commissioner or judge reviewing the petition shall be entered on the case screen as the opening judge.
6. Do not include the petitioner’s address on the party screen.
7. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type code **DVD** (Domestic Violence Denied) or **IPD** (Interpersonal Protective Order Denied) and the trial commissioner or judge at disposition. Note in the memo “Denied Petition”.
8. Distribute a copy of the denied petition to the petitioner.

**Quick Reference**

**D** case

Case type **DDP** or **DIP**

Document type **COM**

Do not include the petitioner’s address on the party screen

Disposition type **DVD** or **IPD**

Memo “Denied Petition”

Copy to the petitioner



### 34.5.3 Issuance of Summons Only

If the court issues an EPO or an TIPO, proceed to [Emergency/Temporary Interpersonal Protective Orders](#).

If the court determines that domestic or dating violence/abuse, stalking, or sexual assault exists and **issues a summons**, but does **not** issue an EPO or TIPO:

1. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. If no prior case exists involving the parties, assign a case number using the next pre-numbered folder for **D** cases including a trailer number. If a prior case exists involving the parties, assign the appropriate trailer to the existing case number.
  - **Do not** assign a new number if the same parties have a prior domestic violence or interpersonal protective order case in your court.
  - It does not matter which party was the petitioner or the respondent, so long as the case is a DV/IPO case between the two parties named in the current petition.
  - To separate trailers, copy the case history at the close of each case. Place a tab on the side of the copy and insert in a file folder as a divider.
2. For DVO cases, use case type **DV**. For IPO cases, use case type **IP**.
3. **Do not** include the petitioner's address on the party screen.
4. Add the petition as a document using document type **COM**.
5. Enter the judge code of the trial commissioner or judge reviewing the petition and ordering the case filed on the case screen as the opening judge.
6. Check the index of circuit court cases to ascertain if a dissolution or child custody proceeding between the parties is pending. If so, cross-reference the domestic violence with the dissolution or child custody case.
7. Schedule a hearing date according to your local protective order protocol by completing a scheduled events screen, using event type **DV**.
8. Prepare [AOC Form 275](#), Protective Order Summons and complete a summons screen. Use summons type **PO**. Include the court date (which must be within 14 days of the issuance of the summons, including the day of issuance).

**Quick Reference**

**D** case  
Case type:  
**DV** – Domestic Violence  
**IPO** – Interpersonal Protection

Event type **DV** or **IP**

**Do not** include petitioner’s address on party screen  
Document type **COM**

Event type **DV**

AOC Form 275

### 34.5.4 Service of Petition and Summons

1. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the issuance of the summons, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy of the petition and summons as follows (please note that the original petition is to remain in the case file; **only distribute copies with the petitioner's address and the address of any minor children marked through/redacted**):
  - Agency Assigned Service: The A.A.S. receives the original summons for return, a copy of the petition (with the address of the petitioner and address of any minor children

marked through) and a copy of the summons for each respondent. KRS 403.751, KRS 456.110.

- Petitioner or his/her attorney.
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
2. Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Do not mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.

### 34.5.5 Executed Summons

1. Upon receipt of an executed summons apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete the service date field on the summons screen.
2. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the filing of the executed summons, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy of the executed summons to the Agency Responsible for LINK Entry.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Deliver to LINK

### 34.5.6 Failure of Service Notice

File any written notice you receive from the Agency Assigned Service regarding the failure of service of a summons by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Memo this written notice (or any oral notice) on the summons screen.

File, date, initial

## 34.6 *Emergency/Temporary Interpersonal Protective Orders*

- If the court determines an emergency exists with regard to domestic violence and abuse, you will receive an EPO.
  - If the court determines an emergency exists with regard to dating violence and abuse, stalking, or sexual assault, you will receive a TIPO.
1. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. If no prior case exists involving the parties, assign a case number using the next pre-numbered folder for **D** cases including a trailer number. If a prior case exists involving the parties, assign the appropriate trailer to the existing case number.
    - Do not assign a new number if the same parties have a prior domestic violence or interpersonal protective order case in your court.
    - It does not matter which party was the petitioner or the respondent, so long as the case is a DV/IPO case between the two parties named in the current petition.
    - To separate trailers, copy the case history at the close of each case. Place a tab on the side of the copy and insert in a file folder as a divider.

2. **Do not** include the petitioner's address on the party screen.
3. Add the petition as a document using document type **COM**.
4. Enter the judge code of the trial commissioner or judge reviewing the petition and ordering the case filed on the case screen as the opening judge.
5. Upon receipt of an EPO or TIPO ([AOC Form 275.2](#), Order of Protection), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen:
  - For EPOs, use document type **OEP**.
  - For TIPOs, use document type **TIPO**.
6. Check the index of circuit court cases to ascertain if a dissolution or child custody proceeding between the parties is pending. If so, cross-reference the domestic violence with the dissolution or child custody case. In a non-family court jurisdiction, notify the Circuit Judge of the EPO filing and schedule any future events as directed by local protocol. In the **CI** case, complete a document screen using code **OEP** and place a copy in the case record.

**Quick Reference**

Document type **COM**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OEP**  
Document type **TIPO**

Document type **OEP**

### 34.6.1 Protective Order Summons

1. Upon entry of the EPO or TIPO, prepare a summons ([AOC Form 275](#), Protective Order Summons) and complete a summons screen using summons type **PO**. Include the court date (which must be within 14 days of the issuance of the summons).
2. Note the hearing date by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **DV**. The hearing is a bench trial before the District Judge, Family Court Judge or Circuit judge, as appropriate under your local Protective Order Protocol. Trial commissioners are not authorized to preside over these hearings. SCR 5.030.

AOC Form 275

Summons type **PO**

Schedule event

Event type **DV**

### 34.6.2 Notice of Impending Expiration Un-served Emergency/Temporary Order of Protection

In all cases where an EPO or TIPO was issued, complete the following scheduled events to create a tickler:

Time from Issuance Date	Scheduled Event Type	Notes
5 months	<b>TMN:</b> To Mail Notice of Expiration of Un-served Protection Order	Reminder for clerk’s to mail <a href="#">AOC 275.13</a> (Notice of Impending Expiration of Un-served Protection Order) per distribution list.
6 months	<b>REPO:</b> Review Un-served EPO/IPO	This date is a review date to remind the clerk to deliver the court file along with <a href="#">AOC Form 275.3</a> (Order of Protection) to the Judge for review. Assign the review date in accordance with the local protective order court dates. The review date may be longer than the six month date to be in compliance with local protective order court dates.

**NOTE:** Unschedule the tickler events once service is executed.

### 34.6.3 EPO/TIPO Service

- Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the entry and issuance of the EPO or TIPO and summons, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy of the summons, EPO or TIPO, and a copy of the petition with the petitioner's address and the address of any minor children marked through on all copies as follows: (please note that the original petition and original EPO or TIPO is to remain in the case file; **only distribute copies with the petitioners address and any minor children marked through/redacted**):
  - Agency Assigned Service: The A.A.S. receives the original summons, a copy of the EPO or TIPO, a copy of the petition and a copy of the EPO or TIPO and summons for each respondent.
  - Petitioner or attorney.
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
- Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **Do not** mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
- File a copy in the dissolution or child custody case if one is pending.

**Quick Reference**  
Distribute within 24 hours

### 34.6.4 Executed Summons

1. File the executed summons by applying the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete the service date field on the summons screen.
3. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the filing of the executed summons, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy to the Agency Responsible for LINK Entry.
4. Unschedule the tickler events **TMN** and **REPO** once service is executed.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Complete service date

Remove tickler events

### 34.6.5 **Failure of Service Notice**

1. File any written notice you receive from the Agency Assigned Service regarding the failure of service of a summons by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Memo this written notice (or any oral notice) on the summons screen.
2. Notify the issuing judge of the notice.

**NOTE:** A summons may be reissued and an EPO or TIPO continued up to six (6) months from the issuance of the EPO or TIPO. If the petitioner files a new petition before the expiration of the EPO or TIPO, the six (6) month process begins again.

File, date, initial

Notify judge

### 34.6.6 **Subsequent Summons**

A subsequent summons may be issued for additional 14 day periods and may supersede an earlier summons.

1. Upon reissuance of the summons, prepare [AOC Form 275](#) (Protective Order Summons) and attach a copy of the EPO or TIPO, and a copy of the petition (only distribute copies with the petitioners address and any minor children marked through/redacted).
2. Complete a summons screen including the court date which must be within 14 days of the issuance of the summons.
3. Note the hearing date by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **DV**.
4. Request an updated Criminal and Protective Order History for the Respondent if directed by your judge on [Case Level Maintenance](#).
5. For more information on handling return of a summons, see [Executed Summons](#), and [Failure of Service Notice](#).

AOC Form 275

Complete summons screen

Schedule event

Event type **DV**

### 34.7 *Criminal and Protective Order History*

1. Upon creation of a new case or a new trailer in an existing case, the Respondent’s criminal and protective order history will **automatically** be requested from the AOC. You should retrieve this record to include in the court file prior to or at the hearing, including a copy to all parties. In KyCourts, print record checks by checking the “Retrieve Record Check” in Docket Preparation.
2. If the judge subsequently requests an updated criminal and protective order history, it may be obtained by using the “Request a Record Check” function under [Case Level Maintenance](#). A records requests takes approximately 24-48 hours to process, and may be subsequently obtained by using “Retrieve Record Check” function under Case Level Maintenance.
3. If you receive a motion to [expunge](#) a protective order case, an updated criminal and protective order history must be requested and received prior to the hearing.

### 34.8 *Order of Protection*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 275.3](#), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials. Enter on a document screen.
  - For a domestic violence order, use document type **ODV**.
  - For an interpersonal protective order, use document type **IPO**.

**NOTE:** The order may be effective for up to three years. An order may be renewed a period of three years for an unlimited number of times. KRS 403.750, KRS 456.060.

2. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours of entry of the order, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy to:
  - Petitioner or attorney.
  - Respondent or attorney.
  - Agency Responsible for LINK entry.
  - Any other agency named in the order.
3. Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Do not mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
4. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition by using disposition types:
  1. DBT – Dismissed Before Trial
  2. DIS – Dismissed
  3. JCT – Judgment Court Trial
  4. SBT – Settled Before Trial
  5. TRF – Transfer

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 275.3  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **ODV**  
 Document type **IPO**

Deliver within 24 hours

Close case

**NOTE:** When using dispositions DBT or DIS you will need to reflect the order dismissing in the document screen using document type ODIS.

5. File a copy in the dissolution or child custody proceeding, if one is pending.

### 34.9 *Suspension of License to Carry Concealed Weapon*

- A license to carry a concealed weapon shall be suspended or revoked if an EPO or DVO is issued against the licensee. KRS 237.110(13)(k). The licensee must surrender the license to the court or a peace officer serving an EPO. The license is suspended until the DVO is terminated or the judge who issued the EPO/DVO terminates the suspension prior to the termination of the DVO.

**NOTE:** Suspension of a license to carry a concealed weapon **does not apply** to TIPO or IPO orders.

If you receive a license to carry a concealed weapon which was suspended or revoked because of domestic violence:

1. Place the license in an envelope and note "License to Carry Concealed Weapon" on the outside of the envelope.
2. Staple the envelope inside the domestic violence case file.
3. Upon request of the licensee, return the license to the licensee, IF:
  - The Emergency Protective Order/Domestic Violence Order is terminated; or
  - A written Order Terminating the License Suspension is entered.

#### 34.9.1 **Purchase or Attempt to Purchase Firearm by Respondent**

If you receive information regarding the purchase or attempt to purchase firearm by a respondent named in an emergency protective or domestic violence order (KRS 237.100):

1. If the information is by written notice, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen. Deliver a copy to the issuing judge.
2. If the information is received by a telephone call, note the date and message in the memo field of the case screen. Alert the issuing judge using the most expedient means available.
3. If directed by the court, schedule a hearing and/or give notice to the petitioner.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Alert judge  
Schedule hearing/give  
notice

### 34.10 *Motion to Amend Protective Order*

A Motion to Amend Prior Protective Order, [AOC Form 275.6](#), may be filed by either the petitioner or respondent to request a change to any terms of the existing order. KRS 403.745, KRS 456.070.

1. Upon receipt of Motion to Amend, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Use motion type **AM**.
2. Note the date, time and location of the hearing on the form.
3. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen. Complete a motion screen.
4. Serve copies as noted on the distribution list of AOC 275.6.

AOC Form 275.6

File, date, initial  
Schedule event  
Add motion

Motion type **AM**

#### 34.10.1 Order Amending Protective Order

1. After the hearing, enter the Order by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials. Complete a document screen.
2. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and with 24 hours following the entry of the order by the clerk, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy to:
  - Petitioner or attorney.
  - Respondent or attorney.
  - Agency Responsible for LINK Entry.
  - Any other agency named in the order.
3. File a copy in the dissolution or child custody proceeding, if one is pending.

Enter, date, initial  
Complete document  
screen  
Deliver within 24 hours

### 34.11 *Appeal of Protective Order*

Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal of Protective Order:

If a protective order signed by a **district judge** is appealed, collect filing fees for appeals to circuit court as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid unless the petitioner is proceeding [In Forma Pauperis](#). RAP 2(H), CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010. See [Appeals](#).

If a protective order signed by a **circuit judge or family court judge** is appealed, collect filing fees for appeals to Court of Appeals as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the appeal until the filing fees are paid unless the petitioner is proceeding [In Forma Pauperis](#). RAP 2(H), CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010. See [Appeals](#).



### 34.12 *Violation of Protective Order*

Violation of the terms or conditions of an order of protection after the person has been served or given notice of the order shall constitute contempt of court. Civil and criminal contempt proceedings for violations of protective orders are separate and mutually exclusive. Depending on how it was initiated, a contempt proceeding may be heard in the case where the order was issued ([civil process](#)), or new criminal charges may be filed as a criminal action ([criminal process](#)). KRS 403.760, 403.763, KRS 456.180.

### 34.12.1 Contempt Proceeding (Civil Process)

1. File any affidavit/motion for contempt regarding a violation of a protective order by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Complete a document or motion screen, as appropriate.
2. Notify the issuing judge and schedule a hearing as directed, by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **CTPH**.
3. If a Bench Warrant ([AOC Form 275.7](#)) or a Forthwith Order of Arrest ([AOC Form 275.4](#)) is ordered, prepare the form and complete a warrant. Use warrant type **BW** (Bench Warrant) or **DV** (Domestic Violence). If a Show Cause Order ([AOC Form 275.5](#)) is issued, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OSC**.
4. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours of entry of the order, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy to:
  - Agency Assigned Service: The A.A.S. receives the original for return and one copy for each respondent.
  - Petitioner or attorney.
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
  - Any other agency named in the order.
5. File a copy in the dissolution or child custody proceeding, if one is pending.
6. File the executed warrant or order by applying the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and note the return information by completing the appropriate screen.
  - If a warrant or Forthwith Order of Arrest, complete the service date field on the warrant screen.
  - If a show cause order, enter the service information in the memo field of the document screen where the order is entered.
7. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the filing of the executed warrant or order, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy of the executed warrant or order to the Agency Responsible for LINK Entry.
8. See Failure of [Service of Bench Warrant](#).

File, date, initial

Event type **CTPH**

AOC Form 275.7  
AOC Form 275.4  
AOC Form 275.5

Warrant type **BW** or **DV**

Document type **OSC**

Deliver within 24 hours

File, date, initial

Deliver to **LINK**

### 34.12.2 Failure of Service of Bench Warrant, Forthwith Order of Arrest, or Show Cause Order

File any written notice you receive from the Agency Assigned Service regarding the failure of service of a warrant or order by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Memo this written notice (or any oral notice) on the warrant or document screen. Also notify the issuing judge of the notice.

File, date initial  
Notify judge

### 34.13 *Violation of Protective Order (Criminal Process)*

District Court

KRS 403.763, KRS 456.180

1. When a citation or complaint is received for violation of a protective order, open a district criminal M case. See [District Court Criminal Complaints](#).
2. Copy the citation or complaint and warrant/summons and send to the district court where the original protective order was entered.

**NOTE:** The criminal case may be in the same county/court where the protective order was originally issued. If so, follow instructions below for the originating court.

3. When the originating court receives the copy of the citation/complaint and warrant/summons;
  - (1) Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials;
  - (2) File in the originating **D** case by completing a document screen.
  - (3) Notify the original issuing judge of the pending criminal action.
  - (4) File a copy in the dissolution or child custody proceeding, if one is pending.
4. Upon request, the victim in a domestic violence case is entitled to a certified copy of any conditions of release of the respondent, at no charge.

**Quick Reference**  
District M case

File, date, initial

### 34.14 *Global Position Monitoring Systems*

Pursuant to KRS 67.372, a county or counties may elect to provide a global positioning monitoring system (GPMS) program that may be used to monitor respondents in protective order cases. In the event that your county has established a GPMS program, the following instructions apply:

- Upon receipt of a motion alleging a substantial violation and requesting a GPS system, request an updated criminal and protective order history from the AOC on [Case Level Maintenance](#).
- Upon receipt of an [AOC 275.14](#) (Respondent’s Financial Statement Affidavit Agency Request for Reduced GPMS Costs, and Order); apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **AIDV**.
- Following a contempt preceding the judge may enter a Global Position Monitoring Systems Order [AOC 275.15](#). Apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **ONGPS**.

Request criminal and protective order history

AOC 275.14  
File, date, initial

Document type **AIDV**  
AOC 275.15

Enter, date, initial

Document type **ONGPS**

**34.14.1 Motion and Notice to Amend Prior Protective Order (GPMS)**

The petitioner or respondent may request that the GPMS order be modified.

1. File Motion to Amend Prior Protective Order, [AOC Form 275.6](#). This motion is used by either the petitioner or respondent to change any terms of the existing order.
2. Note the date, time and location of the hearing on the form. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
3. Complete a motion screen. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.
4. If the party filing the motion has not served the opposing party or counsel with the motion, mail (1<sup>st</sup> Class) a copy of the motion to the opposing party or counsel. Provide copies as otherwise noted on the distribution list for AOC Form 275.6.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 275.6

File, date, initial

Complete motion screen

AOC Form 275.6

**34.14.2 Modified GPMS Order**

1. After the hearing, the judge may enter a Modified GPMS Order using [AOC Form 275.15](#). Enter the Order by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **ONGPS**.
2. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and with 24 hours following the entry of the order by the clerk, hand deliver, fax or mail a copy to:
  - Petitioner or attorney.
  - Respondent or attorney.
  - Agency Responsible for LINK Entry.
  - Any other agency named in the order.
3. File a copy in the dissolution or child custody proceeding, if one is pending.
4. Information obtained by a Global Positioning Monitoring System shall not be disclosed without a valid search warrant or an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. If GPMS provider files location information with a court, present it to the judge along with [AOC Form 275.16](#) Order Sealing Information Obtained by GPMS. If the court enters the order file in the court file and seal the document provided by the GPMS provider.
5. Upon receipt of a signed AOC 275.16, apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document code **OSGPSI**. Seal the document(s) provided by the GPMS provider in a manila envelope and mark the envelope "Sealed".

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial  
Document code **ONGPS**

Deliver within 24 hours

AOC Form 275.16

Enter, date, initial  
Document code **OSGPSI**

### 34.15 *Expungement*

If a petition for a protective order did not result in the issuance of an EPO or TIPO, or if the court did not issue a DVO or an IPO after a hearing, the court in which the petition was heard may for good cause shown order the expungement of the records.

The case may be expunged if 6 months have elapsed since the case was dismissed AND during the 6 months preceding the expungement request, the respondent has not had a protective order issued against him/her involving the petitioner or any other person. KRS 403.745, KRS, 431.079, KRS 456.070.

#### 34.15.1 **Motion to Expunge**

1. Upon receipt of Motion to Expunge, [AOC 275.18](#), verify the signature. Apply the **FILED** stamp and complete the Notification section of the form.

**NOTE:** The Respondent does not need to provide a KSP Expungement Certification with the motion.

2. Create a scheduled event using motion type **EXPG**. If the movant has not already done so, serve copies of the notice per the distribution list by first class mail.
3. Request an updated copy of the Respondent’s criminal and protective order history using the retrieve record check on the [Case Level Maintenance](#).
4. Upon receipt of an [AOC 275.19](#), Order for Expungement of Emergency/Temporary Protective Order, apply the ENTERED stamp and use document code **OEXG** or **OEXD**. Distribute to all agencies named in the order.

**Quick Reference**

File

Motion type **EXPG**

Document code **OEXG**  
or **OEXD**

#### 34.15.2 **Expungement Order**

If the Court orders expungement:

1. Within KyCourts, expunge the case or charge as applicable according to the instructions in the [KyCourts User Manual](#).
2. The physical court file may be kept separately along with other expunged records in a locked drawer or secure area.
3. The court may also order expungement of records of other agencies. Such agencies are required to certify that their records have been expunged when a certification of expungement is received from.

### 34.16 *Interpersonal Protective Order Following Stalking Conviction*

- A conviction for an offense in KRS 508.140 or 508.150 (stalking) or for any degree of rape, sodomy or sexual abuse shall operate as an application for an interpersonal protective order unless the victim requests otherwise.

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- An IPO following a conviction may be issued by the court that entered the judgment of conviction without the necessity of further proof being taken.
- This type of IPO may be effective for up to ten (10) years with further renewals in increments of 10 years.

1. Upon receipt of an Interpersonal Protective Order (Following Stalking Conviction) signed by the judge apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the Order in a document screen using document type **ORSC** (granted) or **ODRSC** (not granted).

**NOTE:** Do not open a “D” case. Subsequent motions to amend or contempt proceedings may be heard by the judge in the criminal case.

3. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following entry of [AOC Form 446](#), Restraining Order (Following Stalking Conviction), hand deliver, fax or mail a copy as follows:
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry;
  - Petitioner or his/her attorney;
  - Defendant or his/her attorney.

4. When an order rescinding an Interpersonal Protective Order (Following Stalking Conviction) signed by the judge is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.

5. Enter the Order in a document screen using document type **OO**.

6. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the entry of order rescinding, a Restraining Order (Following Stalking Conviction), hand deliver, fax or mail a copy as follows:
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry;
  - Petitioner or his/her attorney;
  - Defendant or his/her attorney.

**NOTE:** The case file where an Interpersonal Order (Following Stalking Conviction) has been entered cannot be destroyed pursuant to the [Records Retention Schedule](#) of the Court of Justice until such time as the restraining order has expired.

**BEST PRACTICE:** It is suggested that a colored sticker be attached to such case file as a reminder to retain the file until the protective order has expired.

Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>ORSC</b> or <b>ODRSC</b>
AOC Form 446
Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>OO</b>

34.17 *Notice of Relocation*

- Pursuant to KRS 403.770 if a relocating custodian has an active EPO or DVO against the other parent or custodian, the relocating custodian must not be required to disclose to the other party the relocation destination. The court and clerks must comply with statutory mandates set forth

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in KRS 403.770 to maintain the confidentiality of the petitioner's date of birth and address, as well as that of the petitioner's minor children.

- If the domestic violence action is not pending in the same circuit, the court may require the relocating custodian to disclose the relocation provided only if the location is filed under seal, with strict confidentiality maintained by the court and clerk and the location is not disclosed to the opposing party. FCRPP 7.
  7. Upon receipt of a notice for relocation stamp the notice **FILED**, add the date and your initials. Present the notice immediately to the appropriate judge to be sealed. FCRPP 7.
  8. Add a document screen using document type **SD**.

### Quick Reference Box

File, date, initial

Document type **SD**

### 34.18 *Foreign Protective Order*

Information about foreign protective orders may be found in the [Foreign Protective Order](#) chapter.

## 35 DRUG COURT

### *KRS 26A.400, AP Part XIII*

*District/Circuit Court*

#### 35.1 *Referral to Drug Court*

1. Upon receipt of AOC Form SPC-5, Order Referring to Specialty Court, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on a document screen, using the document type **ORFSC**.
3. Serve [Notice of Entry](#) on every party per the distribution list on the order by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of [Notice of Entry](#) of judgment.
4. Follow your local protocol to set a hearing date to review acceptance into Drug Court. Complete a scheduled events screen using event code **DRUGR**.
5. Upon receipt of AOC Form SPC-7, Specialty Court Notice of Defendant Referral Status, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. Complete a document screen using document code **NESC** if the status form indicates the defendant is eligible or use document code **NIESC** if the defendant is ineligible. Memo on the document screen if the defendant is accepted or not accepted for participation in drug court.
7. If the defendant is accepted into the program re-docket the case as indicated.
8. Distribute the notice of defendant referral status as directed on the form.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>ORFSC</b>
Notice of entry
Event code <b>DRUGR</b>
File, date, initial
Document code <b>NESC</b> or <b>NIESC</b>
Distribute notice

#### 35.2 *Order to Drug Court*

1. Upon receipt of an Order of Admission to Drug Court, AOC SPC-8, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on a document screen, using the document type **OADC**.
3. Serve notice of entry on every party per the distribution list on the order by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of [Notice of Entry](#) of judgment.
4. Update the current judge field on the case screen in KYCourts using the receiving drug court judge's code.

Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>OADC</b>
NOE



### 35.3 *Drug Court Transfer – Originating County*

#### 35.3.1 Motion for Transfer

Upon receipt of [AOC SPC-55A](#), Motion for Transfer (Specialty Court), apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Follow your local protocols to schedule a hearing

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial

#### 35.3.2 Order for Transfer

1. Upon receipt of an Order Transferring (Specialty Court) [AOC Form SPC-55B](#), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document code **OTRN**. Memo the county to which it is transferred.
3. Serve [Notice of Entry](#) on every party per the distribution list on the order by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of judgment.
4. If the charge(s) have a disposition of guilty, do not change the disposition screen.
5. If the charge(s) have a disposition of diversion, move the disposition of diversion to the memo field of the charge screen and close the charge out with **SCT**, Specialty Court Transfer and the date the transfer is ordered. Memo the county to which the case is being transferred.
6. Print two copies of the case history and make a copy of the order transferring. Keep a copy of the case history along with the copy of the transfer order in the file. Send a copy of the original contents of the file along with a copy of the case history and order to the receiving county. Retain the original case file.
7. Upon receipt of a copy of the transfer order, [AOC Form SPC-55B](#) (Order Transferring), from the receiving county indicating the new case number, complete a cross-reference screen entering the division, case number, cross reference type **SCT** (Specialty Court Transfer) and cross reference date. Memo the county transferred to and the new case number from the receiving county

AOC Form SPC-55B  
Enter, date, initial  
Document code **OTRN**

NOE

AOC Form SPC-55B  
Cross reference type **SCT**

### 35.3.3 External Transfer – Receiving County

1. Upon receipt of an AOC Form SPC-55B Order Transferring (Specialty Court), stamp the Order Transferring **FILED**; add the date and your initials.
2. Open the case with case number type **CR** or **M**, based upon the level of the charge(s).
3. Use case type **SCT** (Specialty Court Transfer)
4. Review the record to determine if any costs or restitution are due the court. Any remaining balances owed on cost and restitution are recommended to be paid to the originating county.
5. Complete the bottom section of transfer order, [AOC Form SPC-55B](#), (Order Transferring), with your case information. Mail a copy to the originating county.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Case number type **CR** or **M**

Case type **SCT**

AOC Form SPC-55B

### 35.3.4 Drug Court Transfer – Disposition (All Cases)

1. When using case type **SCT** do not enter the charges.
2. Close out the case screen, using the same date as the file date, and **SCT** as the disposition type.
3. The disposition judge is the judge assigned to hear the case.
4. Enter the document code **DCF** (District Court File) or **CCF** (Circuit Court File) depending on the file type.
5. Complete a cross-reference screen entering the division case number for the case you created (you will be cross referencing the case to itself) using cross-reference type **SCT** (Specialty Court Transfer) and cross-reference date. Memo the county transferred from and the case number from the transferring county.

**NOTE:** When using the Specialty Court Transfer type **SCT** this allows KYCourts to reflect cross referencing information for the case without the case being linked to another case within your jurisdiction.

Case type **SCT**

Disposition type **SCT**

Document code **DCF** or **CCF**

Cross-reference type **SCT**

### 35.3.5 Order Returning Transfer from Receiving County

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form SPC-55C](#) Order Returning Transfer (Specialty Court) to the originating county, stamp Entered; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **ORTF**. Memo the county to which it is being transferred.
2. Serve notice of entry on every party per the distribution list on the order by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED**.
3. Print two copies of the case history and make a copy of the record. Keep one copy of the case history and the original order returning transfer in the case file. Send a copy of the record with a copy of the case history and the copy of the order transferring to the originating county.

Note: It is not necessary to return the copy that the originating county initially sent as they still maintain the original. Only those filings received post transfer would be returned.

### 35.3.6 Order Returning Transfer to Originating County

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form SPC-55C](#) Order Returning Transfer (Specialty Court), stamp the order **FILED**; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the document code DCF (District Court File) or CCF (Circuit Court File) depending on the file type. Memo the county returning the record.
3. Re-Open Case using Special Status.
4. In the charge screen if the disposition is “transferred” move the date and the disposition to the memo screen. Then remove the current disposition information.
5. Schedule a hearing for the next available docket by entering a schedule event screen using event type ‘OH’ and send a court notice to all parties.

## 36 ELECTIONS

*KRS 118.176, 120.055, 120.155, 120.165, 242.020*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

### 36.1 *Challenge to Election Candidacy*

1. When a motion is received that challenges the candidacy of an individual in a primary or general election, treat the motion as an initiating document.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth KRS 453.010.
3. The plaintiff must file enough copies of the motion for service upon each defendant, in addition to the original, which is filed in your office. If you make the copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

### 36.2 *Filing of Motion*

1. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.
3. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**.
4. Generate the next number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. Complete a scheduled events screen.
  - *If the motion sets a hearing date*, complete a scheduled events screen using motion type **MH**, motion hour.
  - *If no hearing is required*, set the motion using motion type **MNH**, motion not requiring a hearing and then deliver it to the judge.

File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**

Civil **CI** case

\* **MH** – if hearing is set

\* **MNH** – if no hearing is set

### 36.3 *Service of Summons*

The plaintiff will instruct whether service of summons is by certified mail or personal delivery. If requested by the plaintiff, return the summons to the plaintiff to handle service of process and record service type **RAP**. For Return of Service, see [Service of Process](#).

### 36.4 *Judgment/Order*

1. When a signed judgment or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description. Document code **OO** – Order Other.
3. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry or judgment.

**NOTE:** If the Order states that the Court has found that the candidate being challenged is not a bona fide candidate, send a certified copy of the Order to the Board of Elections. The Order may be challenged within five days after the entry of the Order.

5. When the judgment or order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition on the case screen.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Document code <b>OO</b></p> <p>Serve notice of entry</p> <p>Document manner and date of service</p> <p><i>Kentucky Board of Elections</i> 140 Walnut Street Frankfort, KY 40601</p>
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### 36.5 *Election Contests*

*KRS 120.155, 120.165*

- Any candidate for election to any state, county, district or city office (except the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of the General Assembly, and those city offices as to which there are other provisions made by law for determining contest elections), for whom a number of votes was cast equal to not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the number of votes cast for the successful candidate for the office, may contest the election of the successful candidate.

#### 36.5.1 **Venue**

A petition to contest the election of the successful candidate is filed in the Circuit Court of the county where the contestee resides, unless the officer is elected by the voters of the whole state, in which case the petition shall be filed in the Franklin Circuit Court.

#### 36.5.2 **Filing Fee**

Collect filing fees as noted in the [Challenge to Election Candidacy](#) section.

### 36.5.3 Petition

The petition shall be filed and process issued within thirty (30) days after the day of election.

1. Upon receipt of a petition to contest the regular election of officers, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
3. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**.
4. Generate the next number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial Assign to division Case type <b>OTH</b> Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> cases</p>
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### 36.5.4 Service of Summons

The plaintiff will instruct whether service of summons is by certified mail or personal delivery. For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

See [Service of Process](#) for return of service instructions.

### 36.5.5 Hearing

Schedule a hearing immediately upon the return of the executed summons. Use hearing type **OH**.

**NOTE:** Voting machines and ballots may be removed to the court in which the action is pending. Receive the machines and/or ballots as ordered, but constructive possession may be sufficient. KRS 120.165.

<p>Hearing type <b>OH</b></p>
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### 36.5.6 Judgment

1. When a signed judgment or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description.
3. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry or judgment.
5. When the judgment or order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition on the case screen.

<p>Enter, date, initial  Enter judgment on document screen Notice of Entry  Make entry on document screen Close case</p>
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### 36.6 *Local Option Election Bond*

KRS 242.020

- If a local option election for the limited sales of alcoholic beverages by the drink is to be held on any day other than a primary or regular election date, a person or group seeking the local option election shall post bond with the Circuit Court to cover all costs of the election within five days after a signed petition for a local option election with the qualifying number of signatures is filed with the county clerk. The cost of the election shall be established by the county judge/executive to determine the bond amount.

1. Collect the amount of the bond as determined and the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.

**NOTE:** You do not need to complete a bond form.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond and affidavit (AFF); add the date and your initials.
3. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
4. Open a Circuit Civil case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**. Generate the next number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. Complete a document screen. Use document type **LOEB**.
6. Mail a copy of the bond to all appellees.
7. Make a notation of the mailing in the document screen memo where the bond is filed.
8. Upon receipt of an Order release the bond as directed.

File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**

Document type **LOEB**

## 37 ENFORCEMENT OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION ORDER

### *KRS 342.305*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

#### 37.1 *Initiating Document*

1. Upon receipt of a certified copy of any of the following documents, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  - A memorandum of agreement approved by an arbitrator or administrative law judge
  - An order or decision of an arbitrator, administrative law judge, or board
  - An award of an arbitrator or administrative law judge, which has not been appealed
  - An award of the board rendered upon an appeal
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
 

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

  - [In Forma Pauperis](#)
  - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local rules.
4. Open a case. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual. Generate the next case number in the computer for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. Enter the initiating document on a document screen as appropriate.
6. **Do not** issue a summons.
7. Deliver the case file to the judge.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Collect filing fees

Circuit Civil **CI** case  
Add document

**Do not** issue summons

Deliver case file to judge



### 37.2 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the Order on the document screen including a brief description. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
3. After the Order is entered, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry of the Decree or Order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. When the Order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

<b>Quick Reference</b> Enter, date, initial
Notice of entry
Close case

## 38 EXECUTIONS

### *KRS 135.030, KRS 426, CR 69.03, CR 77.03*

*District and Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

- A writ of execution is a post-judgment order to the sheriff to seize and sell property of the judgment debtor to satisfy the judgment of the court. Execution may also issue on certain bonds which have the effect of a judgment. These include bonds given by the purchaser at execution and judicial sales, replevin bonds and forthcoming bonds. KRS 426.610.

#### 38.1 *When to Issue*

- When a party requests the issuance of a writ of execution, do not issue until 10 days after entry of judgment unless the court orders otherwise. KRS 426.030.
- No execution on a judgment from another state may be issued in Kentucky until the foreign judgment is filed in the clerk's office and 20 days have passed and the foreign judgment has not been stayed by the Kentucky court. KRS 426.950-.975.
- Issue the writ of execution within 10 days after the expiration of a governor's stay of a judgment in favor of the state. KRS 135.030.

**Quick Reference**  
Do not issue until 10 days after entry of judgment

#### 38.2 *Motion Attacking Judgment*

If a motion attacking the judgment is filed as provided in CR 62.01, do not issue the execution until 10 days after entry of judgment on the motion. City of Louisville v. Verst, 308 Ky. 46, 213 S.W. 2d 517 (1948).

These motions include:

- Motion for new trial;
- Motion to amend or vacate the judgment;
- Motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict;
- Motion for amending the findings.

#### 38.3 *Exceptions to Issuance*

Do not issue the writ of execution if:

- [Supersedeas Bond](#) has been given pending appeal. *RAP 63(A)(1)*.
- Notice of Appeal has been filed by a governmental unit which is not required to file a supersedeas bond. *RAP 63(A)(2)*.

- The judgment debtor has filed a [replevin bond](#) to postpone collection of the judgment. KRS 426.450(1) This bond is good for three months.
- A judgment in favor of the state and the governor has stayed the collection. KRS 135.030.
  1. If a bond is filed, collect a bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
  2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 Collect filing fee  
 File, date, initial

### 38.4 *Fee for Issuance*

Collect a fee, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), for each execution issued and give a receipt. For more information, see [Where to Issue](#) and [Additional Executions](#).

Collect fee

### 38.5 *Issuance of Execution*

Have the judgment creditor or attorney prepare the execution. Use [AOC Form 135, Execution Form](#).

AOC Form 135

#### 38.5.1 **Against Two or More Persons**

If the judgment is against two or more persons jointly, issue the execution against them jointly. KRS 426.050.

### 38.5.2 Deceased Creditor

If any of the judgment creditors are deceased, make an endorsement on the execution showing the name of the decedent and of the person who takes the decedent's interest as shown by the following:

- (1) A surviving party must file an affidavit showing the death and the right as a surviving party.
- (2) A personal representative of the estate must file an affidavit showing the right to receive the decedent's interest, plus a certified copy of the order of appointment.
- (3) A personal representative appointed in another state must also give a surety bond conditioned upon disposition of the property according to law.
  - a) Require the surety to make an affidavit to show qualification. KRS 454.180, 454.185. Taking the affidavit relieves you of liability for taking insufficient surety if the financial information is falsified. Commonwealth vs. Lewis, 181 Ky. 804, 205 S.W. 921 (1918). For more information, see [Surety Requirements](#).
  - b) Refuse any surety if you are in doubt as to their sufficiency to cover the amount of bond. If your judge orders you to take a bond you must do so; the order protects you from liability for taking an insufficient bond.
  - c) Collect a bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
  - d) Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials
  - e) File the bond by completing a document screen using document code **BO**.
- (4) If claimed under the will of the decedent, the claimant must file an affidavit showing the claimant's right, plus a copy of the will certified by the county clerk where the will is recorded.
  - a) Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavits and/or certified documents; add the date and your initials.
  - b) File by completing a document screen.
  - c) If the affidavit has attachments those may be filed in the memo field on the document screen where the affidavit is filed.

#### Quick Reference

Collect filing fee

File, date, initial

Document code **BO**

File, date, initial

Complete document screen

**38.5.3 Where to Issue**

The execution may issue only to the county where the judgment was entered, or where defendant resides. If the plaintiff files an affidavit showing that defendant's property in those counties is insufficient, execution shall issue to any or as many counties as the plaintiff directs.

1. Collect a fee, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), for each execution issued and give a receipt. KRS 426.080.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 Collect fee  
 File, date, initial

**38.5.4 Additional Executions**

Additional executions may issue to other counties without an affidavit, if the return of the first execution shows insufficient property was found.

Collect a fee, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), for each execution issued and give a receipt. KRS 426.080.

Collect fee

**38.5.5 Waiver of Replevy**

If defendant has filed a waiver of the right to replevy, or any similar agreement, endorse a note to this effect on the writ. KRS 426.480.

**38.5.6 Return Date**

1. The return date on the execution shall be sixty (60) days from the date of issuance. Even though the serving officer may make a return before the expiration of the sixty (60) day period, the judgment creditor cannot request a different return date.
2. Make a docket notation to show issuance of the execution by completing a document screen. Use the date of issuance as the filing date. Show any special endorsements in the memo field.

Return date is 60 days from the date of issuance  
 Complete document screen

**38.6 *Service of Execution***

1. Give the execution and a copy to the applicant for delivery to the sheriff. It is not necessary to make a copy for the case file; the sheriff's return will provide a copy. The applicant will pay the sheriff the service fee directly.
2. When the return is made, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the file stamp date and officer's return information in the memo field of the document screen where the execution was issued. The return should show when, how, and by whom it was served.

File, date, initial

### 38.7 *Execution Sale*

1. Any party may move for an Order for Execution Sale which may be issued after 14 days have elapsed from service of execution if no challenge to the execution has been made. KRS 426.440.
2. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 140](#), Order for Sale apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen using code **OS**. Make a notation in the memo field of the document screen that the order was delivered to the sheriff for service. Provide [notice of entry](#).
4. Deliver to the sheriff for service.

**Quick Reference**  
 Order for Sale may be issued after 14 days have elapsed  
 AOC Form 140  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document code **OS**  
 NOE  
 Deliver to Sheriff

### 38.8 *Affidavit to Challenge*

If the judgment debtor files an [AOC Form 135.1](#), Affidavit to Challenge Execution within 10 days of service of execution:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen.
2. Mail or hand-deliver copies to the sheriff, judgment creditor, and judgment debtor.
3. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen for the appropriate date.
4. When a signed judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment; add the date and your initials. Enter the judgment on the document screen, including a brief description. After the judgment is **ENTERED** serve notice of entry on the parties by making a copy of the judgment that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver to the parties or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of the judgment.
5. If the defendant gives a replevin bond on a judgment in favor of the state that has expired without paying the judgment, issue execution at least every ten (10) months for *five (5)* years. After that time, issue when asked by the Commonwealth Attorney, County Attorney or Sheriff unless otherwise ordered by the court. KRS 135.030. For Tickler System see the KyCourts Manual.

AOC Form 135.1  
 File, date, initial  
 Schedule event  
 Enter, date, initial  
 NOE

**NOTE:** Failure of the clerk to discharge their duty will result in the clerk being responsible on the official bond for the amount of the judgment.

### 38.9 *Executions from Other Courts*

1. When land in your county is seized under an execution issued in another county, the sheriff will bring the execution to you. Make a copy and file it in a special file titled "Executions of Judgments of Other Courts."
2. Return the original to the sheriff. KRS 426.110.

**Quick Reference**

Make copy

Return original to  
sheriff

## 39 EXPUNGEMENT

### *KRS 431.076-.079, KRS 610.330*

[Process Map](#)

- An expungement is the removal or deletion of records by the court and other agencies which prevents the matter from appearing on official state-performed background checks.
- If you are asked about an expunged record, advise that no such record exists.
- [Expungement Certification](#)
- [Expungement of Dismissed or Acquittal Cases](#)
- [Expungement of Misdemeanor and Violation Convictions](#)
- [Expungement of Class D Felonies and Pardoned Convictions](#)
- [General Provisions for Handling Expungements](#)
- [Expungement of Class D Felonies and Pardoned Convictions](#)
- [Expungement of Purged or Destroyed Cases](#)
- [Expungement of Non-Criminal Cases](#)
- [Expungement of Juvenile Record](#)

### 39.1 *Expungement Certification*

KRS 431.079 requires every petition or application for criminal record expungement of a conviction to include a certificate of eligibility for expungement. Individuals seeking an expungement of a conviction must complete the expungement certification process to determine if they are eligible for expungement.

- An expungement certification may be obtained online at: <http://courts.ky.gov/Expungement>. Additional requests regarding an expungement certification may be directed to the Records Unit at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

**NOTE:** In the event the petitioner/applicant's expungement certification indicates they are ineligible; you must still file the expungement. They are still entitled to have their petition reviewed by the judge.

#### Quick Reference

A certification is not required for dismissals or acquittals

*Online at [courts.ky.gov](http://courts.ky.gov)*

*In Person Requests:*

*AOC Records Unit  
Administrative Office of  
the Courts  
1001 Vandalay Drive,  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 573-2350*



### 39.2 *Expungement of Acquittals, Dismissed Cases, and Felony Charges in District Court Not Resulting in Indictment*

*KRS 431.076*

- The following persons may file a petition to expunge offenses pursuant to KRS 431.076:
  - A person who has been found not guilty of an offense;
  - A person against whom charges have been dismissed and not in exchange for a guilty plea to another offense;
  - A person against whom felony charges originally filed in the District Court have not resulted in an indictment by the grand jury.
- The petition may be filed no sooner than sixty (60) days following dismissal or acquittal with prejudice OR six (6) months following the date of the District Court decision to hold the matter to the grand jury, or three (3) years for a felony and one (1) year for a misdemeanor following the date of the order of dismissal without prejudice.
- A separate petition must be filed for each criminal case and the charge(s) must be listed on an [AOC Form 497.2](#). Do not file a petition that has multiple cases listed for expungement or that is not filed on [AOC Form 497.2](#).
- An expungement certification is not required for cases/charges which have been dismissed or for which the person was acquitted.

**NOTE:** House Bill 327 effective July 15, 2020 requires all cases dismissed with prejudice/acquitted with exception of Traffic cases to be automatically expunged after 30 days. See section 39.9 Auto Expungement.

#### 39.2.1 **Petition to Expunge Acquittals, Dismissed Cases and Felony Charges in District Court Not Resulting in Indictment**

1. When a petition to expunge is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen in the existing case file using document type **PEXA**.
2. There is no filing fee for expungement based on a dismissal/acquittal not resulting in an indictment. If the petition references a district felony charge not resulting in indictment 431.076(1)(c), send a copy of the petition to the Commonwealth attorney or county attorney.
3. Set tickler 90 days out. If no response by the commonwealth is received, submit file to Judge. If a response is received by the commonwealth, set another tickler 90 days out from the filing date of the response. After 90 days from the response, if no indictment is received submit to Judge.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document type **PEXA**

Event type **EXH**

*Assistant General  
Counsel  
Cabinet for Health and  
Family Services,  
275 E. Main Street,  
5W-B  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

### 39.2.2 Order Denying Expungement of Acquittals, Dismissed Cases and Felony Charges in District Court Not Resulting in Indictment

1. When an order denying the expungement is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 497](#) may be used.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **OEXD** and note the denial in the memo on the document screen. Distribute a copy of the order to the defendant/attorney.
3. Send a copy of the order of expungement to:
  - County attorney
  - Defendant or his/her attorney.

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial  
AOC Form 497

Document type **OEXD**

Note denial in the  
memo on document  
screen

Mail copy

### 39.2.3 Order Granting Expungement of Acquittals, Dismissed Cases and Felony Charges in District Court Not Resulting in Indictment

**NOTE:** House Bill 327 effective July 15, 2020 requires all cases dismissed with prejudice/acquitted with exception of Traffic Cases to be automatically expunged after 30 days. See section [39.9 Auto Expungement](#).

1. When an order granting the expungement is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 497](#) may be used. If the entire case is expunged, KYCourts will automatically add the document when you expunge the case. If not all charges are being expunged, add the document code to **OEXG**.
2. Within KyCourts, expunge the case or charge(s) as applicable according to the instructions in the KyCourts User Manual.
3. If a charge(s) ordered expunged is in a circuit criminal case that originated in district court, you must also expunge the charge in the district court case within KyCourts.
4. Send a copy of the expungement order to:
  - County attorney
  - Defendant or his/her attorney
  - Mail a copy of the order of expungement, together with a copy of the citation, to each official or agency named in the order. Such agencies are required to certify to the court that their records have been expunged within 60 days. *Do NOT send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.*
  - Local pretrial office
5. Follow further instructions for storage of the physical file and filing documents in an expunged file. See [Paper Files](#).

#### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial  
AOC Form 497

Document code **OEXG**

Send copy

### 39.3 *Expungement of Misdemeanor, Violation of Traffic Infraction Convictions*

*KRS 431.078*

- A person with certain misdemeanor, violation or traffic convictions may file a petition for expungement no sooner than five years after completion of sentence or probation, whichever occurs later.
- A separate petition must be filed for each criminal case and the charge(s) must be listed.
- A petition for expungement of misdemeanor and violation conviction shall be filed on an [AOC Form 496.2](#).
- A copy of the petitioner's current [expungement certification](#) must be attached to the petition.

**NOTE:** Do not file a petition that has multiple cases listed for expungement; that is not filed on [AOC Form 496.2](#); that does not have the expungement certification attached, and is not accompanied by the applicable fee(s).

**EXCEPTION:** If a motion to proceed in forma pauperis is filed, the petition may be accepted without fee or expungement certification.

### 39.3.1 Petition for Expungement of Misdemeanor, Violation, or Traffic Infraction Convictions

1. When a petition is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen in the existing case file using document type **PEXC**.
2. Collect a fee from the petitioner for each case sought to be expunged as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. If charge(s) requested to be expunged is in a circuit criminal case, only collect one fee. A separate fee is not required to expunge an underlying district criminal case.
3. Calendar a hearing date no sooner than thirty (30) days after the filing of the petition by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **EXH**.

**NOTE:** If the case is a purged or destroyed case, add the case to KyCourts.

4. Complete either the Notification of Expungement Hearing section on [AOC form 496.2](#) or complete [AOC form 496.1](#), *Notification of Expungement Hearing*, and attach a copy of the petition, and serve a copy on:
  - County attorney;
  - Any crime victim if identified in the petition; and
  - Any other person requested to be notified as identified in the petition.

**NOTE:** Do not send to law enforcement unless requested.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial  
Document type **PEXC**

Calendar a hearing date  
AOC Form 496.1

Event type **EXH**

### 39.3.2 Order Denying Expungement of Misdemeanor, Violation, or Traffic Infraction Convictions

1. When an order **denying** the expungement is received; apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen. [AOC Form 496](#), Expungement Order may be used for this purpose. Complete a document screen using document type **OEXD**.
2. Send a copy of the expungement order to:
  - County attorney; and
  - Defendant or his/her attorney.
3. When a petition is denied and the case is not expunged, refund the fee(s) paid by the petitioner according to the Refund Section of the Circuit Court Clerk's [Accounting Manual](#). No additional order is needed to provide the refund.

Enter, date, initial

Enter on document  
screen

AOC Form 496  
Document type **OEXD**

**NOTE:** If a defendant is attempting to expunge a case containing charges disposed as a combination of guilty, dismissed, merged or amended, only one expungement petition (496.2) is required. It is not necessary to file separate petitions or have separate orders for the dismissed charges that were dismissed in exchange for a guilty plea on another charge in the same case.

### 39.3.3 Order Granting Expungement of Misdemeanor, Violation, or Traffic Infraction Convictions

1. When an order **granting** the expungement is received; apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. If the entire case is expunged, KYCourts will automatically add the document when you expunge the case. If not all charges in the case are being expunged, add the document code **OEXG**.
2. Within KyCourts, expunge the case or charge as applicable according to the instructions in the KyCourts User Manual.
3. Send a copy of the expungement order to:
  - County attorney
  - Defendant or his/her attorney
  - Mail a copy of the order of expungement, together with a copy of the citation, to each official or agency named in the order. Such agencies are required to certify to the court that their records have been expunged.
  - Local pretrial office
4. Follow further instructions below for storage of the physical file and filing documents in an expunged file. See [Paper Files](#).

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial

Document code **OEXG**

Mail AOC-496

### 39.4 *Expungement of Class D Felony and Pardoned Convictions*

*KRS 431.073*

- Any person with certain Class D Felony convictions, or a person who has been granted a full pardon, may file an application to have the judgment vacated and the case or charge(s) expunged. The application can be filed no sooner than five years after completion of probation or parole, whichever occurs later.
- A verified application to vacate and expunge a felony conviction shall be filed on an [AOC Form 496.3](#).
- The application must be filed in the original criminal case and the charge(s) to be vacated and expunged must be listed.
- Misdemeanor offenses, violations or traffic infractions may also be listed on the application so long as the charges were filed within the same case as the felony charge. Only one filing fee is required.

AOC Form 496.3

- A copy of the defendant’s current [expungement certification](#) should be attached to the petition.
- If the application concerns a pardoned offense, a copy of the pardon should be included with the application.
- Both the circuit case and any underlying district court case should be listed on [AOC Form 496.3](#).

**NOTE:** Do not file an application that is not filed on [AOC Form 496.3](#); that does not have the expungement certification attached; and is not accompanied by the applicable fee(s). However, if a motion to proceed in forma pauperis is filed, the application may be accepted without fee or expungement certification.

### 39.4.1 Class D Felony Expungement Fees and Installment Payment Plan

- KRS 431.073 permits a person seeking a felony expungement to request payment of the expungement fee in installments. Installment plans are not available for misdemeanor or violation expungements.
- Upon the issuance of an order vacating and expunging a conviction the applicant shall be charged an expungement fee which may be payable by an installment plan in accordance with KRS 534.020. The expungement cannot be completed until full payment is received.
- If an installment payment plan is ordered, the petitioner shall be given notice of the total amount due, the payment frequency, and the date by which all payments must be made. The notice shall state that the expungement cannot be completed until full payment is received, and if the applicant has not completed the installment payment plan by the scheduled date, he/she shall appear on that date to show good cause as to why he/she is unable to satisfy the obligations. This notice is contained on [AOC 496.4 Order](#).

1. Collect a filing fee from the petitioner as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. If charge(s) requested to be expunged is in a circuit criminal case, only collect one fee. A separate fee is not required to expunge an underlying district criminal case.
2. Upon the issuance of an order vacating and expunging a conviction the applicant shall be charged an expungement fee which may be payable by an installment plan in accordance with KRS 534.020. The expungement cannot be completed until full payment is received.
3. If the applicant requests installment payments, schedule an event using event type **SCIP** as indicated in Section IV of [AOC 496.4 Order](#). This is the date by which the defendant must comply with the installment payment plan.
4. When receiving installment payments, verify if a payment completes the \$250 expungement fee and is paid in full.
5. Upon payment in full of the expungement fee prior to the scheduled SCIP event, unschedule (DELSCH) the event with a memo “Payment in Full” and expunge the case as directed in the expungement order.

Per Accounting Manual  
\$50 non-refundable  
filing fee to be collected  
with every application

Defendant may request  
to pay remaining \$250  
fee in installments

Schedule event **SCIP**

Verify if paid in full

Unschedule SCIP

### 39.4.2 Application to Vacate and Expunge Class D Felony and Pardoned Convictions

1. When an Application is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen in the existing case file using document type **AFEX**.
2. Collect a fee from the petitioner as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. wlf charge(s) requested to be expunged is in a circuit criminal case, only collect one fee. A separate fee is not required to expunge an underlying district criminal case.
3. Serve notice of filing by mailing a copy of the Application to:
  - The office of the Commonwealth’s attorney or county attorney that prosecuted the case; and
  - County attorney where the judgment was entered (if different).

**NOTE:** The prosecutor is required to notify the crime victim(s) in the case. You do not need to send a copy to any crime victim(s) listed in the Application.

4. Set a tickler date by completing a scheduled events screen for 60 to 90 days from the time of filing of the Application using event type **ERR**. If no activity has occurred by that date, the file should be delivered to the judge on that date for review. This event may also be converted to a hearing date if one is later scheduled by the court.
5. On a monthly basis, print a calendar of all cases with the scheduled event type **ERR** and deliver the file(s) to the judge.
6. If the case file has been accessioned, contact the Department of Libraries and Archives to request that the file be returned to your county.
7. If the case predates your county’s use of computers, you may be required to add case and/or charge information if the judge orders the conviction vacated and expunged.

File, date, initial

Document type **AFEX**

Event type **ERR**

Event type **ERR**

### 39.4.3 Commonwealth/County Attorney Response to Application

- The Commonwealth’s attorney or county attorney that prosecuted the case shall file a response within sixty (60) days after being served with the notice of filing. The time period may be extended for good cause, but the hearing on the application shall occur no later than 120 days following the filing of the application.
- In any case in which the Commonwealth objects that the application is grossly incomplete, the court shall order the person or agency originating the application to supplement the application.

- If the court receives a response from the prosecutor stating no objection to the application to have the judgment vacated, the court may enter an order without a hearing.
- Per KRS 431.073(2), no hearing upon the merits shall be scheduled until the Commonwealth’s response has been filed, or if no response is received, no later than 120 days after the filing of the application.

1. When the prosecutor’s response is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen in the existing case file using document type **CRFEX**.
2. Deliver the file to the judge for review. The judge will determine whether to set a hearing.
3. If a hearing date is ordered, complete a scheduled events screen using type **FEX**. Complete AOC Form 496.1 and send a copy to:
  - Defendant and his/her attorney
  - County attorney or commonwealth attorney that prosecuted the case.
4. Update or unschedule (DELSCH) the tickler event **ERR**.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
File, date, initial
Document type <b>CRFEX</b>
Event type <b>FEX</b>
Tickler Event <b>ERR</b>

**39.4.4 No Response Received**

1. If 120 days have elapsed since the filing of the application and no response has been received, the court may enter an order with or without scheduling a hearing.
2. On the date of the tickler set as described in [Application to Vacate and Expunge Class D Felony and Pardoned Convictions](#), deliver the file to the judge for review.
3. If a hearing date is ordered, complete a scheduled events screen using type **FEX**. Complete a court notice and send a copy to:
  - Defendant and his/her attorney
  - County attorney or commonwealth attorney that prosecuted the case.
4. Update or unscheduled (DELSCH) the tickler scheduled event **ERR**.

Event type <b>FEX</b>
Event type <b>ERR</b>



### 39.4.5 Order Denying Expungement of Class D Felony and Pardoned Convictions

1. When an order denying the application is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 496.4](#), Expungement Order may be used for this purpose. Complete a document screen using document type **OFXD**.
2. Send a copy of the expungement order to:
  - Commonwealth or county attorney who prosecuted the case
  - Defendant or his/her attorney.

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial  
AOC Form 496.4  
Document type **OFXD**

### 39.4.6 Order Granting Expungement of Class D Felony and Pardoned Convictions

- Upon entry of an order granting an application, the original conviction shall be vacated and the charges dismissed with prejudice.
- Upon full payment of the expungement fee, the record shall also be expunged.
- All steps of the process listed below **MUST** be completed in order to properly complete the action of vacating the conviction, dismissing the charges, and expunging the record as required by KRS 431.073.

1. When an order granting the application is received; apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. [AOC Form 496.4](#), Expungement Order may be used for this purpose. Complete a document screen using document type **OFXG**.
2. Update the disposition information of the charge(s) ordered to be vacated. In KYCourtsII, move the old disposition information to memo and overlay with the disposition type **VEFC**. Do not change the original disposition date on the Case screen.

**PRE-COMPUTER CASES:** If the charge(s) to be vacated and expunged are not in KYCourts, add the charges according to the instructions in the KYCourts User Manual. Enter the charge disposition as type **VEFC**.

3. Review the order to determine if the defendant shall pay the expungement fee in full or in installment payments.
4. If the applicant requests installment payments, schedule an event using event type **SCIP** as indicated in Section IV of AOC 496.4 Order. This is the date by which the defendant must comply with the installment payment plan. When receiving installment payments, verify if a payment completes the \$250 expungement fee and is payment in full.
5. Upon full payment of the expungement fee prior to the scheduled **SCIP** event, un-schedule the event with a memo "Payment in Full" and expunge the case as directed in the expungement order.

Enter, date, initial  
  
AOC Form 496.4  
Document type **OFXG**

SCIP event  
  
Verify payment in full

6. Upon full payment of the expungement fee, verify that the disposition of the charge(s) has been updated and expunge the case or charge as applicable according to the instructions in the KYCourts User Manual. If a charge(s) ordered expunged is in a circuit criminal case that originated in district court, you must also expunge the charge in the district court case within KYCourts.
7. Upon full payment of the expungement fee, complete the Notice of Expungement [AOC Form 496.5](#) and distribute copies of the Notice and the Order to expunge as directed on the Order.
8. Send a copy of the order to:
  - Commonwealth or county attorney that prosecuted the case
  - Defendant or his/her attorney
  - Kentucky State Police, together with a copy of the citation,
  - Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives; and
  - Each official or agency named in the order.
  - Local pretrial office
9. Follow further instructions for storage of the physical file and filing documents in an expunged file. See [Paper Files](#).

AOC 496.5

### 39.5 *General Provisions on Handling Expunged Files*

#### 39.5.1 **Expungement of Related Cases**

When an expungement is ordered that involves felony charge(s), any cases related to the charges at either the district court or circuit court level should also be expunged within KyCourts. If a petition/application for expungement is granted in a CR case number, the charge(s) or case in the F case number should be expunged as well.

**NOTE:** When receiving an order to expunge a drug court case or charge(s) and the case was transferred to your court from another jurisdiction forward a copy of the expungement order to the originating county along with a copy of the original order transferring the case.

#### 39.5.2 **Expunging a Charge/Partial Expungement**

See KyCourts Manual for directions on [Expunging a Charge](#) when ordered rather than expunging the entire case.

**NOTE:** If you are ordered to expunge a charge that is the only charge in the case you must expunge the entire case and not just the one existing charge.

### 39.5.3 Paper Files

1. When the Order for Expungement is entered, place the file in a suitable envelope and seal it. Note the name, case number, DOB on the outside of the envelope. The physical court file(s) may be kept separately along with other expunged records in a locked drawer or secure area. Inspection should be permitted only upon court order. However, the clerk may open/unseal an expunged record to file certifications of completion of expungement from other agencies.
2. If partial expungement was ordered, mark through/redact information pertaining to the expunged charges from the parts of the record that will continue to be public record. If any images exist with language referencing the expunged charge delete the images from KyCourts.
3. Do not permit inspection of partially expunged records unless references to the expunged charges have been marked through/redacted.

### 39.5.4 Returned Agency Certifications

When the court orders the expungement of records of other agencies, such agencies are required to certify that their records have been expunged.

1. When a certification of expungement is received from any agency, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File the certification in the original expunged record. The file may be opened/unsealed for this purpose.

### 39.6 *Expungement of Purged or Destroyed Cases*

- A person who seeks an expungement of a case that has already been purged or destroyed pursuant to the Kentucky Court of Justice Record Retention Schedule, may file a petition/motion for expungement. Review copy of documentation provided by the petitioner to verify offense(s) occurred in your county.
  1. Follow previous instructions for the filing of petitions.
  2. Add the case to KyCourts and calendar a hearing as directed by your judge.
  3. When an order granting or denying the expungement is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
  4. If the charge to be expunged is a felony or pardoned conviction. You must follow the instructions in Order Granting Expungement of Class D Felony and Pardoned Convictions to properly complete the action of vacating the conviction and expunging the record as required by KRS 431.073.
  5. Distribute copies to the agencies listed in the body of the order and in the distribution list on the bottom of the order and local pretrial office. The physical court file may be kept separately along with other expunged records in a locked drawer or secure area.

**Quick Reference**  
Calendar a hearing

Enter, date, initial

### 39.7 *Expungement of Juvenile Record*

KRS 610.330

District Court or Family Court Division of Circuit Court

#### 39.7.1 **Expunging Juvenile Records When Child is Eligible for Diversion (JCRPP 2, 15).**

- Juvenile Court Rules of Procedure and Practice and KRS 610.330 require expungement be ordered automatically when charges are dismissed against a juvenile because the child is eligible for diversion. The child is not required to make a motion for expungement.
- Expungement orders issued pursuant to this section should only be sent to the Court Designated Worker and to no other agencies because charges may still be re-filed with the Court.
- Section I of [AOC-JV-29](#) should be used for this purpose.

1. Upon receipt of an order dismissing and expunging a juvenile petition for lack of jurisdiction, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OEX**.
2. Send a copy of the order to the Court Designated Worker.

**NOTE:** Do NOT send the expungement order to law enforcement or other agencies. JCRPP 2.

3. Place case file for that trailer, case history (docket sheet(s) and index card if such exists), in an envelope, add the case number, the juvenile's date of birth and the date of the expungement order to the outside of the envelope, and seal. Do not open except by court order. If unsealed, make appropriate notation on outside of envelope. It is not necessary to seal the audio tapes; the official retention and disposal schedule for district court tapes applies.
4. The physical court file may be kept separately along with other expunged records in a locked drawer or secure area.
5. If you are asked about an expunged record, advise that no such record exists. KRS 610.330(4). This includes military referrals.

**NOTE:** In the event that the petition is later re-filed, use the next available numbered trailer, not the trailer of the expunged case.

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **OEX**

#### 39.7.2 **Expunging Juvenile Records When Charges Dismissed or Child Found Not Delinquent (KRS 610.330(7))**

- KRS 610.330 requires expungement be ordered automatically when charges are dismissed against a juvenile or the child is found not delinquent. The child is not required to make a motion for expungement.
- Expungement orders issued pursuant to this section should be sent to all agencies named in the petition.

- Section II of [AOC JV-29](#) should be used for this purpose.
1. If the court orders an expungement, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document type **OEX**. Send a copy of the order to:
    - AOC Department of Family and Juvenile Services;
    - Anyone named in the court order;
    - To expunge CHFS's records, mail a copy of the order to **Custodian of the Records, Management and Evaluation Branch**.
    - To expunge records pertaining to juveniles charged as youthful or public offenders, mail a copy of the order to the **Department of Juvenile Justice**.
  2. Expunge the case or charge in KYCourts as applicable according to the instructions in the [KYCourts User Manual](#).
  3. Place case file, case history (docket sheet(s) and index card if such exists), in an envelope, add the case number, the juvenile's date of birth and the date of the expungement order to the outside of the envelope, and seal. Do not open except by court order. If unsealed, make appropriate notation on outside of envelope. It is not necessary to seal the audio tapes; the official retention and disposal schedule for district court tapes applies.
  4. The physical court file may be kept separately along with other expunged records in a locked drawer or secure area.
  5. If you are asked about an expunged record, advise that no such record exists. KRS 610.330(4). This includes military referrals.

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Document type OEX

*Dept. of Juvenile Justice*  
 1025 Capital Center  
 Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

### 39.7.3 Petition to Expunge Records Following Adjudication

- A child, representative of DJJ or the cabinet, or any other interested person may file a petition for expungement of a juvenile court record. The court may order the expungement of violations, status offenses, misdemeanors, a single felony, or a series of felonies arising from a single incident.
- [AOC JV-30](#) should be used for this purpose.
  1. There is no filing fee for a juvenile expungement petition. A KSP expungement certification is not required.
  2. If a petition is filed, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen.
  3. Calendar a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **EXH**. The court must set a hearing and notify:
    - The county attorney and
    - Anyone else the court or the juvenile believes to have relevant information.
  4. Send a copy of the petition and a court notice to the county attorney, and all persons listed in the petition.
  5. Notify persons for a hearing by completing a court notice in KYCourts.

### 39.7.4 Order of Expungement upon Petition

- [AOC Form 29.1](#) should be used for this purpose.
  1. If the court orders an expungement upon petition, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen. Send a copy of the order to:
    - AOC Department of Family and Juvenile Services;
    - Anyone named in the court order;
    - To expunge CHFS's records, mail a copy of the order to **Custodian of the Records, Management and Evaluation Branch**; or
    - To expunge records pertaining to juveniles charged as youthful or public offenders, mail a copy of the order to the **Department of Juvenile Justice**.
  2. Expunge the case or charge in KYCourts as applicable according to the instructions in the [KYCourts User Manual](#).
  3. Place case file, case history (docket sheet(s) and index card if such exists), in an envelope, add the case number, the juvenile's date of birth and the date of the expungement order to the outside of the envelope, and seal. Do not open except by court order. If unsealed, make appropriate notation on outside of envelope. It is not necessary to seal the audio tapes; the official retention and disposal schedule for district court tapes applies.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial  
File on document  
screen

Calendar hearing  
Event type EXH

Enter, date, initial  
Enter on document  
screen

*Custodian of the  
Records,  
Management and  
Evaluation Branch  
CHFS Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
275 East Main Street,  
Frankfort, KY 40621*

*Department of Juvenile  
Justice  
1025 Capital Center  
Drive, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

Seal in an envelope and  
**DO NOT** open except by  
court order

4. The physical court file may be kept separately along with other expunged records in a locked drawer or secure area.
5. If you are asked about an expunged record, advise that no such record exists. KRS 610.330(4). This includes military referrals.

#### 39.7.5 Inspection of Juvenile Expunged Record

1. A petition may be filed to inspect the juvenile's expunged record. Review the petition to determine the case number and date of birth of the juvenile and verify the existence of the expunged record.
2. If the record does not exist, return the petition to petitioner.
3. If the record does exist, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. Attach to the expunged record and deliver to the judge.
4. When an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Give notice of entry as directed by the court's order.

File, date, initial  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Enter on document  
 screen  
 NOE

### 39.8 *Expungement Non-Criminal Cases*

Expungement is permitted in some civil proceedings. Use the links below to view specific expungement instructions by chapter.

- [Disability Proceedings - KRS Chapter 387](#)
- [Involuntary Hospitalization – KRS Chapter 202A](#)
- [Involuntary Admission – KRS Chapter 202B](#)
- [Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders](#)

### 39.9 *Auto Expungement – House Bill 327*

House Bill 327 effective July 15, 2020 requires all cases dismissed with prejudice/acquitted with the exception of traffic cases to be automatically expunged after 30 days. A report of eligible cases can be run through eQueue- ClerkTools. The orders AOC-497.3 can be auto generated, printed, and provided to the closing judge or Chief Circuit/District judge depending on case type. This should be done at least twice a month but can be done as frequently as necessary. These require no filing fee or action by the defendant. Once the order is signed by the Judge. Apply the entered stamp to the order, add the document code "OAE" Order for Automatic Expungement of Record; add the date and your initials and expunge the case per standard procedure.

Enter, date, initial

Document type OAE

Send a copy of the order to:

- Defendant
- Arresting agency
- Local jail
- KSP
- County/CW Attorney
- Any other agency requested by the defendant within 60 days
- Local pretrial office

When an expungement is entered that involves misdemeanor or felony charge(s), any matching charges in the crossed referenced case at either the district court or circuit court level should also be expunged within KyCourts.

Follow instructions for storage of the physical file. See "[Paper Files](#)".

**NOTE:** If a defendant objects to the expungement, add document code DOE Defendants Objection to Expungement. This will remove the case from the list of eligible cases.



## 40 EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

### *KRS 440.150-440.420*

*District or Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

- Extradition is the transfer of an accused from one state or country to another state or country that seeks to place the accused on trial. When a defendant/fugitive chooses to "waive extradition" that means that he (or she) is agreeing to go with the authorities from the other jurisdiction willingly. A **Governor's Warrant** is issued when one state requests the extradition of a fugitive or inmate from another state.

### 40.1 *Extradition*

Upon receipt of extradition proceedings from another state:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the initiating document; add the date and your initials.
6. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
7. Generate the next case number in the computer for district felony **F** cases, misdemeanor **M** cases or circuit criminal **CR** cases.
8. Schedule the case for an arraignment hearing.
9. If the defendant does not waive extradition, notify the Commonwealth Attorney.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Generate:

District felony **F** case

Misdemeanor **M** case

Circuit criminal **CR** case

Schedule hearing

#### 40.1.1 **Bond**

If bond is ordered, prepare AOC Form 365, Bail Bond.

1. Collect the bond filing fee, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and any required security.
10. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.
11. Complete a bail screen.
12. For further information, proceed to the [Bail Bonds Section](#) of this manual.

AOC Form 365

Collect bond filing fee

File, date, initial

Bail screen

### 40.1.2 Order

1. Upon receipt of a signed order apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
13. Enter the order on a document screen.
14. Give [notice of entry](#) by providing the original to the Secretary of State and copies to the demanding agent, the court and the defendant. Place a copy in the court record.
15. When the order disposes of the charge, close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, e.g. **EXT** or **DIS**, judge, trial type, original plea and final plea fields. Close the case screen with disposition date and judge at disposition only.
16. If the court orders extradition, prepare certified copies of the order as necessary to accompany the defendant when released from your court's jurisdiction. Use [AOC Form 065](#), Certification of Act of Congress. Affix your court seal on the form.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>  Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Notice of Entry  Secretary of State  700 Capital Ave., Ste.86  Frankfort, KY 40601</p> <p>Close charge <b>EXT</b> or <b>DIS</b></p> <p>AOC Form 065</p>
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## 41 FILING OF PLEADINGS, OTHER PAPERS AND TENDERED DOCUMENTS

### *CR 5.05; CR 5.06; RAP 2(A); RAP 5.*

- These instructions pertain to all pleadings and other papers filed in an action, except complaints, orders and judgments. For specific instructions on processing complaints, see the [Civil Actions](#) Chapter. For specific instructions on processing order and judgments, see the [Judgments and Orders](#) Chapter.

**NOTE:** If you receive discovery documents, follow your judge’s order concerning filing these documents or returning them to the attorney or party.

#### 41.1 *Filing of Pleadings and Other Papers*

1. At the time a document is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. The endorsement of the date constitutes the filing of the paper. CR 5.05 (3); RAP 5(D).

2. Add the case number if it does not already appear in the caption.

**NOTE:** When there is no case number in the caption or otherwise on the document contact the attorney or mail back to the party submitting documents to ensure accurate case identification.

3. File the pleading by completing the appropriate screen in KyCourts.
4. Place the pleading or other paper in the case file.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial</p> <p>The endorsement date is the filing date</p> <p>Complete document screen</p>
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#### 41.2 *Tendered Documents*

1. When a tendered document is received, apply the **TENDERED** stamp; (or write the word **TENDERED**) add the date and your initials.

2. If the tendered document is filed in conjunction with a motion, complete a separate document screen using document code TD.

3. If the document is tendered alone, complete a document screen using the document code **TD**.

4. If the court later allows the tendered document to be filed, apply the **FILED** stamp (or **ENTERED** stamp if the document is an order or judgment); add the date and your initials.

5. Complete a new document screen and move the document from its present location in the case file to the next item.

<p>Tendered stamp, date, initial</p> <p>Document code <b>TD</b></p> <p>File or enter, date, initial</p> <p>Complete document screen</p>
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## 42 FIREARM PROHIBITIONS

### *18 U.S.C. 922(d)(4), (g)(4); KRS 237.108*

[Process Map](#)

A court that orders a commitment or makes a finding or adjudication of mental defectiveness shall order the circuit clerk to forward the person's name and nonclinical identifying information, including the person's Social Security number and date of birth, along with a copy of the order of commitment to the KSP for inclusion in the NCIC. 18 U.S.C. sec. 922(d)(4) and (g) (4); KRS 237.108.

- Whether or not a person is subject to a firearm prohibition is a legal determination that must be made by a judge.
- A commitment, finding, or adjudication involving the following may subject the respondent/defendant to become subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. sec. 922(d)(4) and (g)(4):
  - Involuntary Treatment (-Substance Use Disorder);
  - Involuntary Hospitalization and Involuntary Intellectually Disabled Admission;
  - Disability Determination;
  - Medical Examination or Treatment of a Juvenile;
  - An order from the court showing the defendant incompetent to stand trial; not guilty by reason of insanity; or guilty but mentally ill.

#### 42.1 *Electronic Firearms Notification Processing*

Orders submitted electronically may be processed by the clerk through the Clerk's eQueue. See [KYCourts Manual](#) for additional information on processing electronic firearms notification through the Clerk's eQueue. Firearms notifications processed through eQueue will generate an NFP document code in KyCourts and the AOC Form 31 image will be transmitted electronically along with any existing personal identifying data to Kentucky State Police. You do not need to send the paper AOC 031 form manually to the Kentucky State Police.

The personal identifier information (PII) data elements (DOB, Gender, Race, and SSN or DLN) are transmitted electronically to KSP. Four of the PII data elements are required in order for KSP to enter the Notice of Firearm Prohibition in their repository and transmitted to NCIC. If one or more personal identifiers are missing, the NFP will not be entered in the federal system and the individual could purchase a firearm.

#### 42.2 *Manual Firearms Notification Processing*

If the notification is not processed electronically follow the steps below including distribution of the NFP image to Kentucky State Police.

1. Upon receipt of any of the below forms apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
  - [AOC Form 700A](#) – Verified Petition of Involuntary Treatment (Substance Use Disorder)

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 700A

AOC Form 710

AOC Form 740

- [AOC Form 710](#) – Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization and Involuntary Intellectually Disabled Admission
  - [AOC Form 740](#) – Petition to Determine if Disabled
  - [AOC JV-23](#) – Verified Petition For Involuntary Hospitalization, or
  - An order from the court showing the defendant incompetent to stand trial; not guilty by reason of insanity; or guilty but mentally ill.
2. Complete a document screen using the appropriate document code:
    - [AOC 700A](#) – **PIHAD**
    - [AOC 710](#) – **PIH, PIA**
    - [AOC 740](#) – **PDD**
    - [AOC JV-23](#) – **PIH**
    - An order from the court showing the defendant incompetent to stand trial; not guilty by reason of insanity; or guilty but mentally ill. **INC**; see codes in KYCourts.
  3. Provide the petitioner with [AOC Form 034](#) (Personal Identifier Data Sheet) to complete and return to the clerk.
  4. Place a blank [AOC Form 031](#) (Notice of Firearm Prohibitions) in the case file for use by the judge in the event the judge determines the respondent is subject to 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(4), (d)(4); KRS 237.108.
  5. Upon receipt of a signed [AOC Form 031](#) (Notice of Firearm Prohibitions), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document code **NFP**. Enter the personal identifying data from AOC 031 (Notice of Firearm Prohibition) into KYCourts for electronic distribution to Kentucky State Police.
- NOTE:** If user mistakenly enters document code of **NFP** it should not be deleted. Memo that it was entered in error and send a manual copy denoting same to the Kentucky State Police. KYCourts is not capable of removing the notice from KSP.
6. Upon receipt of a completed AOC Form 034 apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Add on a document screen using document type **PIDMD**. Enter the personal identifying information submitted on the Personal Identifier Data Sheet into KYCourts for electronic distribution to Kentucky State Police.
  7. Distribute copies of AOC Form 031 (Notice of Firearm Prohibition) per the distribution list on the bottom of the form. Send a copy of any manually processed NFPs not processed through eQueue to the Kentucky State Police. KSP will receive these copies by email at [KSP.NICS@ky.gov](mailto:KSP.NICS@ky.gov).

**Quick Reference**  
AOC JV-23

File, date, initial

AOC 700A- **PIHAD**  
AOC 710- **PIH, PIA**  
AOC 740- **PDD**  
AOC JV-23 **PIH**

AOC Form 034

AOC Form 031

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **NFP**

File, date, initial  
Document code **PIDMD**

Distribute copies  
Manually processed  
NFPs must also be sent  
to KSP at  
[KSP.NICS@ky.gov](mailto:KSP.NICS@ky.gov)

**NOTE:** If the process for firearms notification begins manually (paper), the process will remain manual and the AOC Form 031 is required to be transmitted via email to KSP for federal reporting compliance.

42.3 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 032](#) (Petition/Motion for Removal of Firearm Prohibitions), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **PRFP**.
17. Schedule a hearing on the scheduled events screen using event type **MH**. Add motion type **MOT** – Motion Other and memo firearms prohibition. Complete the Notification of Hearing section of [AOC Form 032](#) (Petition/Motion for Removal of Firearm Prohibition) and send per distribution list on bottom on form.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 032  
 File, date, initial  
 Document code **PRFP**  
  
 AOC Form 032  
 Event Type: **MH**  
 Motion Type: **MOT**

42.4 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 033](#) (Order Granting/Denying Petition/Motion for Removal of Firearm Prohibitions), apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials. If granted, use document code **OGRFP**. If denied, use document code **ODRFP**.
2. Distribute copies per list on bottom of AOC 033 (Order Granting/Denying Petition/Motion for Removal of Firearm Prohibition).

**NOTE:** Send copy to Kentucky State Police if petition has been granted. Mail to: **Criminal Identification Records Branch, Kentucky State Police.**

AOC Form 033  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document code **OGRFP**  
 Document code **ODRFP**  
 Distribute copies  
*Criminal Identification  
 Records Branch  
 Kentucky State Police  
 1266 Louisville Rd  
 Frankfort, KY 40601*

# 43 FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER

## *KRS 383.200 - 383.275*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

- Forcible entry is an action by the tenant who claims that the landlord has entered the premises unlawfully.
- Forcible detainer is an action by the landlord who claims that the tenant refuses to move.

### 43.1 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 216](#) forcible detainer complaint or a forcible entry petition, affirm the petitioner’s signature.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
4. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Use case type **FD**.

Note: New code FENTRY. Landlord/Tenant Dispute–Other: Cases alleging a breach of contract between a landlord and tenant. Use this case type for landlord/tenant dispute cases of unknown specificity, when landlord/tenant dispute cases are not attributable to another previously defined landlord/tenant case type, or when all landlord/tenant dispute cases are reported as a single case type.

5. Generate the next case number for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
6. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
7. Have the judge assign a trial date (or do this yourself if the judge has delegated this duty to you) and note on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
AOC Form 216
File, date, initial
Case type <b>FD</b>
Civil <b>C</b> Case
Schedule event

### 43.2 *Eviction Notice*

1. Issue eviction notice [AOC Form 215](#) using **EN** as summons type instead of civil summons **CI**.
2. Make a copy of the eviction notice. Give the plaintiff the two notices with a copy of the complaint and/or other documents to be served attached to the copy of the notice and instruct the plaintiff to deliver them to the officer for

AOC Form 216
Summons type <b>EN</b>
Make copy of notice

service. The plaintiff will pay the officer directly. CR 4.01(1)(b). KRS 23A.200(2), 24A.170(2).

- 3. When a return of service is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice; add the date and your initials. Enter the date the officer served the defendant in the service date field of the summons screen.

File, date, initial  
Enter date served

43.3 *Forcible Detainer Order*

- 1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order ([AOC 217 Form](#)), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- 2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen. Use document type **JDF** Judgment for Defendant or **JPF** Judgment for Plaintiff.
- 3. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry of the judgment or order.

**NOTE:** You may choose to notify all parties, namely the tenant even when in default.

- 4. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **JCT**, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 217  
Enter, date, initial  
  
Judgment for Defendant: **JDF**  
Judgment for Plaintiff: **JPF**  
**NOE**  
  
Disposition type: **JCT**

43.3.1 **Appeal**

- 1. The defendant has seven days after the entry of the judgment in which to file an appeal. KRS 383.255(1). See [Appeals](#) for additional information.
- 2. In addition to the filing fee, appellant must deposit with you the amount of rent now due and future rents, as they become due, during the pendency of the appeal. KRS 383.255(1). See [Accounting Manual](#).
- 3. Do not accept the filing fee without rent deposit, in the amount listed on [AOC Form 216](#), **unless** you also receive a motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis. If appellant is unable to pay the filing fee and/or rent deposit and has not also filed a motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis, return the notice of appeal to the appellant with an explanation of the deficiency and offer the appellant the option to file a motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis. If the motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis is granted the appellant is not required to pay filing fees and/or rent deposit, which may otherwise be due. *Fickey v. Cross Creek Apartments, Ltd.*, 700 S.W.2d 807 (Ky. App. 1985); *Boddie v. Connecticut*, 401 U.S. 371 (1971).

**NOTE:** If the rent deposit is not paid and the appellant proceeds In Forma Pauperis, the judgment is not stayed. The landlord may seek to regain possession of the premises before the appeal is disposed of. Direct any requests for writ of possession to the appellate judge.

AOC Form 216



Deposited rent money is not released until the appeal is final in circuit court with a judge’s order or with an order from district court if the case is reversed/remanded back to district court.

- 4. You have ten (10) days from the date that past-due rents are deposited by the appellant to prepare the record and deliver to circuit court. KRS 383.255(2). See [Appeals](#).

43.4 *Warrant for Possession*

KRS 383.245

- 1. If no appeal is filed after 7 days and the plaintiff requests that a warrant for possession be issued, prepare [AOC Form 220](#), Notice of Eviction and Warrant for Possession for judge's signature. The judge will complete the return date on the form.
- 2. After the judge has signed the warrant, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- 3. Enter on a document screen using document type **EW**.
- 4. Give the warrant to the plaintiff with instructions to deliver to the sheriff or other serving officer for service on the defendant(s).

When a return of service is made, enter the return date information in the memo field of the same document screen.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 220

Enter, date, initial

Document type **EW**

Enter return date in memo field

43.5 *Forcible Detainer Settlement Agreement*

- 1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 218](#), apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- 2. Enter the agreement as a document using document code **FDSA**.
- 3. Provide copies of the filed agreement per the distribution list at the bottom of the form.
- 4. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type using **SBT** (settled before trial), and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

AOC Form 218  
File, date, initial  
Document code **FDSA**

Disposition type **SBT**

## 44 FOREIGN JUDGMENT

### *KRS 426.950 to 426.975*

*Circuit or District Court*

[Process Map](#)

- A “foreign judgment” means any judgment, decree, or order of a court of the United States or of any other court is entitled to full faith and credit in this Commonwealth. KRS 426.950.
- A judgment creditor may bring an action to enforce the judgment instead of proceeding herein. KRS 426.975.

#### 44.1 *Authentication*

The foreign judgment must be authenticated in accordance with the Act of Congress (something similar to [AOC Form 065](#), Certification of Court Records under Act of Congress) or with Kentucky law (something similar to [AOC Form 060](#), Certification of Court Records). KRS 426.955.

#### 44.2 *Affidavit*

Judgment creditor or his attorney must also make and file with the clerk an affidavit setting forth the name and last known post office address of the judgment debtor, the judgment creditor, and judgment creditor's attorney, if any, in the Commonwealth. Use [AOC Form 160](#), Notice and Affidavit of Foreign Judgment Registration. KRS 426.960.

#### Quick Reference

AOC 160

#### 44.3 *Filing Fees*

1. Collect the appropriate filing fees, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. The filing fee will be the same amount as if the same suit was originally filed in this state. KRS 426.970.
2. Do not process the foreign judgment until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

Collect fees

44.4 *Entry*

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment and the **FILED** stamp to the notice and affidavit of foreign judgment registration; add the date and your initials. CR 5.05(3).
2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Use case type **OTH**.
3. Generate the next case for circuit civil **CI** or district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. See [Civil Actions](#).
4. Enter the judgment, notice, and affidavit by completing document screens using document types **NAF** and **JRF**.

**NOTE:** Once entered, a foreign judgment has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses, and proceedings for reopening, vacating, or staying as a Kentucky judgment and the foreign judgment may be enforced or satisfied in a like manner. KRS 426.955.

5. After you have entered the judgment, serve [notice of entry](#) to all parties.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
File, date, initial Enter, date, initial
Case type <b>OTH</b>
Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> or District Civil <b>C</b>
Document type <b>NAF</b> and <b>JRF</b>
NOE

44.5 *Notice of Registration*

1. Separate one (1) copy of [AOC Form 160](#), Notice and Affidavit of Foreign Judgment Registration, and mail with the copy of the judgment to the judgment debtor at the address given in the notice and affidavit. KRS 426.960(2). Certified mail is recommended.

**NOTE:** If certified mail is used, collect postage fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#). See [Certified Mail](#) for additional details.

2. Return the two (2) bottom copies of AOC Form 160 to the judgment creditor or his/her counsel (if any).
3. The judgment creditor may mail a notice of the entry of the judgment to the judgment debtor, and file proof of mailing with the clerk. Stamp the proof of mailing **FILED**, add date and your initials. CR 5.05(3). Make a notation in the memo field of the document screen where the judgment is entered and file in the case file.
4. If the foreign judgment is a decree of dissolution, mail AOC Form 160, Notice and Affidavit of Foreign Judgment Registration and the foreign judgment to the opposing party, leaving the judgment amount blank.
5. Place judgment and top copy (original) of AOC Form 160 in case file.
6. Close the case by completing the disposition date (same as filing date); disposition type (**OTH**); and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
7. No execution or other process for enforcement shall issue until twenty (20) days after entry of the judgment. KRS 426.960(3).

AOC Form 160 Mail copy to judgment debtor
Return copies
File, date, initial
Mail copy of AOC Form 160
Place copy in case file
Disposition type <b>OTH</b>

#### 44.6 *Other Foreign Orders*

Some other chapters of this manual address other types of foreign orders which may be filed in your court. Refer to the links below for specific instructions.

[UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT \(UCCJEA\)](#)

[REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD CUSTODY ORDER](#)

[UNIFORM ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS ACT](#)

## 45 FOREIGN PROTECTIVE ORDER (FPO)

### *KRS 403.7521, KRS 456*

District Court and Family Court Division of Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

- A petitioner who has a protective order issued by a court of another state may file that order in this state and receive protection in this state, otherwise known as "full faith and credit." AOC Forms 275.8, 275.9, 275.10, 275.11, and 275.12 are provided for this purpose.

Form Number	Name
<a href="#">AOC Form 275.8</a>	Temporary Order of Protection Foreign Protective Affidavit and Order
<a href="#">AOC Form 275.9</a>	Order of Protection Foreign Protective Affidavit and Order
<a href="#">AOC Form 275.10</a>	Amended Order of Protection and Affidavit for Certified Foreign Protective Order
<a href="#">AOC Form 275.11</a>	Amended Temporary Order of Protection and Affidavit for Uncertified Foreign Protective Order
<a href="#">AOC Form 275.12</a>	10 Day Notice to Affiant RE: Status of Temporary Foreign Protective Order

45.1 *Certified Copy of Foreign Protective Order*

1. The petitioner who has a certified copy of the FPO, which is current, must complete [AOC Form 275.9](#), Foreign Protective Affidavit and Order (To be used for Certified Foreign Orders). The petitioner must sign the affidavit.
2. Take the form and certified copy of the FPO immediately to any available District, Circuit, or Family Court Judge. Do not open a case file at this time.
3. If the court authenticates the foreign protective order by completing and signing the form, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. If no prior case exists involving the parties, assign a case number using the next pre-numbered folder for **D** cases including a trailer number. If a prior case exists involving the parties, assign the appropriate trailer to the existing case number.
  - Do not assign a new number if the same parties have a prior domestic violence or interpersonal protective order case in your court. It does not matter which party was the petitioner or the respondent, so long as the case is a DV/IPO case between the two parties named in the current petition.
  - To separate trailers, copy the case history at the close of each case. Place a tab on the side of the copy and insert in a file folder as a divider.
5. **Do not** include the petitioner's address on the party screen.
6. **Do not** issue a summons.
7. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following entry and issuance of the authentication of the foreign protective order hand deliver, fax or mail a copy of the authentication as follows (**only distribute copies with the petitioner's address and any minor children marked through/redacted**):
  - Petitioner or attorney (Certified Copy.)
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
  - Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **Do not** mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
    - **Do not** serve notice on the respondent.
8. Close the case by completing the disposition date; disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 275.9

Immediately deliver to judge

Enter, date, initial

**D** Cases

**Do not** include petitioner's address on party screen

**Do not** issue summons

Disposition type **OTH**

## 45.2 *Uncertified Copy of Foreign Protective Order*

The petitioner who has an uncertified copy of the FPO must complete [AOC Form 275.8](#), Temporary Foreign Protective Affidavit and Order (To be used for Uncertified Foreign Orders). The petitioner must sign the affidavit.

1. Take the form and uncertified copy of the FPO immediately to any available District, Circuit, or Family Court Judge. Do not open a case file at this time.
2. If the judge completes and signs the form, the initial uncertified FPO will be valid for 14 days. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. If no prior case exists involving the parties, assign a case number using the next pre-numbered folder for **D** cases including a trailer number. If a prior case exists involving the parties, assign the appropriate trailer to the existing case number.
  - Do not assign a new number if the same parties have a prior domestic violence or interpersonal protective order case in your court.
  - It does not matter which party was the petitioner or the respondent, so long as the case is a DV/IPO case between the two parties named in the current petition.
  - To separate trailers, copy the case history at the close of each case. Place a tab on the side of the copy and insert in a file folder as a divider.
4. **Do not** include the petitioner's address on the party screen.
5. **Do not** issue a summons.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 275.8

Deliver to judge immediately

Enter, date, initial

D case

**Do not** include the petitioner's address on the party screen

**Do not** issue summons

45.2.1 Tickler System

1. Create a tickler system by creating a scheduled events screen, using event type **DV** (as a reminder), for 10 days from the filing of the FPO. If the 10<sup>th</sup> day is a weekend or holiday, schedule the event for the next working day. Type in memo: Send notice to petitioner if certified copy has not been received.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **DV** for the date the uncertified FPO expires (within 28 days of the filing of the FPO). See the [AOC Form 275.8](#) for the specific date. If this date is a weekend or holiday, schedule the hearing for the next working day.
 

**NOTE:** If the expiration date is 28 days from the filing of the FPO, type in memo, "Case to be dismissed if certified copy not received." If the expiration date is less than 28 days from the filing of the FPO, type in memo, "Deliver file to judge for further orders."
3. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the [notice of entry](#) and issuance of the temporary uncertified FPO provide notice of the hand deliver fax or mail a copy of the FPO as follows (**only distribute copies with the petitioners address and any minor children marked through/redacted**):
  - Petitioner or attorney (Certified Copy).
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
  - Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **Do not** mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
  - **Do not** serve notice on the respondent.
4. Within 2 business days from the filing of the uncertified FPO, you must contact the issuing court (the petitioner should have put the name and address on the form) to request a certified copy of the FPO. You may call the issuing court or mail your request for a certified copy of the FPO. The issuing court may mail or fax you a certified copy.
5. If the certified copy of the FPO is not received within 10 days, notify the petitioner that the certified copy of the FPO has not been received by printing [AOC Form 275.12](#), Ten Day Notice to Affiant, Re: Status of Temporary FPO and mail to the petitioner only.
6. Notify the court in writing that the certified FPO has been requested but not received (the court calendar from the 10-day tickler system, together with a notation, may be used). The court will then extend the FPO for an additional 14 days.
7. If a certified copy of the FPO is not received within 14 days, inform LINK and notify the applicant of its certification.

**Quick Reference**  
 Create tickler event type **DV**

Event type **DV**

AOC Form 275.8

NOE

Contact issuing court

AOC Form 275.12



8. If the certified copy of the FPO is not received within 28 days, the FPO will expire and not be reissued. Petitioner may, however, apply to the court for a Kentucky emergency protective order or temporary interpersonal protective order.
9. If the certified copy of the FPO is received within 28 days deliver the certified FPO, a blank [AOC Form 275.9](#), Foreign Protective Affidavit and Order (To be used for Certified Foreign Orders) and the file to the judge. The affidavit portion of form 275.9 will be left blank.
10. If the judge authenticates the certified foreign protective order by completing and signing the form, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
11. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Use document type **OFPA**.
12. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the [notice of entry](#) and issuance of the authentication of the certified foreign protective hand deliver fax or mail copy of the authentication as follows (**only distribute copies with the petitioners address and any minor children marked through/redacted**):
  - Petitioner or attorney (Certified Copy.)
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
  - Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **Do not** mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
  - **Do not** serve notice on the respondent
13. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 275.9

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OFPA**

NOE

Disposition type **OTH**

**45.3 *Certified Copy of Amended Foreign Protective Order***

1. A petitioner who has a certified copy of an Amended Foreign Protective Order, which is current, must complete AOC Form 275.10, Affidavit and Order Amending Certified Foreign Protective Order. The petitioner must sign the affidavit.
2. Take the form and certified copy of the amended FPO immediately to any available District, Circuit, or Family Court Judge.
3. If the judge authenticates the amended FPO by completing and signing the form, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. Enter the order by completing a document screen in the existing case file. Use document type **OFPA**.
5. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the entry and issuance of the authentication of the amended foreign protective hand deliver, fax, or mail a copy of the authentication as follows:

AOC Form 275.10

Deliver immediately to judge

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OFPA**

(only distribute copies with the petitioners address and any minor children marked through/redacted):

- Petitioner or attorney (Certified Copy.)
- Agency responsible for LINK entry.
- Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **Do not** mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.

#### 45.4 *Uncertified Copy of Amended Foreign Protective Order*

1. A petitioner who has tendered a FPO to a court must, within 2 working days of receipt of any expiration, vacation, modification to or other change in the FPO, notify the clerk of the changes and present the clerk with a copy of the amended FPO for authentication by the court. A petitioner who has an uncertified copy of an amended FPO must complete [AOC Form 275.11](#), Affidavit and Temporary Order Amending Uncertified Foreign Protective Order. The petitioner must sign the affidavit.
2. Take the form and uncertified copy of the amended FPO immediately to any available District, Circuit, or Family Court Judge.
3. If the judge authenticates the amended uncertified FPO by completing and signing the form, the initial uncertified FPO will be valid for 14 days. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. Enter the Order by completing a document screen in the existing case file.
5. Use document type OFPA.

AOC Form 275.11
Deliver to judge
Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>OFPA</b>

##### 45.4.1 **Tickler System**

1. Create a tickler system by creating a scheduled events screen type **DV** (as a reminder) for 10 days from the filing of the amended FPO. If the tenth day is a weekend or holiday, schedule the event for the next working day. Type in memo: Send notice to petitioner if certified copy has not been received.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **DV** for the date the uncertified FPO expires, (within 28 days from the filing of the FPO). See the form for the specific date. If this date is a weekend or holiday, schedule the hearing for the next working day.

Scheduled event type DV
Event type DV

**NOTE:** If the expiration date is 28 days from the filing of the FPO, type in memo, "Case to be dismissed if certified copy not received." If the expiration date is less than 28 days from the filing of the FPO, type in memo, "Deliver file to judge for further orders."

3. Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the entry and issuance of the temporary, uncertified FPO hand deliver fax or mail a copy of the temporary uncertified FPO as follows (**only distribute copies with the petitioner's address and any minor children marked through/redacted**):
  - Petitioner or attorney (Certified Copy).
  - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
  - Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Do not mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
4. Within 2 business days from the filing of the uncertified, amended FPO, you must contact the issuing court (the petitioner should have put the name and address on the form) to request a certified copy of the amended FPO. You may call the issuing court or mail your request for a certified copy of the amended FPO. The issuing court may mail or fax the certified copy.
5. If the certified copy of the amended FPO is not received within 10 days, notify the petitioner that the certified copy of the amended FPO has not been received by printing [AOC Form 275.12](#), Ten Day Notice to Affiant, Re: Status of Temporary FPO and mail to the petitioner only.
6. Notify the court in writing that the certified FPO has been requested but not received (the court calendar from the 10-day tickler system, together with a notation, may be used). The court will then extend the FPO for an additional 14 days.
7. If a certified copy of the FPO is received within 14 days, inform LINK and notify the applicant of its certification.
8. If the certified copy of the amended FPO is not received within 28 days, the FPO will expire and not be reissued. Petitioner may, however, apply to the court for a Kentucky emergency protective order.
9. If the certified copy of the amended FPO is received within 28 days:
  - Deliver the certified amended FPO, a blank AOC form 275.10 Affidavit and Order Amending Certified Foreign Protective Order and the file to the judge. The affidavit portion of Form 275.10 will be left blank.

**Quick Reference**

NOE

Contact issuing court

AOC Form 275.12

AOC Form 275.10

## FOREIGN PROTECTIVE ORDER (FPO)

- If the judge authenticates the amended, certified FPO by completing and signing the form, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  - Enter by completing a document screen. Use document type **OFPA**.
  - Using the most expedient means reasonably available and within 24 hours following the entry and issuance of the authentication of the certified, foreign protective order hand deliver, fax or mail a copy of the authentication as follows (**only distribute copies with the petitioners address and any minor children marked through/redacted**):
    - Petitioner or attorney (Certified Copy.)
    - Agency responsible for LINK entry.
    - Send a copy to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **Do not** mark through the address of the petitioner or any minor children.
    - **Do not** serve notice on the respondent
10. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition on the case screen.

### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OFPA**

Disposition type **OTH**

### 45.5 *Annual Validation of FPO's*

Foreign protective orders entered in LINK must be validated each year. LINK will send you a separate printout for each foreign protective order filed in your court. When received, contact the original issuing court for validation. If LINK has not received validation from the circuit clerk within 31 days, the FPO will be removed from LINK.

## 46 GARNISHMENT AFTER JUDGMENT

### *KRS 425.501 to 425.526, CR 69.02*

*District or Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

- Garnishment is a special kind of execution by which property of the judgment debtor in the hands of a third party may be reached, including (but not limited to) wages in the hands of his/her employer. Garnishment before judgment is an attachment, and the procedures for issuing a writ of attachment must be observed. For more information and procedures, see [Attachment](#) and [Writ of Possession](#).
- The judgment creditor's affidavit for garnishment must show the date of judgment, the amount due on the judgment, that the named persons hold property belonging to the judgment debtor, or are indebted to him/her. KRS 425.501(1).

#### 46.1 *When to Issue*

Follow the direction of the court's order specifying when a garnishment may be issued. In the absence of a court order and upon the filing of a **proper affidavit** by the judgment creditor, issue the garnishment ten days after judgment has been entered. KRS 426.030.

**Quick Reference**  
Issue garnishment ten days post judgment

##### 46.1.1 **Exceptions to Issuance**

1. If a motion attacking the judgment is filed as provided in CR 62.01, **do not** issue the garnishment until 10 days after entry of judgment on the motion. *City of Louisville v. Verst, 308 Ky. 46, 213 S.W. 2d 517 (1948)*. Motions attacking judgment include:
  - Motion for new trial;
  - Motion to amend or vacate the judgment;
  - Motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict;
  - Motion for amending the findings.
2. **Do not** issue the garnishment if a supersedeas bond has been given pending appeal. RAP 63(B).

### 46.2 *Affidavit of Garnishment*

1. Upon receipt of an affidavit of garnishment review the affidavit and affirm the signature.

**NOTE:** The affidavit is the last page of AOC Form 150 Order for Wage Garnishment.

2. Collect the fee for the issuance of a garnishment as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit and add the date and your initials.
4. File by completing a document screen.
  - AOC Form 150, use document type **GAW**
  - [AOC Form 145](#), use document type **GAN**

**NOTE:** Bond is not required of the judgment creditor. KRS 425.501(2).

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 150  
 AOC Form 145  
 Affirm signature  
 Collect bond filing fee

File, date, initial

AOC Form 150 – **GAW**  
 AOC Form 145 – **GAN**

### 46.3 *Issuance of Wage Garnishment*

1. **Affirm the signature** and collect the fee for the issuance of a garnishment set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp and add the date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen using document type **GAW**. You are only required to keep the affidavit of garnishment (last page of the garnishment form.)
4. Return the **Notice of Rights** (top page of AOC Form 150) to the creditor or attorney for mailing to the judgment debtor.
5. Creditor or attorney will select method of service of Order (pages 2,3,4,5, of AOC Form 150).
6. *If creditor or attorney requests service through clerk's office, collect postage fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.*  
*If creditor or attorney chooses another method of service, give completed AOC Forms 150 and [150.4, Sherriff's Return for Wage Garnishment](#) to creditor or attorney.*

**NOTE:** AOC Form 150 can only be found and ordered through Request It.

Affirm signature  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **GAW**

#### 46.4 *Issuance of Non-Wage Garnishment*

[AOC Form 145, Affidavit for Writ of Non-Wage Garnishment](#)

[AOC Form 150.1, Order for Non-Wage Garnishment](#)

1. Affirm the signature and collect the fee for the issuance of a garnishment as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the garnishment; add the date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen using document code **GN**. Use the date of issuance as the filing date. You are not required to keep a copy of the order of non-wage garnishment.
4. Creditor or attorney will select method of service of order (AOC Form 150.1).
5. *If creditor or attorney requests service through clerk's office*, collect postage fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.  
*If creditor or attorney chooses another method of service*, give completed AOC Forms 150.1 and [150.4, Sherriff's Return for Wage Garnishment](#) to creditor or attorney.

**NOTE:** If AOC Forms 150 and 150.4 are returned to the creditor or attorney for service, note this fact in the memo field of the document screen.

**Quick Reference**  
Affirm signature  
File, date, initial  
Document type **GN**

#### 46.5 *Answer of Garnishee*

1. When the Answer of Garnishee is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen using document code **GAG**.

File, date, initial  
Document type **GAG**

#### 46.6 *Funds Held by Clerk*

- A garnishee unless otherwise ordered by the court shall make payments directly to the attorney for the party in whose behalf the order of garnishment was issued. If such party has no attorney of record, for instance small claims, payments by the garnishee shall be made to the clerk of the court. CR 69.02.

1. Upon receipt of garnished funds, hold the funds for 15 days from the date of the employers check for a wage garnishment or for 15 days from the date of return of the proceeds for a non-wage garnishment. If the debtor files an objection within that period, the funds shall continue to be held until the court rules upon the objection.
2. If an exemption is asserted and a hearing held, the attorney or clerk of the court shall disburse the garnished funds as ordered by the court. If no exemption is asserted the attorney or clerk of the court shall after the (15)

Hold 15 days

day period disburse the funds to the party in whose behalf the order of garnishment was issued. CR 69.02.

### 46.7 *Affidavit to Challenge*

1. If the debtor believes the garnished funds/ property are exempt from garnishment, the debtor can challenge the garnishment by filing an [AOC Form 150.2](#), Affidavit to Challenge Garnishment (Wage or Non-Wage).
  - Wage Garnishment: AOC Form 150.2 must be completed within 13 days of the date on the payroll check from which funds were withheld.
  - Non-Wage Garnishment: AOC Form 150.2 must be completed within 10 days of the garnishee's date of receipt of the garnishment.
2. Set a hearing using the lower half of AOC Form 150.2 and note on court calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.
3. File the original of AOC Form 150.2 by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
4. Complete a document screen.
  - Affidavit to Challenge Wage, use document type **GACW**.
  - Affidavit to Challenge Non-Wage, use document type **GACN**.
5. Give one copy to debtor and mail a copy to creditor or the creditor's attorney.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 150.2

Set hearing date

File AOC Form 150.2,  
date, initial

Affidavit to Challenge  
Wage - **GACW**

Affidavit to Challenge  
Non-Wage - **GACN**

### 46.8 *Garnishment Challenge Order*

[AOC Form 150.3](#), Garnishment Challenge Order

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on a document screen including a brief description. Use document type **GJO**. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
3. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a waiver of notice.
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry of the order.

Enter, date, initial

Document type **GJO**

**NOE**



### 46.9 *Supplemental Garnishment*

Subsequent orders of garnishment against the same or other garnishees may be issued in the same manner until the judgment is satisfied. KRS 425.501(6).

#### [AOC Form 150.5, Affidavit and Supplemental Order of Wage Garnishment](#)

1. Creditor or attorney completes the affidavit (top portion of AOC Form 150.5), retains one copy and mails one copy to the debtor.
2. Collect a fee for the issuance of the supplemental garnishment as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. File by completing a document screen using document code **GS**.
5. Issue the supplemental garnishment (bottom portion of AOC Form 150.5).
6. Make a notation of the issuance of the supplemental garnishment by completing a document screen, using the date of issuance as the filing date. Creditor or attorney will select method of service of the garnishment.
7. If an answer of garnishee is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File using document code **GAG**.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 150.5

Collect fee

File, date, initial

Document type **GS**

File, date, initial

Document type **GAG**

Enter stamp date and return of service

## 47 GRAND JURY

### *RCr 5.02-5.24*

*District and Circuit Courts*

[Process Map](#)

#### 47.1 *Case Referred to Grand Jury – District Court*

Upon a defendant's waiver of a preliminary hearing, or if probable cause is established, refer a case to the grand jury:

1. Complete the charge screen(s) closing information with disposition type of **GDJ**.
2. **Do not** close the case screen until the grand jury has disposed of the charge(s).

**NOTE:** Do not transfer the case file to circuit court.

3. Copy all papers in the proceeding and transmit the copy to the Commonwealth Attorney. RCr 3.22.

**Quick Reference**  
Disposition Type **GDJ**

Copy to the  
Commonwealth  
Attorney

##### 47.1.1 **Grand Jury Referral List**

1. When the grand jury meets, print a grand jury referral list and furnish to the commonwealth attorney. Print and furnish the list at any other time when you are requested to do so.

**NOTE:** In addition, on April 1st and October 1st each year print the same list and deliver to your commonwealth attorney and chief circuit judge.

2. When the circuit court notifies you that an indictment has been returned, transfer the case to circuit court. RCr 5.20.
1. Print a case history.
2. Send the contents of the file and the case history to circuit court;
3. Retain the envelope in numerical order with other cases of that category.

Print the grand jury  
referral list

#### 47.2 *Grand Jury Dispositions – Circuit Court*

Dispositions on all cases heard by the Grand Jury are reported by Circuit Court. The Commonwealth Attorney must furnish dispositions for all Grand Jury activity to circuit court.

The dispositions should be recorded on the Grand Jury Referral list.

**NOTE:** There is no grand jury referral list for juveniles, however, there is a Juvenile Grand Jury Report that may be printed from the KyCourts Browse using disposition type **JGDJ**.

1. Access the district court case number and proceed to the charge(s) screen.
2. Change the disposition date to the date of disposition by the Grand Jury.
3. Change the disposition type to one of the following:
  - **IND** – Indictment
  - **NTB** - No True Bill
  - **DGJ** - Dismissed after Grand Jury
  - **NGJ** - No Grand Jury Action
  - **AGJ** - Amended Down by Grand Jury
  - **AUGJ** - Amended Up by Grand Jury

**NOTES:**

- If you are not sure that the charges on the indictment arose out of the same set of circumstances as the charges on the citation and your commonwealth attorney will not clarify it for you, close the charges in district court with the Disposition Type **NGJ** (No Grand Jury Action). No action was taken on the charge as it appeared on the citation.
- If the charges did arise out of the same set of circumstances, even though the charges are not the same, close district court charges with **IND** (Indictment). Use district court citation number in circuit court case.
- If your commonwealth attorney will not supply a disposition, close the charge in district court with the disposition type **NGJ** (No Grand Jury Action).
- If a defendant has been held to answer per RCr 3.14(1) and the grand jury fails to indict, the grand jury adjourns without having either indicted a defendant or referred the matter to the next grand jury the circuit court shall make an order dismissing all charges or counts against such defendant without prejudice, discharging the defendant from custody, and exonerating the defendant's bail and any conditions thereon and order a refund of any money or bonds deposited as bail. RCr 5.22.
- In any event the defendant has been held to answer without being indicted for longer than 60 days from the finding of probable cause the circuit court shall, upon motion, make an order discharging the defendant from custody, exonerate the defendant's bail and any conditions thereon and order a refund of any money or bonds deposited as bail. RCr 5.22.

**NOTE:** Failure of the grand jury to return an indictment against a defendant does not prevent any charge against such a defendant from being submitted to another grand jury. RCr 5.22.

**Quick Reference**

Change the disposition date

Disposition types:

\* Indictment – **IND**

\* No True Bill – **NTB**

\* Dismissed after Grand Jury – **DGJ**

\* No Grand Jury Action – **NGJ**

\* Amended Down by Grand Jury – **AGJ**

\* Amended Up by Grand Jury – **AUGJ**

### 47.2.1 Grand Jury Report

The Grand Jury Report should be placed in a master file by date.

### 47.2.2 No True Bill

If a No True Bill is returned, place it in the folder with the Grand Jury Reports. You will close the charge as **NTB**. If a bond was posted in the case you will need an order from the judge to release the bond. Put a copy of the No True Bill in the district court file.

### 47.2.3 Transfer of District Court Files

When the list of cases referred to the Grand Jury is received from the commonwealth attorney showing the disposition of cases referred to the Grand Jury, deliver a copy to district court. The district court will transfer to circuit court the files for those defendants indicted.

**NOTE:** If the disposition of a charge in a district court case is “GDJ” Grand Jury, do not close the case screen until the grand jury has disposed of the charge.

### 47.2.4 Misdemeanor Indictment

An indictment returned by the Grand Jury for a misdemeanor, not joined with a felony charged in the same indictment, shall be docketed in district court. RCr 5.20. DO NOT OPEN THIS CASE IN CIRCUIT COURT.

- If the misdemeanor charge came from a district court case, file the indictment for the misdemeanor in that case file.
- If no current case exists (the misdemeanor indictment results from a direct submission) see [District Criminal Cases](#) for opening a case.

**NOTE:** The grand jury, commonwealth attorney, or district judge will give you direction to issue a summons, bench warrant, and/or docket scheduling.

# 48 GUARDIAN AD LITEM

## *CR 4.04(3), 17.03(2), KRS 387.305*

[Process Map](#)

- Whether appointed pursuant to statute KRS 387.305 or pursuant to a provision of the Kentucky Unified Juvenile Code, the duties of a guardian ad litem shall be to advocate for the client's best interest in the proceeding through which the guardian ad litem was appointed. Without an appointment, the guardian ad litem shall have no obligation to initiate action or to defend the client in other proceedings.

### 48.1 *Affidavit*

If you are asked to appoint a guardian ad litem for the purpose of service of process for a defendant who is an unmarried person under 18 or a person of unsound mind an affidavit will be filed with you stating that the defendant has no guardian, curator, or conservator residing in this state known to the affiant. KRS 387.305(1).

**NOTE:** The complaint/petition may also include language noting a GAL is needed and requesting an appointment. **Complaints/petitions should be reviewed for this content.**

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials. File the affidavit by completing a document screen. Use document code **AFF** and memo guardian ad litem in document screen.
2. Consult your roster of attorneys and make an appointment unless your judge wishes to make these appointments.
3. Prepare [AOC Form 115, Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem](#). Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. File the appointment by completing a document screen using document code **AGAL**.
5. Make a copy of the appointment and attach to the summons and complaint to be served on the defendant through the guardian ad litem.
6. A copy of the appointment is also given to the attorney for the plaintiff and all other parties.
7. Complete a party screen for the **GAL**.

**NOTE:** If a guardian ad litem was not appointed when the complaint was filed, then the court, not the clerk, appoints a guardian ad litem to defend the action. You may make this appointment only when the judge is not present in the county. CR 17.03(2).

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>  File, date, initial  Document code <b>AFF</b>  Memo <b>GAL</b> in document screen</p> <p>AOC Form 115  File, date, initial</p> <p>Document code <b>AGAL</b></p> <p>Copy of appointment  Attach to summons and complaint</p> <p>Party screen <b>GAL</b></p>
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48.2 *Fees*

- The court shall allow to the guardian ad litem a reasonable fee for his/her services, to be paid by the plaintiff and taxed in the costs. Payment may be pursuant to a general court order or using the method below.
- Guardian Ad Litem forms are to be completed by the Guardian Ad Litem attorney/court appointed counsel for the payment of fees by the Finance and Administration Cabinet. The [FINGAL-1 Form](#) may be obtained through the Finance and Administration Cabinet website by the GAL to complete for cases involving dependency, neglect or abuse, involuntary termination of parental rights, voluntary termination of parental rights, involuntary commitment of a mentally handicapped adult, and/or the representation for the performance of an abortion upon a minor.
- In addition, in any court proceeding conducted pursuant to KRS 403.010 to 403.350 if the respondent is incarcerated for a conviction pursuant to KRS Chapter 507, 508, 509 or 510, where the petitioner is the victim, the guardian ad litem shall be paid by the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

1. Upon receipt of a signed [FINGAL-1](#), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the Order on a document screen using document code: **OAF**.
3. Service [notice of entry](#) and make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry of the Order and distribute a copy to the following:
  - Court file
  - Finance Cabinet
  - Other person or agency, if any, ordered to pay attorney's fees.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
  
 Enter order: **OAF**  
  
 Serve notice of entry  
  
 Make an entry on document screen  
  
*Finance Cabinet  
 702 Capitol Avenue  
 Capitol Annex,  
 Room 195,  
 Frankfort, KY 40601*

## 49 HABEAS CORPUS

### *KRS 419.020 -419.130*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

- Definition: Latin for "you have the body."
- Habeas Corpus is a writ of inquiry designed to affect the speedy release of a person illegally deprived of his liberty. The writ is commonly used when a person is seeking to be released on bail or when a prisoner is challenging extradition or detainer proceedings.
- The petition for a writ of habeas corpus is filed in circuit court as a civil action. The writ must be signed by the judge issuing it and must be made returnable as soon as possible. KRS 419.030.

#### 49.1 *Writ of Habeas Corpus*

1. Upon receipt of a petition and affidavit for a writ of habeas corpus, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. **Do not** collect a filing fee. KRS 419.040, CR 3.02(1), (a).  
**NOTE:** The judge who issues the writ may require a bond. Collect the surety bond fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. For more information, see [Bonds and Sureties](#).
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
4. Open a case. For instructions, see to the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual. Case type code: **HABEAS**.
5. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
6. File the petition and the affidavit on a document screen using document types:
  - PHC** - Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
  - AFF** - Affidavit (memo Writ of Habeas Corpus)
7. **Do not** issue a summons.
8. Take the file folder immediately to any available Circuit Judge for signature along with the writ of habeas corpus, [AOC Form 270](#), Writ of Habeas Corpus. KRS 419.030.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial</p> <p><b>Do not</b> collect filing fee</p> <p>Case code: <b>HABEAS</b></p> <p>Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> case</p> <p>Document Type: <b>PHC</b> – Petition <b>AFF</b>- Affidavit</p> <p><b>Do not</b> issue summons</p> <p>AOC Form 270 Deliver immediately to judge</p>
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### 49.2 *Issuance of Writ*

1. If the judge issues the writ, [AOC Form 270](#), Writ of Habeas Corpus can be used. Upon receipt of a signed Writ of Habeas Corpus, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File on a document screen. Use document type **WHC**.
3. Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.
4. Deliver two copies of the writ to the sheriff or other serving officer for service. Make a notation in the document screen memo of the date you deliver the writ for service. For more information, see [Service of Process](#).
5. When a return is received, enter the return information in the document screen memo.
6. If judge who issues the writ requires a bond collect the surety bond fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. For more information, see [Bonds and Sureties](#).

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 270  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **WHC**  
 Schedule event

### 49.3 *If the Writ is Denied*

1. Open the petition for the writ on the document screen and memo "Denied."
2. Give notice of the denial to the petitioner.

### 49.4 *Order Issued Following Hearing*

1. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen including a brief description.
3. After the order is entered, serve notice on every party not in default or who has not waived notice.
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of the order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
5. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, using disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial  
 Serve notice of entry  
 Disposition type **OTH**



## 50 INSPECTION OF RECORDS

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### 50.1 *Confidential Records*

The following court records are confidential. Do not allow inspection by the public. For persons entitled to inspection (for example: attorneys for parties, parties, government agencies), refer to the specific section.

If you are in doubt as to whether to allow access to the records, ask the person to get a court order permitting such access.

#### 50.1.1 [Adoption](#)

*KRS 199.570*

**EXCEPTIONS:** A copy of a judgment in an adoption case being appealed may be made available to a party to the appeal. [Bone v. Shadoan](#), Ky., 746 SW2d 68 (1988). See [Adoptions](#). See [Inspection of Adoption Records](#).

#### 50.1.2 [Autopsy Records](#)

*KRS 72.031*

No autopsy photograph, or other visual image in whatever form, video recording, or audio recording shall be open to the public unless the spouse or personal representative of the decedent provides an express waiver to the state medical examiner, coroner, or other public official in lawful possession of those materials to make those materials public.

#### 50.1.3 [Biological Evidence](#)

*RCr 13.15, KRS 524.140*

RCr 13.15 requires a custodial agency holding biological evidence pursuant to a valid court order to preserve that evidence for as long as the defendant remains incarcerated under a sentence of death, life without parole, or life without parole for 25 years.

If biological evidence is tendered as an exhibit or is otherwise placed in your possession, consult the judge for an order directing the return of the evidence to the proper custodial agency for retention.

Biological evidence includes the content of sexual assault examination kits, and any item that contains blood, semen, hair, saliva, skin tissue, fingernail scrapings, bone, bodily fluids, or other identifiable biological material that is collected as part of a criminal investigation which may reasonably be used to incriminate or exculpate any person for a criminal offense.

#### 50.1.4 Disability

*KRS 387.770*

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- Determinations of Disability and Orders of Appointment, Modification, and Termination are open to public inspection.
- The Kentucky State Police is entitled to inspect court orders pertaining to mental health commitments or adjudications. KRS 237.108.

#### 50.1.5 Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders

*KRS 403.770, KRS 456.070*

**NOTE:** Only the address of the petitioner and the minor children is confidential. See [Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders](#).

#### 50.1.6 Juvenile

*KRS 610.320, 610.340*

This includes records in circuit court on appeal from district court juvenile proceedings. F.T.P. v. Courier-Journal, Ky., 774 S.W. 2d 444 (1989); and juvenile court records transferred on court order to circuit court.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- Records created once the case is transferred to circuit court are open to inspection. KRS 640.010.
- Child and his/her parents may have access to the child's records. KRS 610.340(1).
- The child's attorney may have access to the record of their clients. KRS 610.340(3), KRS 610.342. This includes the Department of Public Advocacy attorneys providing post-disposition representation to a juvenile public or status offender, where the attorney has provided a release signed by the child or his or her guardian authorizing release of the records.
- A DPA attorney shall have access to the court file of a minor prior to representation when the minor is in custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice and is residing in a residential treatment or detention center.
- Employees of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, prosecutors, police, and their employees may have access to the records of cases in which they are investigating or prosecuting. KRS 610.340(2).
- Juvenile justice agencies shall also share with each other all information they maintain on a juvenile in a facility or a program or informal adjustment as authorized by KRS 17.125.
- Members of the External Child Fatality Review Panel may have access to any records of any family, circuit, or district court involvement with a deceased or injured child and his/her caregivers, residents of the home and persons involved with the child at the

time of the incident that include juvenile and family court records and orders as pursuant to KRS Chapters 199, 403, 405, 406, and 600 to 645; including petitions, court reports by CHFS, GALs, CASA, and CFCRB; all orders of the court including temporary, dispositional or adjudicatory; and any documentation of annual or any other review by the court. KRS 620. Court appointed CASA volunteers may have access to court files in which they are involved by reason of their appointment.

Victims, victim's parents or legal guardian, or victim's spouse may have access to the petition, adjudication and disposition in all cases. If adjudicated delinquent, the petition, adjudication and disposition in all cases involving a Class A, B or C Felony or any offense involving a deadly weapon are public record.

### 50.1.7 Exhibits - Cases Involving Child Pornography

*KRS 531.305*

In a criminal or civil proceeding, any property or material that portrays child pornography or a sexual performance by a minor shall remain secured or locked in the care, custody, and control of a law enforcement agency, or the prosecutor shall not be filed with or stored by the court unless introduced as an exhibit for trial. Storage of trial court exhibits portraying child pornography or a sexual performance by a minor shall be in accordance with a court order.

No property or material that portrays child pornography or a sexual performance by a minor (photograph, or other visual image in whatever form, video recording, or audio recording) shall be open to the public. A defendant is entitled to any photos filed in the court record unless the image is subject to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 16901-16991, which prohibits government entities from copying or disseminating child pornographic images in relation to the prosecution of child sex offenses.

### 50.1.8 [Mentally Ill \(Involuntary\) Hospitalization](#)

*KRS 202A.091*

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- The Kentucky State Police is entitled to inspect **COURT ORDERS** pertaining to mental health commitments or adjudications. KRS 237.108.
- An attorney appointed by the court or retained by the respondent is entitled to inspect court records relating to the petition. KRS 202A.121.

### 50.1.9 [Intellectual Disability Admission](#)

*KRS 202B.180*

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- The Kentucky State Police is entitled to inspect **COURT ORDERS** pertaining to mental health commitments or adjudications. KRS 237.108.

- An attorney appointed by the court or retained by the respondent is entitled to inspect court records relating to the petition. KRS 202A.121.

#### 50.1.10 Parole Information

*KRS 439.510*

Presentence Investigation Reports cannot be inspected. The court shall provide the defendant's counsel a copy of the report. It shall not be necessary to disclose the sources of confidential information. KRS 532.050(6). The PSI shall not be part of the court record. It should not pass through the hands of the clerk or anyone in the clerk's office. Should you discover the original or a copy of the PSI in the record, please consult the judge.

Because the Victim Impact Statement is considered to be a part of the PSI, it too should not be filed into the court record unless ordered by the judge. If ordered to be filed, then it must be sealed as it is a part of the PSI, which is a confidential document.

#### 50.1.11 [Paternity](#)

*KRS 406.035*

#### 50.1.12 [Jury Records](#)

*KRS 29A.110*

1. The contents of any records or papers used by AOC or the clerk in connection with the jury selection process, unless required to be made public, are not to be disclosed. KRS 29A.110.

**EXCEPTIONS:** Contents of jury selection records may be disclosed when you receive:

- a motion permitted by the rules of civil or criminal procedure; or
  - an order from the Chief Justice.
2. Juror Qualification Forms. AP II Sec. 7(7). The trial judge, parties, and their attorneys of record may inspect the forms unless the chief circuit judge or designee determines in any instance in the interest of justice that the information shall be kept confidential or its use limited in whole or in part. The chief circuit judge or designee may order you to redact information on qualification forms.
  3. Randomized jury lists are confidential.
  4. Names of jurors selected for grand jury and petit (trial) jurors **are not confidential**.

**NOTE:** Once a jury has been selected to hear a case or for grand jury service, the selected jurors' names are not confidential. However, before providing those names please check with your chief circuit Judge.: In the interest of justice, the chief circuit judge, or his/her designee, may order that the names be kept confidential. AP Part II, Sec. 10(11).

## 50.2 *Inspection Procedures*

1. Clerk should allow inspection and copying of case files when possible, although a clerk may refuse inspection and copying if the request is too burdensome or disruptive to the clerk's office. If inspection and copying is not possible at the time of the request, the clerk should arrange a time, within three (3) business days of the inspection request, in which to allow inspection and copying.
2. Clerk may require requestor to make a written inspection request specifying what document(s) is to be inspected. Inspection requests by mail may be fulfilled at the clerk's discretion and upon payment of copy and postage fees.
3. Clerk or requestor, at clerk's discretion, may search computer reader terminal or index cards and pull record. Clerk may require requestor to search and inspect in clerk's presence. If parts of a record are confidential, clerk must search and make copies of non-confidential items.
4. Clerk or requestor may make copies of documents in a court file upon requestor's payment of the copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise sealed or confidential, documents filed in the court record and prepared by a court reporter (for example: depositions and transcripts) are public record and copies may be obtained from the clerk. Copies of recordings may be acquired at a cost as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).

5. Clerk is not required to create a record if one does not exist, e.g. lists.

### 50.2.1 **Petition for Inspection**

1. Upon denial of a request, the requestor may petition for inspection to the presiding judge in the specific case to which inspection was denied. There are no filing fees. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen and deliver the file to the judge. Use document type **ODI**.
3. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen. Use document type **OGI**. Give [notice of entry](#) to the petitioner. Follow any direction otherwise contained in the order.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document type **ODI**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OGI**

Notice of Entry

## 51 JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS

### *CR 58, 77.04, 79.01, 79.02; RCr 11.04, 12.06*

*Circuit and District Court*

[Process Map](#)

- A judgment is a written order of a court adjudicating a claim or claims in an action or proceeding. A final or appealable judgment is a final order adjudicating all the rights.

- [District Court Calendar](#)

In district court criminal cases the judge will record most judgments and orders of the court on the calendar. This will serve as the judgment or order for all the cases on the page. When the judge signs the calendar page, it has the same effect as if the judge had signed each of the judgments or orders on that page. CR 58, RCr 11.04, RCr 13.04.

In district civil cases, where the court calendar is the only order or judgment, make a copy of the calendar for each case on the page. This copy will constitute the judgment in the case. CR 58(2). Process each copy like any other judgment.

Do not copy the calendar for traffic, misdemeanor cases, or preliminary felonies unless the case is referred to the grand jury.

#### 51.1 *Entry*

1. When a signed judgment or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order, including a brief description on the document screen. This constitutes entry of the judgment or order; the judgment or order does not become effective until this is done. RCr 11.04. This is combined with the notation of service of notice of entry of the judgment as described in the [notice of entry](#) chapter.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
  
 Enter judgment or order  
  
 NOE

#### 51.2 *NOE of Judgments and Orders*

1. After the judgment or order is entered, serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney (omit this step in traffic misdemeanor, and felony cases). CR 77.04(1), RCr 12.06(1) and (3).
2. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry or judgment (omit this step in traffic and misdemeanor cases). CR 77.04(2), RCr 12.06.

Serve NOE  
  
  
  
  
  
  
 Make entry on document screen

**NOTE:** If the judgment or order allows an attorney to withdraw as counsel for a party in a case, complete the **ATTORNEY STATUS** and **W/D** on the party screen. Mail or hand deliver a copy to the party in addition to the attorney withdrawing.

3. If the judgment or order includes child support ([AOC Form 152](#), Uniform Child Support), place a copy of the order in a designated area (box or basket) in your office for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. AOC Form 152 is a mandatory form.
4. If the judgment or order disposes of:
  - A civil case: complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
  - A criminal charge: close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge, trial type, original plea and final plea fields.
5. In a district criminal case - when all charges have been disposed of, the system will close the case screen by completing the disposition date and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
6. In a circuit criminal case - when all charges in the case have been disposed of and the defendant has been sentenced, close the case by completing the disposition date and judge at dispositions fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 Complete **ATTORNEY STATUS** and **W/D** on party screen

AOC Form 152  
 Place copy in designated area

Close the case

### 51.3 *General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Orders*

Maintain a General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order file by year for entry of those orders received that are not a part of a case file in your office.

1. Attach a manual docket sheet to the inside of the folder for entry of the orders.
2. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on the docket sheet.
3. Mail or hand deliver copies as directed or appropriate.

Enter, date, initial  
 Mail or hand deliver  
 copies

## 52 JURY INFORMATION

### *KRS 29A*

*Administrative Procedures Part II*

[Process Map](#)

To some extent, your duties as clerk will depend upon the needs of the chief circuit judge (and any designee) and the trial judge.

Details below include jury information and instructions when utilizing the Jury Management Program and how to manually process juror tasks.

#### 52.1 *Jury Management Program*

[Process Map](#)

For assistance in utilizing the Jury Management Program please see the [Jury Management Program User Guide](#). The JMP provides the following:

- Ability to request a randomized list/jury panel as needed electronically.
- Electronic preparation of the juror qualification form and juror summons and the option for mass mailing by the AOC rather than your office.
- Ability to view, edit, or add information to a juror to be maintained by the JMP, including the juror's address and contact information, availability, receipt of juror qualification form, and notes.
- Track a juror's attendance, record a postponement or excuse and print reports relating to a juror's activity.
- Electronically generate letters to a juror regarding reporting status, the juror's postponement, or excuse from service.
- Group jurors by status for quick entry/edits relating to an entire group.
- Electronically generate and print certificates of service for jurors.
- Electronically generates a Juror Roll Call List. The system will also randomly draw jurors from the main panel into groups.
- Print juror strike sheets and record juror strike actions.
- Add events and group schedules for jury appearance.
- Generate a sheriff juror list.
- Print juror mailing labels.
- Interacts with the bookkeeping system regarding payment of jurors.



### 52.2 *Jury Management Program – Randomized List*

When your current supply of juror names is exhausted, obtain a randomized list of prospective jurors from the Jury Management Program by browsing to <https://intranet.ds.kycourts.net/jurymanagement/>.

This program allows you to receive jury lists and labels electronically and may be obtained in panels on an “as needed” basis. *AP II Sec. 3.* A [Jury Management User Guide](#) is available after logging into the program.

The Jury Management Program allows you to prepare the [AOC Form 005-A, Juror Qualification Form](#) and the Juror Summons AOC Form 005 to be mailed from your office or the option for AOC to prepare and send the documents for you.

**NOTE:** All requests for Juror Panels must be made 45 days prior to the day they are scheduled to report. Requests must be made through the Jury Management Program and all summons will be mailed out centrally by the AOC. Any attachment letter that is to be included with the summons must be submitted to the AOC for printing. *AP Part II Sec. 6.*

### 52.3 *Summons*

1. At least thirty (30) days prior to the time for reporting for service, summons the prospective jurors in sequential order from the randomized jury list using AOC Form 005, Juror Summons.
2. Enclose [AOC Form 005-A, Juror Qualification Form](#), with the summons (and any additional attachments, return envelopes, etc.)
3. Mail the summons using first-class mail. *KRS 29A.060.*

**NOTE:** The sheriff is not involved in serving the initial summons. Those exceptions when the summons may be served by the sheriff are as follows:

- If the envelope containing the summons/juror qualification form is returned by the post office as undeliverable, notify the judge as he/she may require personal service to be made by the sheriff.
- If the juror qualification form is not returned within ten (10) days, and the chief circuit judge or his/her designee directs, prepare another summons (AOC Form 005, Juror Summons and enclose AOC Form 005-A, Juror Qualification Form) for personal service by the sheriff.

**Quick Reference**  
 Jury Management Program:  
<https://intranet.ds.kycourts.net/jurymanagement/>

AOC Form 005-A  
 AOC can prepare and mail the Juror Summons and any attachments for your office.

Summons prospective jurors *at least* 30 days prior

AOC Form 005-A

First-class mail

#### 52.4 *Juror Qualification Forms Return*

1. Upon receipt of a completed and returned AOC Form 005-A, Juror Qualification Form review the form to determine if the prospective juror has requested a postponement or excuse from service.

**BEST PRACTICE:** Organize in one group all qualification forms not requesting a postponement or an excuse in numerical order. Organize all requests for excuse/postponement into a second group in numerical order.

2. When using the jury management system mark the status of each juror's qualification form as appropriate (i.e., not a resident, medical hardship, felon, death, unable to locate, etc.) Juror's whose status shows as "Unable to Locate" or "None" will appear on a Sheriff's Report that may be generated from the JMP. Provide the list to your sheriff to try to make contact with the prospective jurors.

**NOTE:** Your judge will direct you when to submit the report above to the sheriff based on your local practice.

### 52.5 *Excusing or Postponing a Juror*

The chief circuit judge may designate and authorize one or more judges of the court, the court’s clerk, a deputy clerk, the court’s administrator, or a deputy court administrator to excuse a juror from service on the basis of the information provided on the juror qualification form when the prospective juror:

1. Is under eighteen (18) years of age;
2. Is not a citizen of the United States;
3. Is not a resident of the county;
4. Has insufficient knowledge of the English language;
5. Has been previously convicted of a felony and has not been pardoned or received a restoration of civil rights by the Governor or other authorized person of the jurisdiction in which the person was convicted;
6. Is presently under indictment; or
7. Has served on a jury within the past twenty-four (24) months. *KRS 29A.080.*

If your judge delegates this responsibility to you, you must enter the reason(s) for excusing or postponing a juror in the space provided on the juror qualification form. Also see the [Jury Management Program Guide](#) to record excuses.

**NOTE:** Jurors may be excused from service for a period not to exceed ten (10) days or to postpone jury service for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months. Only the judge may excuse a juror from service entirely or postpone jury service for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. *KRS 29A.100(3).*

You can use [AOC Form 010, Order Excusing or Postponing Jury Duty](#), or AOC Form 006 Juror Notification postcard, to notify anyone who is excused or postponed before he/she comes to court.

The [Jury Management Program](#) allows you to print the excused or postponed letter directly from the program instead of using the form.

**NOTE:** You must enter the date of availability for all postponed jurors in the Jury Management Program.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 010

AOC Form 006

The JMP allows you to print the excused or postponed letter directly from the program instead of using the form.

## 52.6 *Permanent Exemption*

*KRS 29A.040, KRS 29A.080*

When a potential juror is determined to be deceased or the chief circuit judge has granted a permanent exemption due to a permanent medical condition, you must notify the AOC.

1. Select the appropriate box in the **For Office Use Only** portion of the form (either deceased or permanent medical condition).
2. Sign or have the appropriate court official sign the bottom of the form:
  1. If the name is being purged due to death, the form must be signed by the chief circuit judge;
  2. If the name is being purged because of a permanent medical condition exemption, the form must be signed by the chief circuit judge. *KRS 29A.080(3)*.
3. Mail the signed form to **Court Services, Administrative Office of the Courts**.
4. Also record the permanent exemption electronically in the JMP.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 005-A

*Court Services  
Administrative Office of  
the Courts  
1001 Vandalay Drive  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

## 52.7 *Jury Preparation and Impaneling the Jury*

Instructions are provided below for those jurisdictions utilizing the Jury Management Program and instructions for manually impaneling the jury without the use of the JMP. It is to be noted that many jurisdictions use a combination of the instruction for the JMP and the manual process. Follow your local procedures for impaneling the jury.

**52.7.1 Jury Management Program (AP II Sec. 10)**

1. Take attendance through the jury management program.
1. Print the eligible juror list.
2. You can use a hand scanner to scan the barcodes on the list as you call roll or you can enter by typing in the juror number.
2. From the **My Panel** list, select the **Trials** tab and create a new trial.
1. Complete the create trial screen including selecting the number of jurors you have been instructed to call.
2. The computer will select the jurors to be called. The program will take you back to the Trials tab.
3. Choose edit to get back to your trial screen. The jurors to be called are listed on this screen. You can remove jurors and select additional jurors using this screen.
3. After voir dire, print a strike sheet from the reports option.
4. When the strike sheets are returned remove the jurors that have been stricken. If you have more jurors than needed, have the system remove the number of excess jurors. The next screen shows a list of the names removed. Click **Return to Trial** to see the list of the jurors selected to serve on the jury.
5. Print the juror list from the reports section on the left side of the screen.

**Quick Reference**  
Take attendance

Create new trial

Print the juror list

**52.7.2 Manual Process (AP II Sec. 10)**

Depending on procedures established by your chief circuit judge (or designee); prior to the reporting day for a new jury panel you may have to do the following:

1. Prepare numbered cards for the jury box, one for each juror not excused or postponed, with the identifying number from the randomized jury list.
2. Prepare accounting form, using AOC Form 582.1, Jury, Witness Reimbursement Schedule.
3. Make a copy of the form for use as an attendance sheet in the courtroom.
4. Make two copies of the juror qualification forms. On trial dates, place the originals on the bench, and place one copy on each counsel table. Retrieve the forms when court adjourns.

**NOTE:** The number of jurors required to be present before the selection process begins, is determined by your judge(s).

5. After roll call, for those jurors present, place numbered cards in a suitable box. Shake the box to mix the numbers.
6. Draw as many cards as the judge orders; the numbers drawn represent the persons who will be the grand jury or petit jury.

AOC Form 582.1

7. As cards are drawn, list the numbers drawn and the corresponding name from the randomized jury list. The form [AOC Form 013](#), Juror Strike Sheet may be used for this purpose.
8. As a juror is excused, mark the name off the list and draw another card to replace the name as directed by the judge.
9. When the panel is complete, give a copy of the list to each attorney who will make peremptory challenges/strikes.
10. Select the jury from the remaining names on the list as directed by the judge.
11. Jurors not selected for the jury shall be assigned by the judge to another courtroom or dismissed for the day.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 013  
 AOC Form 013A

### 52.8 *Selection Documents*

The contents of any records or papers used by AOC or the clerk in connection with the jury selection process are **confidential**, unless required to be made public, are not to be disclosed. *KRS 29A.110.*

**EXCEPTION:** Contents of jury selection records may be disclosed when you receive an order from the Chief Justice or when requested for preparation or presentation of a motion under the rules of civil or criminal procedure.

The trial judge, parties, and their attorneys of record may inspect the qualification forms unless the chief circuit judge or designee determines in any instance in the interest of justice that the information shall be kept confidential or its use limited in whole or in part. *KRS 29A.070(7), AP II Sec. 7(7).*

The contents of any records or papers used by AOC or the clerk in connection with jury selection process are **confidential**, unless required to be made public, are not to be disclosed. *KRS 29A.110.*

**52.8.1 Jury Strike Sheets:**

1. File by completing a document screen using the document type **SD-SEALED DOCUMENT**.
2. Add a note to the **Memo** field: "jury strike sheet."
3. Place the strike sheets in an envelope, seal and place within the case file. **Do not** release the sealed envelope from your custody except on court order, when actually used in a proceeding or when requested for preparation or presentation of a motion permitted under the rules of civil or criminal procedure.
4. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope from the case file.
5. For copies made pursuant to the exceptions outlined above, collect a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#). If jury selection documents are furnished to out-of-town attorneys, collect postage fees for the mailing costs as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#). Give a receipt for all money collected. You are not required to make copies for local attorneys; however, you may make the forms available for review in your office.

**NOTE:** Once a jury has been selected to hear a case or for grand jury service, the selected jurors' names are not confidential. However, before providing those names please check with your chief circuit Judge.: In the interest of justice, the chief circuit judge, or his/her designee, may order that the names be kept confidential. AP Part II, Sec. 10(11).

**Quick Reference**  
Document type **SD**

Memo: Jury strike sheet

Collect copy/postage fees and give receipt

**52.9 Juror Reporting Notification**

A telephone answering device should be utilized for jurors to call before reporting for future jury duty. If you do not have an answering device, the AOC, upon request, will supply one for your office.

**52.10 Juror Fee**

1. Pay each juror a fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) for each day the juror answers roll call.
2. Upon request, complete [AOC Form 015](#), Certificate of Service (Jury).
3. Your judge may elect to give the jurors [AOC Form 020](#), Recognition of Contribution to the Administration of Justice.

AOC Form 015  
AOC Form 020

52.11 *Jury Fees*

1. Collect a jury fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#). Collect the fee at the time a jury trial is requested from the person who makes the request, unless he/she has a court order permitting him/her to proceed in forma pauperis. *AP II Sec. 33*
2. If the court enters an order finding that a request for a jury trial was withdrawn or the case was disposed of at least two (2) court days prior to the date set for trial, refund the fee to the person who paid it or as otherwise ordered by the court. *AP II Sec. 31(3)*. A Party requesting a refund without a court order should be directed to request a finding from the court. For additional instructions on refunding fees, see the [Accounting Manual](#).
3. If two or more cases are consolidated and tried together, collect only one jury fee. *AP II Sec. 33(2)*.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect jury fee

52.12 *List Destruction*

After the randomized jury list has been exhausted, and all persons selected to serve as jurors have been discharged, all records and papers compiled in the selection process shall be destroyed. *AP II, Sec. 14*.

For more information, see [Destruction of Records](#).

52.13 *Avowals*

Avowal means a direct declaration or affirmation. This is a sworn statement made before the court. Usually, an avowal is made by a witness after a court rules that his/her testimony cannot be admitted in trial. Avowal forms part of the court record. A higher court can consider it in an appeal against a denial to accept the testimony.

Questions	Answers
How should clerks make the avowal part of the court record and retain so it is not distributed?	The avowal must be placed in the court record, whether it is by paper or recorded.
Who should have access to the avowal?	Unless ordered otherwise, the avowal is public record and may be accessed by any party.
At what point can a person or party access the avowal?	The avowal can be accessed at any time.



## 53 JUVENILE CASES

### *KRS Chapter 600-645*

*District Court and Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

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#### 53.1 *Confidentiality of Juvenile Records*

- Unless specified to the contrary, all juvenile court records generated by any agency are deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed except to:
  - Child;
  - Child's parent/guardian or spouse. KRS 610.340(1);
  - Victims or other persons authorized to attend a juvenile court hearing, unless ordered by the Court for good cause.
  - Public officers or employees engaged in the investigation or prosecution of cases under the juvenile code or general statutes. This includes law enforcement. Juvenile justice agencies shall also share with each other all information they maintain on a juvenile in a facility or a program or informal adjustment as authorized by KRS 17.125.
  - Employees of CHFS, DJJ, and the Crime Victims Compensation Board;

- Foster Care Review Board or its designee, and CASA Volunteers responsible for services under the juvenile code.
  - The child’s attorney may have access to the record of their clients. KRS 610.340(3). Attorneys for parties involved in actions under juvenile code or other prosecutions under general statutes, including Department of Public Advocacy attorneys providing post-disposition representation to a juvenile public or status offender, where the attorney has provided a release signed by the child or his or her guardian authorizing release of the records.
  - A DPA attorney shall have access to the court file of a minor prior to representation when the minor is in custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice and is residing in a residential treatment or detention center.
  - Records disclosed under KRS 610.320 and KRS 610.345 to school personnel.
  - Employees of local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Kentucky State Police, or the Federal Bureau of Investigation engaged in conducting background checks for the sole purpose of identifying and providing potentially disqualifying juvenile public offense records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.
- Release of child’s treatment, medical, mental or psychological records is prohibited unless presented as evidence in Circuit Court. If records are present and inspection is requested give to the judge to review the inspection request.
  - No person, including school personnel entitled to access juvenile records, shall further disclose information from such records except as permitted by specific Court order.
  - KRS 610.340(1)(c) prohibits the disclosure of any records resulting from the child’s prior abuse and neglect under Title IV-B of the Federal Social Security Act to victims or other persons authorized to attend a juvenile court hearing pursuant to KRS 610.070.
  - Military recruiters do not have access to juvenile court records, even with a signed release/waiver, unless accompanied by the juvenile, who may now be an adult, when requesting a record.
  - To protect the confidentiality of juvenile records, petitions, orders, and other court documents should not be transmitted to or from the clerk’s office by fax.
  - Electronic or stenographic record of interviews with children, including a recording of any in-camera proceedings, shall be filed under seal with the clerk and may be made available to the parties or their counsel on motion and written order of the court. Upon direction of the judge recordings made in a county other than where the action is filed shall be delivered to the clerk of the county where the action is filed by the court ordering the hearing when there are multiple courts in a jurisdiction. FCRPP 27.

### 53.2 *Public Record*

- If adjudicated delinquent, and the juvenile was fourteen (14) years of age or older at the time of the commission of the offense, the petition, adjudication order and disposition order in all cases involving a Capital Offense, Class A, B, or C Felony or any offense involving a deadly weapon, are public record.

- A separate public report shall be kept by the clerk of the court, accessible to the public. A list of all qualifying charge(s) in case(s)/trailer(s) as outlined above will be available for viewing/printing from the case management system. The [HB 3 report](#) will be available for viewing by the public. If requested, the clerk shall provide a printed copy of the report.
- When a request for public access is received, provide a copy of the petition, adjudication order and disposition order only. All other pleadings remain confidential.

**NOTE:** When in doubt, request a court order permitting access to a juvenile record.

### 53.3 *Dependency, Neglect, Abuse*

- There is no filing fee. KRS 610.350.
- A DNA Petition may be filed by any interested person. KRS 620.070.
- Separate petitions shall be filed for each child and individual case numbers shall be assigned. All siblings' files shall be assigned to the same judge. FCRPP 20(1).

#### 53.3.1 Petition/Dependency, Neglect, Abuse (DNA)

1. Upon receipt of a petition ([AOC Form DNA-1](#)), apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **PJ** or **PJECA**.
3. Refer to the [KyCourts Manual](#) for instruction on opening the case. Assign a Juvenile **J** case number and appropriate trailer number using next pre-numbered file folder.

**NOTE:** If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number under the next trailer number. Any new allegation or request for removal after a child has achieved permanency shall be filed as a new action. FCRPP 31.

4. Assign appropriate case type based on charge(s):
  - **CA** - Child Abuse/Neglect
  - **DP** – Dependency
  - In a Family Court jurisdiction, enter filing type **FC**.
5. Complete party screen(s) using party types:
  - **CH** – Child
  - **FM** – Family Member
  - **CC** – County Attorney
  - **GAL** – Guardian Ad Litem
  - **CP** – Custodial Person
  - **CHR** – Cabinet for Health & Family Services
6. Add the juvenile’s date of birth to the file label and on the file folder next to the label (the label function in KyCourts will not automatically add the

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form DNA-1  
 File, date, initial

Document type **PJ** or **PJECA**

Juvenile **J** case

Case type:  
 \*Child Abuse- **CHA**  
 \*Dependency- **DP**  
 \*Family Court- **FC**

Party type:  
 \*Child- **CH**  
 \*Family Member- **FM**  
 \*County Attorney- **CC**  
 \*Guardian Ad Litem- **GAL**  
 \*Custodial Person- **CP**  
 \*Cabinet for Health and Family Services- **CHR**

DOB). If the label becomes lost, the date of birth will still be visible for use in records destruction.

### 53.3.2 Summons Issuance

1. Issue a summons using [AOC Form DNA-7](#); attach a copy of the petition to the summons and deliver to the sheriff or other authorized agent for service. An employee of CHFS may not be an authorized agent for service. KRS 620.070. Complete a summons screen using summons type DNA.

**NOTE:** Do not use Promise to Appear in lieu of issuing summons.

2. If the person summonsed is not a parent or guardian of the child, the parent or guardian, or both, shall also be notified of the time and place of the court date.
3. A copy of the petition shall also be mailed or provided by the clerk no later than the business day following the filing of the petition to the following:
  - Cabinet for Health and Family Services
  - county attorney
  - any guardian ad litem
  - any counsel of record

**Quick Reference**  
 Issue summons using  
 AOC Form DNA-7  
 Summons type **DNA**

### 53.3.3 Charges

1. Add a charge for each box checked or listed on the petition.

**NOTE:** If no box is checked, return petition to the petitioner for completion.

2. The charge/violation date is the date the petition is sworn to under oath.
3. File any petition for contempt in the existing case file of the original charge. If the petition does not identify the charge, file the petition under a new trailer number.

\*Dependent- UOR Code  
 002813

\*Abuse/Neglect- UOR  
 Code 002826

### 53.3.4 Emergency Custody Order (ECO)

1. A DNA case shall be initiated by the issuance of an Order Granting/Denying Emergency Custody, [AOC Form DNA-2](#). An ECO shall be accompanied by [AOC Form DNA-2.1](#) Emergency Custody Order Affidavit.  
**NOTE:** If an ECO is denied proceed with the DNA petition and schedule a [hearing](#) within 10 days.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the ECO Affidavit; add the date and your initials.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **AECO**.
4. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the ECO; add the date and your initials.
5. Complete a document screen using document type **OECOC** or **OECOR** based on the box checked on the form by the judge. Include the date and method of service.
6. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on all parties as listed on the distribution of AOC Form DNA-2 and on the parent or other person exercising custodial control or supervision by the person authorized to serve process. KRS 620.060(4).
7. Upon receipt of an [AOC Form DNA-2.2](#) Notice of Emergency Removal, apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type **NER**.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form DNA-2  
AOC Form DNA-2.1

File, date, initial  
Document type **AECO**

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **OECOC**  
or **OECOR**

NOE

File, date, initial  
Document type **NER**

### 53.3.5 Temporary Removal Hearing

1. Schedule a hearing within 72 hours excluding weekends and holidays as directed by judge. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **TRH**.  
**NOTE:** [AOC Form DNA-13](#) (Notice of Names and Addresses of Interested Parties to be Noticed by Clerk for Hearings) may be filed by the cabinet to indicate interested parties who may have a right to be heard and receive notice prior to scheduled hearings.
2. Provide notice of the temporary removal hearing to the parents or other person exercising custodial control or supervision, county attorney, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, any guardian ad litem, and any counsel of record. FCRPP 21. If you have received [AOC Form DNA-13](#) indicating there are interested parties to be noticed for hearings, prepare [AOC Form DNA-14](#) (Notice of Hearing to Interested Persons in Dependency/Neglect, or Abuse Action), and provide notice to all parties as indicated on the [AOC Form DNA-13](#).

Note: Interested parties may include the foster child, foster parents, relatives, and fictive kin.

Scheduled event type  
**TRH**

Provide notice of hearing

Enter, date, initial

3. Upon receipt of a signed [AOC Form DNA-3](#) (Order for Temporary Removal Hearing), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using the document code based on the box checked on the form by the judge.

### 53.3.6 Hearing

1. If a hearing has not been scheduled as a result of an emergency hearing, schedule a hearing within 10 days. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **TRH**.

**NOTE:** [AOC Form DNA-13](#) (Notice of Names and Addresses of Interested Parties to be Noticed by Clerk for Hearings) may be filed by the cabinet to indicate interested parties who may have a right to be heard and receive notice prior to scheduled hearings.

2. Provide notice of the temporary removal hearing to the parents or other person exercising custodial control or supervision, county attorney, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, any guardian ad litem, and any counsel of record. FCRPP 21. If you have received [AOC Form DNA-13](#) indicating there are interested parties to be noticed for hearings, prepare [AOC Form DNA-14](#), (Notice of Hearing to Interested Persons in Dependency/Neglect, or Abuse Action) and notice all parties as indicated on the [AOC Form DNA-13](#).

Note: Interested parties may include the foster child, foster parents, relatives, and fictive kin.

3. After the hearing, when you receive a signed [AOC Form DNA-3](#), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using the document code based on the box checked on the form by the judge.
4. Schedule subsequent hearings using event types:
  - **TRH** - Temporary Removal Hearing
  - **AH** – Adjudication Hearing
  - **D** – Disposition Hearing
  - **REV** – Review
  - **PPR** - 6 Month Permanency Progress Review
  - **APR** - Annual Permanency Hearing
  - **ILR** – Independent Living Review
  - **TPRV** – Post TPR 90 Day Review
  - **OH** - Other

18. If the adjudication hearing and disposition hearing are held at same time, both forms, [AOC Form DNA-4](#) and [AOC Form DNA-5](#), must be completed.

**Quick Reference**  
 Event type **TRH**  
 Provide notice of hearing

AOC Form DNA-3  
 Enter, date, initial

Event types:  
 \*Adjudication Hearing: **AH**  
 \*Disposition Hearing: **D**  
 \*Review/Permanency Hearing: **REV**  
 \*Independent Living Review: **ILR**  
 \*Permanent Placement Review: **PPR**  
 \*Annual Permanency Review: **APR**  
 \*Post TPR 90 Day Review: **TPRV**

**53.3.7 Orders**

1. When a signed order is received PRIOR to disposition of the case, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service.
2. Serve a copy of the order on all persons/facilities named in the petition; including:
  - juvenile,
  - juvenile’s parents or persons exercising custodial control or supervision,
  - facility,
  - CASA (if applicable),
  - CHFS (if applicable),
  - GAL (Guardian Ad Litem),
  - any other parties named in the distribution list on the order.

Enter, date, initial
NOE

### 53.3.8 Disposition of Case/Charge Closing

1. Upon receipt of a signed order that disposes of the case, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service.
3. Serve a copy of the order on all persons/facilities named in the petition; including:
  - juvenile, juvenile’s parents or persons exercising custodial control or supervision,
  - facility,
  - CASA (if applicable),
  - CHFS (if applicable),
  - GAL (Guardian Ad Litem), and
  - any other parties named in the distribution list on the order.

**NOTE:** The Permanent Custody Order, AOC Form DNA-9 does not replace AOC Form DNA-6. Pursuant to KRS 620.027, this form may be used by District Court to determine matters of child custody and visitation.

4. When a charge is disposed of, close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type N. Use disposition type, as applicable:
  1. **CHR** – Commitment to CHFS
  2. **OTH** – Commitment to agency or person other than CHFS
  3. **DIS** – Dismissed
  4. **TRF** – Transferred to another court/jurisdiction
  5. **INF** – Informal Judgment

**NOTE:** Do not dispose of the charge(s) when a temporary custody order is received. The charge(s) should only be closed when a final disposition has been made, when permanent custody has been Granted (DNA-9), or when the child has been committed/remain committed to CHFS (DNA-5).

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial

Serve copy of order

Trial type **N**

Disposition types:  
**CHR**  
**OTH**  
**DIS**  
**TRF**  
**INF**



### 53.4 *Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)*

1. If a local CASA program is established in your court, a court appointed special advocate may be appointed by the court to represent the best interests of an abused, neglected or dependent child.
2. When a juvenile case is referred to the CASA program:
  - (1) Give notice of entry of an order of referral by mailing a copy of the order/calendar to all parties and the local CHFS office.
  - (2) Send a copy of the dependency, neglect and abuse petition to the local program director for CASA.
3. Give notice of entry of all orders to the local program director in a CASA case.
4. When a hearing is scheduled in a CASA case, notify the local program director.
5. When reports from a CASA volunteer are received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen, using document type **FRRB**.

**Quick Reference**

NOE

Copy to CASA

File, date, initial

Document type **FRRB**

### 53.5 *Status/Public Offenses*

- There is no filing fee. KRS 610.350.

#### 53.5.1 **Case Assignment and Consolidation**

1. In a family court jurisdiction:
  - Determine if the juvenile has a pending charge or charges in district court. If pending charge(s) exist, open the status offense case in district court. Assign the status offense case to the district court division presiding over the pending public offense case. If no pending charge or charges exist in district court, open the status offense case in family court. KRS Chapter 635, KRS Chapter 640, JCRPP 2(D).
  - If a public offense charge is filed that involves the same child in a pending status offense case, notify the family court judge of the public offense petition by completing AOC JV-54 (Notice of Filing of Public Offense Petition and Order Transferring to District Court) and deliver to the family court judge.
  - Upon receipt of an order transferring a status offense case to the district division presiding over a public offense case, transfer the case and consolidate the status offense case with the public offense case for the purpose of hearing. JCRPP 2.

**NOTE:** Transfer the case by reassigning to the appropriate judge. You **do not** need to complete a TRF disposition.
2. In a non-family court jurisdiction, when a status offense is filed in district court that involves the same child in a pending public offense case, consolidate the status offense case with the public offense case for the purpose of hearing. JCRPP 2.

3. Cases consolidated for the purposes of hearing as described above should be kept together to ensure future events are scheduled for same times.
  - If paper files are maintained within a single case jacket, file a copy of the order consolidating in the trailer number in the tab containing the status offense. Flag or otherwise indicate consolidated on the tab.
  - If physical files are maintained in separate case jackets, staple or band the case record being consolidated (secondary case) to the back of the senior action (primary case) and fold the older case record flap in. Place an out card in the location of the file that was consolidated (secondary case) noting the case number, case style and indicate the case has been consolidated per the entered order.
4. If a status case is consolidated with a public offense case set the case for a hearing at the child's next scheduled public offense hearing, if the hearing is set to occur within 15 days. Otherwise, set the case on the first available public offense docket of the district judge presiding over the case. Send notice of the hearing date to the parties in the public offense case. JCRPP 2.

### 53.5.2 Status Offenses

- Status offense charges:
    - Beyond Reasonable Control of Parent, Guardian or School
    - Runaway
    - Truancy
    - Alcohol Offense
    - Purchase of Tobacco.
1. Enter **FC** filing type if case is being opened in Family court.
  2. Use case type **ST**.

### 53.5.3 Traffic Citations

- Citations received for moving traffic violations issued to a juvenile (16) years or older are filed in the district court traffic division. This includes misdemeanor DUI charges. See [Citations Issued to a Minor](#).
- Any citation received for felony traffic offenses should be filed in the juvenile division of district court. KRS 610.010(1)(a).

### 53.5.4 Public Offense (Delinquency)/Status Offense Petitions

1. Upon receipt of an AOC Form JV-1 (Juvenile/Petition) and a JW-57 (Juvenile Complaint Status Offense) or JW-58 (Juvenile Complaint Public Offense); apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete document screens using document types **PJ** and **COM**.
2. Upon receipt of AOC Form JW-40 (Preliminary Inquiry Formal/Informal Processing Criteria and Recommendations); apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type **PI**.

**NOTE:** Per JCRPP 5 and 11B the complaint shall be attached to the petition.

3. Upon receipt of AOC Form JW 40.1, Unsuccessful Diversion Agreement, apply the **FILED** stamp to the JW 40.1 form; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type **AUD**.
4. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instruction on opening the case. Assign a Juvenile **J** case number and appropriate trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder. Using case type **ST** (status offense) or **DE** (delinquency).

**NOTE:** If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number under the next trailer number.

5. Complete party screen(s) using the following party types:
  - **CH** – Child
  - **FM** – Family Member
  - **CW** – Complaining witness
  - **CC** – County attorney
  - **APA** – Attorney/Public Advocate
  - **CP** – Custodial Person
6. Add the juvenile’s date of birth to the file label and on the file folder next to the label. If the label becomes lost, the date of birth will still be visible for use in records destruction.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form JV-1  
File, date, initial  
Document types **PJ** and **COM**

File, date, initial  
Document type **PI**

AOC Form JW 40.1  
File, date, initial  
Document type **AUD**

Juvenile **J** cases  
Case type **ST** or **DE**

- \*Child- **CH**
- \*Family Member- **FM**
- \*Complaining Witness- **CW**
- \*County Attorney- **CC**
- \*Attorney/Public Advocate- **APA**
- \*Custodial Person- **CP**

### 53.5.5 Summons Issuance

1. Issue a summons using [AOC Form JV-17](#), Juvenile Summons, on the person(s) having custody or control of the child. The summons shall be served by personal service unless the Judge orders service by mail, addressed to the last known address. Service by mail must be made at least 48 hours before the court date. Attach a copy of the petition and complaint; do not attach any attachments or exhibits. KRS 610.040, JCRPP 5.

AOC Form JV-17

Issue summons

**Recent practice change:** You must now attach a copy of the petition and complaint to the summons.

2. If the person summonsed is not a parent or guardian of the child, the parent or guardian, or both, shall also be notified of the time and place of the court date.

**NOTE:** Do not use Promise to Appear in lieu of issuing summons.

### 53.5.6 Charges

1. Add charge(s) as listed on the petition.
2. The charge/violation date is the date the Complaint is sworn to under oath.
3. File any petition for contempt in the existing case file of the original charge. If the petition does not identify the charge, file the petition under a new trailer number. See [Case Assignment and Consolidation](#).

### 53.5.7 Hearing

1. Schedule all court hearings by completing a scheduled event screen.

**NOTE:** If a status case is consolidated with a public offense case set the case for a hearing at the child’s next scheduled public offense hearing, if the [hearing](#) is set to occur within 15 days; otherwise, set the case on the first available public offense docket of the district judge presiding over the case. Send notice of the hearing date to the parties in the public offense case. JCRPP 2.

2. Use the following event types:

- **ARR** – Arraignment
- **DH** – Detention Hearing
- **AH** – Adjudication Hearing
- **D** – Disposition Hearing
- **REV** – Review

**Quick Reference**  
Scheduled events screen

Event types:  
\*Arraignment- **ARR**  
\*Detention hearing- **DH**  
\*Adjudication Hearing- **AH**  
\*Disposition Hearing- **D**  
\*Review- **REV**

### 53.5.8 Detention Hearings

If the juvenile is being detained and the child is alleged to be a status offender, schedule a detention hearing within 24 hours or within 48 hours if the child is alleged to be a public offender, exclusive of weekends and holidays, of the time the juvenile was taken into custody or follow local protocol for scheduling this hearing.

**NOTE:** The juvenile complaint may be submitted by the Court Designated Worker which does not have all required signatures. You may nevertheless accept the complaint and use the information to create a case if one does not exist.

**53.5.9 Orders**

1. Upon receipt of a signed order prior to disposition of the case, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service.
2. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on all persons/facilities named in the petition; including the juvenile, juvenile’s parents or persons exercising custodial control or supervision, hospital/facility, attorneys of record, and any other parties named in the distribution list on the order.
3. Mail all orders pertaining to juveniles charged as youthful or public offenders to the **Department of Juvenile Justice**.

Enter, date, initial  
 Complete document screen  
 NOE  
*Department of Juvenile Justice*  
 1025 Capital Center Dr,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 Frankfort, KY 40601-8205

**53.5.10 Informal Adjustment**

*JCRPP 19*

1. Upon receipt of an AOC-JV-53 (Informal Adjustment Order and Agreement), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type **OIA**.
2. Schedule a review as directed by the judge, or if not specified, for six months after the entry of the informal adjustment order using event type **REV**.
3. Complete the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type. Use disposition type **INF**.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OIA**  
 Event type **REV**  
 Disposition type **INF**

**53.5.11 Disposition of Case/Charge Closing**

1. Upon receipt of JV-31.1 (Disposition Order Public Offense) or other signed order that disposes of the case, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service.
3. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on all persons/facilities named in the petition; including the juvenile, juvenile’s parents or persons exercising custodial control or supervision, hospital/facility, attorneys of record, and any other parties named in the distribution list on the order.
4. Mail a certified copy of the disposition order in cases pertaining to juveniles charged as youthful or public offenders to the Department of Juvenile Justice and the law enforcement agency(s) where both the offense was committed, and the child resides. KRS 610.110 (3).
5. When a charge is disposed of, close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type. Use disposition type:
  - **G** – Guilty/Adjudication
  - **DIS** – Dismissed
  - **DJJ** – Commitment to DJJ (Department of Juvenile Justice)
  - **CHR** – Commitment to CHFS
  - **CAD** – Dismissed/Motion of Commonwealth
  - **TRF** – Transferred to another court/jurisdiction
  - **NG** – Not Guilty
  - **INF** – Informal Judgment/Juvenile only
  - **OTH** – Commitment to agency other than CHFS

Do not add a sentence screen. Enter sentence details in the memo field of the charge screen. If financials are ordered add as a Monetary Event or as a Restitution ID.

**NOTE:** If a court dismisses a petition against a child or finds a child not delinquent in a juvenile proceeding, the court shall concurrently order the record of the proceeding expunged. Upon receipt of order resulting in a dismissal or not guilty disposition proceed to the Section [Expungement of Juvenile Record](#) for information on expunging the case.

Enter, date, initial

Complete document screen  
NOE

Disposition type:  
 \*Guilty/Adjudication- **G**  
 \*Dismissed- **DIS**  
 \*Commitment to DJJ- **DJJ**  
 \*Commitment to CHFS- **CHR**  
 \*Dismissed/Motion of Commonwealth- **CAD**  
 \*Transferred to another court/jurisdiction- **TRF**  
 \*Not Guilty- **NG**  
 \*Informal Judgment/Juvenile only- **INF**  
 \*Commitment to agency other than CHFS- **OTH**

### 53.6 *Habitual Runaway*

JCRPP 11, JCRPP 12

1. Upon receipt of an AOC-JV-52 (Complaint, Affidavit, and Order for Emergency Protective Custody); apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instruction on opening the case. Assign a Juvenile **J** case number and appropriate trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **RN**.

**NOTE:** If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number under the next trailer number.

3. Complete a document screen using document type **AEPC**. If the order section has been completed, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen with the corresponding document code indicated on the order:
  - **OTEC:** Temporary emergency custody to a relative or other suitable person
  - **ODN:** Temporary detention in a non-secure facility
  - **OSEC:** Temporary detention in a secure facility
4. Schedule a hearing with 24 hours of a child being detained in a secure facility or within 72 hours of a child being detained in a non-secure facility or less restrictive alternative placement exclusive of weekends and holidays. The CDW will complete the notice section of the form.
5. Upon receipt of an AOC-JV-52.1 (Emergency Protective Custody Release Order), apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter as document code **OREL**.
6. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service.
7. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on all persons/facilities named in the petition; including the juvenile, juvenile’s parents or persons exercising custodial control or supervision, hospital/facility, attorneys of record, and any other parties named in the distribution list on the order.
8. Close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type. Use disposition type **DIS**.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Juvenile J Case  
Case type **RN**

Document type **AEPC**  
Enter, date, initial

Document Codes:  
\***OTEC**  
\***ODN**  
\***OSEC**

Enter, date, initial  
Document code **OREL**

Disposition type **DIS**

### 53.7 *Violations of Conditions/Contempt Proceedings*

1. Upon receipt of a motion seeking review for violations of conditions, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file in the existing case file of the original charge. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **REV**. Complete a motion screen using motion type **MOT**. Add a charge using UOR code 02830 (public offense) and dispose of as directed. Indicate any details in the disposition screen.
2. If a petition or a motion for contempt of court is received, or if the judge finds a juvenile in contempt during court proceedings apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition or motion; add the date and your initials. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **REV** (if not previously heard). Add a charge in the existing case file of the original charge using UOR code 02834 (public offense) or 02836 (status offense) and dispose of as directed. Indicate any details on the disposition screen.

**Note:** When a Motion is received to revoke/for violation of conditions/contempt proceedings.

Only add the charge if the Judge instructs you to.

File, date, initial  
Event type **REV**  
Motion type **MOT**

File, date, initial  
Event type **REV**

### 53.8 *Youthful Offender*

- When a youthful offender is transferred to circuit court by a district judge pursuant to KRS 640.010, the juvenile/youthful offender’s court file pertaining to the transfer does not become a public record in circuit court until an indictment is returned and the juvenile/youthful offender has been arraigned.

#### **In District Court:**

1. When transfer of a youthful offender to circuit court is ordered by the district judge, the juvenile court shall send the circuit court only the records (limited to the records of the present case in which the child has been charged) that pertain to the transfer. The remainder of the juvenile record remains confidential unless otherwise ordered by the court.
2. Complete the charge disposition field using disposition type of **JGDJ**. Prior to the grand jury meeting, print a report showing all charge dispositions for juvenile – grand jury and furnish to the commonwealth attorney. Refer to the [Browse Options](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on printing a report from the browse screen. Print and furnish the list at any other time you are requested to do so.

**IMPORTANT:** In addition, on April 1st and October 1st each year print the same list and deliver to your commonwealth attorney and chief circuit judge.

#### **Quick Reference**

Disposition type **JGDJ**



**In Circuit Court:**

1. Upon receipt by the circuit court of this record, open the case in the confidential **CO** division. Do not disclose any information concerning this case.
2. In the circuit **CI** division, complete a case screen using the case number assigned to the case in the **CO** division. Enter the style of the case as **Sealed Record**. Enter the original filing date, case type of **SE** sealed, disposition date (the same as filing date) and judge at disposition (same judge as opening judge).
3. Upon return of an indictment and after arraignment, delete the case in the circuit **CI** division and transfer the case from the confidential **CO** division to the circuit **CI** division. The case is then open to the public for review.

**NOTE:** (1) The release of the child’s treatment, medical, mental, or psychological records is not permitted unless the records are presented as evidence in circuit court. (2) The release of information under this section relative to the child’s eligibility for services under Title IV-E or IV-B of the Federal Social Security Act is prohibited.

Confidential **CO** Division

Circuit **CI** Division  
**CO** Division  
 Case type **SE**

Circuit **CI** Division  
 Confidential **CO** Division

**If Returned to District Court for Further Proceedings:**

1. If a juvenile case is transferred to circuit court and the grand jury does not find probable cause to indict as a youthful offender, but does find that there is probable cause to indict for another criminal offense, the juvenile shall not be tried in circuit court as youthful offender. The case shall be returned to district court for further proceedings and re-docketed for review (**REV**) by the judge. KRS Chapter 640.010(3).
2. Close the charge screen in the circuit court case by completing the disposition date, appropriate disposition type (**REM** - Remand), disposition judge and trial type.
3. Upon return of the case from circuit court to district court, schedule a hearing in the district court case by completing a scheduled event screen using event type **REV**.

**Quick Reference**

Event type **REV**

Disposition **REM**

Event type **REV**

### 53.8.1 Service of Pleadings on School Superintendent or Principal

- Due to the importance of the school notification process, judges, clerks and court-designated workers are encouraged to discuss and adopt the procedure to be followed in your jurisdiction to ensure the school superintendent or principal receives timely notice.
- KRS 610.345(3) requires the judge to direct notification to the superintendent of the public school district in which the child is enrolled, or the principal of any private elementary or secondary school which the child attends in the following circumstances:

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**Juveniles Adjudicated as Youthful Offenders**

When the judge directs, mail a copy of the petition and the adjudication/disposition in the specified case. Before mailing these copies, mark through the name of the complaining witness. KRS 610.345(1).

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**Juveniles Adjudicated Guilty of an Offense (Juvenile/Violent Offender Classification under KRS 439.3401), or a Felon under KRS Chapters 218A, 508, 510 or 527 (listed below):**

When the judge directs, mail a copy of the charge using AOC-JV-1.1, Notification of Charge and the adjudication/disposition (AOC-JV-31) in the specified case within 5 days of the disposition to persons named on the form. Before mailing the copy, mark through the name of the complaining witness. KRS 610.345(2).

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- To view a Capital Offense, Class A Felony or any Class B Felony involving the death of the victim or serious physical injury to a victim or Rape I or Sodomy I of the victim. KRS 439.3401(1); see [UOR Codes](#)
  - To view a felony under KRS Chapter 218A (Controlled Substances): see [UOR Codes](#)
  - To view a felony under KRS Chapter 508 (Assault and Related Offenses): see [UOR Codes](#)
  - To view a felony under KRS Chapter 510 (Sexual Offenses): see [UOR Codes](#)
  - To view a felony under KRS Chapter 527 (Involving the possession, carrying or use of a deadly weapon as defined by KRS 500.080(4)): see [UOR Codes](#)
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**Juveniles charged with an offense that would be a felony or misdemeanor if committed by an adult and the misdemeanor involves a controlled substance or the possession, carrying or use of a deadly weapon or physical injury to another person:**

When the judge directs, mail a copy of AOC-JV-1.1, Notification of Charge, within 24 hours of the time the petition is filed (unless this Notification has already been mailed by the court-designated worker) AND, upon entry of an order of adjudication, mail a copy of the adjudication/disposition (AOC JV-31) of the case to the parties listed on the form. Before mailing this copy, mark through the name of the complaining witness. KRS 610.345(3).

- To view any offense that would be a felony pursuant to the Kentucky Revised Statutes; see [UOR Codes](#)
- To view a misdemeanor under KRS Chapter 218A (Offenses Involving Controlled Substances): see [UOR Codes](#)
- To view a misdemeanor under KRS Chapter 527 (Offenses Relating to Firearms and Weapons): see [UOR Codes](#)
- To view a misdemeanor under KRS Chapter 510 (sexual offenses): see [UOR Codes](#)
- To view a misdemeanor under KRS Chapter 508 (Assault and Related Offenses) only where there is physical injury to another person: see [UOR Codes](#)

### 53.9 *Juvenile in Out-of-Home Care*

When a juvenile is in out-of-home care:

1. Notify the judge when a Case Permanency Plan or Progress Report on a child in foster care is filed.
2. When a permanency hearing is set by the court, schedule the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen. Give notice of this hearing to:
  - CHFS or DJJ;
  - Parents of the juvenile;
  - Foster parents;
  - Pre-adoptive parents;
  - Relatives providing care;
  - CASA worker
  - CFCRB.

**NOTE:** Names and addresses of persons to be notified will be supplied by CHFS or DJJ with the Case Permanency Plan or Progress Report.

3. When a report is received from the CFCRB, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen. KRS 620.070(3).

**Quick Reference**  
 Notify judge  
  
 Complete scheduled events screen  
 Give notice of hearing  
  
 File, date, initial

### 53.10 *Court Ordered Child Support*

The court may order the parent to make payments through your office for the support of a juvenile who has been placed with the person, facility, agency, or cabinet to which the juvenile was committed or probated. Follow the court order as to disbursement of this money. KRS 610.170. Your [Accounting Manual](#) addresses the handling of these monies.

### 53.11 *Transfer of Cases*

**Originating Court:**

1. Note in the memo field of the case screen the jurisdiction the case is being transferred to.
2. Make a copy of the order transferring and case history to be retained in the case file. If the case being transferred is a DNA case, prepare the certification on [AOC Form DNA-21](#).
3. Original contents of the case file: Attach the case history or court docket sheet to the top of the original case file. Mail the record to the receiving court by certified mail, return receipt requested. The record may also be hand-delivered by the clerk.
4. Place the file folder in numerical order with other like cases.

**Receiving Court:**

If you are the receiving court and this case was not previously filed in your county:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the record received from the originating court; add the date and your initials. Refer to the Case Add section of the KY Courts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign a juvenile **J** number and appropriate trailer using the next pre-numbered file folder. If a previous case exists, enter under the next trailer number. Complete a document screen for the entire record using document type circuit court file **CCF** or district court file **DCF**.
2. If charge(s) were disposed in originating court, **DO NOT** add charge(s). Contact the Department of Court Services to notify them of the case number. This will keep the case number from appearing on your monthly QA report.

**NOTE:** KyCourts will not allow you to add a juvenile case without adding charges. In order to comply with instruction 2 above you will need to add the charges when creating the case and then delete the charges out after the case has been added to KyCourts.

3. If the transfer includes an Order to Transfer Dependency/Neglect or Abuse Case and Certification of the Record, schedule a hearing as directed on the [AOC Form DNA-21](#) and provide a copy of the notice to the assigned judge.

File, date, initial
Juvenile <b>J</b> case
Circuit Court File <b>CCF</b> District Court File <b>DCF</b>

If you are the receiving court and this case was previously filed in your county:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the record received from the originating court; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type circuit court file **CCF** or district court file **DCF**.
2. File the case back in the originating case.
3. If the transfer includes an Order to Transfer Dependency/Neglect or Abuse Case and Certification of the Record, schedule a hearing as directed on the [AOC Form DNA-21](#) and provide a copy of the notice to the assigned judge.
4. If the previous court has a newer charge disposition, move the existing disposition to the memo field and overlay the new disposition.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Circuit Court File **CCF**  
District Court File **DCF**

### 53.12 *Appeals*

1. Appeals from decisions in juvenile cases heard in the district court division are confidential, and are handled in the circuit court division. Counsel of record in the appeal should be provided a copy of the record upon request. Refer to the [Appeals to Circuit Court](#) section of this manual for further instructions.

Appeals from decisions in juvenile cases heard in the family court division are handled in the Court of Appeals. Refer to the [Appeals to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals section](#) of this manual for further instructions.

### 53.13 *Payment of Juvenile Transport*

1. Peace Officer's Expenses: If seeking reimbursement, any peace officer who transports a juvenile on a court order shall make an accounting of the expenses incurred including the distance traveled.
2. Upon oath of the transporting officer of the verified amount before a district or family court judge, the clerk shall certify an Authorization for Payment of Transportation Costs. KRS 605.080(2).

### 53.14 *Expungement of Juvenile Record*

*KRS 610.330*

*District or Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

## 54 MAINTENANCE OF COURT RECORDS

### *CR 79.05, KRS 30A.080*

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- Your oath to preserve court records means that you are responsible for their safekeeping, but you are not responsible for any records which the court removes from your office. *Summers vs. City of Louisville, 140 Ky. 253, 130 S.W. 1101 (1910)*.
- Maintain all original papers filed in an action, court calendars, log sheets, transmittal sheets and miscellaneous orders of the court.
- You are responsible for all mechanical recordings used in court.
- Never alter court documents unless so ordered by the court.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

- You may endorse the amount of a judgment on the judgment document.
- You may add the case number to newly filed pleadings.
- You may complete portions of orders or forms for clerk use, such as certificates of service and distribution lists.

### 54.1 *When Records May Be Removed*

**Do not** allow any papers to be removed from your office except:

- When a case is transferred from district court to circuit court because the case is beyond the jurisdiction of district court.
- When an attorney makes a written request for the transfer of a record for proceedings (motions, etc.) to be held by the court outside the county, send the record to the circuit clerk in that county. After the proceeding, the record will be returned to you. CR 79.05(1).
- When there is an invasion or insurrection or other catastrophe. KRS 30A.080(3).
- In obedience to court order or rule. KRS 30A.080(3).
- Upon a change of venue.
- When attorneys prepare appellate briefs. RAP 26(D)(2).
- When the record is on appeal. RAP 26(D)(3). For more information, see [Appeals](#).
- When the Supreme Court orders permanent transfer of the records. KRS 30A.080(4).
- When records are transferred to the Division of Public Records in accordance with the retention and disposal schedule adopted by the Supreme Court. KRS 30A.080(4). For more information, see [Record Retention, Archiving and Destruction](#).

When a record is removed for any of the above reasons, except transfer to Public Records, make a notation of such removal in one of the following locations:

- The **Memo** field of the case screen
- On the docket sheet
- On the case jacket (only if the case is not in KYCourts).

Prepare an OUT card and place as a substitute for the file which has been removed. If the file is borrowed by attorneys for preparation of appellate briefs, have them sign the OUT card. If the record is not returned within a reasonable time, do not hesitate to ask for it.

**BEST PRACTICE:** Keep a check out sheet recording what records have been checked out from the office, including the number of volumes. You may also have the attorney sign or initial check out sheet upon removal and return of the record(s.)

#### 54.2 *Lost Pleading/File*

When any paper in a suit is lost, an existing "attested" copy may be substituted for the original with notice to the attorneys. If no attested copy exists, a court order is required. If an entire file is lost, notify the judge and attorneys of record. KRS 422.200.

## 55 MEDICAL RECORDS

### *KRS 422.320*

*District and Circuit Courts*

If records are submitted to be filed in your office by a party (including pro se litigants) and you are uncertain if they should be sealed, present to the judge for direction.

#### 55.1 *Medical Records Used in Deposition*

[Process Map](#)

- It is not your duty or responsibility to read or otherwise research pleadings in a case file to determine if a deposition includes medical records.

1. Upon receipt of medical records that have been used in a deposition, sign the receipt provided by the party delivering the records.
2. Place the records in an envelope; apply the **FILED** stamp to the envelope; add the date and your initials.
3. Indicate the name of the party delivering the records and mark the envelope **MEDICAL RECORDS-CONFIDENTIAL**. Seal the envelope.
4. File the record on a document screen. Use the document type **SD**.
5. Place the sealed envelope in the appropriate case file.
6. Do not release the sealed envelope from your custody except when actually used in the action or proceeding. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope from the case file.

**BEST PRACTICE:** Place sealed envelopes in the file on the left hand side to allow easy removal from the case record when granting inspection requests.

7. When the case is closed, maintain the confidentiality of the medical records.

**NOTE:** If the case is appealed, include the envelope with other documents in the case in the record on appeal.

**Quick Reference**  
 Sign receipt  
 Records in envelope  
 File, date, initial  
 Mark envelope  
 confidential and seal  
 Document type **SD**



55.2 *Substance Abuse Records*

1. Upon receipt of an application to seal records relating to a positive substance abuse test apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials. Deliver the application to the judge.
2. Upon receipt of an order to seal the records apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **OTS**.
3. Place the records relating to the substance abuse test in an envelope; apply the **FILED** stamp to the envelope; add the date and your initials. Mark the envelope **MEDICAL RECORDS-CONFIDENTIAL**. Seal the envelope.

File, date, initial

Enter, date, initial  
Document code **OTS**

File, date, initial

4. File the record on a document screen. Use the document type **SD**.
5. Place the sealed envelope in the appropriate case file.
6. Do not release the sealed envelope from your custody. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope from the case file.

Document type SD

**BEST PRACTICE:** Place sealed envelopes in the file on the left hand side to allow easy removal from the case record when granting inspection requests.

## 56 MENTAL HEALTH

### *KRS 202A, 202B, 222*

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- [Involuntary admission](#) proceedings include the admission of an individual with an intellectual disability. KRS 202B.010.
- [Involuntary hospitalization](#) proceedings include the hospitalization of adults diagnosed with a mental illness. KRS 202A.012. For mental health procedures involving juveniles, follow procedures outlined in the Juvenile Mental Health section.
- [Court-ordered community outpatient treatment](#), also known as “Tim’s Law” permits involuntarily court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment to be ordered. KRS 202A.0811-0831.
- [Involuntary treatment](#), also known as “Casey’s Law” proceedings include proceedings for 60/360 days of treatment for an individual, including juveniles, suffering from alcohol or other drug abuse. KRS Chapter 222.
- [Involuntary Admission](#)
- [Involuntary Hospitalization](#)
- [72-hour Emergency](#)
- [Court-Ordered Community Outpatient Treatment](#)
- [Involuntary Treatment of Substance Use Disorder \(Casey’s Law\)](#)
- [Juvenile Mental Health](#)
- [Expungement](#)
- [Firearm Prohibition](#)

#### 56.1 *Involuntary Admission*

*KRS Chapter 202B*

*District Court*

- Involuntary admission proceedings include the admission of an individual with an intellectual disability. KRS 202B.010.

##### 56.1.1 Venue

All involuntary admission proceedings and records are initiated in the district court of the county where the person to be admitted resides or in which he/she may be at the filing of the petition. KRS 202B.010, 202B.019.

**NOTE:** The county attorney is responsible for assisting the petitioner. KRS 202B.019.

Also see [Change of Venue at Final Hearing](#).

In cases of a 72-hour emergency (without court action, KRS 202B.025) if a person requests help in getting a dangerous person in the hospital, you should refer them to your county attorney or district judge.

### 56.1.2 Confidentiality

All involuntary admission proceedings and records are confidential. KRS 202B.180(1).

- They are open to the respondent and the county attorney when assisting the petitioner. KRS 202B.019.
- The respondent can move after discharge or denial of admission to have court records expunged on notice to the county attorney. KRS 202B.170.
- Any person seeking inspection of involuntary admission records may file a written motion in the case in district court setting out why the information is needed. KRS 202B.180(3).

### 56.1.3 Petition for Involuntary Admission

There are no filing fees or jury fees for involuntary admission cases.

All admission petitions on the same respondent should be kept in the same case file.

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 710](#), Petition for Involuntary Admission (Intellectual Disability); apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. The petition will be filed in the confidential division of district court.
2. Refer to the Case Add section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an “H” case number and appropriate trailer number. Search KYCourts for a previously filed “H” case involving the party. If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number using the next trailer number. If a previous case does not exist, use the next pre-numbered file folder.  
  
**Note:** When entering into a previous case file – insert in the file folder using a divider to separate trailers. At the close of each case; insert a copy of the case history.
3. Use case type COM – Commitment Proceeding
4. File by completing a document screen using document code **PIA**.
5. Take the petition to any available district judge along with [AOC Form 715](#) Order Appointing Counsel, Setting Preliminary Hearing, and Setting Examination, and [AOC Form 720](#) Examination Order and Examination Certifications for Involuntary Hospitalization or Involuntary Admission. The court will examine the petitioner under oath as to the contents of the petition. If petitioner is a qualified professional in the area of intellectual disabilities (QPID), the court may dispense with the examination. KRS 202B.100

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial  
Document Type: **PIA**  
Deliver to judge

Assign an **H** number

Copy case history

**Note:** Intellectual Disability proceedings only: Petitioner must attach to this Petition documentation establishing that the Respondent has an intellectual disability, INCLUDING the findings of a psychological examination or assessment completed in a reasonable time prior to the filing of this Petition that documents a Full-Scale IQ in the moderate to severe range of an intellectual disability. KRS 202B.100(4)(f).

**56.1.4 Appointment of Counsel and Preliminary Hearing Date**

1. The court will appoint counsel utilizing [AOC Form 715](#), from a list of private attorneys maintained by the clerk who have volunteered to represent intellectually disabled respondents, to be compensated by the Finance Cabinet. Public advocate appointments are made only if no other method of appointing counsel is available. KRS 202B.210
2. Enter the attorney as a party by completing the party screen.
3. The preliminary hearing date shall be within fifteen (15) days from the date of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays. KRS 202B.100, 202B.150. Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled event screen using event type Preliminary Hearing – Involuntary Hospitalization **PHH**.
4. Enter the order appointing counsel and order setting preliminary hearing. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Use document type **OAC**. Give notice of entry by mailing copies of the order to:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent
  - Respondent’s attorney
  - Respondent’s legal guardian, if any and known
  - Respondent’s spouse, if any and known
  - Respondent’s parents, if living and known
  - Respondent’s nearest relative or friend, if any and known KRS 202B.100.

**Quick Reference**

Enter attorney as party

Note hearing on calendar

Event type: **PHH**

Enter, date, initial

Document type: **OAC**  
**NOE**

### 56.1.5 Examination of Respondent

The court will order the respondent examined by one whom is a qualified professional in the area of intellectual disabilities (QPID) and one (1) of whom is a licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, or physician with special training and experience in serving individuals with an intellectual disability, utilizing [AOC Form 720](#). If respondent is presently residing in an Intermediate Care Facility/Intellectually Disabled (ICF/ID) their residency may be continued to accomplish the court ordered examination. If respondent is not presently residing in an ICF/ID, the court may order the respondent, respondent's guardian, or any person or entity exercising custodial control of respondent to submit the respondent to an examination, by two (2) QPID without unnecessary delay. KRS 202B.100.

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter on the document screen. Use document type **OE**. Give notice of entry by distributing copies of the order to:
    - Respondent's attorney - one (1) copy
    - Respondent - one (1) copy
    - QPID - one (1) copy (Attach to this copy two (2) copies of Certification of QPID to be completed by the QPID)
  2. Within 24 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) the QPID will certify their findings to the court. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen. Use document type **CH**.
- Note:** Follow local protocol as to distribution.
3. Complete party screen for each examiner using party type "OP". Memo title of examiner if known

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OE**  
 NOE

File, date, initial  
 Document type **CH**

### 56.1.6 Preliminary Hearing Held

*KRS 202B.110*

**Probable Cause Not Found:**

1. If probable cause IS NOT found the case must be dismissed, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to [AOC Form 725](#) Findings of Probable Cause and Order; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen using document type **ODIS**. Close the case screen with the disposition date, disposition type **DIS** and judge at disposition. Memo "no probable cause found" in the case screen.
2. Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:
  - Respondent/Respondent's attorney
  - Peace Officer
  - Hospital/Facility
  - Respondent's legal guardian, if any and known
  - Respondent's spouse, if any and known

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type: **ODIS**  
 NOE  
 Disposition type: **DIS**

- Respondent's parents, if living and known
- Respondent's nearest relative or friend, if any and known  
KRS 202B.100

**Probable Cause Found – Venue Transferred:**

*KRS 202B.110*

1. If probable cause IS found and the court has changed venue to the county where the hospital is located, apply the ENTERED stamp to [AOC Form 725](#) Findings of Probable Cause and Order; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen using document type **OTV**. Close the case screen with the disposition date, disposition type **TRF** and judge at disposition. Memo “probable cause found – transferred to “insert county name”” in the case screen. Transfer the original file, within 24 hours to the district court of the county where hospital is located. Receiving court will schedule final hearing within twenty (20) days of preliminary hearing date or within thirty (30) days of date of filing of petition if preliminary hearing waived. KRS 202B.150.
  
2. Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:
  - Respondent’s attorney
  - Peace Officer – 4 copies for: respondent, officer’s file and return, and hospital/facility

**Note:** Attach to hospital’s/facility’s copy – a copy of the completed petition, completed examination order, and certifications completed by the examining professionals. Also, attach a copy of the current physical examination documenting no serious medical, if it is in the record.

**Probable Cause Found: Venue Retained**

*KRS 202B.110*

1. If probable cause IS found and venue is retained, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to [AOC Form 725](#) Findings of Probable Cause and Order; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type, **ORV**. Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:
  - Respondent’s attorney – one (1) copy
  - ICF/ID (Intermediate Care Facility/Intellectually Disabled)- one (1) copy (attach to this copy a copy of Verified Petition and a copy of Examination Order and Certification).
  - If court orders a peace officer to transport resident from county where respondent located to the ICF/ID, give the peace officer three (3) copies of Findings of Probable Cause and Order for:
    - Peace Officer's file
    - Peace Officer's return;
    - ICF/ID (as above)

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Document type: **OTV**

NOE

Disposition type: **TRF**

Enter, date, initial

Document type: **ORV**

NOE

[AOC Form 726](#) Order Setting Final Hearing must be completed and attached if venue is retained. Neither Respondent, nor Respondent’s Attorney may waive the Final Hearing. KRS 202B.160

**Note:** Jury trials are set only on a party’s request. KRS 202B.160.

Upon receipt of [AOC Form 726](#), Order Setting Final Hearing; apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type, **OST**.

Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:

- County attorney
- Hospital/Facility (with copy of completed verified Petition and Certification of QMHP)
- Respondent/Respondent’s: Attorney, Parent(s), Legal Guardian, Spouse, Nearest Relative or Friend
- If Peace Officer transports: 4 copies for Respondent, file, return, and Hospital/Facility

**Note:** Attach to hospital’s/facility’s copy – a copy of the completed petition, completed examination order, and certifications completed by the examining professionals. Also, attach a copy of the current physical examination documenting no serious medical, if it is in the record.

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Document type: **OST**

NOE

### 56.1.7 Final Hearing

1. When [AOC Form 730](#), Judgment and Order for 60 Day or 360 Day Involuntary Hospitalization or Involuntary Admission is received apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type **OGH** or **ODIS**.

Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:

- Respondent's attorney - one (1) copy
- Peace Officer - two (2) copies
- ICF/ID (Intermediate Care Facility/Intellectually Disabled)- one (1) copy (Attach to this copy a copy of Verified Petition and Certification of QPID), KRS 202B.
- County attorney - one (1) copy
- CHFS - one (1) copy, KRS 202B.
- Respondent/Respondent’s Legal Guardian If Known
- Parent(s), Nearest Relative or Friend

2. Close the case screen with the disposition date, disposition type **DIS** or **OTH** and judge at disposition.
3. Create a tickler system for the filing of the annual report by completing a scheduled event screen for the date the report is due to be filed. Use event type **REA** for Report-Annual.
4. Create a scheduled event for the Review Hearing as directed by the court. Use event type **REV**.

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OGH** or **ODIS**

NOE

Disposition type: **DIS** or **OTH**

Event type: **REA**

Event type: **REV**



**56.1.8 Appeal**

[Appeals](#) from final orders or judgments of the district court shall be taken in the same manner as other appeals from district court to circuit court.

**56.1.9 Annual Report**

1. File any annual reviews submitted to the court by an interdisciplinary team. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and complete a document screen. Use document type **RCHR**.
2. Present the annual report to the judge for review.

**56.1.10 Review Hearing**

Not less than once in every five years following the initial admission or continued care order, schedule a status review hearing per your local practice.

1. You may do this by completing a scheduled events screen. Use event type **SH** – Status Hearing.
2. Serve notice 20 days before the hearing to the facility, county attorney, and guardian or immediate family member. KRS 202B.250

**56.2 *Criminal Involuntary Commitment***

*Circuit Court*

*KRS 202C*

Criminal involuntary commitment proceedings include the commitment of respondents who were found to be incompetent to stand trial under KRS Ch. 504 and who were charged with a capital offense, a Class A felony, a Class B felony resulting in death or serious physical injury, or a violation of KRS 510.040 or KRS 510.070.

**56.2.1 Confidentiality of Records**

All records in criminal involuntary commitment proceedings, including the evidentiary hearing, are confidential. KRS 202C.100.

Any person seeking court records of proceedings involving respondents may file a written motion in the case setting out why the information is needed. A Circuit Judge may issue an order to disclose the information.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial  
 Document type: **RCHR**

Event type: **SH**

*Process Map*

Serve notice 20 days before hearing

### 56.2.2 Petitions for Criminal Involuntary Commitments

- There is no filing fee or jury fee for involuntary commitment proceedings under KRS Chapter 202C.
- All criminal involuntary commitment proceedings under KRS 202C.010, 202C.020, 202C.030, 202C.040, and 202C.050 are initiated by the Commonwealth’s Attorney in the circuit court in the county of prosecution. KRS 504.100.
  1. When you receive an [AOC Form 708](#), Petition for Involuntary Commitment, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  2. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an **H** number using the next prenumbered file folder in the confidential division of Circuit Court.
 

**Note:** These should always be separate case number. Always use trailer number 001. You do not have to determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court.

**Note:** Assign it to the circuit judge that found the respondent incompetent to stand trial in the underlying criminal case. If a district court found the defendant incompetent, then follow the local judge assignment protocol for the next circuit judge.
  3. File by completing a document screen using document code **PCIC**.
  4. Take the file, along with an [AOC Form 708.1](#) to the circuit judge assigned.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 708  
 File, date, initial

Case number type **H**  
 Case type **CICP**

Document type **PCIC**

AOC Form 708.1

**56.2.3 Order Setting Evidentiary Hearing, Appointing Guardian Ad Litem, Ordering Commitment, and Appointing DPA**

1. The Court will appoint a Guardian Ad Litem from a list of private attorneys maintained by the clerk to represent the needs and best interests of the respondent. KRS 202C.020.
2. Enter the Guardian Ad Litem as a party by completing the party screen.
3. If the respondent retained private counsel in the underlying criminal case, that attorney may continue to represent the respondent in these proceedings. If the respondent is not represented by counsel, a public advocate appointment shall be made without the showing of indigency. KRS 202C.020
4. Enter the attorney as a party by completing the party screen.
5. When you receive [AOC Form 708.1](#), Order Setting Evidentiary Hearing & Appointing GAL, Order of Commitment Pending Proceedings, and Order Appointing DPA, apply the ENTERED stamp; add date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Use document type **OSEH**.
6. The evidentiary hearing date shall be within 20 days from the date of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays. KRS 202C.030. Enter the evidentiary hearing date, as ordered by the court, as a scheduled event. Use scheduled event code **EVH**.
7. Provide notice of entry by mailing copies of the petition and order to:
  - Commonwealth's Attorney
  - Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
  - Guardian ad Litem
  - Forensic Psychiatric Facility
  - Peace Officer (three copies):
    - Respondent
    - Peace Officer's file
    - Peace Officer's Return
8. The respondent is ordered to be committed. KRS 504.110.

**Quick Reference**

Enter Guardian Ad Litem as party

Enter attorney as party

AOC Form 708.1  
Enter, date, initial

DOC type **OSEH**

Scheduled event **EVH**

Notice of Entry  
Attach copies of AOC Form 708 & 708.1

Attach two blank copies of AOC Form 708.3 for QMHPs

Enter, date, initial  
DOC type **OT**

AOC Form 708.3  
File, date, initial

DOC Type **ECIC**

9. The judge may issue a transport order to have the respondent brought to the location of the evidentiary hearing. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; apply the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen. Use document type **OT**.
  
10. QMHPs must examine and complete certification within seven (7) days (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the evidentiary hearing. When the certification is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File certification by completing a document screen. KRS 202C.030. Use document type **ECIC**.

#### 56.2.4 Evidentiary Hearing Order

##### A. Evidence Does Not Support A Finding of Guilt

1. Close case screen if, on [AOC Form 708.2 Evidentiary Hearing Order](#), Setting Commitment Hearing & Examination or Dismissal & Release of Respondent, the court does NOT find that the evidence supports a finding of guilt, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen. Use document type **ODAR**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility

2. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type **DIS**, and judge at disposition.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 AOC Form 708.2  
 DOC Type **ODAR**  
 Disposition type **DIS**  
 Notice of Entry

Close case screen

**B. Respondent Stipulated to Potential Guilt OR Evidence Supports a Finding of Guilt**

1. If, on [AOC Form 708.2](#), Evidentiary Hearing Order, Setting Commitment Hearing & Examination or Dismissal & Release of Respondent, the Respondent has stipulated to potential guilt or the court has found by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent is guilty, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen. Use document type **OSCHE**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility (include two additional copies for Physician and QMHP, and attach to each a blank [AOC-708.3](#), Examination Certification for Involuntary Commitment)

The commitment hearing shall be held within 20 days from the date of the entry of the Evidentiary Hearing Order, [AOC Form 708.2](#), excluding weekends and holidays. KRS 202C.040.

2. Schedule a trial as directed by the circuit judge using event type **CT** or **JT**.
3. When the Examination Certification for Involuntary Commitment, [AOC Form 708.3](#), is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **ECIC**.

**Note:** The Commitment Hearing cannot be waived by the respondent. Jury trials are set only at the party's request. KRS 202C.040. If a jury trial is requested, consult with the circuit judge on how to proceed with scheduling.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> AOC Form 708.2 Enter, date, initial DOC type <b>OSCHE</b></p>
<p>Notice of Entry</p>
<p>Attach two copies of 708.3 for KCPC</p>
<p>Event type <b>CT</b> or <b>JT</b></p>
<p>AOC Form 708.3 File, date, initial Doc Type <b>ECIC</b></p>

### 56.2.5 Involuntary Commitment Hearing

#### A. Respondent DOES NOT Meet Criteria for Involuntary Commitment

1. If, on [AOC Form 708.4](#), Judgement and Order of Involuntary Commitment of Respondent or Dismissal & Release of Respondent, the court or the jury finds that the Commonwealth did not establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent meets the criteria for involuntary commitment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter by completing a document screen. Use document type **JODR**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility

2. Close the case by completing the case screen with disposition date, disposition type **DIS**, and judge at disposition.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 708.4  
Enter, date, initial  
DOC Type **JODR**

Notice of Entry

Close case screen

#### B. Respondent Meets the Criteria for Involuntary Commitment

1. If, on [AOC Form 708.4](#), Judgement and Order of Involuntary Commitment of Respondent or Dismissal & Release of Respondent, the court or the jury finds that the Commonwealth did establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent meets the criteria for involuntary commitment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter by completing a document screen. Use document type **JOIC**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility (include two additional copies for Physician and QMHP, and attach to each a blank [AOC Form 708.3](#), Examination Certification for Involuntary Commitment)

2. Enter disposition type **JJT** or **JCT**.
3. The court will set the first standard review hearing no sooner than 90 days and no later than 120 days using [AOC Form 708.5](#), Order Scheduling Review Hearing and Setting Examination.

**NOTE:** After the involuntary commitment hearing has been held, the case will be closed. The case will be re-opened for each subsequent review hearing.

**Quick Reference**  
Notice of Entry  
Include two blank  
copies of AOC Form  
708.3 for QMHPs

Close Case Screen

AOC Form 708.5

### 56.2.6 Review Hearings

There are three kinds of review hearings: a standard review hearing, a heightened review hearing, and a respondent requested review hearing.

**NOTE:** In-person appearances by all parties and witnesses are required for heightened review hearings ONLY. KRS 202C.060(9)

**NOTE:** A jury request can be made for a review hearing so long as a request for such has not been granted in the preceding 12 months. KRS 202C.060(6)

	Initial Commitment	First two years from initial commitment	After the first two years from initial commitment	Five years or more from initial commitment
<b>Standard Review Hearing</b>	90 to 120 days after commitment hearing	180 to 210 days from most recent hearing	Not more than 365 days from most recent hearing	
<b>Heightened Review Hearing</b>	N/A	N/A	Not more than five years from date of initial commitment, and then every five years thereafter	
<b>Respondent Requested Hearing</b>	Can occur at any time but not more than once every 12 months			

#### A. Scheduling Review Hearing

*At conclusion of commitment or review hearing, ask your circuit judge if he or she wants to go ahead and schedule the next review hearing.*

##### 1. Hearing Scheduled at Conclusion of Commitment or Review Hearing

Enter the [AOC Form 708.5](#), Order Scheduling Review Hearing and Setting Examination. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; apply the date and your initials. Enter the order in the document screen. Use document code **OSRHE**. Set a review hearing according to circuit judge’s instructions. Enter on a scheduled events screen. Use scheduled event code **SRH** or **HRH**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent’s Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility (include two additional blank copies for Physician and QMHP, and attach to each a blank [AOC-708.3](#), Examination Certification for Involuntary Commitment)

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 708.5  
 Enter, date, initial  
 DOC type OSRHE  
 Scheduled event **SRH** or **HRH**  
  
 Notice of Entry  
  
 Include two blank copies of AOC 708.3 for the QMHPs

**2. Hearing Not Immediately Scheduled - Tickler System**

If the next review hearing is not scheduled at the conclusion of the commitment or review hearing, then create a tickler system based on the above review hearing chart and/or consult with the circuit judge to determine their preference for scheduling the next review hearing. Once the circuit judge is ready to schedule the hearing, follow instructions under A.1. for entering [AOC Form 708.5](#) and distribution.

**NOTE:** The examination certifications by the QMHPs, [AOC Form 708.3](#), must be done in advance of the hearing and returned no less than seven days prior to the review hearing date. When filed, apply the **FILED** stamp; apply the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen. Use document type **ECIC**.

**NOTE:** The circuit judge may complete a separate transport order for a review hearing. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; apply the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type **OT**.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>                  AOC Form 708.3                  Enter, Initial, Date                  DOC Type <b>ECIC</b>                    DOC Type <b>OT</b>                  Enter, Initial, Date</p>
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**B. Respondent/Respondent’s Guardian Ad Litem Requests a Review Hearing**

1. Upon receipt of a Motion for Review Hearing, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials, file on a scheduled event screen as **MNH** using motion type **HR**. If no hearing is requested deliver the file to the circuit judge assigned to the case with a blank [AOC Form 708.5](#) and follow their instruction.
2. If the Motion is granted, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the completed [AOC Form 708.5](#); add the date and your initials. Enter the order on the document screen. Use document type **OSRHE**. Set a review hearing according to circuit judge’s instructions. Enter on a scheduled events screen. Use scheduled event code **RRH**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent’s Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility (include two additional copies for Physician and QMHP, and attach to each a blank [AOC-708.3](#), Examination Certification for Involuntary Commitment)

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>                  Apply <b>FILED</b>, enter date and initials                  File on scheduled event as <b>MNH</b>, motion <b>HR</b>                    AOC Form 708.5                  DOC Type <b>OSRHE</b>                  Enter, Date, Initial                  Scheduled event <b>RRH</b>                    Notice of Entry                    Attach two blank copies of AOC Form 708.3 for the QMHPs</p>
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- If the judge denies the motion for a review hearing and submits a calendar order; apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Use document type **CO**. Give notice of entry as directed by the order.

**NOTE:** The examination certifications by the QMHPs, [AOC Form 708.3](#), must be done in advance of the hearing and returned no less than seven days prior to the review hearing date. When filed, apply the **FILED** stamp; apply the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen. Use document type **ECIC**.

**NOTE:** The circuit judge may complete a separate transport order for a review hearing. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; apply the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type **OT**.

**Quick Reference**

DOC Type **CO**  
Apply **ENTERED**, enter initials and date

AOC Form 708.3  
Apply **FILED**, enter initials and date  
DOC Type **ECIC**

Apply **ENTERED**, enter initials and date  
DOC type **OT**

**C. Respondent DOES NOT Meet Criteria for Continued Involuntary Commitment**

- If, on [AOC Form 708.6](#), Review Hearing Order, the court or the jury finds that the Commonwealth did not establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent continues to meet the criteria for involuntary commitment apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen. Use document type **ODAR**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility

- Close the case by completing the case screen with disposition date and disposition type **DIS**.

**Quick Reference** AOC Form 708.6  
Enter, date, initial DOC type **ODAR**

Notice of Entry

Close case screen  
Disposition type **DIS**

**D. Respondent Meets the Criteria for Continued Involuntary Commitment**

- If, on [AOC Form 708.6](#), Review Hearing Order, the court or the jury finds that the Commonwealth did establish beyond a reasonable doubt that Respondent continues to meet the criteria for involuntary commitment apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen. Use document type **ORHCC**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent's Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 708.6  
Enter, date, initial

DOC Type ORHCC

Notice of Entry

- Forensic Psychiatric Facility
2. Close the case on the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type **JJT** or **JCT**, and judge at disposition.
  3. If the circuit judge requests that the next review hearing be scheduled at this time, provide the judge [AOC Form 708.5](#), Order Scheduling Review Hearing and Setting Examination. Upon receipt of a completed and signed [AOC Form 708.5](#), apply the ENTERED stamp; apply the date and your initials. Enter the order in the document screen. Use document code **OSRHE**. Set a review hearing according to circuit judge’s instructions. Enter on a scheduled events screen. Use scheduled event code **SRH** or **HRH**.

Give notice of entry by mailing to:

- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Respondent / Respondent’s Attorney
- Guardian ad Litem
- Forensic Psychiatric Facility (include two additional blank copies for Physician and QMHP, and attach to each a blank [AOC-708.3](#), Examination Certification for Involuntary Commitment)

**Quick Reference**  
Disposition Type **JJT** or **JCT**

AOC Form 708.5  
Enter, date, initial  
DOC type **OSRHE**  
Scheduled event **SRH** or **HRH**

Notice of Entry

Attach two blank copies of AOC Form 708.3 for the QMHPs

### 56.3 *Involuntary Hospitalization*

[Process Map](#)

*District Court*

*KRS 202A*

Involuntary hospitalization proceedings include the hospitalization of adults diagnosed with a mental illness. KRS 202A.012. For mental health procedures involving juveniles, follow procedures outlined in the [Juvenile Mental Health](#) section.



### 56.3.3 72 Hour Hospitalization

72 Hour Hospitalization by Court Order Following a Warrantless Arrest. KRS 202A.028 and 202A.041.

- There are no filing fees or jury fee.
- All involuntary hospitalization proceedings and records are initiated in the district court of the county where the person to be hospitalized resides or in which the person may be at the time the petition is filed. KRS 202A.014.
- Keep hospitalization and disability cases on the same respondent in the same case file.

#### **Certification of Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)**

After the respondent has been held and evaluated for 18 hours at the hospital/facility, a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) will either release the respondent or file with the clerk [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of Qualified Mental Health Professional (for 72 hour hospitalization). [AOC Form 710](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization, does not need to be filed with the AOC Form 712, Certification of QMHP. KRS 202A.101(5)(a), 202A.041.

1. Take the [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of QMHP and a blank [AOC Form 713](#), order granting/denying 72 hour hospitalization, to any available district judge. Do not open a case file at this time.
  - If the district judge is absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to the trial commissioner. SCR 5.030(f).
  - If both the district judge and trial commissioner are absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to any judge or justice of the Court of Justice. KRS 202A.011(7).
2. When the judge signs and returns to you the [AOC Form 713](#), Order Granting/Denying 72 Hour Hospitalization, and the [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of QMHP, open the case file. AOC Form 712, the Certification of the QMHP, is the initiating document.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen.
4. Determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court by doing a party search. If parties enter your court system the first time (no prior case file exists); or a non-computer case file exists and a new petition is filed, refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an **H** number with a trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 712  
AOC Form 710

AOC Form 712, AOC Form 713

Deliver to judge  
AOC Form 713, AOC Form 712

File, date, initial

Case type **H**

**Order Granting or Denying 72H Hospitalization**

1. Enter the Order Granting/Denying the 72 Hour Hospitalization by applying the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order in the computer by completing a document screen. Use document type **OGH** or **ODH**.
2. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the order to:
  - Respondent
  - Respondent's Attorney
  - Peace Officer-three copies (File, Return, Hospital - Attach to hospital's copy a copy of the completed Certification of QMHP; you will not have an AOC Form 710, Verified Petition, to send to the hospital; KRS 202A.101(5)(a)).
  - CHFS
3. Close the case screen by adding disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition.
  - If the order was granted, use disposition type **72H**. You may receive from the QMHP within 72 hours an AOC Form 710, Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization. If you receive a petition, proceed to [60/360 Day Not Filed by QMHP](#).

If the order was denied, use disposition type **OTH** and memo “denied.”

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Document type:  
**ODH** or **OGH**

NOE

Disposition type:  
**72H** or **OTH**

**56.3.4 60/360 Day Petitions for Involuntary Hospitalization**

- There are no filing fees or jury fee.
- All involuntary hospitalization proceedings and records are initiated in the district court of the county where the person to be hospitalized resides or in which the person may be at the time the petition is filed. KRS 202A.014.
- Keep hospitalization and disability cases on the same respondent in the same case file.
- When you receive an [AOC Form 710](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization, take it to any available district judge. Do not open a case file at this time.
  - If the district judge is absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to the trial commissioner. SCR 5.030(f).
  - If both the district judge and trial commissioner are absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to any judge or justice of the Court of Justice. KRS 202A.011(7).

**56.3.5 60/360 Day Petition Not Filed by QMHP KRS 202A.051.**

On a 60/360 day involuntary hospitalization petition, the court will examine the petitioner (who is not a QMHP) under oath as to the contents of the petition. KRS 202A.051.

**NOTE:** The county attorney is responsible for assisting the petitioner. KRS 202A.016.

- If the court finds probable cause for hospitalization based on the court's examination of the petitioner, and there is no objection to hospitalization by any party, you will receive [AOC Form 711](#), Examination Order and Transport Order (For 72 Hour Hospitalization).

**NOTE:** If probable cause for hospitalization is found and there is an objection to hospitalization by any party, proceed to "[60/360 Day Filed by QMHP or Objection](#)" section below.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
2. Determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court by doing a party search; if parties enter your court system the first time (no prior case file exists); or a non-computer case file exists and a new petition is filed, refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an **H** number with a trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder.
3. File the petition by completing a document screen using document code **PIH**.
4. Enter AOC Form 711, Examination Order by applying the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the petition and order to:
  - Respondent's Attorney
  - Peace Officer-four copies for:
    - Respondent
    - Peace Officer's file
    - Peace Officer's return
    - QMHP (Attach to this copy a blank AOC Form 712, Certification of QMHP).
5. The QMHP will examine the respondent and complete [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of QMHP. KRS 202A.028(1). Apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File the certification by completing a document screen. Use document code **CH**.

**NOTE:** The court reviews the certification and either dismisses the case or, if respondent meets the criteria for involuntary hospitalization, orders the respondent hospitalized for 72 hours. KRS 202A.028(1).

<b>Quick Reference</b>
File, date, initial
Case type <b>H</b>
Document type <b>PIH</b>
AOC Form 711
Enter, date, initial
Notice of entry
AOC Form 712
File, date, initial
Document code <b>CH</b>

6. Enter [AOC Form 713](#), Order Granting/Denying 72 Hour Hospitalization by applying the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Use document type **OGH** or **ODH**. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the order to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - CHFS. KRS 202A.101(5)
  - Peace Officer- three copies
    - Peace Officer's file
    - Peace Officer's return
    - Hospital (Attach to this copy a copy of the completed [AOC Form 710](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization and completed [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of QMHP). KRS 202A.101(5).
7. Close the case screen by adding disposition date; disposition type of 72H (if granted) or **OTH** (if denied,) and judge at disposition.
8. If further hospitalization is required, the hospital/facility will, prior to expiration of 72 hours file in the county where hospital/facility is located a new AOC Form 710, Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization. If hospital/facility files a new petition, proceed to "[60/360 Day Filed By QMHP or Objection](#)" section below.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 713  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type:  
**OGH** Order Granting  
 Hospitalization or **ODH**  
 Order Denying  
 Hospitalization  
 Notice of entry  
  
 AOC Form 710, AOC  
 Form 712  
  
**72H**  
**OTH** (if denied)  
  
 AOC Form 710

**56.3.6 60/360 Day Petition Filed by QMHP or Objection to Hospitalization**

1. When you receive an [AOC Form 710](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization, from a QMHP, take it to any available district judge. Do not open a case file at this time.
  - If the district judge is absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to the trial commissioner. SCR 5.030(f).
  - If both the district judge and trial commissioner are absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to any judge or justice of the Court of Justice. KRS 202A.011(7).

**NOTE:** If the court finds probable cause for hospitalization based on the court's examination of the petitioner, or based on the fact that the petitioner is a QMHP, and there is an objection to hospitalization by any party, the court will appoint counsel (see [Order Appointing Counsel](#)) and set a hearing, (see [Preliminary Hearing](#)).

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to AOC Form 710, Verified Petition; add date and your initials.
3. Determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court by doing a party search. If parties enter your court system the first time (no prior case file exists); or a non-computer case file exists and a new petition is filed, refer to the Case Add section of the KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an **H** number with a trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. File the petition by completing a document screen. Use document type **PIH**.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 710

Deliver to judge

File, date, initial

Assign H number

Document type **PIH**

**i. Order Appointing Counsel**

1. Enter Order Appointing Counsel, Setting Hearing, and Appointing License Physician/QMHP/QPID, [AOC Form 715](#).
2. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Use document type **OAC**.

AOC Form 715

Enter order

Enter, date, initial

Enter order

Document type **OAC**



**56.3.8 Preliminary Hearing**

1. The preliminary hearing date shall be within six days from the date of respondent's detention (if detained) and/or examination (if not detained), excluding weekends and holidays. KRS 202A.051(6)(a),(b). Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.
2. Provide notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the petition and order to:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent's appointed attorney
  - If known, respondent's legal guardian, spouse, parent(s) or nearest relative or friend, (KRS 202A.051(6)(b))
  - Respondent
3. If detained (KRS 202A.051(7)(a) and the peace officer transports (five copies):
  - Respondent
  - Peace Officer's file
  - Peace Officer's Return
  - Two copies for hospital, one each for the licensed physician(s) and QMHP (Attach to each of the two copies a blank copy of AOC Form 712, Certification of QMHP), and
4. If not detained, and no peace officer transports:
  - Two copies for hospital, one each for the licensed physician(s) and QMHP (Attach to each of the two copies a blank copy of [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of QMHP).
5. See [Probable Cause Not Found](#) Section or [Probable Cause Found](#) Section for how to proceed after the preliminary hearing.

**Quick Reference**

Schedule hearing

Notice of entry

Attach copies of AOC Form 712

**56.3.9 Transport Order**

1. If respondent is not detained, and the court issues an examination/transport order or summons (KRS 202A.051(7)(b),(8)), prepare a detention/transport order or summons as directed by the court.
2. If a summons is ordered, use [AOC Form 706](#), Hospitalization/Disability Summons) and complete a summons screen. Use summons type **HD**. If an examination/transport order is signed, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type **OE**.
3. Give five (5) copies of the summons (or examination/transport order); petition; and order appointing counsel, setting preliminary hearing and appointing physician/QMHP/QMRP to the Peace Officer for distribution as follows:
  - Respondent
  - Officer's File
  - Officer's Return
  - Two copies for hospital, one each for the licensed physician(s) and QMHP (attach to each of the two copies a blank copy of [AOC Form 712](#), Certification of QMHP).
  - File return of summons by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Enter the return information on the summons screen.
4. Certification of Physician/QMHP/QMRP. When the certification is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File certification by completing a document screen. KRS 202A.051(6)(c). Use document type **CH**.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 706  
Summons type **HD**  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **OE**

Attach copies of AOC Form 712  
File, date, initial

File, date, initial  
File certification on document screen  
Document type **CH**

**56.3.10 Probable Cause Not Found**

1. If on [AOC Form 725](#), Findings of Probable Cause and Order, the court does not find probable cause, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen. If AOC Form 725 is utilized, use document type **OTV**, **ORV**, or **ODIS**, as appropriate. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering to:
  - Respondent and Respondent's attorney
  - Peace Officer
  - Hospital/Facility
  - If known, respondent's legal guardian, spouse, parent(s), or nearest relative or friend
2. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition.

Enter, date, initial

AOC Form 725- Use document type **OTV**, **ORV**, **ODIS**  
Notice of Entry

Close case screen

### 56.3.11 Probable Cause Found

#### Venue Retained

1. If on [AOC Form 725](#), Findings of Probable Cause and Order, the court has found probable cause and retained venue, enter both AOC Form 725, Findings of Probable Cause and Order and [AOC Form 726](#), Order Setting Final Hearing by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials and complete document screens for each order.
2. If Form AOC Form 725 is utilized, use document type **OTV**, **ORV**, or **ODIS**, as appropriate. The final hearing must be set **within 21** days of detention (if detained) or examination (if not detained). Final hearings cannot be waived. KRS 202A.076(2). Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen. Jury trials are set only at the party's request. KRS 202A.076(2).
3. If respondent is ordered to community based outpatient treatment the final hearing must be held **within 60 days** and may be continued for another sixty days. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.
4. If during this community based outpatient treatment the QMHP files a request to have the respondent discharged, apply the **FILED** stamp to the request; add the date and your initials; complete a document screen and take the file to the judge. Use document type **REQ**.
5. Give notice of entry of Findings of Probable Cause and Order and Order Setting Final Hearing by mailing or hand delivering copies to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - County Attorney
  - Peace Officer (four copies):
    - Respondent
    - Peace Officer's file
    - Peace Officer's return
    - Hospital (Attach to this copy a copy of the completed Verified Petition and a copy of the completed Certification of QMHP). KRS 202A.101(5).

#### Quick Reference

Enter AOC Form 725 and AOC Form 726  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Complete document screens  
 Document type **OTV**, **ORV**, or **ODIS**

Calendar hearing

File, date, initial  
 Document type **REQ**  
 Take file to judge

NOE

**Venue Transferred**

1. If on [AOC Form 725](#), Findings of Probable Cause and Order, the court has changed venue to the county where the hospital is located, enter AOC Form 725, Findings of Probable Cause and Order by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials and complete a document screen.
2. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - Peace Officer (four copies)
    - Respondent
    - Peace Officer's file
    - Peace Officer's return
    - Hospital (Attach to this copy a copy of the completed Verified Petition and a copy of the completed Certification of QMHP). KRS202A.010(5).
3. Close case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **TRF** - Transferred and judge at disposition fields. Transfer the original file, within 24 hours to the district court of the county where hospital is located.

AOC Form 725

Enter, date, initial  
 Complete document screen  
 Give notice of entry

**Quick Reference**

Close case  
 Disposition type **TRF**

**Receiving Court**

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the record received from the transferring court; add date and your initials. File the entire record as one pleading by completing a document screen. Use document type **RTRF**.
2. To determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court; if parties enter your court system the first time (no prior case file exists); or a non-computer case file exists and a new petition is filed, refer to the Case Add section of the KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an **H** number with a trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder.
3. Schedule final hearing within 21 days of detention (if detained) or examination (if not detained). KRS 202A.051(9). Use AOC Form 726, Order Setting Final Hearing. Final hearings cannot be waived. KRS 202A.076(2).
4. Calendar the hearing by completing scheduled events screen. Jury trials are set only at the party's request. KRS 202A.076(2). Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add date and your initials and complete a document screen. Use document type **OST**.
5. Give notice of entry of the Order Setting Final Hearing by mailing or hand delivering copies to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - Peace Officer file
  - Peace Officer return
  - Hospital/Facility – (Attach to this copy a completed copy of [AOC Form 710](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization, and a copy of the completed Certification of QMHP) KRS 202A.010(5).
  - County Attorney
6. If respondent is ordered to community based outpatient treatment the final hearing must be held within sixty days and may be continued for another sixty days. Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.

File, date, initial  
 File record on document screen  
 Document type **RTRF**

Assign **H** number

Schedule hearing  
 AOC Form 726

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OST**  
 Notice of entry

Calendar hearing

7. If during this community based outpatient treatment the QMHP files a request to have the respondent discharged or files an affidavit that it is in the best interest of the person to be picked up, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials; complete a document screen and take the file to the judge. Use document type **REQ**.
8. After final hearing, enter the judgment and order. AOC Form 730, Judgment and Order for 60/360 Day Involuntary Hospitalization. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and complete a document screen. Use document type **ODIS** or **OGH**.
9. Give notice by mailing or hand delivering copies to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - Peace Officer file
  - Peace Officer return
  - Hospital/Facility- Attach to this copy a completed copy of [AOC Form 710](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization, AOC Form 712, Certification of QMHP, and AOC Form 730, Judgment and Order of Involuntary Hospitalization.
  - County Attorney
  - CHFS
  - If known- respondent's legal guardian, spouse, parent(s), nearest relative or friend
10. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition screen.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial  
Document type **REQ**

AOC Form 730  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **ODIS** or **OGH**

AOC Form 710, AOC Form 712, AOC Form 730

*CHFS  
Department of Behavioral Health  
Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities,  
100 Fair Oaks Lane 4E-B  
Frankfort, KY 40621*

Close case screen

56.3.12 [Appeal](#)

If a notice of appeal is received, use same procedure as any district to circuit court appeal. The hospital/facility ordered to receive the respondent is allowed to appeal under KRS 202A.141(1).

56.3.13 **Petition for Clarification**

You may receive a petition from the hospital/facility having custody of the respondent for clarification or modification of orders or judgments. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. File the petition by completing a document screen. Use document type **PRMT**. The hospital is responsible for serving their pleadings on the respondent and respondent's attorney. KRS 202A.141(1).

File, date, initial  
Document type **PRMT**

## 56.4 *Court-Ordered Community Outpatient Treatment*

### *District Court*

#### *KRS Chapter 202A.0811-0831*

- KRS 202A.0811-0831 (“Tim’s Law”) permits involuntary court-ordered outpatient mental treatment to be ordered. Any interested person, including a qualified mental health professional, peace officer, county attorney, Commonwealth’s attorney, spouse, relative, friend, or guardian may file a petition for an examination or order for involuntary assisted outpatient treatment.
  
- No person shall be court-ordered to assisted outpatient mental health treatment unless the person:
  - Is diagnosed with a serious mental illness;
  - Has a history of repeated nonadherence with mental health treatment, which has:
    - At least twice within the last forty-eight (48) months, been a significant factor in necessitating hospitalization or arrest of the person; or
    - Within the last twenty-four (24) months, resulted in an act, threat, or attempt at serious physical injury to self or others;
  - Is unlikely to adequately adhere to outpatient treatment on a voluntary basis based on a qualified mental health professional's:
    - Clinical observation; and
    - Identification of specific characteristics of the person's clinical condition that significantly impair the person's ability to make and maintain a rational and informed decision as to whether to engage in outpatient treatment voluntarily; and
  - Is in need of court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment as the least restrictive alternative mode of treatment presently available and appropriate.

### 56.4.1 Confidentiality of Records

All involuntary treatment proceedings and records are confidential. KRS 222.430 and 202A.091(1). They are open to the petitioner and respondent, respondent’s attorney, respondent's parents or legal guardian, spouse, or nearest relative or friend of the respondent, if named in the petition. KRS 202A.091(1). A court order is required for other individuals seeking access to the case file. KRS 202A.091(3)

### 56.4.2 Petition for Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment

KRS 202A.0811-0831

- There are no filing fees or jury fees for court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment cases.
- 1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 737](#), Verified Petition for Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment; apply the FILED stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. The petition will be filed in the confidential division of district court.
- 2. Refer to the Case Add section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an “H” case number and appropriate trailer number. Search KYCourts for a previously filed “H” case involving the party. If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number using the next trailer number. If a previous case does not exist, use the next pre-numbered file folder.  
**Note:** when entering into a previous case file – insert in the file folder using a divider to separate trailers. At the close of each case; insert a copy of the case history
- 3. Use case type COM – Commitment Proceeding
- 4. File by completing a document screen using document code **PCAOT**.  
**Note:** If petition is filed by a QMHP, a completed [AOC Form 737.1](#), Evaluation Certification For Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment would be included; file by completing a document screen using **CEAOT**.
- 5. Take the petition to any available district judge along with [AOC Form 737.2](#) Findings of Probable Cause and Order Setting Evaluation, Appointing Counsel, and Setting Hearing (Court Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment). If the district judge is absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to any judge or justice of the Court of Justice. KRS 202A.011(7).
- 6. The court will examine the petitioner under oath as to the contents of the petition. If the petitioner is a QMHP, the court may dispense with examination. KRS 202A.0811.

Quick Reference
File, date, initial
Assign an <b>H</b> number
Copy case history
Document code <b>PCAOT</b>



### 56.4.3 Probable Cause Not Found

1. If probable is not found the case must be dismissed, apply the ENTERED stamp to [AOC Form 737.2](#) Findings of Probable Cause and Order Setting Evaluation, Appointing Counsel, and Setting Hearing (Court Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment); add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen using document type **ODAOT**. Close the case screen with the disposition date, disposition type **DBT** and judge at disposition. Memo “no probable cause found” in the case screen.
2. Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent/Respondent’s Attorney

### 56.4.4 Probable Cause Found, Hearing, Evaluation and Appointment of Counsel

1. If Probable cause IS found, apply the ENTERED stamp to [AOC Form 737.2](#) Findings of Probable Cause and Order Setting Evaluation, Appointing Counsel, and Setting Hearing (Court Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment); add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen using document type **OPCAOT**.
2. Give notice of entry by distributing copies to:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent/Respondent’s Attorney
  - Hospital/Facility/QMHP (Attach to this copy a blank [AOC Form 737.1](#),
  - Examination of QMHP
    - If not already filed and completed by QMHP
  - Peace Officer (If summons/transport ordered)
3. The QMHP will evaluate the respondent and complete [AOC Form 737.1](#), Examination Certification for Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment. KRS 202A.0811. Apply the FILED stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File the certification by completing a document screen using document code **CEAOT**.  
**Note:** If the [AOC form 737.1](#) is filed with the [AOC Form 737](#) and the evaluation certification was conducted no earlier than five (5) days prior to the filing of the petition, step 3 is not needed
4. The hearing date shall be within six (6) days from the date of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays. KRS 202A.0811. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type “**OH**” and memo “Tim’s Law Hearing”.

Quick Reference	
Enter, date, initial	
Document type:	<b>ODAOT</b>
Notice of Entry	
Disposition type:	<b>DBT</b>
Enter, date, initial	
Document type:	<b>OPCAOT</b>
File, date, initial	
Document type:	<b>CEAOT</b>
Event type:	OH-
Memo	Tim’s Law Hearing

### 56.4.5 Summons

**Note:** If the [AOC Form 737.1](#) was filed by a QMHP with the [AOC Form 737](#) a summons/transport order may not be needed unless otherwise ordered by the court.

1. If a summons is ordered, use AOC Form 737.3, Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment Summons, and complete a summons screen. Use summons type **AOT**.  
Give five (5) copies of the summons; petition; and order appointing counsel, setting preliminary hearing and appointing physician/QMHP to the Peace Officer for distribution as follows:  
5 Copies – Peace Officer
  - Respondent
  - Officer’s File
  - Officer’s Return
  - 2 copies for hospital
    - one each for the licensed physician(s) and QMHP (attach to each of the two copies a blank copy of [AOC Form 737.1](#), Certification of QMHP).
2. File return of summons by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Enter the return information on the summons screen.
3. Certification of Physician/QMHP/QMRP. When the certification is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File certification by completing a document screen. Use document type **CEAOT**.

**Quick Reference**

Summons type: **AOT**

File, date, initial

Document type: **CEAOT**

### 56.4.6 Transport Order

**Note:** If the [AOC Form 737.1](#) was filed by a QMHP, with the [AOC Form 737](#) a summons/transport order may not be needed unless otherwise ordered by the court.

1. If you receive notice that the respondent has failed to attend an examination or treatment, deliver the case file to the judge for direction on issuing a summons and transport order. KRS 202A.0813.
2. If a summons is ordered, use [AOC Form 737.3](#), Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment Summons, and complete a summons screen. Use summons type **AOT**. If [AOC Form 737.4](#) and examination/transport order is signed, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen. Use document type **OTAOT**
3. Give six (6) copies of the summons; transport order; petition; and order appointing counsel, setting preliminary hearing and appointing physician/QMHP for distribution as follows:

**Quick Reference**

Summons type: **AOT**  
Enter, date, initial

Document type: **OTAOT**

- Respondent’s Attorney
  - 5 Copies – Peace Officer
    - Respondent
    - Officer’s File
    - Officer’s Return
    - 2 copies for hospital
      - one each for the licensed physician(s) and QMHP (attach to each of the two copies a blank copy of [AOC Form 737.1](#), Certification of QMHP).
4. File return of summons by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. Enter the return information on the summons screen.
  5. Certification of Physician/QMHP/QMRP. When the certification is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File certification by completing a document screen. Use document type **CEAOT**.

**56.4.7 Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment**

1. Upon completion of the hearing, if the court finds the respondent should be ordered to undergo court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment, the court will order the respondent to a period not to exceed 360 days.
2. When you receive [AOC Form 737.5](#), Judgment and Order for Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter using document type **OAOT**. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the order to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - Respondent
  - Petitioner
  - Cabinet for Health and Family Services
  - Outpatient Provider Agency
  - County Attorney
3. Close the case by completing the disposition date; disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**

Attach copies of AOC form 737.1

File, date, initial

File certification on document screen

Document type: **CEAOT**

Enter, date, initial

Document type: **OAOT**

**NOE**

Disposition type: **OTH**

### 56.4.8 Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment Denied

1. . When you receive [AOC Form 737.5](#), Judgment and Order for Court-Ordered Assisted Outpatient Treatment-Denied, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter using document type **ODAUT**. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the order to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - Respondent
  - Petitioner
  - Outpatient Provider Agency
  - County Attorney
  
2. If, at any time after the petition is filed, the court finds that there is no probable cause to continue treatment or if the petitioner withdraws the petition, then the proceedings against the respondent shall be dismissed.
  
3. Close the case by completing the disposition date; disposition type **DIS** and judge at disposition on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Document type: **ODAUT**

**NOE**

Disposition type: **DIS**

### 56.4.9 Appeal

If a notice of appeal is received, use same procedure as any district to circuit court appeal.

### 56.4.10 Motion to Stay, Vacate, or Modify Order

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 737.6](#), Motion to Stay, Vacate, or Modify Order apply the Filed stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Complete a scheduled event screen MH. Enter Motion type **MAOT**. The motion should be filed in the “H” number and appropriate trailer.

- If the motion is filed by the respondent, set a hearing.
- If the motion/application is filed by a treating QMPH for a material change to the treatment plan, set hearing not later than five (5) days after receiving the application excluding weekends and holidays.

**Note:** If the respondent agrees to the material change to the treatment plan, the court may approve without hearing.

- Give notice of hearing.
  - Respondent
  - Respondent’s attorney of record
  - Petitioner of record (see AOC Form 737)
  - County attorney
  - Outpatient provider agency

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Event type: **MH**

Motion type: **MAOT**

## 56.5 *Involuntary Treatment for Substance Use Disorder*

[Process Map](#)

*District Court*

*KRS Chapter 222*

- Involuntary treatment proceedings include proceedings for 60/360 days of treatment for an individual, including juveniles, suffering from substance use disorder. KRS Chapter 222.
- All rights guaranteed by KRS Chapter 202A and 210 to involuntarily hospitalized mentally ill persons shall be guaranteed to a person ordered to undergo treatment for substance use disorder. KRS 222.430.
- Also known as Casey’s Law.

### 56.5.1 Confidentiality of Records

All involuntary treatment proceedings and records are confidential. KRS 222.430 and 202A.091(1). They are open to the petitioner and respondent, respondent's parents or legal guardian, spouse, or nearest relative or friend of the respondent, if named in the petition. KRS 222.430; 202A.091(1). A court order is required for other individuals seeking access to the case file. KRS 222.430; 202A.091(3).

### 56.5.2 Petition for 60/360 Day Treatment

KRS 222.432

1. When you receive [AOC Form 700A](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Treatment, take it to any available district judge. Do not open a case file at this time.
2. If the district judge is absent from the county or otherwise not available, take to any judge or justice of the Court of Justice. KRS 222.430; 202A.011(7).
3. The court will examine the petitioner under oath as to the contents of the petition. KRS 222.433.
4. If, based on the court's review of the allegations contained in the petition and examination of the petitioner, the court finds no probable cause to believe the respondent should be ordered to undergo treatment; do not open a case file. File the petition in a file labeled "Petitions for Involuntary Treatment - No Probable Cause." Maintain the file folder with other Health **H** cases.
5. If, based on the court's review of the allegations contained in the petition and examination of the petitioner, the court finds probable cause to believe the respondent should be ordered to undergo treatment, a date shall be set for a hearing within 14 days. KRS 222.433.
6. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
7. Keep all involuntary treatment, hospitalization and disability cases on the same respondent in the same case file.
8. Determine if the respondent has a prior case in your court by doing a party browse. If parties enter your court system the first time (no prior case file exists); or a non-computer case file exists and a new petition is filed, refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign an **H** number with a trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 700A

Deliver to judge

Health **H** cases

File, date, initial

Assign **H** number

9. Note hearing on calendarFile by completing a document screen using document code **PIHAD**.

Document code **PIHAD**

### 56.5.3 Setting Hearing

The hearing date shall be within fourteen (14) days from the date of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays. KRS 222.433. Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.

Note hearing on calendar

### 56.5.4 Hearing, Examination and Appointment of Counsel

1. When you receive [AOC Form 701A](#), Hearing, Examination and Appointment of Counsel Notice and Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the Petition and the Hearing Notice and Examination Order to:
  - Respondent's Attorney
  - Respondent
  - Qualified Health Professional (Attach to this copy a blank [AOC Form 703A](#), Certification of QHP)
  - If known, respondent's legal guardian, spouse, parent(s), or nearest relative or friend, KRS 222.433.
  - Petitioner
2. If you receive notice that the respondent has failed to attend an examination or treatment, deliver the case file to the judge for direction on issuing a summons. If directed, complete [AOC Form 702A](#), Summons Involuntary Treatment and deliver to the sheriff or other peace officer for service upon the respondent. KRS 222.435.
3. The QHP will examine the respondent and complete AOC Form 703A, Certification of Qualified Health Professional. KRS 222.433. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the certification; add the date and your initials. File the certification by completing a document screen using document code **CIT**.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 701A  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Enter order  
 Notice of entry

AOC Form 702A

File, date, initial  
 Document code **CIT**

### 56.5.5 Involuntary Treatment Ordered

1. Upon completion of the hearing, if the court finds the respondent should be ordered to undergo involuntary treatment, the court will order the respondent to 60 or 360 consecutive days of treatment or any other period of time agreed to by the parties. KRS 222.433.
2. When you receive [AOC Form 704A](#), Judgment and Order for Involuntary Treatment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order by completing a document screen using document code **JOIT**. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the order to:
  - Respondent's attorney
  - Respondent
  - Petitioner

AOC Form 704A  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **JOIT**  
Notice of entry

### 56.5.6 72 Hour Hospitalization

When [AOC Form 704A](#) Judgment and Order for Involuntary Treatment is for 72 Hour Hospitalization, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter by completing a document screen. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering copies of the order to:

- Respondent
- Respondent's Attorney
- Petitioner
- Hospital

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 704A  
Enter, date, initial  
**Enter** on document  
screen  
Notice of entry

### 56.5.7 Involuntary Treatment Denied

1. If the court denies involuntary treatment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen.
2. If, at any time after the petition is filed, the court finds that there is no probable cause to continue treatment or if the petitioner withdraws the petition, then the proceedings against the respondent shall be dismissed. KRS 222.433.
3. Close the case by completing the disposition date; disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial

Close case

### 56.5.8 Appeal

If a notice of appeal is received, use same procedure as any district to circuit court appeal.



### 56.5.9 List of Providers

When you receive a list of hospitals, psychiatric facilities and treatment providers from your regional community mental health board, deliver a copy of such list to your judge and maintain a copy in your office. KRS 210.485.

## 56.6 *Juvenile Mental Health*

*District Court*

*KRS 645*

### 56.6.1 Confidentiality

Proceedings and records are confidential except to the juvenile, parent(s), guardian(s) and attorney for the juvenile. Access by all other persons must be by court order. KRS 610.340.

**NOTE:** An involuntarily hospitalized juvenile has a right to copies of his or her complete record without charge and the right to appeal without bond or filing fees. KRS 645.035(2).

### 56.6.2 Voluntary Hospitalization

*KRS 645.030.*

A juvenile voluntarily admitted to a hospital may give written notice of intent to leave at any time. KRS 645.190(1). A copy of this notice is to be given to the court. Place these notices in a file labeled "Notices to Leave Hospital".

### 56.6.3 Petition for Certification or Emergency Involuntary Hospitalization

*KRS 645.040 and 645.120*

1. There is no filing fee. KRS 610.350.
2. When a Petition for Certification or a Petition for Emergency Involuntary Hospitalization, [AOC Form JV-23](#), is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Assign a Juvenile **J** number and appropriate trailer number using the next pre-numbered file folder. If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number under the next trailer number.
4. Use case type **SP**- Special Proceedings.
5. Complete a document screen for the petition using document type **PIH**.
6. Complete a charge screen using **UOR 0028030**-Emergency/involuntary hospitalization.
7. Enter as the charge/violation date the date the petition was sworn to under oath.
8. Place [AOC Form JV-24](#), Order Granting Emergency Hospitalization and Evaluation and [AOC Form JV-25](#), Order Denying Petition for Emergency Hospitalization in the case file. Immediately deliver the case file to the judge or the trial commissioner, if a judge is not available.
9. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type:
  - **OGH** if AOC Form JV-24 is used.
  - **ODH** if AOC Form JV-25 is used.
  - Include date and service method on the document screen.
10. Serve a copy of the order on CHFS, or the hospital/facility whichever is appropriate.
11. Close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge, and trial type **N**. Use disposition type:
  - **HOS** – Hospitalization/juvenile
  - **DEN** – Hospitalization-denied
  - **DIS** – Dismissed
  - **TRF** – Transferred to another court/jurisdiction.

**Quick Reference**

No filing fee

AOC Form JV-23

File, date, initial

Juvenile **J** case

Case type **SP**

Document type **PIH**

**UOR 0028030**

AOC Form JV-24 and

AOC Form JV-25

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OGH**

for AOC Form JV-24

Document type **ODH**

for AOC Form JV-25

Trial type **N**

Disposition type **HOS,**

**DEN, DIS, TRF**

### 56.6.4 60-Day Involuntary Hospitalization

*KRS 645.040 - 645.100*

1. When you receive a Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization, [AOC Form JV-23](#), apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type **PIH**. Refer to Case Add section of KY Courts Manual for instruction on opening the case. Assign a Juvenile **J** case number and appropriate trailer number using next pre-numbered file folder. If a previous case exists, enter into the existing case number under the next trailer number.
2. Use case type **SP**, Special Proceedings.
3. Complete a charge screen using **UOR 0028040**, Involuntary Admit MH/Juvenile.
4. Enter as the charge/violation date, the date the petition was sworn to under oath.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form JV-23  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **PIH**

Juvenile **J** case

Case type **SP**

**UOR 0028040**

### 56.6.5 Appointment of Counsel

1. The court will appoint a public advocate to represent the juvenile. KRS 645.060(1).
2. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Complete document screen using document type **OAPAD** and enter date and method of service.
3. Complete a party screen for the public advocate using party type **APA**.

Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OAPAD**

Party type **APA**

### 56.6.6 Hearing

1. Schedule a hearing 7 days from the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays as directed by the judge. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **OTH**.
2. If no pleading is filed by counsel for the juvenile contesting the petition within 7 days of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays, place [AOC Form JV-26](#) and AOC Form JV-27 in the case file and deliver to the judge.
3. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service. Use document type:
  - **OGH** if AOC Form JV-26 is used.
  - **ODH** if AOC Form JV-27 is used.
  - Include date and service method on the document screen.
4. Serve a copy of the order on counsel of record and the hospital/facility, if appropriate.

Schedule hearing  
 Event type **OTH**

AOC Form JV-26, AOC Form JV-27

Enter, date, initial

Document type:  
 AOC Form JV-26- **OGH**

AOC Form JV-27- **ODH**

5. Close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type **N**. Use disposition type:
  - **HOS** – Hospitalization/juvenile
  - **DEN** – Hospitalization denied
  - **DIS** – Dismissed
  - **TRF** – Transferred to another court/jurisdiction.

**Quick Reference**  
 Serve copy of order

Trial type **N**

Disposition type **HOS, DEN, DIS, TRF**

**56.6.7 Petition Contested**

1. Counsel for the juvenile may advise the court in writing of the desire to contest the petition.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the document; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen.
3. Schedule a certification hearing within 7 days from the filing of the pleading contesting the petition, excluding weekends and holidays, as directed by your judge. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **OH**.
4. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service. Serve a copy of the order on counsel of record and the hospital/facility, if appropriate.

File, date, initial

Schedule certification hearing  
 Event type **OH**

Enter, date, initial

Serve copy

**56.6.8 Refusal of Treatment**

1. A hospital/facility may petition the court for a determination if a patient, involuntary hospitalized, refuses treatment. KRS 645.170(3).
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document type **COM** and include in memo a brief description.
3. Schedule a hearing within 7 days of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays as directed by the judge. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **OTH**.
4. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service. Serve a copy of the order on counsel of record and the hospital.

File, date, initial  
 Document type **COM**

Schedule hearing  
 Scheduled event type **OTH**

Enter, date, initial

### 56.6.9 180-Day Recertification Procedure

*KRS 645.110*

1. Any interested person desiring to continue a juvenile’s hospitalization beyond 60 days, may file a recertification petition. The petition must be filed before the 60-day commitment is completed. [AOC Form JV-23](#), Verified Petition for Involuntary Hospitalization should be used.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen in the existing 60-day involuntary hospitalization case file using document type **PIH**.
3. Schedule a hearing within seven (7) days of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays as directed by the judge. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **OTH**.
4. If no pleading is filed by counsel for the juvenile contesting the petition within 7 days of the filing of the petition, excluding weekends and holidays, place [AOC Form JV-26](#) and AOC Form JV-27 in the case file and deliver to the judge.
5. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service. Use document type:
  - **OGH** if AOC Form JV-26 is used.
  - **ODH** if AOC Form JV-27 is used.
  - Include date and service method on the document screen.
6. Serve a copy of the order on counsel of record and the hospital/facility, if appropriate.
7. Close the charge screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type, judge and trial type **N**. Use disposition type:
  - **HOS** – Hospitalization/juvenile
  - **DEN** – Hospitalization denied
  - **DIS** – Dismissed
  - **TRF** – Transferred to another court/jurisdiction

Quick Reference
AOC Form JV-23
File, date, initial
Document type <b>PIH</b>
Schedule hearing
Event type <b>OTH</b>
AOC Form JV-26, AOC Form JV-27
Enter, date, initial
Document type: AOC Form JV-26- <b>OGH</b> AOC Form JV-27- <b>ODH</b>
Trial type <b>N</b>
Disposition type <b>HOS, DEN, DIS, TRF</b>

**56.6.10 Recertification Petition Contested**

1. Counsel for the juvenile may advise the court in writing of the desire to contest the petition.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the document; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen.
3. Schedule a certification hearing within 7 days from the filing of the pleading contesting the petition, excluding weekends and holidays, as directed by your judge. Complete a scheduled event screen using event type **OTH**.
4. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen, including date and method of service. Serve a copy of the order on counsel of record and the hospital/facility, if appropriate.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial  
 Complete document screen  
 Schedule hearing  
 Complete event screen using event type **OTH**  
 Enter, date, initial

**56.6.11 Expungement**

Expungement of the record means the sealing of all papers in the proceeding, including the docket sheet, index card, police records, Cabinet for Health and Family Services records and case files. This is done by court order.

- Following the discharge of a respondent from a treatment facility or court order denying petition for hospitalization, the respondent may move to have all records expunged. KRS 202A.091(2), KRS 202B.180, KRS 222.430.
- The county attorney is given notice of any motion and has five (5) days to respond or request a hearing. KRS 202A.091(2), KRS 202B.180, KRS 222.430.
- For **juvenile mental health expungement petitions** refer to the expungement chapter: Expungement of Juvenile Records. KRS 610.330.

If you receive a motion to expunge the case file:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials. File the motion by completing a motion screen. The respondent must serve the county attorney with the motion. KRS 202A.091(2).
2. If the county attorney files a motion to request a hearing, apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials. KRS 202A.091(2). Complete a motion screen and a scheduled events screen.
3. When the order granting/denying expungement is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter by completing a document screen. Use document type **OEX**.
4. If the court grants the expungement, notify any officials or agencies named in the order, and seal the court records including any manual case file items (e.g. docket sheet, index card) in an envelope. On the outside of the sealed envelope, add the case number, the birth date of the respondent for identification and the date of the order of expungement.

File, date, initial

File, date, initial  
 Complete motion and scheduled events screen  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OEX**

It is not necessary to include the electronic tapes in the sealed envelope or to destroy the tapes.

5. If you are asked about an expunged record, advise that no such record exists.
6. An expunged record can be reopened only upon petition to the court and an order specifying the names of those who shall have access to the file.
7. Refer to the KyCourts Manual for [electronic expungement process](#).

## 57 MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

### *CR 5.05(4); RAP 54.*

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#### 57.1 *Motion*

When you receive a complaint, petition, or other document, and the pleading is accompanied by a Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis, instead of the required filing fees, treat the pauper motion as a filing fee for purposes of opening the case.

##### EXCEPTIONS:

- [Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis filed with a Notice of Appeal.](#)
  - [Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis filed in a Civil Action by an Inmate.](#)
1. Upon receipt of the pauper motion, or [AOC Form 026](#), with a pleading, apply the **FILED** stamp to the pauper motion and the pleading; add the date and your initials.
  2. If the pleading is part of an ongoing case, file by completing a document screen.
  3. If the pleading being filed is a complaint/petition refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions of opening the case. Generate the next case number or use the next pre-numbered file folder for the proper category.
  4. Issue a summons for each defendant in the case.

**NOTE:** The clerk is required under CR 4.01(1) to issue a [summons](#) immediately upon the filing of a complaint.

##### EXCEPTION:

- [Civil Actions Filed by an Inmate](#)
5. If the plaintiff directs service by certified mail, mail the summons with the complaint attached using postage funds provided to your office. If the plaintiff directs personal service, make a copy of the summons. Give the plaintiff the two summons with a copy of the complaint attached to the copy of the summons and instruct the plaintiff to deliver to the sheriff for service. The plaintiff will make arrangements for payment of the service fee with the officer directly.
  6. File the pauper motion on a **PFM** motion screen.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

AOC Form 026

File on document screen or add case as appropriate

Issue summons

**PFM** motion screen



7. Deliver the file to the judge.
8. Upon receipt of a signed order ruling on the motion, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on a document screen using document type **OFF**. Give [notice of entry](#) of the order by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney.
  - If the order sustains the motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis, nothing further is required since you have already filed the pleading and issued the summons, if appropriate.
  - If the order denies the motion to proceed In Forma Pauperis the petitioner or appellant has thirty (30) days from the notice of entry of the order to pay the required filing fees and certified mail service fee or appeal the judge's order. If the moving party fails to pay the required fees or costs, or to seek review, the matter shall be treated as though not timely filed.

**NOTE:** If the party is an inmate, and the court denies waiver of fees, the inmate shall be given 45 days after the date of the order to pay any required fees or costs. Process concerning the inmate's case shall not be served until the filing fee and the fee relating to service of process is paid. KRS 454.410(3). See [Civil Actions Filed by an Inmate](#).

**Quick Reference**  
Deliver file to judge  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **OFF**  
NOE

### *57.2 Appeal of Denial of Motion to Proceed In Forma Pauperis*

RAP 55

See Appeals in Special Cases – Denial of Motion to Proceed [In Forma Pauperis](#).

## 58 MOTION FOR SHOCK PROBATION

### *KRS 439.265, 439.267*

District and Circuit Courts

[Process Map](#)

#### 58.1 *Motion*

1. Upon receipt of a motion for shock probation, apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.
2. **Do not** collect a filing fee for this proceeding.
3. **Do not** issue a summons.
4. Complete a charge screen using the appropriate UOR number for shock probation:
  - Felony charge - **0026090**
  - Misdemeanor charge - **0026100**
5. Take the record to the judge who decided the case. If the judge sets a hearing, calendar on the scheduled events screen and attach a motion screen using code **SP** under the original case number.

**Quick Reference**  
 File motion, date, initial

**Do not** collect filing fee

**Do not** issue summons

UOR Code:  
 \* Felony- 0026090  
 \* Misdemeanor – 0026100

Code **SP**

#### 58.2 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 460, Order on Motion for Shock Probation](#), or any court order ruling on the motion, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen using document type **OSP**, including a brief description.
3. After the judgment or order is entered, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice.
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of the notice of entry of the judgment or order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
5. Mail a copy of the judgment or order to **Shock Probation Offender Information**.

AOC Form 460  
 Enter, date, initial

Document Type **OSP**

Serve notice of entry

*Shock Probation  
 Offender Information  
 P.O. Box 2400  
 Frankfort, KY 40601*

6. When the charge is disposed of, complete the charge screen with closing information by entering the disposition date, disposition type, type **GNT** (Granted) or **DEN** (Denied), disposition judge, and trial type. For information about the Charge screen, see the [Charge Detail Screen](#) section in the KyCourts Manual.
7. Complete a sentence screen, if appropriate. For information about the Sentence screen, see the [Sentence Detail](#) section in the KyCourts Manual.

**NOTE:** Reopen and reclose case statistically **only** if there is a hearing and a signed order or judgment is received by completing a special status screen as directed in [Special Status Detail](#) in the KyCourts Manual.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Complete charge screen Charge disposition Type Granted: <b>GNT</b> Denied: <b>DEN</b> Complete sentence screen</p>
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## 59 MOTION TO SET ASIDE/VOID CONVICTION

### *KRS 218A.275(8)-(9); 218A.276(8)-(9)*

District or Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

#### 59.1 *Receipt of Motion*

1. When a motion to set aside and void a conviction of possession of marijuana or possession of controlled substance is received, apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.  
**NOTE:** There is no filing fee for this proceeding.
2. File the motion under the original case number by completing a scheduled events screen and adding a motion screen using motion event type **SA**.
3. **Do not** issue a summons.
4. Take the case file to the judge who decided the case. If the judge sets a hearing, calendar on a scheduled events screen.
5. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 334, Order Voiding Conviction and Sealing Records](#), apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
6. Complete a document screen using document type **OVSR**.
7. Move the current disposition date, type and judge information to the memo field and close out the charge as disposition type **VSC-VOIDED SEALED CONVICTION**.
8. Reopen and close a special status screen only if a hearing and a signed order/judgment is received. For instructions, see the [Special Status Detail Screen](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Motion Type: SA  
**Do not** issue summons

AOC Form 334  
Enter, date, initial

Document type **OVSR**

Disposition type **VSC**

#### 59.2 *Seal the Record*

- If the order directs sealing of specific items, print AOC Form 336, Supplemental Order Sealing records for Successful Deferred Prosecution from KyCourts and deliver to the judge for verification of specific items to be sealed.

**NOTE:** If charge(s) ordered sealed is in a circuit criminal case that originated in district court, you must print the supplemental order sealing AOC Form 336 from the district court case as well as the circuit court case to be delivered to the circuit court judge.

**NOTE:** For KY3 counties – print from the case detail “forms” screen within KY3 - Form# SosOrder.

**NOTE:** For KY2 counties – print from the Report Printing drop-down list within KY2 – Supp Ord Seal Recs Success Defer Prosec/Void Conv

**NOTE:** If you are asked about a sealed record, advise that no such record exists.

### 59.2.1 Seal the Electronic Record

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 334](#) and/or a completed AOC Form 336 from the judge, seal the electronic record by clicking “Seal Case/Charge” button under “Case Level Maintenance.” Click “Seal in accordance with HB 463” button.
- Seal Entire Case will remove/transfer the entire case (all screens) from the “CI, DI or CO divisions” to the “SE division.”
- Seal Specific Charge(s) will remove/transfer only the selected offenses from the case within the “CI, DI or CO division” to the “SE division.” Any reference to the sealed charges left in the “CI, DI, or CO division” must be taken out manually from any screen/field (the memo, BP/CO Recap).

**NOTE:** Sealing a charge/case Per HB 463 transfers the charge/case to the SE “Sealed Division.” Information relating to the charge or case will not appear for public inspection electronically. Sealing a charge/case Non HB 463 will transfer charge/case details to the SE division, however; other case details may still be viewable electronically to the public.

### 59.2.2 Seal the Case Record

1. If the case is not in the computer and if an original calendar can be located, make a copy and place in the original case file before sealing. Do not mark out the case on the copy.
2. Seal the original case jacket, case history (docket sheet(s) and index card, if such exists), recording(s) and recording log(s) in an envelope. Add the case number, the defendant's date of birth and the date of the sealed order to the outside of the envelope. Maintain in a locked file cabinet. Do not open except by court order. If the court orders the case unsealed, make appropriate notation on outside of envelope.

**EXCEPTION:** If the recording(s) include other cases, make a notation on the log(s) that the case file has been sealed. If a request for a copy is made, do not copy that portion of the recording that pertains to the sealed record.

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to seal the audio tapes; the official retention and disposal schedule for district court tapes applies.

3. On the original calendar, obliterate the case and mark the obliteration “**SEALED.**”

**Quick Reference**  
 Seal the original case jacket, case history, videos and logs, adding the case number and defendants DOB to outside of envelope

Obliterate the case, mark **SEALED**

## 60 MOTION TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT SENTENCE

### *RCr 11.42*

*District or Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

- A prisoner in custody under sentence or a defendant on probation, parole or conditional discharge who claims a right to be released on the ground that the sentence is subject to collateral attack may proceed by motion in the court that imposed the sentence to vacate, set aside or correct it. RCr 11.42.
  - There is no filing fee for this proceeding.
1. Upon receipt of an RCr 11.42 motion to vacate, set aside, or correct a sentence apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.
  2. File the motion under the original case number by completing a scheduled events screen and adding a motion screen.
  3. Send a copy of the motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence to the Attorney General and to the Commonwealth's Attorney. Indicate the date of mailing on the copy and also in the memo field of the motion screen. RCr 11.42(4).
  4. **Do not** issue a summons.
  5. Complete a charge screen using the UOR number **0026070**. This is the UOR number used to vacate, set aside or correct sentence.
  6. Take the folder to the judge who decided the case. If the judge sets a hearing, calendar on the scheduled events screen.
  7. When a signed judgment or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
  8. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description.
  9. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice.
  10. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of the notice of entry of the judgment or order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
  11. Mail a copy of the order to **Research and Statistics**, or you may fax the order to Research and Statistics at (502) 782-8706.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Send copy to Attorney General and Commonwealth's Attorney

**Do not** issue summons

UOR code **0026070**

Enter, date, initial

Serve notice of entry

*Research and Statistics  
Administrative Office of  
the Courts*

*1001 Vandalay Dr.  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

*Fax: (502) 782-8706*

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12. When the charge is disposed of, complete the charge screen with appropriate closing information by entering the disposition date, judge, disposition type, and trial type. See sections [Vacate/Set Aside](#) and [Sentence Correction](#) below for additional disposition information.
13. Do not complete a sentence screen.
14. Reopen and reclose case statistically **only** if there is a hearing and a signed order or judgment is received. Complete a special status screen. For instructions, see the [Special Status Detail Screen](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.

**Quick Reference**  
Complete charge screen

**Do not** complete sentence screen

### 60.1 *Vacate/Set Aside*

If the order vacates or sets aside the sentence of the original charge:

1. On the original charge screen overlay the disposition date with the date the order ruling on the 11.42 motion was entered.
2. Overlay the disposition type with **SAV SET ASIDE/VOIDED**.
3. Delete the sentence screen.
4. If an additional hearing is ordered by the judge, complete a scheduled events screen.

Disposition type **SAV SET ASIDE/VOIDED**  
Delete sentence screen  
Complete scheduled events screen

### 60.2 *Sentence Correction*

If the order corrects the sentence on the original charge, add an amended sentence to the original charge to reflect the court's order.

## 61 NO PASS/NO DRIVE LAW

### *KRS 159.051*

*District Court*

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- The No Pass/ No Drive Law provides for denial or revocation of a 16 or 17 year old student's driver's license/ permit when the student drops out of school or is academically deficient.
- Within 15 days after Transportation sends notice to student that the driver's license/ permit has been revoked or denied, the student's custodial parent, legal guardian, or next friend may request an ex parte hearing in district court for the purpose of getting the license reinstated.
  1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 297](#) (Petition for Student Driving Privilege/ Reinstatement) do not collect a filing fee. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  2. Refer to Case Add section of the KYCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case number in the computer for district civil **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
  3. **Do not** issue a summons.
  4. Add the petition as a document using document type **PDS**.
  5. Schedule hearing on next available hearing date and inform petitioner.
  6. Upon receipt of a Student Driver's License Order ([AOC Form 298](#)), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  7. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen using document type **OSD**, including a brief description. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party and distribute copies as follows:
    - Original - Court file
    - Copy - Petitioner
    - Copy - Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver's Licensing

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>  AOC Form 297  Do not collect a filing fee  File, date, initial</p> <p>District <b>C</b> Case  <b>Do not</b> issue a summons  Document type <b>PDS</b></p> <p>AOC Form 298  Enter, date, initial  Document type <b>OSD</b>  NOE</p>
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## 62 NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY

[Process Map](#)

1. Upon receipt of a notice of filing of bankruptcy, apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice; add the date and your initials.
2. If there is an existing case, file by completing a document screen. Use document type **NBK**.
3. If no case exists, file the notice in the general file.

**NOTE:** The case is stayed until an order of discharge is received from the bankruptcy court.

### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document type **NBK**

### 62.1 *Discharge of Debtor*

1. Upon receipt of a bankruptcy discharge notice, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **NODI**.
3. Schedule a hearing for the court to review the case by completing a scheduled events screen. Use scheduled events type **REV**.
4. When a signed judgment or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description. RCr 11.04.
5. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of the order. RCr 12.06. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
6. If the judgment or order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

File, date, initial

Document type **NODI**

Scheduled event type  
**REV**

Enter, date, initial

NOE

Close case

## 63 NOTICE OF ENTRY

### *RCr 11.04, CR 77.04, RCr 12.06*

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- Notice of Entry (NOE) must be given on all orders and judgments.
- Notice of entry is necessary because the notice of entry date governs the running of time for appeal. CR 77.04(1) and (2), RCr 12.06(1).
- This is a multi-step process, and all steps ***must*** be performed on the same date.

**BEST PRACTICE:** Do not give out copies until all steps have been accomplished to ensure that NOE is accurate and complete.

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order or judgment; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on a document screen with a brief description. The judgment or order does not become effective until this is done. RCr 11.04.
3. Serve the notice to every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice by making a copy of the judgment or order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand-deliver it to the party or attorney. CR 77.04(1), RCr 12.06(1) and (3).
4. Document the manner of service (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service on the document screen. CR 77.04(2) RCr 12.06(2).

#### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial

Enter judgment/order  
on document screen

Document date and  
manner of service on  
document screen

## 64 NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF CASE FOR FINAL ADJUDICATION

### *SCR 1.050(8)*

- When a case is submitted for final adjudication, it is the attorney’s duty to complete [AOC Form 280](#).
  - You should maintain a supply of these forms in your office or instruct the attorney to print a copy from [kycourts.gov](http://kycourts.gov).

#### 64.1 *Receipt of Notice*

1. Upon receipt of the notice, apply the “Filed” stamp to the original; add the date and your initials, and complete a document screen using document type “NS”.
2. The clerk shall send a copy of the notice to AOC by emailing: [280support@kycourts.net](mailto:280support@kycourts.net).

**NOTE:** The attorney is required to distribute copies to the judge and other parties.

3. Upon receipt of a motion attached to the AOC Form 280, apply the “**FILED**” stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.
4. Schedule an event by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **MH** – Motion Hour. Add the motion using the appropriate motion type and flag/label as “Notice of Submission” per KyCourts user manual.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial  
 Document Type: **NS**  
 Event type **MH**  
 Add motion  
 Check the submission box in motion screen

#### 64.2 *Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order, apply the “**ENTERED**” stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen as appropriate.
3. Serve notice of entry of the judgment or order on all parties by mail or hand delivery.
4. The clerk shall notify the AOC that a decision has been rendered by emailing a copy of the decision and the AOC-280 to: [280support@kycourts.net](mailto:280support@kycourts.net).

**NOTE:** It is not necessary to make a copy for the record.

**NOTE:** Direct all inquiries regarding the status of the case under submission to Court Services at the AOC.

Enter, date, initial

NOE

Mail to:

ITS Court Services  
 Administrative Office of the Courts  
 1001 Vandalay Drive  
 Frankfort, KY 40601



## 65 NUNC PRO TUNC

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- A Nunc Pro Tunc Order, meaning “now for then,” is an order to correct errors or omissions and achieve the results intended by the court at a particular, earlier date.

### 65.1 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a Nunc Pro Tunc order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp. Add the current day’s date and your initials.

**NOTE:** Do not backdate the Nunc Pro Tunc Order.

2. Enter on a document screen using document code **OO** or as otherwise appropriate.
3. Memo **NUNC PRO TUNC** and the effective date of the Nunc Pro Tunc order.
4. Follow the instructions in the Order.

#### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial

Document code **OO**

Memo Nunc Pro Tunc

## 66 OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS

### *KRS 30A.070, 30A.050(2), 62.020, 62.030*

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Circuit clerks and their deputies may administer oaths either in or out of court concerning any matter in which an oath may be legally given (KRS 30A.070), including the official oath of an officer within the district or county (KRS 62.020, 423.010). Under KRS 454.170, a solemn affirmation may be accepted in place of an oath.

#### 66.1 *Oath to the Grand Jury*

"Do you swear or affirm that you will hear and weigh carefully all the evidence presented to you, and that you will do your duty as prescribed by law, and that you will carry out carefully any investigations which you are requested to make?" AP II Sec. 24.

**NOTE:** Oath to Grand Jury must be performed by the Court per RCr 5.02.

#### 66.2 *Oath to Witness*

"Do you swear or affirm that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?" AP II Sec. 25.

#### 66.3 *Oath to Petit Jury*

"Do you swear or affirm that you will impartially try the case between the parties and give a true verdict according to the evidence and the law, unless dismissed by the court?" AP II Sec. 30.

#### 66.4 *Oath to Fiduciaries*

"Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?" KRS. 62.030.

## 66.5 *Constitutional Oath KY Constitution §228*

Circuit clerks may administer the following oath or affirmation to an elected official:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State, nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

### 66.5.1 Document for Administration of Oath

*KRS 62.020*

When the circuit clerk administers an oath to an elected official, the clerk must certify in writing that the constitutional oath was administered and the date of its administration must be filed in the following offices:

- In the Secretary of State's Office for a member of the General Assembly, an officer elected from the state at large, an officer elected from a district greater than one county, an officer elected from a city whose boundaries extend beyond those of a single county, an officer appointed cabinet secretary, an officer appointed a deputy or assistant to an elected constitutional officer and who is required by separate statute to take the oath of office;
- In the Governor's Office for the Secretary of State and the Assistant Secretary of State;
- In the Office of the county clerk for the county from which an officer is elected to countywide office or office for a district within the county (not applicable if filed in the Secretary of State's office as outlined above);
- In the Office of a Circuit Clerk for a county clerk within the jurisdiction of that circuit clerk.

## 66.6 *Circuit Clerks' Oaths*

Circuit Clerks and their deputies are required to take two oaths of office, the oath prescribed by Section 228 of the Constitution and the oath prescribed by KRS 30A.020, as follows:

**66.6.1 Constitutional Oath:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and be faithful and true to the Commonwealth of Kentucky so long as I continue a citizen thereof, and that I will faithfully execute, to the best of my ability, the office of Circuit Court Clerk (or Deputy Circuit Court Clerk) according to law; and I do further solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the adoption of the present Constitution, I, being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this State, nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, nor aided or assisted any person thus offending, so help me God.

**66.6.2 KRS 30A.020**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear that I will well and truly discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ County Circuit Court Clerk (or Deputy Circuit Court Clerk) according to the best of my skill and judgment, making the due entries and records of all orders, judgments, decrees, opinions and proceedings of the court, and carefully filing and preserving in my office all books and papers which come to my possession by virtue of my office; and that I will not knowingly or willingly commit any malfeasance of office, and will faithfully execute the duties of my office without favor, affection or partiality, so help me God.

**66.6.3 Document for Administration of Oath**

The fact that the oaths have been administered shall be entered on the record of the circuit court as noted in [Document/Certification of Oath](#).

**66.6.4 Bond**

Circuit clerks are covered by a blanket bond procured by the Administrative Office of the Courts on behalf of the clerks.



## 66.7 *Document/Certification of Oath*

Certificate of Oath forms: [AOC Form 016](#), Certification of Oath (requires a judge's signature) and [AOC Form 016-A](#), Certification of Oath (Clerk) (requires a clerk's signature).

When a document or certification for administration of oath for anyone, including a judge or clerk is received for filing in your office:

1. Apply the **FILED** or **ENTERED** stamp, as appropriate, to the document; add the date and your initials.
2. File in your General/Administrative Order File. Enter the document on the docket sheet attached to the inside of the file folder. Furnish copies as requested.

**Quick Reference**  
File/enter, date, initial

Enter document on  
docket sheet

### 66.7.1 **Certification Request by County Clerk**

Upon request by the county clerk for a certification that he/she has been examined by you, pursuant to Section 100 of the Constitution, sign an affidavit prepared by the county clerk indicating that he/she:

- (1) was at least 21 years of age at the time of election;
- (2) is a Kentucky citizen;
- (3) has resided within Kentucky at least 2 years; and
- (4) has resided in the county and district for which he/she was elected, for at least one year prior to the election.

## 67 ORGANIZATION OF CASE RECORDS AND CASE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

*District and Circuit Courts*

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### 67.1 *Organization of Case Records*

1. To maintain physical control of case files, file all open and closed cases together in numerical order. File cases with the same prefix in the case number and the same color coded label together, numerically by category. Do not file cases in alphabetical order.
2. Adoption, termination, juvenile, disability, involuntary hospitalization and admission case folders, docket sheets, docket binders and index cards must be kept locked and apart from other records.
3. Domestic violence and interpersonal protective order docket sheets, docket binders, and index cards should be filed with other non-confidential docket sheets, binders and index cards if the petitioner's address does not appear on the docket sheets and index cards. Domestic violence case folders must be kept locked and apart from other records.

### 67.2 *Case Numbering*

1. All cases shall be assigned a case number. The case number consists of three components, each separated by a hyphen, as follows:
  - **Year:** Last two digits of the year to show the year of filing. Thus, a case filed in 2015 will bear the designation 15.
  - **Type:** Use a code letter to designate the type of case in accordance with the table in item 3 below.
  - **Number:** Consecutive order for each category, beginning with 00001.
  - **Trailer Numbers:** Trailer numbers are only used for juvenile, disability, involuntary hospitalization/admission, domestic violence and interpersonal protective order cases and circuit criminal cases with multiple defendants. These numbers begin with 001, example: 15-J-00001-001. For more information on special rules for numbering these cases, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
2. Show the case number and the case style on case records. You may utilize pre-numbered file folders and print labels from the case management system. You may also use color banded stick-on labels to help distinguish the different types of cases. For uniformity in the Court of Justice, the following colors for the various categories of cases are recommended and listed below.

67.3 *Letter and Color Codes*

Case Type	Letter Code	Color
<b><i>DISTRICT COURT</i></b>		
Civil, Forcible Detainer, and URESA	C	White
Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders	D	Light Blue
Involuntary Hospitalization/ Admission and Disability	H	Red
Small Claims	S	Orange
Probate and Name Change	P	Black
Juvenile and Paternity	J	Yellow
Traffic	T	White Envelope
Misdemeanor	M	Buff Envelope/Flat file
Felony	F	Buff Envelope/Flat file
Alcohol Intoxication - Prepaid	AI	Buff Envelope/Flat file
<b><i>CIRCUIT COURT</i></b>		
Civil, Domestic Relations, Contested Wills, Habeas Corpus, and URESA	CI	Tan
Adoption and Termination	AD	Dark Blue
Criminal ( <a href="#">Including 11.42's</a> )	CR	Green
Appeals from District	XX	Purple

**67.4 Case Number Assignment - T, M, F Cases**

If offenses are mixed in nature on a district court citation/criminal complaint, i.e., felonies, misdemeanors, and/or traffic charges in some combination, the case type assigned will be that of the most serious offense.

**EXCEPTION:** The following is a list of misdemeanor offenses and UOR codes that are filed as traffic cases if no felony offense is contained on the citation/criminal complaint: [UOR Codes](#).

Example	Filed as:
Citation/criminal complaint contains a traffic, misdemeanor and felony offense.	F
Citation/criminal complaint contains a traffic and misdemeanor offense.	M
Citation/criminal complaint contains a traffic and misdemeanor offense, <i>where the misdemeanor is listed as an exception (see UOR Codes link above.)</i>	T
Citation/criminal complaint contains a misdemeanor offense only.	M
Citation/criminal complaint contains a misdemeanor offense only, <i>where the misdemeanor is listed as an exception (see UOR Codes link above.)</i>	T

**67.5 Uniform Case Management Standards**

**Supreme Court of Kentucky**

**In Re: Uniform case management standards**

To establish uniformity in the filing of criminal charges throughout Kentucky, it is the policy of the Court of Justice to open one (1) case file and assign one (1) case number when two (2) or more offenses, whether felonies, misdemeanors, violations, or any combination thereof are charged in the same or related indictment, information, served criminal complaint or citation, where the offenses are of the same or similar character or are based on the same acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common plan or scheme. The foregoing shall be effective on January 1, 1999.

**ENTERED: December 21, 1998.**

**Joseph E. Lambert**  
**Chief Justice**

## 67.6 *Case History/Docket Entries*

### *CR 79.01*

A docket entry in a case is made by completing the appropriate screens in the Case Management System. From these entries a case history is created. This is the "docket sheet" for that case per CR 79.01. In using the current case management system the docket sheet is referred to as a case history.

## 67.7 *Computer Case History/Docket Entry*

- **Cases** are opened by completing a case screen (see Case Add) with the opening information consisting of case number, style, filing date, case type and the opening judge.
- **Documents.** Complete a document screen for each document (except for motions) filed in the case. Give a brief description of the document in the memo field.
- **Motions.** Motions are filed by completing a scheduled event screen and then entering the details of the motion in the motion screen attached to a scheduled event screen. Memo additional details in the motion memo.
- Complete a **summons or warrant** screen for each process issued. When a return is received, complete the service date and status fields on the same screen.
- Complete a document screen for each **order and judgment** including notice of entry method and date. Include a brief description in the memo field. See Notice of Entry.

## 67.8 *Correct a Mistake*

To correct an error in a docket entry, type the erroneous portion, exactly as written, in the **Memo** field, enter the necessary correction in the proper field, and overlay with the necessary correction.

## 68 PATERNITY PROCEEDINGS

### *KRS Chapter 406*

*District Court and Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

Paternity refers to the legal establishment of who is the father of a child. Paternity may be determined upon the complaint of the mother, putative father, child, person, or agency substantially contributing to the support of the child. The action shall be brought by the county attorney or by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designee upon the request of authorized complainant.

- District court has jurisdiction of paternity proceedings and may order the non-custodial parent of a child born out of wedlock to make support payments. KRS 406.021; *Sumner v. Roark*, KY. App.836 S.W.2d 434 (1992).
- Paternity hearings are conducted in the juvenile session of district court or family court division of circuit court.
- Venue is in the county where the alleged father is present or has property, or in the county where the mother resides. KRS 406.151.

#### 68.1 *Inspection of Records*

Paternity cases are confidential and not open for public inspection unless he/she has a court order giving access to the file. KRS 406.035(2).

**EXCEPTIONS:** These individuals may inspect an order or judgment of paternity:

- Employees of governmental agencies in the performance of their duties;
- All law enforcement agencies including county attorneys, commonwealth's attorneys, district and circuit judges;
- Anyone with a court order giving access to the order of paternity;
- Either party to a paternity action under KRS Chapter 406 or his/her attorney of record. KRS 406.035(3).

### 68.2 *Filing Fee*

Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

### 68.3 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of a petition, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
3. Assign the next case number for Juvenile **J** cases. The case type for paternity proceedings is **PA**.

**NOTE:** Do not assign a trailer number and do not complete a party screen for a child.

File, date, initial

Juvenile **J** cases  
Case type **PA**

### 68.4 *Paternity Summons*

Generate a summons for each person to be served by completing a summons screen. The initiating party will decide whether the summons is to be served by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). See [Service of Process](#).

A [civil summons](#) may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125.

Generate summons

### 68.5 *Motions/Pleadings*

When motions or other pleadings are received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file by completing the appropriate screen, i.e., motion or document. Calendar any hearing on a scheduled events screen.

File, date, initial  
Calendar hearing on scheduled events screen

### 68.6 *Paternity Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of a signed order or judgment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen.
2. Give [notice of entry](#) by mailing a copy of the entered judgment to the parties or their attorney. Complete the notice of entry method and date on the document screen.
3. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
  
 NOE  
  
 Complete disposition date, type, and judge on case screen

### 68.7 *Paternity Report*

Complete [Form VS-8D](#), Paternity Report and mail to the **State Registrar of Vital Statistics**. This report is due no later than the 15th day of the month following the date of the order. KRS 213.071(2). A supply of this form may be ordered from Vital Statistics.

[Form VS-8D](#)  
 State Registrar of Vital Statistics  
 275 E Main Street  
 Frankfort, KY 40601

### 68.8 *Paternity Re-openings*

1. Upon receipt of a motion to modify a paternity judgment, filed six (6) months from the entry of the judgment, collect a filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).  
  
**NOTE:** Do not collect this fee for motions that include 42 U.S.C. Title IV-D cases for child support enforcement.
2. Pursuant to FCRPP 14, district court may decline jurisdiction on custody and visitation and refer the action to circuit court. A party may also file an action for custody, visitation, or support in circuit court after the entry of a judgment of paternity in district court.
3. In family court jurisdictions the family court judge may order the custody, visitation, and support matters in a paternity action be initiated in a circuit action. In such instance, a new circuit civil petition shall be filed by the movant/petitioner and the appropriate filing fee shall be paid unless in forma pauperis status is granted by the court. FCRPP 14(3).

Collect filing fee



## 69 PETITION FOR DAMAGES PERTAINING TO CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT

### *KRS 413.249*

District and Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

#### 69.1 *Filing Fees*

Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

#### 69.2 *Petition*

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** If you receive a motion to seal with the petition see [Motion to Seal](#).

2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules using case type **OTH**.
3. Open the case. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
4. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or district civil **C** cases as indicated by the petitioner or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. Issue a summons immediately upon the filing of a complaint and serve with the petition as directed by the petitioner. CR 4.01(1).

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**

Civil **CI** case  
District Civil **C** case  
Issue a summons

#### 69.3 *Service of Process*

A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays upon an affidavit that the process cannot be executed after that day. KRS 454.125.

For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

69.4 *Motion to Seal*

1. Upon receipt of a motion to seal with the petition for damages pertaining to childhood sexual abuse/assault apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion to seal; add the date and your initials.
2. Open the case in the confidential **CO** division.
3. In the circuit **CI** or district **DI** division complete a case screen only, using the case number assigned to the case in the **CO** division as appropriate.
4. Enter the style of the case as **SEALED RECORD**.
5. Enter the original filing date, case type of **SE** (sealed) and the disposition date the same as the filing date.
6. Enter the judge assigned the case as the open judge and judge at disposition.
7. Set the motion for hearing as directed by your judge. Use schedule type **MH**.
8. File by completing a scheduled events and motion screen. Use motion type **SE**.
9. Seal the case file in a suitable envelope; add the case number to the outside of the envelope and file in numerical order with other cases.
10. The file may be unsealed for the inclusion of other papers, which may be filed during the pendency of the motion. Note the date and your initials on the outside of the envelope each time you open and reseal the record. For any other purpose, treat the record as confidential.
11. When the motion to seal is ruled upon, follow the court order for future handling of the record.
12. If the court orders the case to be a public record (unsealed), through case level maintenance, delete the case number in the circuit **CI** or district **DI** division (named Sealed Record). Transfer the case from the confidential **CO** division to circuit **CI** or district **DI** division using the original **CI** or **DI** case number as appropriate.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Confidential **CO** case

Case screen only in circuit or district division

Case style **SEALED RECORD**

Schedule type **MH**

Motion type **SE**

Seal the case

If ordered to be unsealed:  
Delete case number in circuit **CI** or district **DI** divisions; transfer case from **CO** division to the **CI** or **DI** division

69.5 *Order*

1. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen. Use document type **OTS**.
3. After the order is entered, serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of service of notice of entry of order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Document type <b>OTS</b> Serve notice of entry</p> <p>Close case</p>
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## 70 PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE ENTITLEMENT TO CUSTODY

### *KRS 620.110*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

#### 70.1 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of a Petition for Immediate Entitlement to Custody, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**Exceptions:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
4. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. File the case in the confidential **CO** division of KYCourts. KRS 610.340.

**NOTE:** Do not re-enter the case number in the circuit civil **CI** division.

5. **Do not** issue a summons.
6. Immediately deliver the case file to the judge. If the judge directs, schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Circuit Civil **CI** Case  
**CO** Division

**Do not** issue summons

Deliver case file to judge  
If directed, schedule hearing

70.2 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description.
3. After the order is entered, serve notice of entry on the parties by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the party or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry of the order. See [Notice of Entry](#).
4. When an order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

<b>Quick Reference</b> Enter, date, initial
Serve notice of entry
NOE
Disposition type <b>OTH</b>

## 71 PETITION PERTAINING TO SHERIFF'S INCAPACITY TO SERVE

### *KRS 64.121*

District and Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

- A Sheriff or his/her personal representative may petition the district or circuit Court for an order determining that the Sheriff is physically or mentally unable to discharge the duties of his/her office.
1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.
 

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

    - [In Forma Pauperis](#)
    - Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.
  2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
  3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
  4. Open the case using case type **OTH**. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. File at the direction of the petitioner by generating the next case number for district civil **C** or circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
  5. **Do not** issue a summons.
  6. Deliver the case file to the judge.
  7. When an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  8. Enter order on document screen using document type **OO**. After entry of the order, serve notice of entry on the parties. Enter the notice of entry method and date on the document screen when the order is entered. See [Notice of Entry](#).
  9. When an order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH**, and judge at disposition fields on the case scre

Quick Reference
Collect filing fees
File, date, initial
Case type <b>OTH</b>
District Civil <b>C</b> Case
Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> Case
<b>Do not</b> issue summons
Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>OO</b>
Notice of entry
Disposition type <b>OTH</b>

## 72 PETITION TO DISCHARGE SECURITY INTEREST

### *KRS 186.045*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

### 72.1 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of a petition to order the discharge of a security interest in a motor vehicle, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. For instructions on opening the case, see the Case Add section of KYCourts Manual. Use case type **OTH**. Generate the next number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. **Do not** issue a summons.
5. Deliver the case file to the judge immediately.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Case type **OTH**

Circuit Civil **CI** case  
**Do not** issue summons

Deliver case to judge

### 72.2 *Judgment/Order*

1. When a signed judgment or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the judgment or order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description of the order in the memo field. After the judgment or order is **ENTERED**, serve notice of entry on every party who has not filed a written waiver. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry or judgment. See [Notice of Entry](#).
3. Immediately send a copy of the order to the county clerk in the county where the security interest was originally filed. KRS 186.045(3).
4. When the judgment or order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial

Notice of entry

## 73 PETITION TO MARRY

*KRS 402.020, 402.030, 402.210*

*District Court and Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

### 73.1 *Petition*

**Note:** Petitions are filed in the Family Court in the county where Petitioner resides, or the District Court in that county if a family court division has not been established in that county

1. Upon receipt of an [AOC Form 202](#) (Petition to Marry) collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
  3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. Generate the next case number for circuit civil CI cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. If a family court division has not been established generate the next case number for district civil C cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
  4. File on a document screen using document type **PPTM**.
  5. **Do not** issue a summons.
  6. Have the judge assign a hearing date (or do this yourself if the judge has delegated this duty to you). Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.
  7. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  8. Enter the order on the document screen using document type **OG** (Order Granting Permission) or **OD** (Order Denying Permission.) Serve notice of entry on the parties. The method of service and date of service must be completed on the document screen. See [Notice of Entry](#).
  9. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** (memo details) and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 202  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

District Civil **C** Case  
Circuit Civil **CI** Case

Document type **PPTM**  
**Do not** issue summons  
Calendar hearing

Enter, date, initial

Document Type  
Order Granting - **OG**  
Order Denying - **OD**

NOE

Disposition Type **OTH**



## 74 PETITION/NOTICE FOR REMOVAL OF ACTION TO FEDERAL COURT

### *28 U.S.C. Section 1446(a)(d)*

*Circuit or District Court*

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If a case filed in circuit or district court is to be removed (transferred) to federal court, the removal proceedings must be initiated by the defendant in the pending action. 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(a).

#### 74.1 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of a copy of the Petition/Notice for Removal, the transfer is complete. Do not send the case file to federal court. 28 U.S.C. Section 1446(d).
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the copy of the petition/notice; add date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen using document type **NOR**.
4. Close the case by completing the disposition date, (filing date on petition for removal), disposition type **TRF** and the judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document type **NOR**

Disposition type **TRF**

## 75 PLEAS

### *KRS 27A.460 (5) and (6)*

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- KRS 27A.460 (5) and (6) require the collection of data regarding defendant pleas.

#### 75.1 *Plea Disposition*

- When an original plea is entered a final plea must be entered.
- When the trial type is Court **C** or Jury **J**, the original and final pleas must be entered.
- When the defendant pleads not guilty at the arraignment, enter **NG** as the original plea.
- When the defendant pleads guilty at the arraignment, enter **G** as the original and final plea.
- When the defendant pleads guilty at any court proceeding after the arraignment, enter **G** as the final plea.
- When the defendant is found guilty at any court proceeding after the arraignment, enter **NG** as the final plea.
- When the defendant is found guilty in absentia at any court proceeding, enter **NG** as the original and final plea.

**NOTE:** Final pleas do not necessarily reflect the charge disposition/court finding.

#### 75.2 *Entering a Plea*

- Court trial is entered as trial type disposition only when an actual trial is held. Except for the jury being empanelled to hear the case, the same set of circumstances as a jury trial must exist, i.e., opening statements by attorneys, cross-examination of witnesses, closing arguments and a finding by the court. The entry of a guilty plea in open court is not a court trial.
- If a court trial or jury trial has been entered as the trial type, an original plea and final plea must be entered.
- If an original plea has been entered, a final plea must be entered whether or not the defendant changes the plea. If no plea is entered, (example: charge is dismissed at arraignment), original and final plea are both left blank. Original plea and final plea reflect what the defendant has entered regardless of a different finding by the court.

## 76 PROBATE

### *KRS 395*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

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- Probate is the process of settling and administering estates, guardianships, curatorships, trusts, and name changes.
  - [Administration of Decedent Estates](#)
  - [Dispense with Administration](#)
  - [Guardian or Conservator for Minor](#)
  - [Trust Estate](#)
  - [Miscellaneous Probate Appointments](#)
  - [Transfer of Fiduciary Account](#)
  - [Name Change](#)
  - Power of Attorney

### 76.1 *Administration of Decedent Estates*

#### 76.1.1 Filing Fees

1. Upon receipt of a petition for probate ([AOC Form 805](#)), collect the filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.  
**NOTE:** For later appointments in the same estate, there is no additional filing fee providing no final settlement has been filed.
2. If the petition is accompanied with an [Affidavit for Probate Fee Exemption](#), see [Probate Fee Exemption](#) below.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fee  
AOC form 805

#### 76.1.2 Petition

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials to the petition.
2. Check your index for a previously assigned case number. If a case number exists, use the same number and file folder. If the number is not in the computer, generate the next case number for probate P cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

File, date, initial

**Note:** If competing petition is received, use the same case number and file folder.

3. If no previous case exists, open a case using case type **PB**. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. The case will be styled: **ESTATE OF**: (Decedent’s Name.)

Note: For PBOOTH Probate/Estate–Other: Cases that include the establishment of guardianships, conservatorships, and trusteeships, and the administration of estates of deceased persons who died testate or intestate, including the settling of legal disputes concerning wills. Use this case type for probate/estate cases of unknown specificity, when probate/estate cases are not attributable to one of the other previously defined probate/estate case types, or when all Probate/Estate cases are reported as a single case type.

4. Check the file folder in the front of your probate drawer for any previously filed creditor's claims or request/demand for notice under KRS 395.012.
5. Transfer any documents to the probate file by completing a document screen. Use the filing date shown on the creditor’s claim or request/demand for notice.
6. Serve all persons who have filed a request/demand for notice with any orders entered regarding the estate.

**NOTE:** Process a **Petition for Probate of Non Resident/Foreign Will** in the same manner using [AOC Form 805](#). The application of a nonresident shall include the designation of a resident of the county where administration is pending as his agent for the service of process in any action against him as personal representative or personally, provided that such personal action must have accrued in the administration of the estate. KRS 395.015.

When a will of a nonresident has been proved out of the state, an authenticated copy and the certificate of probate may be offered for probate in this state. When such a copy is offered the court shall presume, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, that the will was duly executed and admitted to the probate as a will in the state or country of the testator’s domicile and shall admit the copy to probate as a will in this state. KRS 394.150.

### 76.1.3 Creditor Claims Prior to Administration

- Any person having a financial or property interest in a decedent’s estate may file claims or a demand for notice with the court at any time after the death of the decedent.
- Upon receipt of a claim from a creditor filed against an estate before the start of administration, or a request/demand for notice under KRS 395.012, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. File alphabetically by decedent's last name in the Creditor’s Claims folder placed in the front of the probate file drawer. Make an entry of the filing of the creditors claim on the manual docket sheet attached to the inside of the folder. Return claim to creditor 10 years after filing if no probate case has been opened.

Case type **PB**

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

### 76.1.4 Probate Fee Exemption

- The estate of a person whose spouse or surviving children are eligible for state death gratuity death benefits (a law enforcement officer, firefighter, and/or a member of the United States Armed Forces who names Kentucky as home of record and whose death occurred as a direct result of an act in the line of duty) is exempt from all probate fees and may file an Affidavit for Probate Fee Exemption. Accordingly, the estate is exempt from all probate fees. KRS 61.315(6); 64.012; 172.180. If you receive [AOC Form 860](#), Affidavit for Probate Fee Exemption and Order, along with a Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Executor or Administrator, take the file to the judge for signature allowing the party to file without fees including; but not limited to, those established by the Supreme Court of Kentucky pursuant to KRS 23A.200 and 24A.170, or imposed under KRS 24A.185, 64.012, and 172.180. This includes advertising fees.

AOC Form 860

Fees set by newspaper publishing notices

### 76.1.5 Bond

1. Upon receipt of an approved fiduciary bond, collect the fiduciary's bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005. [AOC Form 825](#), Fiduciary Bond, may be used for this purpose.

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
KRS. 62.030.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen using document type **BF**. The bond must be posted before the order of appointment of fiduciary is entered.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fee

AOC Form 825

File, date, initial

Document type **BF**

### 76.1.6 Order Probating/Appointing

1. Upon receipt of the Order Probating the Will and Appointing Executor or Order Appointing Fiduciary, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials. [AOC Form 806](#) Order Probating Will & Appointing Executor/Executrix or [AOC Form 840](#), Order Appointing Fiduciary may be used for this purpose, or page 4 of [AOC Form 805](#), Petition for Probate of Will; and/or Appointment of Administrator/Executor; and Order.
2. Complete a document screen, using document type OWF if AOC Form 806 or AOC Form 805 was used and the will is probated and executor appointed. If AOC Form 805 is used and only the will is probated, use document type **OPW**. Use document type **OFID** if AOC Form 840 is used.
3. Give [notice of entry](#) by mail or hand delivery to the fiduciary and any person/entity who has filed a demand for notice.
4. Send a copy of the Petition and Order Probating the Will and Appointing the Executor or Order Appointing Fiduciary to the **Department of Revenue Inheritance and Estate Tax Area**.
5. Make a notation of this mailing in the memo field of the document screen where the order is filed.
6. Close the case at the time of appointment of the fiduciary by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH**, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen. Do not reopen the case when a settlement is filed.

**NOTE:** If requested, attest a copy of the Order of Appointment and give to the fiduciary. Prepare certified copies of the appointment, if requested, and collect the certification and copy fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).

### 76.1.7 Will Certification

1. Make a copy of the original will and affix a certification that it is a copy of the original will.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
3. File by completing a document screen, using document type **WI**.
4. Take the original will and a certified copy of the court order to the county clerk for recording. The petitioner is responsible for the recording fee. KRS 64.012; CR 79.05(2). Follow your local protocol regarding collection of the county clerk’s recording fee through your office or directing the petitioner to directly pay the county clerk.

**NOTE:** If a request is made for a copy of the will, provide a copy of the will in your file. If a certified copy of the original will is requested, direct them to the county clerk's office.

Enter, date, initial  
AOC Forms 805, 806 or  
840

Document type:  
Form 806: **OWF**  
Form 805: **OWF** or  
**OPW**  
Form 840: **OFID**

Notice of entry

*Department of Revenue  
Inheritance and Estate  
Tax Area, Station 61,  
501 High Street,  
Frankfort, KY 40601*

Close case  
Disposition type **OTH**

#### Quick Reference

Copy will

File, date, initial

Document type **WI**

Record will

### 76.1.8 Publication of Appointments

1. The clerk shall advertise at least monthly all fiduciary appointments made since the last publication. KRS 424.340. One notice is sufficient.

**NOTE:** Fee for publishing the notice of the appointment of a fiduciary is set by the newspaper which publishes the notice. The expense of advertising shall be taxed as costs. KRS 424.160(1)(4).

2. Make a notation of the advertising of the appointment in the memo field of the document screen where the order of appointment is filed. You are not required to keep a copy of the publication in each case file.
3. At the beginning of each month, start a new list of appointments of fiduciaries to be advertised. Add to your list as appointments are made during the month. At the end of the month, the list is complete and ready for publication. The list must contain:
  - (1) The name and address of the person whose estate is being administered;
  - (2) The name and address of the fiduciary;
  - (3) The date of appointment;
  - (4) The date by which creditors must file their claims (6 months after the appointment of the fiduciary), KRS 395.190;
  - (5) The name and address of the attorney representing the fiduciary, if any. KRS 424.340.
4. If an advertisement is required by law to be published in a newspaper, the publication shall be made in a newspaper that meets the following requirements:
  - (1) The newspaper must be published (maintain its principle office) in the area;
  - (2) The newspaper must have been issued at least once a week for the preceding two years unless it is the only publication in the area and has a paid circulation equal to at least 10 percent of the publication area;
  - (3) Must have a bona fide circulation in the publication area (circulated generally and with a price of at least 50 percent of its published price and paid for by at least half of those who receive it);
  - (4) Must have a name and be four or more pages (without a cover) and contain at least 25 percent news content (in more than half its issues for each year). It must also be the type of newspaper to which the general public relies on for current events;
  - (5) If there is more than one newspaper in the county meeting these requirements, the one with the largest circulation must be used for advertisement;
  - (6) If there is no qualified newspaper in the county, the advertisement may be published in the (qualified) newspaper having the greatest circulation in an adjoining Kentucky county.

**Quick Reference**  
 Advertise all new fiduciary appointments

Keep a list of all new fiduciaries

Tel: 502-573-2350

**NOTE:** If you do not have a newspaper which meets the requirements above, please call the Office of Legal Services at AOC for guidance.

### 76.1.9 Tickler System

Create a tickler system for the filing of the inventory and settlement by completing a scheduled events screen for the date the inventory and settlement is due to be filed. Use event type **IN** for Inventory and **STL** for settlement.

**NOTE:** An inventory should be filed in duplicate two months from the date of qualifying. A settlement should be filed two years from the date of the appointment. See [Inventory](#) and [Settlement of Decedent's Estate](#) below.

**Quick Reference**  
 Event type  
 \*Inventory- **IN**  
 \*Settlement- **STL**

### 76.1.10 Inventory for Decedent's Estate

1. Upon receipt of any inventory, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **INV**.
3. Send the duplicate inventory to the **Department of Revenue Inheritance and Estate Tax Area**.
4. Make a notation of the mailing in the memo field.

**NOTE:** If the inventory is filed in advance of the due date, unschedule the scheduled event (DELSCH) utilizing the [Counter Screen](#) as instructed in the KyCourts Manual.

5. On a monthly basis, print a calendar of the delinquent inventories and deliver it to the judge. KRS 395.635.

**NOTE:** Per [Tickler System](#), when scheduling an event for the date the inventory is due allows a delinquent inventory to be addressed by the judge with the docket associated with the tickler/scheduled event.

6. Upon receipt of an order to notice the fiduciary of the past due inventory, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
7. Complete a document screen using document type **NFF**. Give [notice of entry](#) as directed by the court.

File, date, initial

Document type **INV**

*Department of Revenue  
 Inheritance and Estate  
 Tax Area, Station 61,  
 501 High Street,  
 Frankfort, KY 40601*

Print delinquent  
 calendar

Enter, date, initial

Document type **NFF**  
 NOE



### 76.1.11 Settlement for Decedents Estates

- Settlements for decedents’ estates must be made by [fiduciaries](#) and [trustees](#). A settlement is not required for testamentary trustees unless ordered by the court. KRS 395.610.
- Types of Settlement:
  - **Final** – Due two years after the appointment.
  - **Periodic** – Due two years after the appointment and annually thereafter, unless otherwise ordered by the court. KRS 395.610(1).
  - **Proposed** – May be filed prior to filing a periodic or final settlement and prior to a distribution of assets.
  - **Informal** – Due at least six months from a fiduciary’s appointment by a sole beneficiary or by beneficiaries who have waived settlement. No notice or advertisement is required with an informal settlement. KRS 395.605.

#### For Final, Periodic, or Proposed Settlements

1. Set a hearing date by completing a scheduled events screen. Use scheduled event type **PBH**. Your judge may set aside the same time each month for hearing these matters.
2. Upon receipt of a settlement, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.  
**NOTE:** Final Settlement - Collect advertisement fee at time of filing.
3. Complete a document screen using the appropriate document type for your settlement as follows:
  - Final – **SETF**
  - Periodic – **SETP**
  - Proposed - **SETPR**

**NOTE:** If the settlement is filed in advance of the due date, un-schedule (DELSCH) the tickler/scheduled event following instructions in [Counter Screen](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.

**EXCEPTION:** If a final settlement has been filed in conformity with a proposed settlement in advance of the due date, do not schedule a hearing. KRS 395.625.

1. Deliver the settlement to the judge and when an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **OAS**.
3. Give [notice of entry](#) by mailing or hand delivering a copy of the order to the fiduciary or attorney and any person/entity who has filed a demand for notice.

**Quick Reference**  
 Scheduled event type **PBH**  
 File, date, initial

\* Final – **SETF**  
 \* Periodic – **SETP**  
 \* Proposed – **SETPR**

Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OAS**  
 NOE

**NOTE:** You may return vouchers (canceled checks) to the fiduciary 30 days after entry of the order approving the settlement.

**For Informal Settlements Only**

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 850](#) (Informal Final Settlement: Affidavit, Motion, and Order), file a document screen using document type AFF & SETI.

**Note:** If there is not a sole beneficiary - [AOC Form 851](#) (Affidavit of Waiver of Formal Settlement) will be filed in conjunction with AOC Form 850. File a document screen using document type WFS.

2. Deliver file to Judge.
3. When an Order is signed and returned to you, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the informal settlement order; add the date and your initials. File a document screen using document type OAS and memo "Informal."
4. Give Notice of Entry by mailing or hand-delivering a copy of the order to the fiduciary or attorney and any person/entity who has filed a demand for notice.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 850  
 AOC Form 851

Deliver to judge

Apply Entered, date, initials

Document type **OAS**  
 NOE

**76.1.12 Delinquent Settlements**

1. On a monthly basis, print a calendar of the delinquent settlements and deliver the calendar to the judge. KRS 395.635.

**NOTE:** Per [Tickler System](#), when using a tickler and scheduling an event for the date the settlement is due allows a delinquent settlement to be addressed by the judge with the docket associated with the tickler/scheduled event.

2. If an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **NFF**.

Print delinquent calendar

Enter, date, initial

Document type **NFF**

### 76.1.13 Publication of Settlement Hearing

1. Publish notice of the hearing in a local newspaper at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

**EXCEPTION:** Unless the court allows the fiduciary to send notices in lieu of publication or the court orders no publication or mailing of notice by the fiduciary when the estate is less than \$2,500.00 and the assets of the trust or estate are held in an account that can only be assessed by court order. KRS 395.625.

2. Make a notation of the advertisement in the memo field of the document screen where the settlement is filed. The notice must contain:

- (1) The name of the estate;
- (2) The date and time of the hearing;
- (3) That exceptions to the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing.

3. Upon receipt of a settlement order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
4. Complete a document screen using document type **OAS**.
5. Give [notice of entry](#) by mailing or hand delivering a copy of the order to the fiduciary or attorney and any person/entity who has filed a demand for notice.

**NOTE:** A party in a district court probate (decedent's estate) case may file a complaint regarding a district court PROPOSED SETTLEMENT within 30 days from entry of the district court order approving the settlement. If you receive such a complaint, refer the individual to circuit court.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
Publish notice of hearing
Memo advertisement
Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>OAS</b>
NOE

### 76.1.14 Sale of Real Estate by Fiduciary

When a motion is filed by a fiduciary for permission to sell real property, it must be served in the same manner as an initiating document (complaint), but **do not** issue a summons. KRS 389A.010; CR 4.01.

**When the motion is filed:**

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **MH** and a motion screen using motion type **SOP**.
3. Unless waived in writing, written notice of the hearing must be given to all persons having a vested or contingent interest in the property, as identified by the fiduciary, at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing. At the direction of the fiduciary, give notice of this hearing by printing a Court Notice and serve the notice with the motion attached.
4. The fiduciary will direct the method of [service of process](#). Collect fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) per the selected service method.
5. Upon receipt of an order for Sale of Real Estate apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
6. Enter the order on a document screen using document code **OS** and include a brief description.
7. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on every party not in default or who has not waived notice. Enter the method of service and notice of entry date on the document screen where the order is entered.

**NOTE:** An aggrieved party may no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the order, institute an adversary proceeding in circuit court pursuant to KRS 24A.120(2) in respect to any order affecting the right of the fiduciary to sell or mortgage.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Event type **MH**  
Motion type **SOP**

Notice of hearing

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OS**

NOE

**76.1.15 Renouncing a Will**

➤ When a spouse dies testate (with a will), the surviving spouse may renounce the will and release what is given to him or her by the will, if any, and receive his or her share of the estate under KRS 392.020 as if no will had been made. The relinquishment and certificate shall be filed within six (6) months after the admission of the will to probate provided there is no action contesting the will is brought. KRS 392.080.

1. Upon receipt of a notarized relinquishment of a will, apply the **FILED** stamp to the statement; add the date and your initials.
2. File the statement on a document screen in the existing probate action in district court using document code **MIS** and include a brief description.
3. If you receive a motion requesting a hearing, schedule a hearing before the district judge.

**NOTE:** The petitioner is responsible for filing the statement of relinquishment with the county clerk of the county where the will of the deceased spouse was admitted to probate. The petitioner is responsible for the county clerk’s recording fee. KRS 392.080.

File, date, initial

Document code **MIS**

### 76.1.16 Contested Will

- If a will is contested, an original action is filed in circuit court. KRS 394.240.
- Any person aggrieved by the action of the district court in admitting a will to record or rejecting it may bring an original action in the circuit court of the same county to contest the action of the district court. Such action shall be brought within two (2) years after the decision of the district court.
- Open using case type **OTH**. See [Civil Actions](#).

### 76.1.17 Transfer of Probate File

#### District Court

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add date and your initials.
2. File a document screen in the district court case using document type **OTRN**.
3. Give [notice of entry](#) by mail or hand delivery.
4. If the probate file has not already been closed in district court, close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **TRF** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen. Transfer the contents of the case file and the case history to circuit court.

#### Circuit Court

1. Upon receipt of the file in circuit court, apply the **FILED** stamp to the district court case history; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen as a single item using document type **DCF**.
2. Upon receipt of a signed judgment or order apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add date and your initials and complete a document screen.
3. Give [notice of entry](#). Complete the notice of entry method and date on the document screen.
4. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
5. If the probate case is transferred, return the district court (probate) case to district court together with a copy of the circuit court’s final judgment or order.
6. If the order admits a will to the record, file a copy of the will by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials and certify it. Complete a document screen using document type **WI**.
7. Take the original will and a certified copy of the court order to the county clerk for recording. The petitioner is responsible for the recording fee. KRS 64.012; CR 79.05(2). Follow your local protocol regarding collection of the county clerk’s recording fee through your office or directing the petitioner to directly pay the county clerk.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **OTRN**  
 Give notice of entry

Disposition type **TRF**

File, date, initial  
 Document type **DCF**  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Notice of entry

Disposition type **OTH**

File, date, initial  
 Document type **WI**  
 Certified copy of will

## 76.2 *Dispense with Administration*

KRS 395.455; 391.030; 395.040

When the decedent’s estate is less than \$30,000, a surviving spouse or surviving children may ask the court to direct the transfer of estate assets without the need for further court proceedings.

### 76.2.1 Filing Fees

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 830](#) Petition to Dispense with Administration, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).

**NOTE:** If a case is initially opened as dispensed with administration and a petition is later filed to administer the estate you will need to collect the difference in the filing fees.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 830  
Collect filing fees

### 76.2.2 Petition

1. File the petition to dispense (accompanied by an affidavit of the beneficiaries to waive administration, if applicable) by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. [AOC Form 830](#), Petition/Order To Dispense With Administration, may be used. Use document type **PDA**.  
  
**Note:** Intestate – File the Petition to Dispense with Administration along with the written Agreement (Affidavit) signed by all beneficiaries to waive administration by applying the FILED stamp; add date and your initials. AOC Form 830 may be used.
2. Check your index/KYCourts for a will of the decedent and a previously assigned case number. If a previous case number for an estate exists and that number is a computer generated case number use the same number and file folder.
3. If the number is not in the computer or if a case number does not exist, generate the next probate **P** number or use the next pre-numbered file folder open the case. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual. Use case type **PB**.
4. Advise the judge if your records show that administration or letters testamentary (appointment orders) have been granted prior to the application for an order dispensing with administration. If administration or letters testamentary (appointment orders) have been granted previously, send a copy of the petition to the personal representative. KRS 395.490.
5. Check the file folder in the front of your probate drawer for any previously filed creditor's claims or request/demand for notice under KRS 395.012. Transfer any documents to the estate's file by completing a document

Check for previous case number

Probate **P** Cases

Check for previously filed creditor’s claims

screen, and serve this person/entity with any orders entered regarding the estate.

6. If the court orders the filing of a fiduciary bond, collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005. [AOC Form 825](#), Fiduciary Bond, may be used for this purpose.

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
KRS. 62.030.

7. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add date and your initials.
8. File on a document screen using document type **BF**.
9. After any ordered bond is posted, enter the Order Dispensing with Administration by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
10. Complete a document screen using document type **ODA**. Give notice of entry by mail or hand delivery to the fiduciary and any person/entity who has filed a demand for notice.
11. Upon receipt of a will certification along with a petition to dispense, make a copy of the original will and affix a certification that it is a copy of the original will. File the copy of the will and complete a document screen using document type **WI**. Take the original will and a certified copy of the court order to the county clerk for recording. Petitioner is responsible for the recording fee. See [Will Certification](#).
12. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fee  
AOC Form 825

File, date, initial  
Document type **BF**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **ODA**  
NOE

Disposition type **OTH**  
File, date, initial

Document type **WI**

Disposition type **OTH**

### 76.2.3 Advertisement of Petition

It is the responsibility of the petitioner(s) to advertise the petition to dispense with administration and appointment of fiduciary (trustee). KRS 395.470.

1. File the affidavit of the petitioner(s) indicating that the advertisement was made by applying the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **AFF**.

File, date, initial

Document type **AFF**

### 76.2.4 Designation of Trustee

The order may contain a designation of a trustee who has the same right to sue for and collect claims and demands as an administrator. This is not the same as an appointment of a fiduciary.

### 76.3 *Guardian or Conservator for Minor*

- Persons under the age 18 may require the appointment of a [guardian](#), limited guardian or [conservator](#). Jurisdiction is in district court. KRS 387.020(1).
- Venue
  - **Resident Kentucky Minor:**  
If appointment for a guardian, limited guardian, or conservator is required for a minor who is a Kentucky resident it shall be made in the county where the will of the minor's last surviving parent was probated, if that will nominates a guardian, limited guardian, or conservator pursuant to KRS 387.040, 387.020(2)(a). In all other cases for the minor’s last surviving parent, the appointment shall be made in the county where the minor resides. KRS 387.020(2)(b).
  - **Nonresident Kentucky Minor:**  
In the county where the real or personal property of the minor is located. KRS 387.020(3). If the minor has real or personal property in more than one (1) county, the appointment shall be made in any of those counties. The county in which the proceedings are initiated shall control. KRS 387.020(3).

#### 76.3.1 **Petition and Application for Appointment**

1. Upon receipt of a petition for appointment of guardian, limited guardian or conservator [AOC Form 852](#), Petition for Appointment of Guardian/Conservator for Minor, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials. See Fees for [Guardian/Conservator Appointment](#).
2. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual. Generate the next case number for probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder using case type **GCIJUV** - for Appointment of a Guardian. Or **CONSVJ** - for the appointment of a conservator.  
**Note:** If a competing petition/application is received, use the same case number and file folder.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **PGM** for appointment of guardian or **PCM** for appointment of a conservator.
4. The petition must be accompanied by a verified application of the person/entity desiring appointment. KRS 387.025(1), [AOC Form 853](#), Application for Appointment as Guardian/Conservator for Minor. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. Complete a document screen, using document type **AAM**.
6. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **OH**. Notice of the hearing is given by the petitioner. KRS 395.016.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 852  
File, date, initial

Probate **P** case  
Case type **GCIJUV** or **CONSVJ**  
Document type **PGM** or **PCM**  
(AOC Form 853)

File, date, initial  
Document type **AAM**  
Distribute copies



7. Distribute the copies of the application per the instructions on the bottom of the petition and note distribution in the memo field of the document screen.
  - (1) Minor (if age 14 or older),
  - (2) Each person/entity named in petition KRS 387.025(5).

**NOTE:** Do not serve notice of the hearing. Notice of hearing is given by petitioner or petitioner’s attorney. KRS 395.016.

**76.3.2 Fees for Guardian/Conservator Appointment**

1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).
2. Collect a fee for publication of notice of the appointment of the fiduciary. The amount of this fee is set by the newspaper which publishes the notice. KRS 424.160(1), (4).

Quick Reference  
 Collect fees  
 Collect publication fee

**76.3.3 Bond of Guardian/Conservator**

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 825](#) (Fiduciary Bond), collect the bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
 

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
 KRS. 62.030.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **BF**.
4. Attest a copy and give to the fiduciary. Give notice of the filing of the bond by mailing or hand-delivering a copy of the minor (if age 14 or older) and each person/entity named in the petition.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

If the district court directs that the assets of a ward’s estate be deposited in a restricted account, the guardian or conservator shall be exempt from giving surety on his or her bond.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, no bond is required from a limited guardian KRS 387.070(2) or guardian or conservator nominated by the will of the minor's last surviving parent if said will requests no surety. KRS 387.070(3).

5. The fiduciary bond surety may be corporate or personal. KRS 387.070, 395.130, 62.060. See [Bonds and Sureties Chapter](#).

AOC Form 825  
 Collect fees  
 File, date, initial  
 Document type **BF**  
 Attest copy



### 76.3.4 Order Appointing Guardian/Conservator

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 854](#), (Order of Appointment of Guardian/Conservator for Minor), apply the **ENTERED** stamp (after the fiduciary bond, if required, is posted); add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **OAG** for appointment of guardian or **OCON** for appointment of conservator.
3. Give [notice of entry](#) by mailing or hand delivering a copy of the order to the minor (if age 14 or older) and each person or entity named in the petition.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 854  
 Enter, date, initial  
 \*Guardian – **OAG**  
 \*Conservator – **OCON**  
 Give notice of entry

### 76.3.5 Tickler System for Guardian/Conservator

1. Create a tickler system for the filing of the inventory and settlement by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **IN** for inventory and **STL** for settlement for the date the inventory and settlement is due to be filed.
2. An inventory must be filed within 60 days of appointment. Schedule the settlement for one year after the date of the appointment.

\*Inventory – **IN**  
 \*Settlement – **STL**  
 Schedule inventory  
 Schedule settlement

### 76.3.6 Advertising Appointments

**NOTE:** Do not advertise Limited Guardianship.

1. The clerk shall advertise monthly all fiduciary appointments made since the last publication. One notice is sufficient. KRS 424.340.
2. At the beginning of each month, start a new list of appointments of fiduciaries to be advertised. Add to your list as appointments are made during the month. At the end of the month, your list is complete and ready for publication. Use column headings on your list to match those items contained below regarding what the publication must contain:
  - (1) The name and address of the person whose estate is being administered;
  - (2) The name and address of the fiduciary;
  - (3) The date of appointment;
  - (4) The date by which creditors must file their claims (6 months after the appointment of the fiduciary), KRS 395.190;
  - (5) The name and address of the attorney representing the fiduciary, if any. KRS 424.340.
3. The publication fee is collected from the petitioner when the petition is filed. KRS 424.160(4).
4. Select a newspaper for the ads which meets the publication criteria as set out in [Publication of Appointments](#).

Advertise all fiduciary appointments

5. Make a notation of the advertising of the appointment in the memo field of the document screen where the order of appointment is filed. **Do not** keep a copy of the publication in each case file.
6. The notice shall state that creditors must present their claims within six (6) months after the appointment of the personal representative or be forever barred.

**Quick Reference**  
**Do not** keep copy of publication in each case file

### 76.3.7 Disposition

Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen. **Do not** reopen the case when a settlement is filed.

### 76.3.8 Inventory for Minor

A guardian or conservator must file an inventory within 60 days of appointment. KRS 395.250.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the inventory; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **INV**.
3. If the inventory is filed in advance of the due date, delete the scheduled event following instructions in [Counter Screen](#) section of KyCourts Manual.

File, date initial  
 Document type **INV**

### 76.3.9 Delinquent Inventory

1. On a monthly basis, print a calendar of the delinquent inventories and present the calendar to the judge. KRS 395.635.
2. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 845](#) Notice of Failure to File Inventory/Settlement Report, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **NFF**.
4. Give [notice of entry](#) as directed by the court.

Deliver calendar of delinquent settlements to judge  
 AOC Form 845  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Document type **NFF**  
 Give notice of entry

### 76.3.10 Settlement for Minor

Guardians and conservators must file settlements as outlined below.

**One year after appointment and annually thereafter.** KRS 387.175.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **SET**.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial  
  
Document type **SET**

**If the minor's estate is valued at \$5,000 or less, one year after appointment and every two years thereafter.** KRS 387.175.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **SET**.

File, date, initial  
  
Document type **SET**

**Final Settlement upon termination of appointment** KRS 387.175; 395.610(1).

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **SETF**.

File, date, initial  
  
Document type **SETF**

**If the settlement is filed in advance of the due date:**

Unschedule/delete the scheduled event (DELSH) following instructions in [Counter Screen](#) section of KyCourts Manual.

### 76.3.11 Advertisement of Settlements

**Final Settlement**

1. Publish notice of the filing of the settlement in a local newspaper at least 10 days prior to the hearing, unless the court allows the fiduciary to send notices in lieu of publications or the court orders no publication or mailing of notice by the fiduciary when the estate is less than \$2500.00. KRS 395.625. The notice must contain:
  - (1) Name of the estate;
  - (2) The date and time of the hearing;
  - (3) That exceptions of the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing.
2. Make a notation of the advertisement in the memo field of the document screen where the settlement is filed.

Publish notice  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Memo advertisement details

**Periodic Settlements**

Generally, newspaper advertisement of notices of the filing of annual accountings (i.e. periodic settlements) are not required unless a hearing date has been set on the written report of the settlement. The notice must contain:

- Name of the estate;
- The date and time of the hearing;
- That exceptions of the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- When the court allows the fiduciary to send written notice of the hearing in lieu of advertising.
  - If the value of the trust or estate is less than \$2,500 and the assets are held in account only accessible via order of the court.
  - Reports and settlements of guardians and conservators of mentally disabled persons are not to be advertised.
  - Guardians under the Uniform Veterans’ Guardianship Act.
  - A hearing on a settlement (annual or final) filed in conformity with an approved proposed settlement made under KRS 395.617.
1. Make a notation of the advertisement in the memo field of the document screen where the settlement is filed.
  2. Upon receipt of a settlement order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
  3. Complete a document screen using document type **OAS**.
  4. Give [notice of entry](#) by mailing or hand delivering a copy of the order to the fiduciary or attorney.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b></p> <p>Memo advertisement details</p> <p>Enter, file, initial</p> <p>Document type <b>OAS</b></p> <p>Notice of entry</p>
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**76.3.12 Delinquent Settlement**

1. On a monthly basis, print a calendar of the delinquent settlements and present the calendar to the judge. KRS 395.635.
2. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 845](#) Notice of Failure to File Inventory/Settlement Report, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Complete a document screen using document type **NFF**.

<p>Present delinquent settlements to judge</p> <p>AOC Form 845</p> <p>Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Document type <b>NFF</b></p>
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**76.3.13 Sale of Real Estate by Guardian/Conservator**

1. Upon receipt of a motion filed by a Guardian/Conservator for permission to sell real property, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **MH** and add a motion screen using type **SOP**. The motion must be served in the same manner as an initiating document (complaint), but do not issue a summons. KRS 389A.010; CR 4.01.
3. Unless waived in writing, written notice of the hearing must be given to all persons having a vested or contingent interest in the property, as identified by the guardian/conservator, at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing. At the direction of the guardian/conservator, give notice of this hearing by printing a Court Notice and serve notice with the motion attached. See [Service of Process](#).
4. Upon receipt of an order for permission to sell real property; apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the order on a document screen including a brief description.
6. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the order on every party not in default or who has not waived notice. Enter the method of service (mail or personal delivery) and notice of entry date on the document screen where the order is entered.

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial

Event type **MH**  
 Motion type **SOP**  
**Do not** issue summons

Notice of hearing

Enter, date, initial

NOE

## 76.4 *Trust Estate*

*KRS 386B.2-050*

- A trust is a relationship whereby property (real or personal, tangible or intangible) is held by one party for the benefit of another.
- A statement/registration of trust creates a new case. Do not enter into existing probate case if one exists.

### 76.4.1 **Statement/Registration of Trust**

**NOTE:** There is no filing fee for registering a trust.

A trust is registered by the filing of a statement that indicates the name and address of the trustee in which the trustee identifies the type of trust:

- **Testamentary Trust** (created by will): by the name of the testator and the date and place of domiciliary probate;
  - **Written Inter Vivos** (Living) Trust: by the name of each settlor and the original trustee and date of the trust instrument;
  - **Oral Trust:** by identifying the settlor or other source of funds and describing the time and manner of the trust's creation and the terms of the trust, including the subject matter, beneficiaries and time of performance).
- Acknowledges the trusteeship, and indicates whether the trust has been registered elsewhere.
1. Upon receipt of a statement for registering a trust, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
  2. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. Generate the next case number for probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **CONSV A** - CONSERVATORSHIP/TRUSTEESHIP ADLT and **CONSV J** - CONSERVATORSHIP/TRUSTEESHIP- JUVENILE.
  3. **Do not** issue a summons.
  4. Complete a document entry for the statement using document type **ROT**.

**Quick Reference**

No filing fee

File, date, initial

Probate **P** cases  
Case type **CONSV A** and **CONSV J**

**Do not** issue summons

Document type **ROT**



### 76.4.2 Administering/Petition Pertaining to a Trust

- Follow the procedures below for all petitions, including those to approve a proposed modification or termination of a trust or to contest the validity of a trust.
  1. When a petition pertaining to a trust is received, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).
  2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add date and your initials.
  3. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.
  4. Check your index for a previously assigned case number for registration of trust. If a number exists and that number is a computer generated case number, use the same number and file folder. If the number is not in the computer or a case number does not exist, generate the next case number **CONSV A** - CONSERVATORSHIP/TRUSTEESHIP ADLT and **CONSV J** - CONSERVATORSHIP/TRUSTEESHIP- JUVENILE.
  5. **Do not** issue a summons.
  6. Provide the Trustee with a copy of the petition that has been stamped **FILED**.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Case type **CONSV A** and **CONSV J**

**Do not** issue summons

File stamp

### 76.4.3 Appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem

*KRS 386B.3-050*

If the court determines it is necessary, the court may appoint a GAL for a minor, incapacitated or unborn individual or a person whose identity or location is unknown. A GAL may be appointed to represent several persons or interest. For more information, see [Guardian Ad Litem](#).

### 76.4.4 Hearing Notice

The petitioner (not the clerk) is responsible for providing notice of the time and place of any hearing to any interested person or attorney. KRS 386B.1-070(4). The petitioner will file proof of this notice with you.

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the notice; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **NH**.
3. Schedule the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **OH**.

File, date, initial

Document type **NH**

Event type **OH**

### 76.4.5 Bond for Trustee

1. When a trustee appears to post a bond, ([AOC Form 825](#), Fiduciary Bond) may be used.

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?”*  
KRS. 62.030.

2. Collect the fiduciary's bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond ([AOC Form 820](#) Petition for Appointment of Trustee Under Will); add date and your initials.
4. File on a document screen using document type **BF**.

**NOTE:** The bond must be posted before the order of appointment of fiduciary is entered.

5. After the bond is posted, enter the Order Appointing the Trustee by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
6. Complete a document screen using document type **OAT**.
7. Give [notice of entry](#) by mail or hand delivery to the fiduciary.
8. Close the case at the time of appointment of the trustee by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen. **Do not** reopen the case when a settlement is filed.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 825

Collect fees

File, date, initial  
AOC Form 820  
Document type **BF**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAT**

Give notice of entry

Disposition type **OTH**

### 76.4.6 Settlement of Trust

All trustees, except for testamentary trustees, will make a final settlement at the conclusion of the trust. KRS 395.610.

1. When a settlement is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **SETF**. Deliver to the judge.
3. When a signed order approving the settlement is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
4. Complete a document screen using document type **OAS**.
5. Give [notice of entry](#) by mailing or hand delivering a copy of the order to the trustee or attorney.

File, date, initial

Document type **SETF**

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAS**

Give notice of entry

### 76.4.7 Cy Pres/Charitable Trust

*KRS 386B.130*

The circuit court has exclusive jurisdiction over actions to identify a charitable beneficiary of a trust. If you receive a charitable trust action process it as a circuit civil action.

### 76.4.8 Sale of Real Estate by Trustee

1. Upon receipt of a motion by a trustee for permission to sell real property, apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen using event type **MH** and a motion screen using motion type **SOP**.
3. The motion must be served in the same manner as an initiating document (complaint), but **do not** issue a summons. KRS 389A.010; CR 4.01.
4. Unless waived in writing, written notice of the hearing must be given to all persons having a vested or contingent interest in the property, as identified by the trustee, at least thirty (30) days prior to the hearing. At the direction of the trustee, give notice of this hearing by printing a Court Notice and serve the notice with the motion attached. For more information, see [Service of Process](#).
5. Upon receipt of a signed order for sale of real estate by trustee, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
6. Enter the order on a document screen including a brief description.
7. Serve notice of entry of the order on every party not in default or who has not waived notice. Enter the method of service (mail or personal delivery) and notice of entry date on the document screen where the order is entered.

Quick Reference	
File, date, initial	
Event type <b>MH</b>	
Motion type <b>SOP</b>	
<b>Do not</b> issue summons	
Give notice of hearing	
Enter, date, initial	
Enter order	
Notice of entry	

## 76.5 *Miscellaneous Probate Appointments*

*KRS 395, KRS 387.290 et seq.*

### 76.5.1 Curators of Convicts, Absent and Aged/Infirm Persons

*District Court*

Upon receipt of an appointment of a curators of convicts, absent and aged/infirm persons collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).

**Curator of Convicts only: KRS 387.290.**

1. In addition to the filing fee, collect certified mailing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).
2. Collect publication fees for the publication of notice of the appointment of the fiduciary.
3. Notify the convicted person by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the petition has been filed; address this notice to the correctional facility where the person is incarcerated.

**NOTE:** All publication fees are set by the newspaper and are paid by the petitioner. KRS 424.340.

**Curator for Absent Persons only: KRS 395.430.**

1. In addition to the filing fee, collect mailing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).
2. Notify the absent person by certified mail, return receipt requested, that the petition has been filed; address this notice to his last known address as shown in the petition.
3. Collect fees for publication of notice of the appointment of the fiduciary. KRS 424.340.

**NOTE:** All publication fees are set by the newspaper and are paid by the petitioner.

**Curator for Aged or Infirm Person only: KRS 387.320.**

A person who deems himself unfit by reason of advanced age or physical disability and weakness to manage real or personal property or business may petition the district court to appoint a curator. No notice or public hearing is required.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fees

**CURATOR CONVICTS:**

Collect certified mailing fees

Collect publication fees

Notice of petition

**CURATOR FOR ABSENT PERSONS:**

Collect mailing fees

Notify absent person the petition was filed

Collect fees for publication of notices

**CURATOR FOR AGED OR INFIRM ONLY:**

No notice required

**76.5.2 Petition for Curators of Convicts, Absent and Aged/Infirm Persons**

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials using case type **OTH**. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. Generate the next case number for probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. If a hearing is scheduled, complete a scheduled events screen using event type **OH**.
2. Usually summons is not issued in these cases; notice requirements vary from case to case. Follow any court orders as to notice.
3. The fiduciary's bond must be approved by the court, and you must attest it. Upon receipt of a fiduciary bond collect the bond fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. KRS 64.005.  
**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)  
**Oath to Fiduciaries:** "Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?" KRS. 62.030.
4. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials and complete a document screen using document type **BF**.  
**NOTE:** The bond must be posted before the order of appointment of fiduciary is entered.
5. Upon entry of a posted bond, enter the order appointing fiduciary.
6. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file on a document screen using document type **OFID**.
7. Upon request, provide certified copies of the appointment. Collect a certification fee and a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
8. Publish notice of appointment of fiduciaries in a local newspaper along with other fiduciary appointments for the month. KRS 424.340.  
**NOTE:** This is not required for appointment of curator for aged or infirm person. KRS 387.320.
9. Upon receipt of a settlement, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
10. File a document screen using document type **SET**. Publish notice of the hearing unless the court allows the fiduciary to send notices in lieu of publication. KRS 395.625.
11. Make a notation of the advertisement in the memo field in the document screen.
12. When a settlement order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and enter on a document screen.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
File, date, initial Case type <b>OTH</b>
Probate <b>P</b> cases Event type <b>OH</b>
Follow court order for notice
Fiduciary bond
File, date, initial Document type <b>BF</b>
Enter, date, initial Document type <b>OFID</b>
Publish notice of appointment
File, date, initial
Document type <b>SET</b>
Memo advertisement
Enter, date, initial
Notice of entry
Disposition type <b>OTH</b>

13. Give [notice of entry](#) by mail or hand delivery to the fiduciary or attorney.
14. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

### 76.6 *Transfer of Fiduciary Account*

- A bank or trust company may transfer fiduciary accounts to an affiliate bank or trust company in the Commonwealth, providing written notice of the last account status report is given to the recipient thirty (30) days prior to the transfer. The bank's notice shall include the recipient's right to object to the transfer. KRS 286.3-140.
  1. Upon receipt of a notice to transfer fiduciary account apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  2. If there is an existing case, complete a document screen in using document type **NO** – Notice Other and memo “Notice to Transfer Fiduciary Account.” If there is no existing case follow steps below in [Affidavit of Transfer \(No Objection Received\)](#) or [Affidavit of Transfer \(Objection to Transfer\)](#) as appropriate regarding adding the case.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Document Type: **NO**

#### 76.6.1 Affidavit of Transfer (No Objection Received)

Within ten (10) days after a bank or trust company transfers an account, the transferring agency must file an affidavit regarding the transfer.

1. If there is no existing case, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials. The affidavit will be the initiating document.
3. If there is an existing case add the affidavit as a document using document code **AFF** and memo affidavit of transfer.
4. If there is no existing case open the case using case type **OTH**. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.
5. Generate the next case number for probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Add the **AFF** document in the new case.
6. **Do not** issue a summons.
7. Close the case by completing the disposition date (same as filing date), disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition (same as open judge) fields on the case screen.

Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Document type: **AFF**

Case type **OTH**  
 Probate **P** cases  
**Do not** issue summons

Disposition type **OTH**

### 76.6.2 Affidavit of Transfer (Objection to Transfer)

1. If there is no existing case, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).
2. Upon receipt of an Objection, apply the **FILED** stamp to the Objection; add the date and your initials. The objection is the initiating document.
3. If there is an existing case , file the Objection by completing a document screen using document type **OBJ** and memo “Objection to Transfer of FIDUCIARY Account.”
4. If there is no existing case, add the case using case type **OTH**. Refer to the Case Add section of the Kycourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
5. Generate the next case number for probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
6. If requested, issue a summons by completing a summons screen and schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen using event type **OH**.
7. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
8. Enter the order on a document screen and give [notice of entry](#) to all parties or attorneys.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
Collect filing fees
File, date, initial
Document type <b>OBJ</b>
Case type <b>OTH</b>
Probate <b>P</b> Case
Issue summons <i>if requested</i>
Event type <b>OH</b>
Enter, date, initial
Notice of entry

### 76.6.3 Affidavit of Transfer (No Objection Received)

Within ten (10) days after a bank or trust company transfers an account, the transferring agency must file an affidavit regarding the transfer.

1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials.
3. Use case type **OTH**. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. Generate the next case number for probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. **Do not** issue a summons.
5. Close the case by completing the disposition date (same as filing date), disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition (same as open judge) fields on the case screen.

Collect filing fees
File, date, initial
Case type <b>OTH</b>
Probate <b>P</b> cases
<b>Do not</b> issue summons
Disposition type <b>OTH</b>

## 76.7 Name Change

KRS 401

### 76.7.1 Petition

1. Upon receipt of a petition for a name change, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add date and your initials.
2. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt or follow the instructions for filing [In Forma Pauperis](#).
3. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. Use document type **PNC**. Generate the next case number for district probate **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

**NOTE:** Open a new case for each new petition for name change on the same petitioner. Cross reference the new case to any previous name change “P” case.

4. **Do not** issue a summons. Use case type **NC**.
5. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen and notify the petitioner of the hearing date.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Collect filing fees

Document type **PNC**

Probate **P** cases

**Do not** issue summons

Case type **NC**

Schedule hearing

### 76.7.2 Petition of Name Change for Minor/Juvenile

When a petition for a name change is received on behalf of a **minor/juvenile**:

1. Do not issue a common summons if the petition for name change is signed by both biological parents. Do generate a summons for the absent biological parent(s), by completing a summons screen. CR 4.02, CR 4.04(1). The clerk is required under CR 4.01(1) to issue a summons immediately upon the filing of a complaint/petition. Serve the summons as directed by the plaintiff/petitioner. See [Service of Process](#).
2. A name change petition for a child may be filed in Family Court or Circuit Court (of a county without a Family Court) when the Family or Circuit Court has a case before it involving the family. When filed in an active **CI** or **J** case there is no filing fee for the name change petition. KRS 401.020.

Issue summons only to absent biological parents

There is no filing fee when filed in an active **CI** or **J** case



### 76.7.3 Order of Name Change

1. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document type **OCN**.
3. Give notice of entry by mailing or hand delivering a copy of the order to the parties and attorneys, if any. Complete notice of entry method and date on the document screen.
4. If the name change is granted, send a certified copy of the order to the county clerk's office for recording and instruct the petitioner to pay the recording fee to the county clerk. KRS 64.012, 401.040.
5. If the name change is granted, add in the party screen party types **FKA** (formerly known as) and **NKA** (now known as) as stated on the Order of Name Change.
6. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Note:** Correction to Birth Certificates or Marriage Certificates should be filed as a Circuit Civil action.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial

Document type **OCN**

Give notice of entry

Send certified copy of order to county clerk

Add party types **FKA** and **NKA**

Disposition type **OTH**

## 76.8 *Power of Attorney*

KRS 457.160

### 76.8.1 Petition

1. Upon receipt of a Petition to construe a power of attorney or review the agent’s conduct, collect the filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) for a probate and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules. Generate the next case number for district civil **P** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. File on a document screen using document type **COM**.
5. Do not issue a summons.
6. Have the judge assign a hearing date (or do this yourself if the judge has delegated this duty to you). Calendar the hearing by completing a scheduled events screen.
7. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
8. Enter the order on the document screen. Serve notice of entry on the parties. The method of service and date of service must be completed on the document screen. See [Notice of Entry](#).
9. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** (memo details) and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fee

File, date, initial

Document type **COM**

**Do not** issue summons  
Calendar hearing

Notice of entry

Close case  
Disposition type **OTH**

## 77 PROBATION AND PAROLE FEE- OUT OF COUNTY

### *KRS 439.315*

*Circuit Court*

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- The Corrections Cabinet is statutorily required to keep an account of all payments made by a probationer or parolee. The responsibility of the clerk is limited to receiving and receipting the payment of the parole or probation fee.
- Do not open a case or assign a case number.

#### 77.1 *Fee/Receipt*

When an individual appears in your office to pay a probation and parole fee:

1. The defendant will indicate the amount of the fee to be paid. Take the payment as directed by the defendant.
2. Prepare a receipt and distribute the copies as follows:
  - defendant;
  - Probation and Parole;
  - Bookkeeping.
3. Refer questions your office may have concerning the collection of this fee to your judicial auditor.

## 78 PROTECTION OF ADULTS

### *KRS 209.005 - 209.554*

*Circuit and District Courts*

- Provides for the protection of adults who may be suffering from abuse, neglect, or exploitation inflicted by a person or caretaker.
- Venue is in the court of the adult's residence, or if filed pursuant to KRS 209.130 (ex parte), the court of the county in which the adult is physically located. KRS 209.110(1).

There is no filing fee.

#### 78.1 *Petition*

1. Upon receipt of a petition for protection of an adult, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.
2. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **OTH**.
3. Immediately upon the filing of the petition, consult your roster of attorneys and appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interest of the adult unless your judge wishes to make the appointment. The fee for the GAL is to be paid by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. KRS 209.110(2)-(6).
4. Schedule a hearing by completing a scheduled events screen. Use scheduled events type **OTH**. The hearing may be heard by a district, family, or other circuit judge if the circuit judge who the case would otherwise be assigned to is not present in the county. Note the date, time and location of the hearing on the petition.
5. Prepare a summons to be issued on the adult and his/her guardian or caretaker. If no guardian or caretaker, serve the adult's guardian ad litem. Attach a copy of the petition to the summons, showing the date, time and location. KRS 209.110(3).
6. Any notice must be made at least 3 calendar days prior to the hearing and shall be sent to the adult's spouse, or, if none, the adult children or next of kin, if practical, by mailing a copy of the petition showing the date, time and location. KRS 209.110(3).

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Circuit Civil **CI** Case  
Case type **OTH**

Appoint Guardian Ad  
Litem

Schedule hearing  
Event type **OTH**

Prepare summons

Mail copy of petition  
and notice of hearing

### 78.2 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen. Use document type **OEXP**.
3. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of service of notice of entry of order. See [Notice of Entry](#).
4. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial

Document type **OEXP**  
 Serve notice of entry

Disposition type **OTH**

### 78.3 *Ex Parte Order*

If no petition is filed and the court issues an ex parte order:

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials. The order is the initiating document. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual.
2. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or district **C** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **OTH**.
3. A hearing must be scheduled within 72 hours of the issuance of the order (exclusive of Sat. & Sun.). KRS 209.130(3). Have the judge assign a hearing date unless this duty is delegated to you. Complete a schedule events screen for the appropriate date and time. Use scheduled event type **OH**.
4. Add the Order as a document, using document type **OEXP** and give [notice of entry](#) of the ex parte order and hearing date to the adult and/or his/her guardian or caretaker.

**NOTE: Service shall not be made upon the person or caretaker who is believed to have perpetrated the abuse, neglect, or exploitation. KRS 209.130(1).**

5. After the hearing and upon receipt of a signed order, add the order as document and give [notice of entry](#) of order to the adult or his/her guardian or caretaker.
6. When the order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type **OTH** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Enter, date, initial

**CI-** Circuit Civil  
**C-** District  
 Case type **OTH**

Schedule hearing  
 Assign hearing date  
 Event type **OH**

Document type **OEXP**

Notice of entry

Disposition type **OTH**

## 79 PUBLIC ADVOCATE APPOINTMENTS

### *KRS 31.100(4)(c) - 31.120; KRS 31.211*

*District and Circuit Courts*

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#### 79.1 *Criminal Case*

1. When the judge appoints the Department of Public Advocacy to represent a defendant and a signed Order of Appointment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter on a document screen. Use document type **OAPAD**.
3. Add the public defender as a party to the case using party type **APA**.
4. Give notice of entry by distributing copies of the order as indicated on the bottom of the form. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial

Document type **OAPAD**

Party type **APA**

NOE

#### 79.1.1 Defendant Eligible To Pay Legal Services

If the court determines that the defendant is able to pay for legal services, the court may order the defendant to pay a partial fee, either in a lump sum or by installment payments. KRS 31.120(3); KRS 31.211.

[AOC Form 206](#), Partial Fee Order or [AOC Form 350](#), Indigent Financial Statement; Counsel Request; Affidavit and Order (for Criminal Proceedings), may be used for this purpose.

1. When an order is received; apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Enter on a document screen. Use document types:  
AOC Form 206: **ORCP**  
AOC Form 350: **AI & OI**
3. Give notice of entry by distributing copies of the order as indicated on the bottom of the form. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

AOC Form 206  
AOC Form 350

Enter, date, initial

Document types:  
AOC 206: **ORCP**  
AOC 350: **A1 & OI**

NOE

**NOTE:** The defendant must make court ordered payments through your office, KRS 31.211(1); give a receipt. You are required to accept payments whether in full or in installments. For further instructions, see the [Accounting Manual](#).

### 79.1.2 Payment of Necessary Expense in Defense of Indigent

If requested, provide the public advocate with [AOC Form 207](#), Order for Recovery of Necessary Expense in Defense of Indigent.

1. When a signed order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter on a document screen. Because of the confidentiality clause contained in the form, the order must be sealed within the case file. Use the document type **SD**. Memo **OPE** (Order for Recovery of Pauper Expenses.)
3. Give [notice of entry](#) by distributing copies of the order as indicated on the bottom of the form.

**Quick Reference**

AOC Form 207

Enter, date, initial

Document type **SD**Memo **OPE**

Give NOE

## 80 RECORDED INTERVIEW AT CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS

### *KRS 620.050(10)*

*District Court*

1. Upon receipt of a signed order directing you to seal a recorded interview at a children's advocacy center, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order by completing a document screen, including a brief description. Use the document code **OTS**.
3. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of service of notice of entry of the order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
4. Place the interview in an envelope; mark the envelope "Confidential by Court Order," "Recorded Interview at Children's Advocacy Center;" add the date and your initials. Include the case number and the style of the case on the outside of the envelope.
5. Seal the envelope.
6. File on a document screen using the document type **SD**.
7. Place the sealed envelope in the appropriate case file.
8. Do not release the sealed envelope from your custody except when actually used in the action or proceeding. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope from the case file.
9. A party seeking to view a sealed interview must secure a court order giving him/her access.
10. When the case is closed, maintain the confidentiality of the interview.

**NOTE:** If the case is appealed, include the sealed envelope with other documents in the case in the record on appeal.

**Quick Reference**  
Enter, date, initial

Document type **OTS**

NOE  
Place in envelope, date, initial, add case number and style

Seal the envelope  
Document type **SD**



## 81 RECORDINGS: AUDIO/VIDEO

### *CR 98; 3.02; 3.03, RCr 13.12*

#### *District and Circuit Courts*

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- Audio and video recordings are used for the purpose of recording court proceedings. All proceedings are recorded unless a waiver is signed by the parties and counsel.
- A recording log must be maintained for all recordings. The JAVS system has a built in recording log. This can be accomplished by scanning in the case numbers from the docket sheet which will put the case into the auto log system (JAVS.) The Daily Log should be printed and maintained in a log notebook. See JAVS User Manual(s.)

**NOTE:** In the event a manual recording log is needed, [AOC Form 955](#), Recording Log, may be used for trials. For other hearings, insert the digital counter number beside the case number on the court calendar.

#### 81.1 *Responsibilities of the Clerk*

- You are responsible for the operation of the equipment, training of the personnel specifically charged with the operation of the equipment, and with the proper maintenance and care of the recorder and its accessories.
- All recording equipment should be tested every day and prior to court to verify the equipment is working correctly.

#### 81.2 *JAVS*

The JAVS System allows courts to record video and audio of court proceedings. Quick reference guides and full user manuals may be found using the links below.

[AutoLog 7 Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Daily System Test Quick Reference Guide](#)

[Scheduler 7 Quick Reference Guide](#)

### 81.2.1 Video Recording

- The official court record of court proceedings shall be two simultaneous recordings.
- The JAVS system will automatically provide a redundant recording; but the official record is maintained by the copying of the recording(s) to removable media for an “A” and “B” copy. Copies of the recordings should be finalized at the end of each day.

**NOTE:** Record the proceedings to be written to write-only media to prevent the ability to overwrite recordings on the removable media.

1. For identification purposes, use the JAVS Publisher instructions to label/designate original recordings when burning them to a CD/DVD or other removable media.
2. The label designation should be:
  - the judicial circuit or district number;
  - the court division number (if any);
  - the last two digits of the current year;
  - the number of the recording (counting all recordings used since the start of the current calendar year);
  - the letter "A" shall be assigned to the first official recording (burned copy) and the letter “B” shall be assigned to the second official recording;
  - the number of the CD/DVD used in the proceeding being identified; and
  - the case file number of the proceeding being identified.  
**Example:** 22-3-02-CD-015-A-1, 14-CR-00123.
3. Retain custody of recording(s.)
4. The trial judge or designee shall make a written exhibit list, a written trial log, and a written log listing the recording references of where each witness' testimony begins and ends on the recording. The list shall be kept with the record and a copy shall be maintained with the recording. *CR 98(2)(b)*. See [JAVS Publisher Manual](#).

### 81.2.2 Appeal Recording(s)

1. When a notice of appeal is filed in a case where a court or jury trial was held, recording "B" shall be filed with the clerk and certified by the clerk as part of the record on appeal. RAP 26(A)(3)(a), RAP 26(B)(3), CR 98(2)(a)(i). For more information, see [Appeals](#).
2. If the designation of record lists dates on which hearings were taped for any pre-trial and/or post-trial motions, or any portions thereof, recording "B" shall be filed with the clerk and certified by the clerk as part of the record on appeal. RAP 26(A)(3)(a), RAP 26(B)(3), CR 98(2)(a)(i).

### 81.2.3 Request for Copy

Upon request, prepare a duplicate copy of a recording. If the hearings requested are located on several different DISCS/DVDs, you may copy all the hearings on one DISC/DVD. Collect a fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), for each duplicate DISC/DVD prepared. CR 3.02(2)(f); CR 3.03(3)(e).

## 81.3 *Audio Recording (FTR) – District Court*

- All CDs (compact discs) must be finalized at the end of the court session. Failure to do so means the next day of court may have the present day as well as any other days that were not finalized on the CD. This can cause problems locating a CD for a particular court date when a request is made for a copy of court proceedings.
  - Record at a speed of 2.4. If the wrong speed is used, any copy of the tape requested may be of poor quality. If you are unsure of the correct speed, call Technology Services at AOC.
  - Turn on all microphones in the courtroom and direct all persons speaking to stand next to or immediately behind the microphone in order to insure a clear and complete recording. If your original recording is of poor quality, any copy requested will also be of poor quality.
  - Verify that the recording/CD number is entered on the log sheet or court calendar and that the counter number/time stamp on the machine is entered correctly beside the case number. You may do this by scanning the docket.
  - Keep careful inventory and individual maintenance records of all electronic recording equipment. Store all CDs and log sheets in a suitable location to prevent loss or alteration.
- NOTE:** All juvenile and involuntary hospitalization/admission and disability CDs must be labeled, kept confidential and stored apart from other CDs.
- Notify the AOC in the event of a malfunction.

### 81.3.1 Request for Playback/Copy

The clerk has custody and control of a recording/CD. An attorney or other party requesting a playback of a proceeding shall do so in the presence of and at the convenience of the clerk.

1. Collect the cost per CD plus postage fees, as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), from the requestor.
2. If you have FTR equipment in your county you may make a copy using a laptop as necessary.
3. If you are unable to make a copy locally, send the AOC the original CD and a copy of the log sheet with the case circled in red ink. Verify that the CD being sent belongs to the case indicated. The style of the case or the defendant's name and the starting counter number/time stamp are necessary to properly copy the CD. Do not send the fee for the copy of the CD to AOC.
4. When the original CD and the copy are returned to you, either notify the requesting party the copy is available, or mail it to him/her.
5. The duplicate CD can be played on a regular recorder at the speed of 1-7/8 inches per second or any CD player.

### 81.4 *Video Recording(s) – Cases Involving Child Pornography*

When evidence of sexual conduct of a minor is entered as an exhibit during a hearing or trial, the court **shall ensure the material is not recorded onto the video record** of the proceedings. Any exhibits containing such material shall be sealed and marked as “child pornography.” RCr 13.12. See [Inspection of Records](#) for requests to inspect a record including an exhibit of sexual conduct of a minor.

## 82 RECORDS RETENTION ARCHIVING AND DESTRUCTION

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- The Kentucky Court of Justice Records Retention Schedules approved by the Chief Justice governs the Circuit Clerks' records. The Record Retention Schedule shall be followed for both transferring (archiving) and destruction (disposal) of KCOJ records. All eligible records should be removed from the Clerk's office in a timely manner.
- [Records Retention Schedule](#)

### 82.1 *Archiving*

To transfer permanent records to the State Archives Center or State Records Center operated by the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, contact the staff in Archive and Destruction Division at the AOC.

The unit will assist your office in conducting a space survey to determine the number of cubic feet of records that can be archived. After the space survey is completed, the unit will contact the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives. If KDLA is able to accept records, the Archive and Destruction Division will assist your office and begin inventorying cases to be archived. For more information, contact the Archive and Destruction Division.

**Quick Reference**  
**Email:**  
[archivedestruction@kycourts.net](mailto:archivedestruction@kycourts.net)  
**Phone:**  
 502-573-2350  
 ext. 50768  
 592502-573-2350

### 82.2 *Destruction*

1. ***Prior to the destruction of any disposable records in your office, contact the accessioning staff.*** Once the records for destruction have been identified, the Archive and Destruction Division will make arrangements for the records to be transported or destroyed, they will also assist in preparing all destruction certificates. The original destruction certificate(s) will be forwarded to the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives (KDLA) and a copy(s) will be given to the clerk.

**NOTE:** The Archive and Destruction Division cannot complete the destruction and issue a certificate without proper identification of the items that are being destroyed. Therefore, the clerk must identify the records that will be destroyed by labeling said records or keeping a list of what will be destroyed for the destruction certificate.

2. The KCOJ Records Retention Schedule identifies the record series that are eligible for destruction. The majority of the records are eligible for destruction based upon time lines or audit requirements.

**It is your responsibility to identify the specific records eligible for disposal within the series mentioned below.** Consult the [Electronic Records Destruction Procedures](#) located in KYCourts under the “Help” menu prior to undertaking destruction.

To assist you, KyCourts II provides a destruction eligibility report of cases that meet the destruction criteria based upon the Records Retention Schedule and KCOJ agency requirements. Your office will use the [destruction eligibility report](#) to manually review cases on the list to ensure that they meet all destruction criteria. If eligible, cases may be electronically destroyed from KyCourts II utilizing the [mass process feature for case destruction](#). The Archive and Destruction Division will ensure the physical record is properly destroyed.

Court	Records series	Exclusions
District	<p><b>Traffic Case File</b> - series 00189</p> <p><b>Misdemeanor Case Files</b> - series 00190</p> <p><b>Felony Preliminary Hearing Files</b> - series 00191</p>	<p>Cases with disposition date older than 5 years (cases closed over 5 years)</p> <p>Excludes cases with an FTA that is less than 5 years old</p> <p>Excludes cases with open charges or charges closed less than 5 years</p> <p>Excludes cases with charges for stalking – 002764, 05815, 013242, 013243</p> <p>Excludes cases with document type <b>ORSC</b></p> <p>Excludes enhanceable charges if the charge is a guilty disposition (<b>G, GM, GSS, PRPD</b>)</p> <p>Excludes cases with a future scheduled event</p> <p>Excludes cases with active warrants (<b>AC, RU, HO</b> status)</p> <p>Enhanceable/KSP requested safety violation codes</p>

**Quick Reference**

**ORSC** – Order Restraining Following Stalking Conviction

**G**- Guilty

**GM**- Guilty Multiple Counts

**GSS**- Guilty Sealed Sentence

**PRPD**- Pre-payable Citation Paid

**AC**- Active

**RU**- Returned Unserved

**HO**- Hold



Court	Records series	Exclusions	Quick Reference
	<p><b>Domestic Violence</b> (series 00822)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases with case disposition date older than 10 years (cases closed over 10 Years)</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a charge less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a document less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a scheduled event less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a motion less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a sentence less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a bail less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a summons less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a warrant less than 10 years old</li> <li>• Excludes cases with a future scheduled event</li> <li>• Excludes cases with active warrants (<b>AC</b>, <b>RU</b>, <b>HO</b> status)</li> </ul>	<p><b>AC</b>- Active <b>RU</b>- Returned Unserved <b>HO</b>- Hold</p>

### 82.3 *Retrieval of Case Files*

To retrieve a case from the KDLA, you must determine the location of the file.

- **From the State Archives Center:** accession numbers begin with “A” (A2001-000) and the locations are alphanumeric (A35/D7-A).
- **From the State Records Center:** accession numbers begin with “R” (R2001-000) and the locations utilize roman numerals (VI-J-245).



### 82.4 *Procedures for Any Record Request*

1. Verify where the case is located: the Clerk’s Office, Archive Center or Record Center.
2. Use the transmittal to find the location of the case needed. The case number and location in the center can be given to the citizen if that individual is performing the request.
3. Complete the [Record Request \(Form PRD-160\)](#). If you are having the information sent directly to the citizen, make sure the citizen’s billing address and telephone number are included on the form. You are not responsible for collecting payment of copies to be made by the Archive Center or Record Center.

**Note:** You may locate forms for archives request and other records transactions from KDLA at: <https://kdla.ky.gov/records/Pages/default.aspx>.

**Quick Reference**  
Verify case location

Form PRD-160

### 82.5 *Archive Center Request*

After completing the Record Request, email it to the Archive Center at [KDLA.Archives@ky.gov](mailto:KDLA.Archives@ky.gov). If you need further assistance you can contact the Archive Center Supervisor at (502) 564-8300 or [KDLA.Archives@ky.gov](mailto:KDLA.Archives@ky.gov).

### 82.6 *Record Center Request*

After completing the Record Request, email it to the Record Center at [State.Records@ky.gov](mailto:State.Records@ky.gov). If you need further assistance contact the Record Center Supervisor at (502) 564-3617 or [State.Records@ky.gov](mailto:State.Records@ky.gov).

**NOTES:**

- Copies will not be made other than for specific documents, such as decrees, orders, and judgments. If additional copies or a copy of the entire case file is needed, the original file will be mailed to you. It is your responsibility to make the copies.
- The Archives Center and Records Center staff will not interpret information located in the case files. This prevents any chance of giving misinformation.

## 83 REDEMPTION OF LAND SOLD UNDER EXECUTION OR JUDICIAL SALE

*KRS 426.220, 426.530*

Under certain circumstances the defendant may redeem or buy back his/her land which was sold on execution or at a judicial sale.

### 83.1 *Redemption of Land Sold Under Execution*

If land sold under execution does not bring two-thirds of its appraised value, the defendant and his representatives may redeem it within six months from the day of the sale, by paying the purchaser or his representative the original purchase money and ten percent per annum interest thereon.

1. The defendant will deliver a receipt from the purchaser. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File the receipt on a document screen in the existing case file using document type **REC**.

**NOTE:** The defendant may pay to the clerk the redemption money for the purchaser if the purchaser refused the money or the purchaser does not reside in the county where the land lies or in the county where the judgment was obtained. The defendant may, before the expiration of 6 months, go to the clerk of the court where the execution issued and make affidavit of the tender and the refusal or that the purchaser does not reside in either county.

3. If you receive an affidavit regarding the status of the purchase and purchase money is deposited with you apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials.
4. File on a document screen in the existing case file using document type **AFF** and memo "Affidavit of the Tender or Refusal."
5. Receipt the purchase money as "Money Collected for Others." For more information, see the [Accounting Manual](#).

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Document type **REC**

File, date, initial

Document type **AFF**

### 83.2 *Redemption of Land Sold by Judicial Sale*

If real property sold in pursuance of a judgment or order of a court, other than an execution, does not bring two-thirds of its appraised value, the defendant and his representatives may redeem it within six months from the day of sale, by paying the original purchase money and ten percent per annum interest thereon. The defendant or his/her representative who wishes to redeem the property must also pay any reasonable costs incurred by the purchaser after the sale for maintenance or repair of the property. The defendant shall pay the redemption money to the clerk of the court in which the judgment was rendered or the order of sale was made.

1. Upon receipt of the redemption money by the defendant give a receipt to the defendant.
2. Receipt the purchase money as "Money Collected for Others." For more information, see the [Accounting Manual](#). Money collected should be remitted to the purchaser.
3. Provide a copy of the receipt to the master commissioner as notice. Upon payment by the defendant, the master commissioner shall convey the real property to the defendant.

## 84 REPORTING CONVICTIONS

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### 84.1 *Division of Driver Licensing – Kentucky Department of Transportation*

Convictions affecting a defendant's license are electronically transmitted to the Division of Driver Licensing. For specific instructions regarding the transmission of conviction reports, consult the [KyCourts Manual](#). For additional information of this manual, see chapters: [Circuit Criminal](#), [Citations](#), and [District Criminal](#).

#### 84.1.1 Reporting Criteria:

Charge Date	Process	Exception
Before 7-1-2020	Report the conviction date to Division of Driver Licensing at time of sentencing.  <b>When sentencing occurs:</b> Enter the length of time the defendant's operators' license is suspended/revoked. See KYCourts Manual.	If sentencing does not occur at the time of finding of guilt or entry of guilty plea, refer to <a href="#">KyCourts Manual</a> for instructions on deleting the conviction report.
On or After 7-1-20	Report conviction date to Division of Drivers Licensing at time of sentencing.	

84.2 *No Insurance*

Second or subsequent convictions for failure to secure insurance, KRS 304.99-060, must be docketed for a hearing in six months to show proof of insurance. Create a tickler using scheduled events. If the defendant fails to appear for the hearing, copy the court calendar and mail to Division of Drivers Licensing. KRS 304.99-060.

84.3 *Incompetency Determination*

KRS 186.560

A person found incompetent to stand trial is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle during the period of the person’s incompetency. See [Incompetency Determination](#).

84.4 *Conviction of a Physician, Paramedic, Nurse*

The clerk shall mail an attested copy of the initiating document and judgment pertaining to all felony or misdemeanor convictions of physicians, paramedics and nurses. KRS 311.606(3).

To report a conviction of a physician or paramedic, mail to: **Kentucky State Board of Medical Licensure**. To report a conviction of a nurse, mail to: **Kentucky Board of Nursing**.

83.5 [Reportable Offenses](#)

**Quick Reference**  
 Kentucky State Board of  
 Medical Licensure,  
 Hurstbourne Office Park  
 310 Whittington Pkwy,  
 Suite 1B  
 Louisville, KY 40222

Kentucky Board of  
 Nursing  
 312 Whittington Pkwy,  
 Suite 300  
 Louisville, KY 40222

## 85 ROSTER OF ATTORNEYS

### *SCR 3.480-3.510*

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#### 85.1 *Appointments*

Maintain a list of all attorneys who practice in your court to be used if your judge directs you to make appointments of [warning order attorneys](#), [guardians ad litem](#), or any other appointments. When counsel is to be assigned in a case, consult this list, and make appointments in rotation.

**BEST PRACTICE:** You may want to list the attorneys on index cards; after appointment is made, place that card at the back of the file box.

#### 85.2 *Legal Intern*

Legal interns may provide legal services and appear in any proceedings in any court of this state as set forth in SCR 2.540.

If a legal intern (law student or graduate) is to appear in your court, he or she should file with you letters of approval from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the law school dean, and the faculty director of the program. The intern should also file these letters with you if the law school he/she attended is located in your county. SCR 2.540. Staple the letters concerning the same intern together, and place in a special file with letters on other interns.

#### 85.3 *Suspended/Disbarred Attorneys*

If an attorney whose KBA roster address is located in your county is suspended or disbarred, you will receive an attested copy of the Supreme Court Order. Place the order in a special file for suspended or disbarred attorneys. Remove any such person from your roster of attorneys, or indicate the person's status so that you will know the person is not entitled to practice law. SCR 3.050, 3.480.

#### 85.4 *Reinstatement*

The name of an attorney whose membership has been restored should be reinstated on the roster of attorneys and should be removed from the special file of suspended or disbarred attorneys. SCR 3.500, 3.510.

## 86 SELF-CONSENT ABORTION

### *KRS 311.732*

#### Special Rules for Self-Consent Abortion by a Minor

District Court

[Process Map](#)

A Self Consent Abortion case is confidential and can be heard by the district or circuit/family judge.

1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid unless the petitioner checks the line on the petition indicating she has insufficient funds to pay. (The judge does not have to rule on this.) CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010; KRS 311.732(6).

2. The petitioner or the petitioner's next of kin may complete [AOC Form 260](#), Abortion Petition.

**NOTE:** If requested, you must assist in the preparation of the petition, insuring that that the minor prepares or her next friend is given assistance in preparing and filing the petition.

3. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and note the time the petition was received.
4. Open a case in the CONFIDENTIAL division. For more information, see [Case Add](#) in the KyCourts Manual.
5. Assign a case number using the next pre-numbered file folder for juvenile **J** cases.

**NOTES:**

- *Do not* combine this petition with any other petitions on this minor in your court.
- **Only the petitioner's initials may appear on the petition.** You may enter her name on the party screen only. *Do not* use her name on the case screen or file folder.

6. The case type is "Special Proceeding." Use case type **SP**.
7. File on document screen. Use document type **PAB**.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

AOC Form 260

File, date, initial, and note time

**CO** Division

Juvenile **J** case

Use petitioner's initials **ONLY** – **Do not** use her name on the case screen or file folder

Case type **SP**

Document type **PAB**

86.1 *Petition/Motion of Order*

1. Complete the **Notice** portion of the petition and assign a hearing for the judge (circuit or district) by completing the scheduled events screen. The hearing must be held within 72 hours (including weekends and holidays) of the filing of the petition, unless the minor wants more time as indicated on the petition.
  2. Consult your roster of attorneys and appoint a [Guardian Ad Litem](#) (GAL). Fill in the name of the guardian ad litem in the space provided on the petition [AOC Form 260](#), Abortion Petition. (Appointment of GAL is mandatory.) Use only the minor's initials when filling out [AOC Form 115](#), Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem.
  3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the appointment of GAL form; add the date and your initials.
  4. File a document screen. Use document type AGAL.
  5. Complete a party screen for the guardian ad litem.
  6. If the petitioner has checked the line on the petition requesting counsel, you must appoint an attorney from your assigned counsel list. (This cannot be the same attorney as the GAL.)
  7. Give the petitioner a copy of the petition. Serve the GAL with a copy of AOC Form 260 and AOC Form 115. Serve the appointed counsel (if applicable) with a copy of AOC Form 260.
- BEST PRACTICE:** Have the GAL (and appointed counsel, if applicable) served by the sheriff or other serving officer.
8. The judge has 72 hours (unless the petitioner requests more time) to hear and issue an order in the case. Be sure the hearing is either audio taped, video taped, or a written transcript is made.

**Quick Reference**  
 Assign a hearing for the judge within 72 hours of the filing

Assign a Guardian Ad Litem  
 AOC Form 260  
 AOC Form 115

File, date, initial

Document type AGAL

AOC Form 260  
 AOC Form 115

86.2 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of an Order either granting or denying the abortion apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. File a document screen. Use document type **OGAB** for [AOC Form 261.1](#), Order Granting Abortion or **ODAB** for [AOC Form 261.2](#), Order Denying Abortion.
3. Notice of Entry should only be to the petitioner and **ONLY** hand delivered.
4. Close the case screen by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition.

Enter, date, initial

\* Grant abortion – **OGAB**  
 \* Deny abortion – **ODAB**



### 86.3 *Denied Petition/Appeal*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 262](#), Notice of Appeal Denial of Self Consent Abortion by a Minor, collect filing fees for Appeals to Court of Appeals as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid UNLESS the petitioner checks the line on the petition indicating she has insufficient funds to pay. (The judge does not have to rule on this). CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010; KRS 311.732(7).

2. File on document screen. Use document type **NAAB**.
3. You have five calendar days to index, bind, certify and transmit the record (including the official recordings of any hearings) to the Court of Appeals. Supreme Court of Kentucky, Special Rules for Self-Consent Abortion by a Minor, Section C(4); RAP 26(B). For more information, see [Appeals](#).
4. If no appeal is filed within 30 days refer to the Kentucky Court of Justice Records Retention Schedule for instructions on destruction of the case. For more information, see [Record Retention](#).

**BEST PRACTICE:** Set up a 30 day tickler to review the case. For more information refer to the [KyCourts Manual](#).

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 262  
Collect filing fees

Document type **NAAB**

If appealed you have **5 days** to certify and transmit the record to COA.

## 87 SERVICE OF PROCESS

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A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125. Upon the filing of a complaint or other initiating document the clerk shall forthwith issue the required summons. CR 4.01. See [Civil Summons](#).

### 87.1 *Certified Mail Service*

1. Upon receipt of a request of service by certified mail, attach a copy of the complaint (or other initiating document to the summons).
2. When a third party complaint is filed, attach a copy of the original complaint in addition to the third party complaint.
3. Collect postage fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).
4. Mail the summons and attached pleadings by certified mail, return receipt requested, with instructions to deliver to addressee only and to show the address where delivered and the date of delivery on the return receipt.
5. In order to accomplish proper service, you must check the restricted delivery box on the return receipt (green card).

#### Quick Reference

Attach copy of complaint

Collect postage fees

Mail summons using certified mail, return receipt

### 87.2 *Personal Service*

1. Upon request of service by the sheriff or other serving officer, make a copy of the summons.
2. Give the plaintiff the two summons with a copy of the complaint and/or other documents to be served attached to the copy of the summons and instruct the plaintiff to deliver them to the officer for service. The plaintiff will pay the officer directly.
3. Do not make a copy of the summons for the case file; the officer's return will provide a copy.

Copy summons

Give plaintiff both summons and a copy of the complaint.

### 87.3 *Long-Arm Statutes*

1. KRS 454.210 permits service of process to be made on defendants who are non-residents of Kentucky in any manner authorized by the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure. Under certain circumstances defendants who are non-residents of Kentucky may be served through the Kentucky Secretary of State. If you are asked to serve a summons by this method, collect a fee for the Secretary of State as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).
2. Mail two attested copies of the complaint and summons by certified mail to the [Secretary of State](#).

Secretary of State  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Capitol Building  
Frankfort, Kentucky  
40601

## 87.4 *Return of Service*

### 87.4.1 Certified Mail

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the return receipt (green card); add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the date of delivery in the service date field of the summons screen.

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

### 87.4.2 Personal Service

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the summons; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the date the officer served the defendant in the service date field of the summons screen. You may use the memo field to record the service agency.

File, date, initial

### 87.4.3 Long-Arm Statutes

1. If the receipt is from the Secretary of State enter the date of delivery shown on the return receipt (green card) in the memo field of the summons screen.
2. When the Secretary of State mails notice to you concerning service or non-service of a defendant enter the date of service or attempted service in the memo field of the summons screen.

**NOTE:** The service date field is not completed on a summons screen when service is through the secretary of state. "Summons shall be deemed to be served on the return of the Secretary of State and the action shall proceed as provided in the Rules of Civil Procedure." If the SOS returns the summons, then service was completed. Unlike other forms of service, the statute does not force the plaintiff to use restricted service, only certified mail return receipt.

Enter date of delivery

Enter date of service or attempted service in memo field

### 87.4.4 Return of Non-Service

When a summons is returned unserved, leave the service date field blank on the summons screen and memo the reason and the date of non-service.

## 88 SMALL CLAIMS CASES

### *KRS 24A.200 - 24A.360*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

#### 88.1 *Fees*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 175](#), (Small Claims Complaint), collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Jurisdictional limit in small claims is \$2,500.00.

**NOTE:** There is no limit on the number of complaints and no affidavits are required for claims brought by city, county, or urban county governments. CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010.

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 175

#### 88.2 *Complaint*

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the complaint; add the date and your initials.
2. Provide the petitioner a copy of the [Small Claims Handbook](#). KRS 24A.350.
3. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
4. Assign a case number by generating the next case number in the computer for district civil small claims **S** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **CO**, **PD**, or **PI**.
5. Assign a trial date by completing a scheduled event at least 20 days but not more than 40 days after [service of process](#). KRS 24A.280. The trial date will appear on the summons.

File, date, initial

**S** Cases  
Case type **CO**, **PD**, or **PI**  
Schedule trial

#### 88.3 *Summons*

1. Issue a Small Claims Summons ([AOC Form 180](#)) and record the summons using summons type **SC**.
2. Attach the complaint to the summons (and serve in the manner directed by the plaintiff. KRS 24A.280(2). See [Civil Summons](#) and [Service of Process](#).

**NOTE:** Include a copy of the [Small Claims Handbook](#) along with service of process. KRS 24A.350.

AOC Form 180  
Summons type **SC**

## 88.4 *Counterclaim*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 185](#), (Small Claims Counterclaim), collect filing fees if required as indicated below in fees.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the counterclaim; add the date and your initials.
3. File on a document screen using document code **CC**.

<b>Quick Reference</b> AOC Form 185  File, date, initial Document Code <b>CC</b>
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### 88.4.1 Fees

1. If the amount does not exceed \$2,500.00, there is no filing fee.
2. If the amount is over \$2,500.00 but does not exceed \$5,000.00 (exclusive of interest and costs), the case is then transferred to civil district court. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
3. If the amount exceeds \$5,000.00, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. The case is then transferred to circuit court.

**NOTE:** No counterclaims will be processed until the filing fees are paid unless the party is proceeding In Forma Pauperis or unless the party is the Commonwealth. City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth. CR 5.05(4), KRS 453.010.

### 88.4.2 Transfer

1. Prepare [AOC Form 122](#), (Transfer of Action). Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen using document code **NTA**. Mail or hand-deliver a copy to all parties.
2. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type of **TRF** and the judge at disposition fields on the screen. Make a notation of the transfer in the memo field of the case screen.
3. Transfer the contents of the case file including a copy of the cash receipt and the case history to the appropriate receiving court as set above in number 2. Retain the original file folder and cash receipt and file in numerical order with other Small Claims case files.
4. If the defendant requests a jury trial, collect the applicable transfer and jury fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#). Apply the **FILED** stamp to the request; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document code **REQ**. KRS 29A.270, KRS 24A.310.

AOC Form 122 File, date, initial Document code <b>NTA</b> Disposition type <b>TRF</b>  Transfer contents  File, date, initial Document code <b>REQ</b>
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### 88.4.3 Receiving Court

1. Upon receipt of the case history, apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and you initials.
2. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
3. Assign a case number by generating the next case number as appropriate for district civil **C** or Circuit Civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. Use case type **SC**.
4. File the record transferred as a single item on the document screen using document code **RTRF**.
5. **Do not** issue a summons.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

District Civil **C** or Circuit Civil **CI** cases  
Case type **SC**  
Document code **RTRF**

### 88.5 Judgment/Order

1. Upon receipt of Small Claims Judgment AOC Form 190 or any other judgment, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on a document screen using document type **JSC**.
2. Serve [notice of entry](#) on the parties by making a copy of the order that has been stamped **ENTERED** and mail or hand deliver it to the parties or attorney. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of notice of entry of the order.
3. To close the case, complete the closing information on the case screen by adding the disposition date, disposition type, and the judge at disposition.

AOC Form 190

Enter, date, initial  
Document type **JSC**

NOE

Close case

### 88.6 Settlement Agreement

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 199](#), (Small Claims Settlement Agreement), apply the **FILED** stamp to the agreement; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document code **ASET**.
2. Serve [notice of entry](#) of the judgment on all parties. Enter the method of service (mail or personal delivery) and notice of entry date on the document screen.
3. If a case is ordered closed, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge disposition fields on the case screen.

AOC Form 199

File, date, initial  
Document code **ASET**

NOE

Enter method of service

### 88.7 *Post Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 197](#) (Small Claims Post Judgment Interrogatories), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **INT**.  
  
**NOTE:** After 30 days if no response has been filed, the winning party may complete [AOC Form 198](#), (Small Claims Post Judgment Motion/Order Requiring Losing Party to Answer Interrogatories).
2. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 198](#), (Small Claims Post Judgment Motion/Order Requiring Losing Party to Answer Interrogatories), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Complete a Scheduled Event/Motion Screen.
3. If the court grants the motion, file the order on a document screen using document code **ORAI**. Provide [notice of entry](#) to all parties. Make a notation of the notice of entry on the document screen.
4. Set a court date 30 days after entry of the order, by completing a Scheduled Events Screen.
5. When a final order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter on a document screen and give notice of entry on all parties. Make a notation of the notice of entry on the document screen.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b>  AOC Form 197  File, date, initial  Document code <b>INT</b></p> <p>AOC Form 198</p> <p>File, date, initial</p> <p>Document code <b>ORAI</b>  NOE</p> <p>Enter, date, initial  NOE</p>
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### 88.8 *Motion for Satisfaction of Judgment*

1. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 191](#) (Motion for Satisfaction of Judgment), apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials. Complete a Scheduled Events screen.
2. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 191.1](#) (Order Entry of Satisfaction of Judgment), apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. Complete a document screen using document code **SAT**.
4. Give [notice of entry](#) to all parties and make a notation of the notice of entry on the document screen.

<p>AOC Form 191  File, date, initial</p> <p>AOC Form 191.1  Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Document code <b>SAT</b>  NOE</p>
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### 88.9 *Appeals*

An appeal of a small claims judgment is an appeal from district to circuit court. For more information see [Appeals](#). KRS 24A.340.

## 89 SPECIAL JUDGE APPOINTMENT

### *KRS 26A.015; 26A.020*

*Regional Administration Program Charter*

[Process Map](#)

If a special judge needs to be appointed due to absence of a sitting judge, the sitting judge must notify the chief regional district or circuit court judge who will appoint a special judge by written order. If a special judge needs to be appointed due to disqualification of a sitting judge, the sitting judge must certify the grounds to the chief regional district or circuit court judge.

**EXCEPTION:** A [recusal motion/affidavit](#) filed pursuant to KRS 26A.020.

### 89.1 *Special Judge Appointment*

Appointments made due to a sitting judge's unavailability:

1. Upon receipt of an order appointing a special judge AOC Form SJ-3 or AOC Form SJ-7, apply the **FILED** stamp to the Supreme Court's Order; add the date and your initials.
2. If the order is specific to one case add the order as a document in the specified case using document code **OASJ**. If the order is appointing a special judge to hear multiple cases, place the order of appointment in the General Orders File.
3. Copy the case file, print the case history and copy the docket sheet if one exists. Mail the **copy** to the special judge. Maintain the original file in your office.
4. Mail a copy of each additional filing to the special judge. The original pleadings/ documents should be filed in KyCourts and kept with the original record in your office.

**NOTE:** Under no circumstances should the original file be removed from your office except as outlined in CR 79.05.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document type **AFF**  
Motion type **REC**

Mail copy to special judge



### 89.2 *Recusal Motion/Affidavit*

A party may file a recusal motion/affidavit pursuant to KRS 26A.020 based on the judge’s inability to afford the party a fair and impartial trial or partiality in deciding an application for change of venue.

1. Upon receipt of a recusal motion/affidavit apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a motion or document screen, as appropriate. Use document type **AFF** and memo recusal. Use motion type **REC**.
3. Immediately send a certified copy of the recusal motion/affidavit directly to the **Chief Justice of the Supreme Court**. The Chief Justice will decide whether to appoint a sitting, senior, or retired judge as special judge. KRS 26A.020.

**NOTE:** If there has been a recusal motion/affidavit filed pursuant to KRS 26A.015 (a absence or vacancy by the sitting judge,) do not forward to the Chief Justice. File the motion and schedule for hearing before the presiding judge. KRS 26A.015 outlines specific instances where a judge **MUST** disqualify him/herself. (Examples: The judge is related to a party, has a monetary interest, was in a government agency that dealt with the issues.)

**Quick Reference**  
File, date, initial

Document type **AFF**  
Motion type **REC**

#### 89.2.1 **Order**

Orders regarding appointment of a special judge due to a sitting judge’s disqualification:

1. Upon receipt of an order appointing a special judge AOC Form SJ-4 or AOC Form SJ-8, apply the **FILED** stamp to the Supreme Court's Order; add the date and your initials.
2. If the order is specific to one case add the order as a document in the specified case using document code **OASJ**. If the order is appointing a special judge to hear multiple cases, place the order of appointment in the General Orders File.
3. Copy the case file, print the case history and copy the docket sheet if one exists. Transmit the **copy** to the special judge. Maintain the original file in your office.
4. Transmit a copy of each additional filing to the special judge. The original pleadings/ documents should be filed in KYCourts and kept with the original record in your office.

**NOTE:** Under no circumstances should the original file be removed from your office except as outlined in CR 79.05.

File, date, initial

Document code **OASJ**

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### 89.3 *Special Judge Codes*

When a special judge is appointed to hear matters in your county, you will need to have the Judge Code added to KyCourts. This request may be submitted using the following form found in SharePoint. [Judge Code Request](#).

**Quick Reference**

AOC: (502) 573-2350

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## 90 STATISTICAL INFORMATION

### *Circuit and District Courts*

- Reopening/Closing or Pre-Computer Cases
- Reopening/Closing of KYCourts (Computer) Cases
- Statistical Codes and Definitions

### 90.1 *Reopening/Closing of Pre-Computer Cases*

When a pleading is received that reopens a pre-computer case, refer to [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual to open the case in KYCourts.

#### 90.1.1 Civil Cases

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion or other document that reopens the case; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a case screen using the **ORIGINAL** case number, filing date, case type, open judge, current judge (if applicable), disposition date, disposition type, judge at disposition.
3. File all pleadings contained in the court record prior to the date of reopening as one item by completing a document screen using the document code **CCF** Circuit Court File and **DCF** for District Court File.
4. Complete a party screen for each party listed in the case file.
5. Complete a scheduled event screen and attach a motion screen to file the motion that reopened the case. If a document other than a motion reopened the case, file on a document screen.
6. Reopen the case statistically. Complete a special status screen as follows:

STATUS TYPE	R – Reopened; memo the original disposition type
STATUS DATE	Date motion or other pleading filed
OPEN JUDGE	Judge assigned to hear motion

7. When a signed order or judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document code CCF or DCF

Reopen

Enter, date, initial

- Enter the order or judgment on a document screen. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry of the order or judgment. See [Notice of Entry](#).

- Reclose the case statistically. Complete a special status screen as follows:

TERMINATION DATE	Date judgment or order entered
CLOSE JUDGE	Judge who rules on motion

**NOTE:** The Quarterly Pending Case List should be reviewed to ensure that all eligible cases have been reclosed as appropriate.

**Quick Reference**  
Notice of entry

Reclose

### 90.1.2 Criminal Cases

- Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion or other document that reopened the case; add the date and your initials.
- Complete a case screen using the **ORIGINAL** case number, filing date, case type, open judge, current judge (if applicable), disposition date, and judge at disposition.
- File all pleadings contained in the court record prior to the date of reopening as one item by completing a document screen using the document code **CCF** Circuit Court File and **DCF** for District Court File.)
- Complete a party screen for each party listed in the case file.
- Complete a defendant information screen.
- Complete a charge screen for each charge listed in the file.
- Complete a sentence screen for each charge, as appropriate.
- Complete a scheduled events screen and attach a motion screen to file the motion that reopened the case on a motion screen. If a document other than a motion reopened the case, file the document on a document screen.
- Reopen the case statistically. Complete a special status screen as follows:

STATUS TYPE	R – Reopened; memo the original disposition type
STATUS DATE	Date motion or other pleading filed
OPEN JUDGE	Judge assigned to hear motion

- When a signed order or judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.

File, date, initial

Document code **CCF** or **DCF**

Reopen

Enter, date, initial

- Enter the order or judgment on a document screen. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry of the order or judgment. See [Notice of Entry](#).

- Reclose the case statistically. Complete a special status screen as follows:

TERMINATION DATE	Date judgment or order entered
CLOSE JUDGE	Judge who rules on motion

- Make an entry on the manual docket sheet indicating the date the case was transferred to KY Courts. It is not necessary to keep a copy of the manual docket sheet in the case file.

**NOTE:** The Quarterly Pending Case List should be reviewed to ensure that all eligible cases have been reclosed as appropriate.

**Quick Reference**

NOE

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**90.2 Reopening/Closing of Computer Cases**

- Apply the **FILED** stamp to any post-judgment motion or other document that reopens a case; add the date and your initials. See [Special Status Detail Screen](#) in KyCourts.
- Complete a scheduled event screen and attach a motion screen to file the motion that reopened the case. If a document other than a motion reopened the case, file on a document screen.
- Reopen the case statistically. Complete a special status screen as follows:

STATUS TYPE	R – Reopened; memo the original disposition type
STATUS DATE	Date motion or other pleading filed
OPEN JUDGE	Judge assigned to hear motion

- When a signed order or judgment is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
- Enter the order or judgment on a document screen. Serve notice of entry on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry of the order or judgment. See [Notice of Entry](#).
- Reclose the case statistically. Complete a special status screen as follows:

TERMINATION DATE	Date judgment or order entered
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File, date, initial

Complete scheduled event

Enter, date, initial

NOE

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CLOSE JUDGE	Judge who rules on motion
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**NOTE:** The Quarterly Pending Case List should be reviewed to ensure that all eligible cases have been reclosed as appropriate.

### 90.3 *Statistical Codes and Definitions*

Refer any questions regarding statistical codes and definitions to Research and Statistics at AOC.

#### 90.3.1 Case Types

Case Type	Definition
AB - ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD APPEALS	A petition for review of a decision of an agency, special district or board. It includes cases from such agencies as the Worker’s Compensation Board and Public Service Commission, etc.
ADPT - ADOPTION	A petition for legal, permanent custody of a child(ren).
AUTO - AUTOMOBILE	A case involving personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death resulting from alleged negligent operation of a motor vehicle.
BCCO - BUSINESS COURT CONTRACT DISPUTE	A business court case involving a breach of contract claim relating to a business entity.
BCOTH - BUSINESS COURT OTHER	A business court case alleging a business dispute relating to a business entity. Use this case type for business cases of unknown specificity, when business cases are not attributable to one of the other defined business case types, or when all business cases are reported as a single case type.
BCPI - BUSINESS COURT TORT	A business court case involving a business tort claim against a business entity, affiliated person, or employee or agent including but not limited to interference with contract or prospective business relationships, fraud, misrepresentation, false advertising, antitrust, unfair competition, unfair trade practices, trade libel or disparagement.

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Case Type	Definition
BCSA - BUSINESS COURT STATUTORY ACTION	A business court case involving a statutory violation(s) relating to a business entity or an affiliated person arising out of business transactions or relationships.
BUYER - BUYER PLAINTIFF	A case involving a buyer of goods or services alleging failure of the seller to deliver said goods or services or to honor a warranty as promised in an expressed or implied contract.
BUYERS - BUYER PLAINTIFF SERVICES	A case involving a buyer of services alleging failure of the seller to deliver said services or to honor a warranty as promised in an expressed or implied contract.
CA - CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT	A case involving a child whose health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm when a parent, guardian, or person in a position of trust: inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical or emotional injury; fails or refuses to provide essential care and protection for the child; commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse, exploitation, or prostitution upon the child; or does not provide adequate care, supervision, food, clothing, shelter and education or medical care necessary for the child's wellbeing.
COM - COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS	A case involving involuntary hospitalization proceedings which includes the hospitalization of mentally ill and intellectually disabled adults.
CONSWA – CONSERVATORSHIP/TRUSTEESHIP ADLT	A petition to manage the financial affairs of another person (ward) because the ward is alleged to be incapable of managing his or her own financial affairs or a petition to appoint a trustee (as designated in a will or trust) to manage the personal and real property of another. Note: If the conservator also has power over personal affairs (medical, living conditions, etc.), the case should be captured under Guardianship.

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Case Type	Definition
CONSVJ - CONSERVATORSHIP/TRUSTEESHIP - JUVENILE	A petition to manage the financial affairs of a juvenile (ward) or a petition to appoint a trustee (as designated in a will or trust) to manage the personal and real property of another. If the conservator also has power over personal affairs (medical, living conditions, etc.), the case should be captured under Guardianship.
COOTH – CONTRACT – OTHER	A case alleging a dispute over an agreement (expressed or implied) between two or more parties. Use this case type for contract cases of unknown specificity, when contract cases are not attributable to one of the other defined contract case types, or when all contract cases are reported as a single case type.
CR-- CIRCUIT CRIMINAL	A criminal case involving charges that could result in a term of at least one year in the state penitentiary to a penalty of death.
CUSTO - CUSTODY	A case in which legal custody, physical custody, or visitation with respect to a child is an issue.  Note: Cases which involve custody issues that are part of a dissolution/divorce proceeding should be classified as DISSOC - DISSOLUTION ACTION W/ CHILDREN
DCTG - DRUG COURT TRANSFER GUILTY	This case type is used by receiving county when a case containing an offense(s) is disposed of as DCTG- Drug Court Transfer Guilty and has been transferred from another county.
DCTD - DRUG COURT TRANSFER DIVERSION	This case type is used by receiving county, when a case containing an offense(s) is disposed of as a “diversion” and has been transferred from another county.
DDP - DENIED DOMESTIC PETITION	This case type is used when a domestic violence petition was denied by the court.
DE – DELINQUENCY (PUBLIC OFFENSE)	A case involving a violation of any federal, state, local law or municipal ordinance by a child, which if committed by an adult, would subject such adult to criminal prosecution.



Case Type	Definition
DEBT - SELLER PLAINTIFF (DEBT COLLECTION)	A case in which the plaintiff/seller brings suit against a buyer of goods or services for failure to pay as promised in an expressed or implied contract.
DFOTH - DOMESTIC RELATIONS – OTHER	A case involving family members (or others considered to be involved in a domestic relationship). Use this case type for domestic relations cases of unknown specificity, when domestic relations cases are not attributable to one of the other previously defined domestic relations case types, or when all domestic relations cases are reported as a single case type.
DIP - DENIED INTERPERSONAL PROTECTIVE PETITION	This case type is used when a interpersonal protective petition was denied by the court.
DISPU - EMPLOYMENT DISPUTE – OTHER	A case involving any dispute between an employer and employee over the conditions, terms or termination of employment. Use this case type for employment dispute cases of unknown specificity, when employment dispute cases are not attributable to another previously defined employment dispute case type, or when all employment dispute cases are reported as a single case type.
DISSO - DISSOLUTION/DIVORCE	A case involving dissolution, divorce, annulment of a marriage, or civil union.
DISSOC - DISSOLUTION ACTION W/ CHILDREN	A case involving dissolution, divorce, annulment of a marriage, or civil union in which at least one party has a minor child.
DOMAIN - REAL PROP. – EMINENT DOMAIN	A case in which a property owner challenges the amount of compensation offered by the state or federal government for the taking of a parcel of land.
DP - DEPENDENCY	A case involving a child, other than an abused or neglected child, who is under improper care, custody, control or guardianship, that is not due to an intentional act of the parent, guardian or person exercising custodial control or supervision of the child.

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Case Type	Definition
DSCR – EMPLOYMENT DISPUTE – DISCRIMINATION	A case alleging that the defendant/employer either terminated the plaintiff/employee or denied hiring, salary increases, or other forms of advancement based on the plaintiff/employee’s race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or qualified disability.
DV-- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	A case in which a victim(s) of domestic violence seeks to obtain protection against further violence. Domestic violence includes physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, strangulation, sexual abuse, assault, or infliction of fear of same between family members or members of an unmarried couple.
EX - EXPUNGED	The removal or deletion of a record by the court.
FCL - FORECLOSURE	This case type is used when a mortgage is foreclosed.
FD-LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES- UNLAWFUL DETAINER	A case alleging a breach of contract (lease/rental agreement) between a landlord and commercial or residential tenant in which a landlord alleges that the tenant’s right to occupy the real property has terminated.
FENTRY - LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES	A case alleging a breach of contract between a landlord and tenant. Use this case type for landlord/tenant dispute cases of unknown specificity, when landlord/tenant dispute cases are not attributable to FD landlord/tenant disputes-unlawful detainer, or when all landlord/tenant dispute cases are reported as a single case type.
FE – FELONY	A serious crime usually punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or by death.
FRAUD - FRAUD	A case alleging the intentional misrepresentation of fact for the purpose of financial or legal gain.

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Case Type	Definition
GCADLT - GUARDIANSHIP - ADULT	A petition to manage the personal affairs (healthcare, food, shelter, clothing, hygiene, etc.) of another person (ward) because the ward is alleged to be incapable of managing his or her own personal affairs. Note: The guardian is the individual, agency, or corporation appointed by the court to manage the personal affairs of another person (ward) who is considered by the court as incapable of managing his or her personal affairs. If the conservator also has power over personal affairs (medical, living conditions, etc.), the case should be captured under Guardianship.
GCJUV - GUARDIANSHIP – JUVENILE	A petition to manage the full care, custody, and control ( both personal and financial affairs) of a juvenile (ward). Note: the guardian being an individual, agency or corporation appointed by the court to have full care, custody, and control of a minor and to manage his financial resources. This case type should capture cases in which the guardian is granted power to make personal (health care, living condition, etc.) decisions. If in addition to personal care decisions, the guardian also has control over financial and property decisions, count these cases as Juvenile Guardianship, not Conservatorship cases.
INTENT - INTENTIONAL TORT	Cases involving injury to property or person alleged to be willfully caused by one party to another’s property or person.
HABEAS - HABEAS CORPUS	A writ of inquiry designed to affect the speedy release of a person illegally deprived of his liberty. The writ is commonly used when a person is seeking to be released on bail or when a prisoner is challenging extradition or detainer proceedings.

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IP - INTERPERSONAL PROTECTION	A case in which a victim(s) of dating violence and abuse, stalking, and/or sexual assault seeks to obtain short/long term protection against further violence and abuse, stalking, and/or sexual assault. Dating violence and abuse” means physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual assault, strangulation, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, strangulation, or assault occurring between persons who are or have been in a dating relationship;
ITPR - INVOLUNTARY TPR	A petition to involuntarily terminate the rights of a parent because it is in the best interest of the child.
MI - MISDEMEANOR	A crime that is less serious than a felony and is usually punishable by fine or confinement of less than one year in a place other than prison (such as a county jail).
MLOTH - MALPRACTICE - OTHER	A case alleging misconduct or negligence by a professional. Use this case type for malpractice cases of unknown specificity, when malpractice cases are not attributable to another previously defined malpractice case type, or when all malpractice cases are reported as a single case type. Example: Legal malpractice.
OTH – OTHER	A civil case not specifically designated, such as state fiscal suits, etc.
PA – PATERNITY	A case seeking to determine a child’s father and set child support payments.
PBDIS - PROBATE – DISPENSE W/ADMINISTRATION	A case involving an estate which has no assets eligible to probate.
PBINT – PROBATE INTESTATE	A case involving the administration of an estate of a deceased person who died intestate, without a will.

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Case Type	Definition
PBOOTH - PROBATE/ESTATE	A case that includes the establishment of a guardianship, conservatorship, and/or trusteeship, and the administration of an estate of a deceased person who died testate or intestate, including the settling of a legal dispute concerning a will. Use this case type for probate/estate cases of unknown specificity, when probate/estate cases are not attributable to one of the other previously defined probate/estate case types, or when all Probate/Estate cases are reported as a single case type.
PBTEST- PROBATE TESTATE	A case involving the administration of an estate of a deceased person who died testate, with a will, including the settling of a legal dispute concerning a will, the establishment of a guardianship, conservatorship, and/or trusteeship.
PD - PROPERTY DAMAGE	A case arising from damage to property which the plaintiff believes was caused by the defendant.
PIOTH – TORT - OTHER	A case alleging an injury or wrong committed against a person, his/her reputation, or his/her property by a party who either did something that he or she was obligated not to do or failed to do something that he or she was obligated to do. Use this case type for tort cases of unknown specificity, when tort cases are not attributable to one of the other previously defined tort case types, or when all tort cases are reported as a single case type.
PR - PROPERTY RIGHTS	A case involving land title, right-of-way, and condemnation matters.
PREM - PREMISES LIABILITY	A case involving a claim brought against the owner of real property, alleging the condition of the property to be the cause of personal injury.
PROD - PRODUCT LIABILITY	A case alleging that injury is caused by the manufacturer or seller of an article due to a defect in, or the condition of, the article sold or an alleged breach of duty to provide suitable instructions to prevent injury.
REV - REVIEW OF TREATMENT	A petition for review or modification of treatment.

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Case Type	Definition
SC - SMALL CLAIMS	A case (tort, contract, or real property claims) governed by statutorily defined summary procedures where the remedy sought is less than \$5000.00.
SG - SEGREGATED	When a record is to be separate or isolated from others or from a main body or group. (Only law enforcement records may be statutorily segregated. Court records are not records which may be segregated. York v Commonwealth, Ky. App., 815 S.W. 2d 415 (1991)).
SLAND - SLANDER/LIBEL/DEFAMATION	A case alleging harm to the reputation, community standing, or livelihood of the claimant caused by false or misleading statements made by the defendant.
SP - SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS	A case type for all other cases in juvenile court, i.e.; mental health proceedings, petition for abortion, etc.
ST - STATUS	A case in which a child is accused of committing acts which, if committed by an adult, would not be a crime. Includes noncriminal forms of juvenile behavior, such as running away from home, skipping class, or exhibiting beyond-control behaviors at home or at school.
SUPIV – SUPPORT - IV-D	A case filed by a parent/guardian to request maintenance for that parent/guardian or for a minor child by a person who is required, under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act of 1973, to provide such maintenance.
SUPPRI – SUPPORT - PRIVATE NON-IV-D	A case filed to request maintenance for a parent/guardian or for a minor child by a person who is required by law, but who is not under the auspices of Title IV-D of the Social Security Act of 1973, to provide such maintenance. Note: Do not include in this category cases in which private (non-IV-D) issues are part of a dissolution/divorce proceeding.

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Case Type	Definition
TAX - TAX	A case typically brought by a government agency against an individual or business for failure to pay taxes previously assessed.
TR - TRAFFIC	An offense that involves a motor vehicle.
URESAs - URESAs/UIFSAs - UNIFORM RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT ACT	A case in which determination of paternity or enforcement of support is ordered from another jurisdiction. Can be filed in district or circuit court.
VISIT - VISITATION	A case in which an individual requests that a court schedule the time the individual will spend with the minor children. Such requests can be brought before the court by parents, grandparents, or other family members.
VTPR- VOLUNTARY TPR	A petition in which a parent voluntarily agrees to terminate his or her parental rights.
WC – WILL CONTEST	A case involving a dispute between parties over a will, whether testate or intestate. A will contest may be an action in which one party alleges that the district court erred in admitting or rejecting a will into the record. If the validity of the will is not an issue, a party may seek construction, interpretation or reformation of a will. A will contest is filed in circuit court.
WRITS - WRITS	A case involving a written court order directed to a specific person, requiring that person to perform or refrain from performing a specific act. Example: A writ involving prison conditions.
XI - APPEAL CIVIL	A complaint to a court of higher jurisdiction of an injustice done or error committed by a court of lower jurisdiction on a civil case, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.
XR - APPEAL CRIMINAL	A complaint to a court of higher jurisdiction of an injustice done or error committed by a court of lower jurisdiction on a criminal case, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.

90.3.2 Case Disposition Types

Case Disposition Type	Description
360D--360 DAY COMMITMENT	Judgment committing the respondent for 360 days in an involuntary admission or hospitalization proceeding.
60D--60 DAY COMMITMENT	Judgment committing the respondent for 60 days in an involuntary admission or hospitalization proceeding.
72H--72 HOUR COMMITMENT	Judgment committing the respondent for 72 hours in an involuntary admission or hospitalization proceeding.
AG -- APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN	Indicates a guardian is appointed for a minor in probate cases.
CDI--CONTESTED DIVORCE	A divorce proceeding in which a legal or factual issue is litigated in a court trial.
DBT--DISMISSED (BEFORE TRIAL)	Plaintiff's suit is dismissed, with or without prejudice, before a trial was initiated.
DCT--DRUG COURT TRANSFER	Indicates the case has been transferred to another jurisdiction so the defendant may participate in that jurisdiction's drug court program.
DFJ--DEFAULT JUDGMENT	Uncontested judgment.
DIS--DISMISSED (JUV)	Dismissal in a juvenile action.
DLP – DISMISSED: 77:02(2)	Plaintiff's suit is dismissed for lack of prosecution, i.e., no pretrial step has been taken within the last year.
DVD—DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DENIED	Indicates that a domestic violence petition was denied. A summons and/or emergency protective order was not issued.
FD – FULL DISABILITY	Indicates a judgment of full disability/wholly disabled in a disability proceeding.



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INF – INFORMAL JUDGMENT	Informal Adjustment per the Juvenile Code (KRS 610.0710.) Used in district juvenile cases that do not result in formal commitment to a state or local agency, i.e.; when custody is entrusted to a relative.
IPD – INTERPERSONAL PROTECTIVE ORDER DENIED	Indicates that an interpersonal protective petition was denied. A summons and/or temporary protective order was not issued.
JAD – JUDGMENT-ADOPTION	Adoption Judgment is entered.
JCT – JUDGMENT COURT TRIAL	Judgment entered when a court trial is held.
JJT – JUDGMENT AFTER JURY TRIAL	Judgment entered when a jury trial is held. <b>NOTE:</b> Not to be used in Disability trials.
JTER – JUDGMENT TERMINATION	Termination of Parental Rights Judgment is entered.
OTH – OTHER	Civil dispositions not specifically stated.
PD – PARTIAL DISABILITY	Indicates a partial disability judgment in a disability proceeding.
RUPO -- RESCIND UNSERVED PROTECTION ORDER	A protection order which has not been served is rescinded.
SBT – SETTLED (BEFORE TRIAL)	Agreed settlement signed by both parties to a suit, done outside of the court, i.e., the actual settlement is not recorded as part of the judgment.
SUJ – SUMMARY JUDGMENT	A judgment rendered by the judge at the close of the pleadings where the only matters in dispute are questions of law.
SUP – SUPPORT	Judgment of child support.
TRF – TRANSFERRED	Change of venue to another jurisdiction. Do not close a case as a transfer if the case is reassigned to a judge within the circuit.
UDI – UNCONTESTED DIVORCE	A divorce proceeding in which the case is presented to the judge for final signature only.

90.3.3 Charge Disposition Types

Charge Disposition Type	Description
ACC-- AMENDED DOWN BY CIRCUIT COURT	An action taken by circuit court to change an offense to a lesser degree resulting in a possible decrease in penalty.
ACQ-- ACQUITTED	Legal and formal certification commonwealth did not prove the guilt of a person charged with a crime.
AD-- AMENDED DOWN	To change an offense to a lesser degree resulting in a possible decrease in penalty.
AFF- AFFIRMED	Circuit court upheld decision/verdict rendered in district court case. USED IN CIRCUIT COURT CASES ONLY.
AGJ-- AMENDED DOWN BY GRAND JURY	An action taken by the grand jury to change an offense to a lesser degree resulting in a possible decrease in penalty.
AMEND -- AMENDED	To change an offense back to original offense or amended to offense equal in penalty.
AP -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE	Use to temporarily dispose of charge(s) in a circuit criminal case where a warrant/summons on indictment has not been served within 60 days from filing date.
AU -- AMENDED UP	To change an offense to a greater degree resulting in a possible increase in penalty.
AUGJ -- AMENDED UP BY GRAND JURY	An action taken by the grand jury to change an offense to a greater degree resulting in a possible increase in penalty.
CAD -- DISMISSAL BY MOTION OF PROSECUTOR	County or commonwealth attorney has requested judge to dismiss offense.
CHR -- COMMITMENT OF JUVENILE TO CHR	Custody and control of minor child is the responsibility of the Cabinet for Human Resources NOW KNOWN AS (Cabinet for Health and Family Services) by court order.

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Charge Disposition Type	Description
DD -- DISMISSED-DIVERTED	Successfully completed the provisions of a specific pretrial diversion agreement for "Class D felony offense. USED IN CIRCUIT COURT CASES ONLY.
DDP – DISMISSED DEFERRED PROSECUTION	A defendant charged with his or her first or second offense under KRS 218A.1415 may enter a deferred prosecution program for a maximum of 2 years. Successful completion results in charges being dismissed and sealed.
DEC -- DECEASED	Defendant died before disposition of an offense.
DEN -- DENIED	To refuse to grant a petition or protest. <b>ONLY</b> used in added offenses such as: probation violation, shock probation, contempt of court.
DGJ -- DISMISSED AFTER PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY	An action taken by grand jury to halt proceeding against an individual offense.
DIS -- DISMISSED	To put an action out of court by order of judge.
DIV -- DIVERSION	In circuit court used as a temporary disposition for Class "D" felony diversion; in district court used as a temporary disposition if charge is to be dismissed after successful completion of diversion. May be used as final disposition if charges are not to be dismissed. Diversion is an action or instance of diverting a defendant from a court proceeding in order to avoid a conviction for a first time offender for a violation, misdemeanor or felony charge.
DJJ -- COMMITMENT OF JUVENILE TO DJJ	Custody and control of minor is the responsibility of the Department of Juvenile Justice by court order.
ENH -- ENHANCED	To indicate penalty increases for the amount of time defendant is sentenced to prison or primary charge.
EXT -- EXTRADITION	Defendant delivered to another jurisdiction, i.e., another county, state or federal agency, as a result of an outstanding warrant presented to your district or circuit court.
FABU—FINDING OF ABUSE	Finding of abuse in a juvenile case.

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Charge Disposition Type	Description
FDEP—FINDING OF DEPENDENCY	Finding of dependency in a juvenile case.
FNEG—FINDING OF NEGLECT	Finding of neglect in a juvenile case.
FTA -- FAILURE TO APPEAR	Temporary closing - Defendant failed to appear at a hearing. Failure to appear notice sent to the Transportation Cabinet.
FTV -- FUGITIVE	Temporary closing - Defendant failed to show at a scheduled hearing during the course of a case, bench warrant issued for arrest.
G -- GUILTY	Finding by judge or jury that defendant did commit a crime.
GDJ -- GRAND JURY	Preliminary hearing held and judge found probable cause or defendant waived preliminary hearing and charges bound over to the grand jury.
GM -- GUILTY-MULTIPLE COUNTS	OBSOLETE CODE - NOT USED.
GNT -- GRANTED	To allow a petition or protest. <b>ONLY</b> used in added offenses such as: probation violation, shock probation, contempt of court.
GSS -- GUILTY-SEALED SENTENCE	OBSOLETE CODE - NOT USED.
HNG -- HUNG JURY	A jury so irreconcilably divided in opinion that they cannot agree upon any verdict.
HOS -- HOSPITAL - JUVENILE ONLY	Mental Health case where juvenile is hospitalized.
INC -- INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL	As a result of a mental condition, lack of capacity to appreciate the nature and consequences of the proceedings against one or to participate rationally in one's own defense.
IND -- INDICTED	Grand jury believes the defendant more than likely committed the alleged crime as charged.
INF -- INFORMAL JUDGMENT	Used in district juvenile cases that do not result in formal commitment to a state or local agency. i.e.; when custody is entrusted to a relative.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Charge Disposition Type	Description
JGDJ-- GRAND JURY JUVENILE	Juvenile cases that are referred to the grand jury (statute requires this grand jury list to be maintained separately.)
MER -- MERGED	To be combined or united into one.
MST -- MISTRIAL	A trial of an action which cannot stand in law.
NG -- NOT GUILTY	A finding by judge or jury to the offense charged.
NGJ -- NO ACTION TAKEN BY GRAND JURY	Grand jury took no action on alleged charges against a defendant.
NTB -- NO TRUE BILL RETURNED BY GRAND JURY	Used to indicate the grand jury did not indict, no judgment of dismissal was entered, and no further action is expected.
OTH -- OTHER	Used when no jail or probation time, fine, or state traffic school attendance is imposed, but some action is taken. Use in juvenile cases that result in commitment to agencies other than the Cabinet for Human Resources N.A. Cabinet for Health and Family Services (i.e.; Comprehensive Care, YMCA).
PAR – PARDON – PRIOR TO ADJUDICATION ONLY	Executive Order of Pardon prior to judgment.
PCB -- PEACE BOND	OBSOLETE CODE - NOT USED.
PTD -- PRETRIAL DIVERSION	The official suspension of criminal proceedings against a defendant at any point after a recorded filing but before entering a judgment and referral of the person to a treatment or care program.
PRDIS—PRE-PAYABLE CITATION DISMISSED	Prepayable offenses dismissed.
PRPD -- PREPAYABLE CITATION PAID	Prepayable fees paid by a defendant cited for prepayable offenses prior to court date.
REM -- REMANDED	Remanded district court appeal XX case: Used when case is reversed and/or remanded. DO NOT USE REMAND FOR transferring CR cases; to continue a case generally or to remove a case from the docket.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Charge Disposition Type	Description
REV -- REVERSED	To change the judgment rendered by a lower court. USED IN CIRCUIT COURT CASES ONLY.
SABU – STIPULATE ABUSE	OBSOLETE CODE - NOT USED
SAV -- SET ASIDE/VOIDED	To cancel, annul, or revoke a judgment. Can be used as temporary or final disposition.
SDEP—STIPULATE DEPENDENCY	OBSOLETE CODE - NOT USED
SNEG – STIPULATE NEGLECT	OBSOLETE CODE - NOT USED
SR -- SEALED RECORD	Fastened up in a specific manner so as to be closed against inspection of the contents.
TRF -- TRANSFERRED	Used when case transferred from one jurisdiction to the other or when a change of venue is ordered.
TRFD – DRUG COURT TRANSFER	Used in originating county, indicating the defendant is currently placed in “drug court” diversion and the case has been transferred to another jurisdiction for court” diversion and the case has been transferred to another jurisdiction for monitoring purposes.
VAC -- VACATED JUDGMENT	Used in circuit criminal cases when motion is upheld for 11.42.
VSC – VOID SEALED CONVICTON	Charge disposition (conviction) is voided and the charge is sealed, i.e., moved to the sealed division of the case management system.
WD--WITHDRAWN	Retract a petition or protest. <b>ONLY</b> used in added offenses such as: probation violation, shock probation, contempt of court.

## 91 SUBPOENAS

*CR 45; RCr 7.02; 13.04; KRS 421.360*

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- Subpoena means a document issued under authority of a court of record requiring a person to:
- Attend and give testimony at a deposition, hearing or trial;
  - Produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, documents, records, electronically stored information, or tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the person; or
  - Permit inspection of premises under the control of the person.

**NOTE:** This includes Subpoena Duces Tecum.

### 91.1 *Subpoena Issuance*

1. Any attorney licensed to practice in this state may issue and sign a subpoena on behalf of the Court. However, criminal subpoenas must be issued by the court.
2. Do not make a docket entry for the issuance of blank subpoenas.
3. Upon request to issue a subpoena, sign [AOC Form 025](#) (Criminal) and [AOC Form 025.1](#) (Civil) leaving the blanks to be completed by the party. CR 45.01, 45.02, RCr 7.02.
4. Upon receipt of a returned criminal subpoena, stamp the subpoena **FILED**; add the date and your initials.
 

**NOTE:** Do not file returns on civil subpoenas unless otherwise ordered by the court. CR 5.06(1)(d).
5. Complete a document screen using **RS** Return of Subpoena as the document type and the file stamp date as the filing date. Enter the service date and the name of the party served in the memo field.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 025  
AOC Form 025.1

File, date, initial

Document screen **RS**  
Enter service date

## 91.2 *Enforce, Quash, or Modify a Subpoena*

1. Upon receipt of an application (or motion) to enforce, quash, or modify a subpoena apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** A motion to enforce an administrative subpoena (KRS 336.060) should be filed as a circuit civil action. Refer to Case Add section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case, using case type **OTH**.

2. If a hearing is requested, schedule the hearing using event type **OH**.
3. If no hearing is requested, present the application to the judge.
4. Upon receipt of a signed Judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the order on a document screen, including a brief description using document type as appropriate:
  - OMOD** – Order Modifying
  - OQSH** – Order to Quash
  - OO** – Order - Other
6. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry.

**Quick Reference**  
Circuit Civil Action  
File, date, initial

Event type **OH**

Enter, date, initial

Document type:  
**OMOD**  
**OQSH**  
**OO**

Notice of entry

## 91.3 *Foreign Subpoenas*

- A foreign subpoena means a subpoena issued under authority of a court of record of a state other than this state.

### 91.3.1 *Depositions To Be Used In Other States*

*CR 28.03; CR 45; KRS 421.360*

- A party desiring to take depositions or to subpoena documents in this state to be used in proceedings outside this state may submit a foreign subpoena to the clerk of the county in which discovery is sought to be conducted in this state.
- Because there are conflicting statutes and rules, there are different procedures for subpoenas for witnesses and subpoenas for production or inspection of documents. **A district judge must issue a subpoena for a witness, while the clerk may issue a subpoena for production or inspection of documents.**



### 91.3.2 Subpoena for Testimony at a Deposition

1. Upon receipt of a foreign subpoena for a witness to attend and give testimony at a deposition, take the subpoena to the District Judge along with an [AOC Form 025](#) subpoena form (not signed by the clerk).
2. If the judge signs the subpoena, do not retain any portion of the documents.
3. If the judge issues an order for the clerk to sign the subpoena, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order, add the date and your initials. Sign the subpoena as ordered.
4. Except for the court order, do not retain any portion of the documents. File in the General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order file.
5. Upon receipt of a returned subpoena, file in the General/Administrative/Miscellaneous Order file.

#### Quick Reference

AOC Form 025

File, date, initial

File in  
General/Administrative  
/Miscellaneous Order  
file

### 91.3.3 Subpoena for Production or Inspection of Documents or Premises

1. Upon receipt of a foreign subpoena to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, documents, records, electronically stored information, or tangible things in the possession, or to permit inspection of premises under the control of a person, sign the subpoena.
2. Do not retain any portion of the documents.

**NOTE:** You are not required to file returns on civil subpoenas unless otherwise ordered by the court. CR 5.06(1)(d). However, as a **best practice** you may maintain a copy of the returned subpoena in the event there is a challenge.

Sign subpoena

### 91.3.4 Enforce, Quash, or Modify a Foreign Subpoena

1. Upon receipt of an application (or motion) to enforce, quash, or modify a subpoena issued by the clerk, collect the filing fee for a circuit civil action.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the application; add the date and your initials.
3. If a hearing is requested, schedule the hearing using event type **OH** and issue a summons as directed by the filing party. See [Service of Process](#).
4. If no hearing is requested, present the application to the judge.
5. Upon receipt of a signed Judgment or order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
6. Enter the order on a document screen, including a brief description using document type as appropriate:
  - OMOD** – Order Modifying
  - OQSH** – Order to Quash
  - OO** – Order - Other
7. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of service of notice of entry.

#### Quick Reference

Event type **OH**

Enter, date, initial

Document type:

**OMOD**

**OQSH**

**OO**

Notice of entry

### 91.4 *Compel Attendance of Witness*

*KRS 421.240*

- A judge in another state may present a certificate to any judge of this state indicating that a person within this state is a material witness in a prosecution or grand jury investigation in another state and that his/her presence will be required. See [Compel a Witness](#).

## 92 TEMPORARY INJUNCTIONS AND RESTRAINING ORDERS

### *CR 65*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

- Temporary injunctions and temporary restraining orders are emergency orders to prevent immediate and irreparable injury, loss or damage in a pending circuit court action.
- A temporary injunction is issued on motion after notice and hearing, and may restrict or direct the doing of an act.
- A temporary restraining order may be issued without notice to the adverse party, and can only restrict the doing of an act.
- Clerks **may not** sign temporary injunctions or temporary restraining orders.

### 92.1 *Temporary Injunctions*

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the motion of temporary injunction; add the date and your initials.
2. Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen. File the motion by completing a motion screen.
3. If the court issues the injunction, take the applicant's surety bond in the amount set by the court. The surety's address must appear on the bond. CR 65.05. For more information, see [Surety Requirements](#).
  1. Require the surety to make an affidavit to show qualification.
  2. Collect a bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#), and give a receipt.
  3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials. File the bond by completing a document screen.
  4. Enter the signed injunction by applying the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  5. Enter the injunction on a document screen using document code **INJT** and include a brief description, serve the injunction on all parties, and enter the method of service on the document screen. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
  6. If the temporary injunction is not granted return to the motion screen and memo "NOT GRANTED."

Quick Reference
File, date, initial
Schedule event Add motion
Verify surety requirements.
Collect bond filing fee
File bond, date, initial
Enter, date, initial
Document type <b>INJT</b>

92.2 *Temporary Restraining Orders*

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the verified complaint or affidavit; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen.
3. Immediately deliver the verified complaint or affidavit to a judge or trial commissioner, following this order of priority:
  - a. A circuit judge of the court in which the action is pending;
  - b. If no such judge is present in the county, then a district judge of that judicial district;
  - c. If no such judge is present in the county, then a district court trial commissioner of that county if he/she is an attorney;
  - d. Any circuit judge may act if no circuit judge of the court in which the action is pending is present in his/her judicial circuit. CR 65.03(2).
4. If the judge issues the restraining order, take the applicant's surety bond in the amount set by the court. The surety's address must appear on the bond. CR 65.05. For more information, see [Surety Requirements](#).
1. Collect a bond filing fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. File the bond by completing a document screen using document type **BRO**.
5. Enter the restraining order. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the order on a document screen, including a brief description. Serve notice on every party not in default and make an entry on the document screen showing the manner of notice. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).
6. Give the sheriff or other serving officer two copies of the temporary restraining order for each person being served. One copy will be for the officer's return. If you are issuing the restraining order when the action is begun, attach a copy of the order to the summons along with the complaint. CR 65.03(4).
7. When a return of service is received; apply the **FILED** stamp to the return, add the date and your initials. Enter the return information in the memo field of the document screen where the restraining order is entered.
8. If the restraining order is not issued make a memo on the complaint/affidavit document screen indicating the order is not granted.

<b>Quick Reference</b>	
	File complaint/affidavit, date, initial
	Deliver to judge
	Collect bond filing fee
	File, date, initial
	Document type <b>BRO</b>
	Enter, date, initial NOE
	Give sheriff two copies for each person being served
	File, date, initial
	NOT ISSUED: Memo "Not Granted"

## 93 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

### *KRS 625.020 - .120; 625.0405*

*Circuit Court or Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

#### 93.1 *Confidentiality*

- Termination cases are confidential. You may not disclose the names of the parties or furnish any copy of the records except on court order. KRS 625.045(2), 625.108(2).

**EXCEPTION:** Pending case files and records are not open for inspection by anyone except:

- The parties;
- Their attorneys; and
- The Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Foster parent of a child who is currently placed with the foster parent (unless the judge determines the involvement is inappropriate.)

**Note:** Name and address of Foster Parents that have chosen to intervene anonymously should be entered as a party utilizing initials only and any requested copies shall be redacted.

#### 93.2 *Filing Fees*

1. Upon receipt of a petition for a [Voluntary Termination of Parental Rights](#) or [Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights](#) collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid. There is a filing fee for each petition filed (for instance siblings are listed on separate petitions.)

**EXCEPTIONS:**

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth. If the Cabinet for Health and Family Services files the action, the filing fee is not applicable. KRS 625.050(1).

**NOTE:** The statute requires a termination of parental rights petition be styled "In the Interest of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor child."

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

### 93.3 *Order and Affidavit of Indigency*

If you receive [AOC-DNA-11 Form](#), Order and Affidavit of Indigency, prior to a petition for termination of parental rights being filed:

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit; add the date and your initials.
3. Immediately deliver the affidavit to the circuit judge who, upon a finding of indigency, must make an appointment for representation within 48 hours.
4. When an order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. If the order approves the appointment of counsel, have the judge appoint an attorney or you may make the appointment if the judge has delegated this authority to you.
6. Mail a copy of the order of appointment to the attorney and the indigent parent(s). Email copy to CHFS at [Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov).
7. File the affidavit and order(s) in the General/Administrative Order File. Make an entry of the documents on the docket sheet attached to the inside of the file folder.

**Quick Reference**  
 File, date, initial  
 Deliver affidavit to judge  
 Enter, date, initial  
 Appoint Counsel  
 Email copy to CHFS  
[Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov)  
 Mail copy to indigent parent(s)

### 93.4 *Voluntary Termination*

KRS 625.040

#### 93.4.1 *Voluntary Petition*

A separate petition shall be filed for each child and individual case numbers shall be assigned. In the case of siblings, cases shall be assigned to the same judge. FCRPP 32(2)(a).

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. File the petition on a document screen using document type **COM**.
2. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
3. In the confidential **CO** division, generate the next case number for adoption/termination **AD** or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

**NOTE:** If an existing or previous DNA proceeding has been filed in your county regarding the child named in the petition, assign the case to the same family court division that heard the DNA action. The petition shall include the case number of any underlying juvenile case, specifically dependency, neglect, or abuse or termination of parental rights cases, and shall include the name of any guardian ad litem previously appointed. FCRPP 32(2)(b).

File, date, initial  
 Document type **COM**  
 Confidential **CO** Division  
 Case number **AD**

**93.4.2 Summons Issuance**

1. The summons and the petition shall be served together. The party requesting the summons shall furnish sufficient copies of their pleadings for this purpose. CR 4.04(1), 14.01. See [Civil Summons](#).
2. The initiating party will instruct whether service of the summons is by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. CR 4.01(1). See [Service of Process](#) and [Return of Service](#).

**93.4.3 Voluntary Termination Hearing**

1. Assign a hearing date, to be held within 30 days of the filing of the petition, as directed by the court. Use [AOC Form 030](#), Order Setting Trial/Hearing. File the order on a document screen using document type **OST**.
2. Complete a scheduled events screen.
3. Serve notice on local Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) representative if no statement is filed with the petition that CHFS will accept custody or if custody is to be placed with an individual and CHFS has not approved the placement. KRS 625.042(2).

**Quick Reference**  
 Assign hearing date  
 AOC Form 030  
 Document type **OST**  
 Complete scheduled events screen  
 Serve notice

**93.4.4 Guardian Ad Litem**

1. A guardian ad litem will be appointed to represent the child. Consult your roster of attorneys and make an appointment unless your judge wishes to make these appointments. See [Guardian Ad Litem](#).

**NOTE:** If a guardian ad litem is not appointed when the complaint is filed, the court, not the clerk, appoints a guardian ad litem to defend the action. You may make this appointment only when the judge is not present in the county. CR 17.03(2).

2. Complete a party screen for the guardian ad litem.

Appoint GAL  
  
 Complete GAL party screen

**93.4.5 Motions/Pleadings/Hearings**

1. When motions and other pleadings are filed in the case, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and complete the appropriate screen.
2. When a hearing or trial is scheduled complete a scheduled events screen.

File, date, initial  
 Complete scheduled events screen

**93.4.6 Order**

1. Upon receipt of a signed Judgment or Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of the notice of entry of the order.
3. Per KRS 625.045(1), send a certified copy of the final order to the petitioner and email to the **Cabinet for Health and Family Services** at [Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov).
4. When an order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
5. If an order terminating parental rights is entered, certify a copy of the order and forward to the clerk of the court in the underlying dependency, neglect and abuse case, using [AOC Form DNA-15](#). FCRPP 35. If there isn't a family court certify the order to the DNA file in the district court.
6. The clerk of the court in the underlying DNA case shall place the certified copy of the Order in the underlying DNA record as identified in the order and schedule a review hearing within 90 days from the date of entry of the order of the termination of parental rights. The case shall continue to be scheduled for review as directed by the court at least annually until permanency is achieved. FCRPP 36.

**Quick Reference**  
 Enter, date, initial

Enter order  
 NOE  
 Make entry on document screen

[Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov)

CHFS  
 Adoption  
 Sixth Floor West  
 275 E Main Street  
 Frankfort, KY 40621

Close case

**93.4.7 Sealing the File**

When the final order is entered, place the court file in a suitable envelope and seal it. Note the case number on the outside of the envelope and place in numerical order in a locked cabinet. These cases are not to be opened by anyone except on written court order of the court which entered the final order.

**EXCEPTION:** The Cabinet for Health and Family Services and others as authorized by KRS Chapter 199, Adoptions, may open the record without a court order. KRS 625.045(2). See [Inspection of Adoption Records](#).

**NOTE:** In the event of a court order to open a record, note the order on the envelope with the date of the order and your initials.

**NOTE:** Upon certified completion of the treatment or recovery program, or six months after giving birth during which time substantial compliance with a substance abuse treatment or recovery program has occurred, whichever is earlier, any records maintained by a court or by the cabinet relating to a positive test for a nonprescribed controlled substance shall be sealed by the court and may not be used in any future criminal prosecution or future petition to terminate the woman's parental rights. See [Medical Records](#) chapter.



## TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

## 93.5 *Involuntary Termination*

KRS 625.050

### 93.5.1 Involuntary Petition

1. A separate petition shall be filed for each child and individual case numbers shall be assigned. In the case of siblings, cases shall be assigned to the same judge.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen using document type **COM**.
3. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual of instructions on opening the case.
4. In the confidential **CO** division, generate the next case number for adoption/termination **AD** or use the next prenumbered file folder.

**NOTE:** If an existing or previous DNA proceeding has been filed in your county regarding the child named in the petition, assign the case to the same family court division that heard the DNA action. The petition shall include the case number of any underlying juvenile case, specifically dependency, neglect, or abuse or termination of parental rights cases, and shall include the name of any guardian ad litem previously appointed.

5. Immediately upon the filing of an involuntary termination petition, assign a pretrial date and provide to the petitioner. FCRPP 34(1).

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial  
Document type **COM**

Confidential **CO** Division  
Case number **AD**

Assign a pretrial date

### 93.5.2 Guardian Ad Litem/Public Advocate

1. A guardian ad litem will be appointed to represent the child, and counsel may be appointed pursuant to KRS Chapter 31 to represent either parent who is a party who is indigent. KRS 625.080(2), (3).
2. To appoint the guardian ad litem for the child, consult your roster of attorneys and make an appointment unless your judge wishes to make these appointments. See [Guardian Ad Litem](#).

**NOTE:** If a guardian ad litem is not appointed when the complaint is filed, then the court, not the clerk, appoints a guardian ad litem to defend the action. You may make this appointment only when the judge is not present in the county. CR 17.03(2).

3. Complete a party screen for the guardian ad litem.
4. If the court orders the appointment of a public advocate for a parent, proceed to [Public Advocate Appointments](#) section.

Appoint GAL

Complete party screen

### 93.5.3 Issuance of Summons

1. The summons and the petition shall be served together. The party requesting the summons shall furnish sufficient copies of their pleadings for this purpose. CR 4.04(1), 14.01. See [Civil Summons](#).
2. Service of the summons must be made by personal service or by constructive service where personal service is not possible. KRS 625.070(1).

See [Service of Process](#) and [Return of Service](#).

### 93.5.4 Warning Order

If constructive service is requested, a verified complaint/affidavit will be filed with you stating the reason the defendant cannot be served with a summons and the defendant's last known address or affiant's ignorance of such fact. See [Warning Order](#) for additional instructions.

### 93.5.5 Motions/Pleadings/Hearings

1. When motions and other pleadings are filed in the case, apply the **FILED** stamp, add the date and your initials and complete the appropriate screen.
2. When a hearing or trial is scheduled complete a scheduled events screen.

<b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial Schedule hearing
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**93.5.6 Order**

1. Upon receipt of a signed Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen, including a brief description.
3. Serve [notice of entry](#) on every party who is not in default or who has not filed a written waiver of notice. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner and date of the service of the notice of entry of the order. RCr 12.06.
4. Per KRS 625.045(1), send a certified copy of the final order to the petitioner and email to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services at: [Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov](mailto:Adoptionservicesbranch@ky.gov).
5. When an order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type, and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
6. If an order terminating parental rights is entered, certify a copy of the order and forward to the clerk of the court in the underlying dependency, neglect and abuse case, using [AOC Form DNA-15](#). FCRPP 35. If there isn't a family court certify the order to the DNA file in the district court.
7. The clerk of the court in the underlying DNA case shall place the certified copy of the Order in the underlying DNA record as identified in the order and schedule a review hearing within 90 days from the date of entry of the order of the termination of parental rights. The case shall continue to be scheduled for review as directed by the court at least annually until permanency is achieved. FCRPP 36.

Enter, date, initial

Enter order

NOE

*CHFS*  
*Adoption*  
*Sixth Floor West*  
*275 E Main Street*  
*Frankfort, KY 40621*

Close case

**93.5.7 Seal File**

1. When the final order is entered, place the court file in a suitable envelope and seal it. Note the case number on the outside of the envelope and place in numerical order in a locked cabinet. These cases are not to be opened by anyone except on written court order of the court which entered the final order.

**EXCEPTION:** The Cabinet for Health and Family Services and others as authorized by KRS Chapter 199, Adoptions, may open the record without a court order. KRS 625.108(2). See [Adoptions Inspection of Records](#).

2. In the event of a court order to open a record, note the order on the envelope with the date of the order and your initials.

**Quick Reference**

Note order on envelope, add date and your initials

**93.5.8 [Appeal](#)**

An appeal may be taken in accordance with the Rules of Civil Procedure. KRS 625.110.

## 94 TRANSFER OF CASE/CHANGE OF VENUE

### *RCr 8.26; FCRPP 2(2); KRS 452.010 - 452.350*

- Venue is the proper or a possible place for a case to proceed usually because the place has some connection either with the events that gave rise to the case or with the plaintiff or defendant.
- Under a "change of venue," the locality in which a trial is to be held can be switched to another location if it is believed that a fair trial cannot be had in the locality where the case is currently filed.

#### 94.1 *Transferring Court*

When the court orders you to transfer a case to another county:

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order changing venue; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter order on a document screen using document type **OTRN**.
3. Make a notation in the memo field of the case screen indicating the county to which the case is being transferred.
4. **CRIMINAL CASES:** Collect fees for postage/delivery and a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) for making a copy of the record and give a receipt, unless the defendant is proceeding [In Forma Pauperis](#). KRS 452.250(1), 23A.205, 24A.175.
5. Take the record to the county to which venue has been changed or you may send it by a deputy clerk or some discreet person. KRS 452.250(1), RCr 8.26.

**NOTE:** If you define the U.S. Postal Service as a "discreet person," you are still responsible for delivery of the record.

6. If you elect to use the postal service, mail by certified mail, return receipt requested. Collect certified mailing fees from the party granted change of venue, unless the Petitioner is the Commonwealth or proceeding [In Forma Pauperis](#). KRS 453.010, CR 5.05(4).
7. If by personal delivery, collect a mileage fee from the defendant, as established by the [Court of Justice Travel Policy](#), for taking the record to the other county. KRS 452.250.

#### Quick Reference

Enter, date, initial

Document type **OTRN**

Collect postage/delivery and copy fees

Collect certified mail fees

Collect mileage fee

94.1.1 **Criminal Cases**

1. Print and certify the case history, make a copy of the case file and the docket sheet, if a docket sheet exists. KRS 452.250(1).
2. Retain the copy of the case file and the original docket sheet, if a docket sheet exists.
3. Transmit the original case file, the case history and copy of the docket sheet, if a docket sheet exists.
4. Complete the charge screen(s) with disposition type **TRF** and add the date of disposition and judge at disposition **ONLY** on the case screen.

**NOTE:** If a criminal case being transferred is a [drug court transfer](#) refer to instructions in that chapter for additional instructions.

5. Retain the file folder and the copy of the record in a criminal case and file in numerical order with other criminal cases. KRS 452.250(1).

**Quick Reference**  
Print and certify case history

Copy case file and docket sheet

Disposition type **TRF**

94.1.2 **Civil Cases:**

1. Print the case history and make a copy of the docket sheet, if a docket sheet exists.
2. Transmit the original case file, the case history and copy of the docket sheet if a docket sheet exists.
3. Retain any original docket sheet in your office.
4. Complete the disposition date (date the order to transfer was entered), with disposition type **TRF** and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
5. Retain the file folder with a copy of the case history in a civil case and file in numerical order with other civil cases.

**BEST PRACTICE:** Retain a copy of the record along with the case history.

Print case history

Disposition type **TRF**

94.2 ***Receiving Court***

When a record is received from another court on a change of venue:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the entire record as a single item; add the date and your initials.
2. Generate the next case number in the computer for the appropriate category. For instructions on opening the case, see the Case Add section of KYCourts Manual.
3. File on a document screen using document type of **DCF** district court file or **CCF** circuit court file.
4. Close the case if there is a judgment received with the record from the transferring court using the case filing date. Otherwise close the case as appropriate upon receipt of a signed judgment from your court.

File, date, initial

Document type **DCF** or **CCF**

## TRANSFER OF CASE/CHANGE OF VENUE

**NOTE:** After the judgment is entered that closes the case, do not return the file to the originating court.

# 95 UIFSA UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

## *KRS Chapter 407*

*Circuit or Family Court Division of Circuit Court or District Court*

[Process Map](#)

- UIFSA actions may be filed in district, circuit or family court. KRS 407.5102.
- There are no filing fees in a UIFSA action.
 

**EXCEPTION:** When the petition includes a request for the establishment of paternity, file the case in the juvenile **J** section of district court. For instructions on filing a paternity case, proceed to [Paternity Proceedings](#) section. Use case type **PA**.

**Quick Reference**  
 No filing fees.  
  
 Juvenile **J** section  
  
 Case type **PA**

### 95.1 *Initiating Court*

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the verified petition; add the date and your initials.
2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
3. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case number or use the next pre-numbered file folder for district civil **C** or circuit civil **CI** cases.
4. Add the petition as a document using document type **COM**. Add any additional documents as appropriate.
5. Open and close the case at the same time using a case type code of **UR** and disposition type **TRF**.
6. Forward three (3) copies each of the verified petition and its accompanying documents to the responding state's tribunal or appropriate support enforcement agency in the respondent's state, if known; or, to the state information agency of the responding state with a request that they be forwarded to the appropriate tribunal and that receipt be acknowledged. Your county attorney or child support prosecutor should provide you with the address and sufficient copies.
7. If you receive a court order entered in the responding court, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file the order by completing a document screen using document type **OO** and memo details.
8. Give a copy of the court order to the county attorney.

File, date, initial

District Civil **C** cases or  
Circuit Civil **CI** cases

Document type **COM**

Case type **UR**  
Disposition type **TRF**

File, date, initial  
Document type **OO**



**95.2 Responding Court**

1. When your court is the responding court you will receive three copies of a verified petition and any accompanying documents from the initiating court. Mail or hand deliver a copy to your county attorney or child support prosecutor.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the verified petition; add the date and your initials.
3. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
4. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
5. Generate the next case number or use the next pre-numbered file folder for district civil **C** or circuit civil **CI** cases. Use case type **UR** or **SUPIV**.
6. Add the petition as a document using document type **COM**.
7. If a hearing is scheduled in the case, complete the scheduled events screen for the appropriate date.
8. Notify the petitioner where and when the petition was filed by copying the petition that has been stamped **FILED** and mailing it to the petitioner. KRS 407.5305(1).
9. Print a summons for the respondent and make a copy. Attach a copy of the petition and/or other documents to be served to the copy of the summons and deliver to the sheriff for service. CR 4.01(1)(b).
10. You are not required to make a copy of the summons for the case file; the sheriff's return will provide a copy. CR 4.01(1)(b).

<p><b>Quick Reference</b></p> <p>File, date, initial</p> <p>District Civil <b>C</b> or Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> cases                  Case type <b>UR</b> or <b>SUPIV</b>                  Document type <b>COM</b></p> <p>File stamp</p> <p>Print summons</p>
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**When a return of service is received:**

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the summons; add the date and your initials. Enter the date the officer served the defendant in the service date field of the summons screen.
2. A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125.

<p>File, date, initial</p> <p>Enter date</p>
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**When a signed judgment or order is received:**

1. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the judgment or order on the document screen, including a brief description as appropriate.
3. Serve [notice of entry](#) on the parties and enter the method of service and date of service on the document screen.

<p>Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Notice of entry</p>
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4. If the judgment or order includes child support ([AOC Form 152](#), Uniform Child Support Order), add a document screen using document type **OSUP** (Order for Child Support) and/or **OSUPW** (Order for Wage/Benefit Withholding).
5. Place a copy of the order in a designated area (box or basket) in your office for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. **AOC Form 152 is a mandatory form.**
6. In addition to the parties in the case, mail a copy to the initiating court.
7. When the judgment or order closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type, and the judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**  
 AOC Form 152  
 Document type **OSUP**  
 and/or **OSUPW**

Mail copy  
 Close case

### 95.3 *Registration of Order for Enforcement*

#### 95.3.1 Registration

*KRS 407.5602*

1. Do not collect filing fees.
2. When you receive a request for registration of a support order or income-withholding order from another state or foreign support order, the registering party will also submit for filing:
  - A letter of transmittal requesting registration and enforcement;
  - Two copies, including one certified copy, of the order to be registered, including any modification of the order;
  - A sworn statement by the party seeking registration or a certified statement by the custodian of the records showing the amount of any arrearage;
  - The name of the obligor and, if known, the obligor’s address and social security number, the name and address of the obligor’s employer, any other sources of income and the description and location of any property in Kentucky not exempt from execution; and

*\*Note: CR 7.03 requires that all but the last four digits of a social security number be redacted and KRS 403.135 requires the unredacted social security number to be filed under seal.*

  - The name and address of obligee and, if applicable, the person to whom support payments are to be remitted.
3. You should file the document(s) you receive for registration regardless of form.
4. The order is the initiating document. Give a copy to your county attorney or child support prosecutor.

Do not collect fees

Enter, date, initial

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5. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.
6. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
7. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case.
8. Generate the next case number or use the next pre-numbered file folder for district civil **C** or circuit civil **CI** cases.
9. File on a document screen using document type **OSUPW**. Open and close at the same time using a case type code of **OTH** and a disposition type **OTH**.
10. When the support order includes a request for the establishment of paternity and a paternity judgment is entered, seal the judgment in an envelope and place in the file. Memo in the memo field of the document screen where the judgment is entered, **SD** Sealed Document. See [Paternity](#).

**NOTE:** A petition for modification of a support order may be filed at the same time as a request for registration, or later. Follow the procedures outlined in [Responding Court](#).

District Civil **C** or Circuit Civil **CI** cases  
Document type **OSUPW**  
Case type **OTH**  
Disposition type **OTH**  
  
Memo **SD**

### 95.3.2 Notice of Registration

1. The county attorney or child support prosecutor will provide you with Form CS-158, Notice of Registration of Order. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File the notice and affidavit by completing a document screen using document type **NAFS**.
3. Attach a copy of the registered order and any documents and relevant information accompanying the order. Mail to the respondent/obligor by regular first class mail.
4. If the registered order is an incoming withholding order, mail a copy of the registered order to the obligator's employer.
5. If a petition to vacate the registration is filed by the respondent/obligor, file same by completing a document screen using document type **MIS**.

Form CS-158  
File, date, initial  
  
Document type **NAFS**  
  
Mail order  
  
Mail order  
  
Document type **MIS**

## 96 UNIFORM ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS ACT

### *KRS 387.810 - 854*

#### *District Court*

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The Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Act creates procedures to resolve interstate jurisdiction controversies. It governs transfers of cases in and out of state and registration of foreign orders for enforcement purposes.

- [Request from Out of State Court](#)
- [Transfer to Another State](#)
- [Transfer to this State](#)
- [Registration of Foreign Guardianship Order](#)
- [Registration of Foreign Protective Order](#)
- [Disability Proceedings](#)

#### 96.1 *Request From Out of State Court*

A court from another state in which a guardianship or protective proceeding is pending may request assistance of a district court in our state to do any of the following:

- Hold an evidentiary hearing;
- Order a person in this state to produce evidence or give testimony pursuant to procedures of this state;
- Order that an evaluation or assessment be made of the respondent;
- Order any appropriate investigation of a person involved in a proceeding;
- Forward to the court of that state a certified copy of the transcript or other record of a hearing, evidence, and any evaluation or assessment prepared in compliance with KRS 387.818(1);
- Issue any order necessary to ensure the appearance in the proceeding of a person whose presence is necessary for the court to make a determination, including the respondent or the incapacitated or protected person; and
- Issue an order authorizing the release of medical, financial, criminal, or other relevant information in that state, including protected health information as defined in 45 C.F.R. sec. 160.103, as amended.

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A court of this state has jurisdiction for the limited purpose of granting the request or making reasonable efforts to comply with the request.

1. There is no filing fee.
2. Upon receipt of an order from another state court requesting district court to perform a duty regarding adult guardianship and/or adult protective proceedings, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
3. The order will be filed in the confidential division of district court. Add the case per the instructions in the Case Add section of the KyCourts Manual and assign an **H** case number type using the next pre-numbered folder and a trailer number.

**NOTE:** A Certification Act of Congress is not required.

4. File the request on a document screen using document type **REQ**- Request and memo details.
5. Give the file to your judge.

### Quick Reference

No filing fee

File, date, initial

Document type **REQ**

Deliver to judge

## 96.2 *Transfer to Another State*

*KRS 387.840*

A guardian or conservator appointed in this state may petition the court to transfer the guardianship or conservatorship to another state.

### 96.2.1 Motion

1. Upon receipt of a motion of a guardian or conservator appointed in district court to transfer the guardianship or conservatorship to another state, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a scheduled event screen **OH** or **MH** event/motion type.
3. Notice of the motion and hearing shall be distributed to those on the distribution list including:
  - Petitioner
  - Respondent
  - Attorneys for both parties
  - All persons named in petition or facility or person who respondent resides
  - Person appointed as limited guardian, guardian, limited conservator or conservator

File, date, initial  
Event type **OH** or **MH**

96.3 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of an order granting or denying the motion to transfer the guardianship or conservatorship apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
2. Complete a document screen using document code **OG** – Order Granting or **OD** – Order Denying. The court will order the guardian or conservator to petition for guardianship or conservatorship in the other state. Give notice of entry by mailing the order to all parties.

**NOTE:** The order may be certified upon request.

3. Upon receipt of a provisional order accepting the proceeding from the court to which the proceeding is transferred, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. Complete a document screen using document code **OO** and memo Order Accepting Transfer.
5. Deliver the file to the district judge.
6. Upon receipt of an order confirming the transfer and terminating the guardianship or conservatorship, apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
7. Complete a document screen using document code **OO** and memo “Order Confirming Transfer and Terminating the Guardianship or Conservatorship.”
8. Give [notice of entry](#) to all parties.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
Enter, date, initial
Document code <b>OG</b> or <b>OD</b> NOE
File, date, initial
Document code <b>OO</b>
Enter, date, initial
Document code <b>OO</b>
NOE

96.3.1 **Transfer to this State**

*KRS 387.842*

To confirm transfer of a guardianship or conservatorship transferred to this state under provisions similar to KRS 387.840, the guardian or conservator shall petition the court in this state to accept the guardianship or conservatorship.

The petition shall include a certified copy of the other state's provisional order of transfer.

1. Upon receipt of a petition to transfer a guardianship or conservatorship to this state, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Collect the appropriate filing fee set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).
3. Refer to the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual for instruction on adding a case in the confidential division of district court. Assign an **H** case number type using the next pre-numbered folder and a trailer number.
4. At the court’s direction or upon a motion by the guardian or conservator complete a scheduled event screen as appropriate.

File, date, initial
Collect fees
H Case
Schedule event

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5. Distribute per distribution list including: petitioner/petitioner’s attorney, respondent/respondent’s attorney, county attorney and all persons named in the petition.
6. Upon receipt of an order accepting the petition and appointing the guardian or conservator as guardian or conservator in this state to transfer the proceeding, apply the **ENTERED** stamp, add the date and your initials.
7. Enter the document using document code **OG**, Order Granting and memo details. Give Notice of Entry to all parties.
8. Create a ticker/scheduled event using event type **REV** no later than ninety (90) days after issuance of a final order accepting transfer of a guardianship or conservatorship so the court may determine whether the guardianship or conservatorship needs to be modified to conform to the law of this state.
9. Upon receipt of an order denying the petition to accept the guardianship or conservatorship of another state, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Complete a document screen using document code **OD**. Give Notice of Entry to all parties.

**NOTE:** An order denying the petition does not affect the ability of the guardian or conservator to seek appt. in the state by filing a petition for guardianship or conservatorship.

<b>Quick Reference</b>
Enter, date, initial
Document code <b>OG</b> <b>NOE</b>
Create Tickler Event type <b>REV</b>
Enter, date, initial Document code <b>OD</b> <b>NOE</b>

96.4 ***Registration of a Foreign Guardianship Order***

Receive and file as a foreign judgment.

96.5 ***Registration of a Foreign Protective Order***

*KRS 387.846*

Receive and file as a foreign judgment.

**NOTE:** This allows the out of state guardian to enforce property rights of the ward in Kentucky.

## 97 UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA)

### *KRS Chapter 403*

*Circuit Court or Family Court Division of Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

#### ➤ REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CHILD CUSTODY ORDER

### 97.1 *Filing Fees*

1. There is no filing fee for registering a foreign child custody order.

**NOTE:** You will need to collect a certified mail fee from the party requesting registration per the [Accounting Manual](#). If the non-registering party is a non-resident, collect additional fees for the Secretary of State.

2. The requesting party will provide you the following:
  - Letter/documentation requesting registration
  - Copy of the foreign custody order
  - Certified copy of the foreign custody order
  - Statement under penalty of perjury that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the person seeking registration the order has not been modified.

### 97.2 *Registration*

1. Upon receipt of the above documents, check the case management system to see if there is an existing dissolution or child custody proceeding in your court. If so, file the documents in that case by completing a document screen.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the letter or other documentation, copy of the foreign custody order and the statement; add the date and your initials.
3. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the certified copy of the custody order; add the date and your initials.
4. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
5. **Do not** issue a summons.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> File, date, initial</p> <p>Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Circuit Civil <b>CI</b> Case</p> <p><b>Do not</b> issue summons</p>
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### 97.3 *Notice*

1. Give notice of the registration of the foreign custody order by completing [AOC Form 165](#), Notice of Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a document screen using document type **NRFCO**.
3. Attach the remaining copy of the foreign custody order to a copy of the Notice of Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order and mail by certified mail, return receipt requested to the non-registering party. See [Certified Mail](#) in [Service of Process](#).

**Quick Reference**  
AOC Form 165  
File, date, initial  
Document type **NRFCO**

#### 97.3.1 **Tickler and Confirmation of Registration**

1. A party has twenty (20) days from the receipt of the notice to contest the registration.
2. Create a tickler system for thirty (30) days from the day the notice is mailed by completing a scheduled events screen. At the end of the thirty days, if no objection is filed, the registration is confirmed.

**NOTE:** If an objection is received delete the scheduled event using the counter screen.

3. Complete [AOC Form 166](#), Confirmation of Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order and deliver to the judge for signature. When the signed Confirmation is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
4. File by completing a document screen using document type **CRFCO**.
5. Mail a copy by first class mail to all parties named in the registration.
6. Close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

Create tickler  
  
AOC Form 166  
Enter, date, initial  
Document type **CRFCO**  
Mail copy  
Close case

97.4 *Objection to Registration*

If you receive an objection to the registration of the foreign custody order:

1. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen using document type **OBJ**. Deliver the case file to the judge.
2. If the court orders a hearing, complete a scheduled events screen. Print a Court Notice/Notice of Hearing from the court notice document screen in KYCourts and mail by first class mail to all parties named in the registration.
3. When a signed confirmation or order is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Enter the confirmation or order on the document screen. Include the notice of entry method and notice of entry date.
4. Serve [notice of entry](#) on all parties.
5. If the judgment or order includes child support ([AOC Form 152](#), Uniform Child Support Order), place a copy of the order in a designated area (box or basket) in your office for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. AOC Form 152 is a mandatory form.
6. If you receive a warrant or court order to take physical custody of a child, apply the **FILED** or **ENTERED** stamp, as appropriate; add the date and your initials. File by completing a document screen. Use document type **OCUS**. Give two copies of the warrant or order to the sheriff or other law enforcement officer for service.
7. When you receive an order that closes the case, complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
8. If you receive an affidavit or other pleading alleging the health, safety or liberty of a party/child would be jeopardized by disclosing identifying information, place the information designated in the affidavit or other pleading in a suitable envelope and seal the envelope. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the envelope; add the date and your initials. If a request to review the case file is received, remove the envelope from the case file.
9. Do not release the sealed envelope from your custody except when actually used in the action or proceeding and do not unseal the information unless the court orders you to do so.

Quick Reference	
File, date, initial	Document type <b>OBJ</b>
Enter, date, initial	
NOE	AOC Form 152
File or enter, date, initial	Document type <b>OCUS</b>
Close case	
File, date, initial	

97.5 *Petition/Motion for Enforcement (Judicial Proceedings)*

1. Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition or motion until the filing fees are paid.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. Upon receipt of a petition or motion for enforcement apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition or motion; add the date and your initials.
3. Apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the certified copy of the custody order (if the order has not already been entered); add the date and your initials.
4. Refer to [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual for instructions on opening the case. Generate the next case number for Circuit Civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.

**NOTE:** If a petition or motion to initiate judicial proceedings is filed after the child custody order has been registered, file pleadings initiating judicial proceedings in the same file as the registration of the foreign custody order.

5. If notice of the registration of the foreign custody order has not already been given, complete [AOC Form 165](#), Notice of Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order. Apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen using document type **NRFCO**.

**NOTE:** Collect certified mail fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) from the party requesting registration. If the non-registering party is a non-resident, collect additional fees for the Secretary of State as per the [Accounting Manual](#).

6. Attach the remaining copy of the foreign custody order to a copy of the Notice of Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order and mail by certified mail, return receipt requested to the non-registering party.
7. A party has twenty (20) days from receipt of the notice to contest the registration. Create a tickler system for thirty (30) days from the day the notice is mailed by completing a scheduled events screen. At the end of the thirty days, if no objection is filed, the registration is confirmed.
8. Complete AOC Form 166, Confirmation of Registration of Foreign Child Custody Order and deliver to the judge for signature. When the signed Confirmation is received, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials and file by completing a document screen. Mail a copy by first class mail to all parties named in the registration.

**Quick Reference**

Collect filing fees

File, date, initial

Enter, date, initial

Case Type **CI**

AOC Form 165

Document type **NRFCO**

Create tickler

AOC Form 166

Enter, date, initial

# 98 UNIFORM VETERANS' GUARDIANSHIP ACT

## *KRS 388*

District Court

[Process Map](#)

- The Administrator of veterans' affairs is a party and has an interest in any proceeding for the appointment of a guardian or conservator for any veteran's administration beneficiary who is a minor or has been adjudged mentally disabled or who has received or is currently receiving account benefits paid or payable by the Veterans Administration.

1. Upon receipt of a petition under the Uniform Veterans' Guardianship Act, apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. There is no filing fee.

**NOTE:** A jury trial is not required but may be requested. KRS 388.250. Do not collect a jury fee.

2. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. Generate the next case number for **H** Health cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder. If other mental health actions exist involving the disabled person, create a new trailer as appropriate.

3. Present the petition for appointment of fiduciary to the judge for approval. KRS 388.270.

4. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 825](#) (Fiduciary Bond), apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.

**NOTE:** Clerk must attest to the fiduciary/surety signature and administer the oath. KRS 395.140(2)

**Oath to Fiduciaries:** *"Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will faithfully perform the duties of \_\_\_\_\_ according to law?"*  
KRS. 62.030.

5. File the bond by completing a document screen using document code **BF**. The bond must be posted before the order of appointment of fiduciary is entered.

6. Upon receipt of [AOC Form 840](#) (Order of Appointment of Fiduciary), (if one is required), apply the **ENTERED** stamp to the order; add the date and your initials.

7. A biennial accounting is required by the fiduciary on the anniversary date of the appointment. Create a tickler by adding a scheduled event for the first anniversary date using event type **REB**.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

No jury fee

Case number **H**

AOC Form 825  
File, date, initial

Document code **BF**

AOC Form 840  
Enter, date, initial

Event type **REB**

Document type **OFID**  
NOE

Do not advertise

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8. Complete a document screen using document type **OFID**. Give [notice of entry](#) to the attorney or the fiduciary if not represented by counsel.
9. When the order closes the case complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.
10. Do not advertise appointments or accountings. KRS 395.610(2).
11. Upon receipt of a biennial accounting apply the **FILED** stamp to the accounting; add the date and your initials. Reset the tickler as appropriate following instructions in Step 7 above.
12. File by completing a document screen using document type **MIS**. Deliver the accounting to the judge for approval. KRS 388.280(1).
13. Send a copy of all court orders in any guardianship proceeding in which the Veteran's Administration is an interested party to the office of the Veteran's Administration in your area. KRS 388.280(2).

**NOTE:** You must furnish without charge a copy of any record requested to the applicant for benefits, any person acting on his behalf, or authorized representative of the VA for the purpose of determining eligibility for veterans' benefits. KRS 388.330.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

Document type MIS

## 99 UNSATISFIED CIVIL JUDGMENT INVOLVING MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

### *KRS 187.400*

[Process Map](#)

- When a judgment is entered in a case involving a motor vehicle accident and the judgment remains unsatisfied for a period of sixty (60) days, the license and registration of any person against who such a judgment was rendered may be suspended.
- A certified copy of the judgment and Department of Transportation Form TC 94-65 is required.
  1. Upon receipt of Department of Transportation Form TC94-65 and at the request of the judgment creditor, sign the form as appropriate. There is no fee.
  2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the form; add the date and your initials. File on a document screen. Use document type **RCJ**.
  3. Mail a copy to the Transportation Cabinet, Division of Driver Licensing.
  4. Send a copy to the plaintiff's attorney and a copy by first class mail to the defendant. Collect postage as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#).

**NOTE:** This form is only submitted for judgments entered concerning personal injury and property damage resulting from an automobile accident.

**Quick Reference**  
 Form TC 94-65  
 File, date, initial  
  
 Document type RCJ  
  
*Transportation Cabinet  
 Division of Driver  
 Licensing  
 200 Mero Street-  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
 Frankfort, KY 40622*

## 100 WARNING ORDER

### *CR 4.05, 4.06, 4.07*

[Process Map](#)

- If a plaintiff or attorney files a verified complaint/affidavit with you showing that the defendant cannot be served with a summons, you must issue a warning order and appoint a warning order attorney. CR 4.06(1). This is known as constructive service.
1. Upon receipt of a complaint/affidavit stating the reason the defendant cannot be served and the defendant's last known address, or affiant's ignorance of such fact, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
  2. Collect the warning order attorney fee per your local rule as appropriate.
  3. File the affidavit on a document screen using document type **AFW**.
  4. Consult your [roster of attorneys](#) and make the appointment. You may not appoint the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney as the warning order attorney, and these persons may not suggest anyone for the appointment. CR 4.07(1).
  5. Prepare [AOC Form 110](#), Warning Order; apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Make a copy and attach to a copy of the complaint and affidavit and deliver to the warning order attorney.
  6. File the warning order by completing a document screen using document type **AWOA**.
  7. Complete a party screen for the warning order attorney.
  8. **Do not** issue a summons.

#### Quick Reference

File, date, initial

Document type **AFW**

AOC Form 110  
File, date, initial

Document type **AWOA**

Complete party screen

**Do not** issue a  
summons

## 101 WARRANTS AND CRIMINAL SUMMONS

*RCr 2.06; 2.10(2); 6.52; 6.56(1), RCr 13.10*

*Circuit or District Court*

[Process Map](#)

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- [Search Warrants](#)
- [Governor's Warrant](#)
- [Bail Jumping Warrant](#)

### 101.1 *eWarrants*

The eWarrants program allows warrants and summonses to be issued electronically and facilitates the sharing of information among all law enforcement concerning active warrants/summonses in jurisdictions in Kentucky. See the KyCourts Manual for specific instructions on utilizing [eWarrants](#).

### 101.2 *Criminal Summons and Arrest Warrants*

- Criminal summons or arrest warrants issued upon indictment may be signed by the clerk.
- Criminal summons or arrest warrants issued upon complaints must be signed by a judge or trial commissioner. RCr 2.06, 6.54.

**EXCEPTION:** In the event of the absence from a county of all district judges and all circuit judges and all trial commissioners, the circuit clerk in each county may issue criminal warrants prepared by the commonwealth's attorney or county attorney, who shall certify that there is no district judge, circuit judge or trial commissioner within the county. KRS 15.725(4).

**NOTE:** The term "criminal warrants" includes [search warrants](#).



1. Generate a criminal summons or arrest warrant for each person to be served, as ordered by the judge, by completing the issuance portion of the [summons](#) or warrant screen in KyCourts.

**NOTE:** Complete the “Issuing Judge” field to electronically route the warrant/summons to the judge who will be authorizing the warrant/summons. If a warrant is being issued upon an indictment and the clerk is authorizing the warrant, **DO NOT** complete the issuing judge field.

2. The summons or warrant upon authorization will be electronically routed to law enforcement as appropriate for service.

**EXCEPTION:** If the judge, county attorney or commonwealth attorney direct, serve a criminal summons by certified mail, return receipt requested. RCr 2.10(2)(b).

3. When a return is received, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. Note the return by completing the return portion of the summons or warrant screens. You may use the memo field to record the service agency.
4. Criminal process may be issued and served on Sunday. KRS 431.095.

**Quick Reference**

File, date, initial

### 101.2.1 **Bench Warrant for Failure to Pay Court Costs, Fees, and Fines**

- The response of a court to nonpayment shall be determined only after the court costs, fees, or fines have not been paid and either a show cause hearing has been held, or the defendant has failed to appear at the show cause hearing. Every warrant for arrest issued shall include a notice to the jailer that the defendant shall be released upon payment or completion of daily credit pursuant to KRS 534.070.

1. If defendant fails to appear at a show cause hearing, the judge may issue a warrant for the defendant’s arrest.
2. If a bench warrant is issued, include in the Bail memo in KYCourts the total amount of court costs, fees, and fines owed by defendant with the statement “released if paid or upon service of daily credit.”

**NOTE:** After warrant is issued no partial payments should be accepted.

3. Upon receipt from jailer of AOC-426 (Notice of Jail Credit), apply the FILED stamp, add the date and your initials.
4. File on a document screen using document code NJC. Enter the amount of credit earned in the box provided. Refer to the Jail Credit Section in the [Accounting Manual](#) for information about applying the credit.

**Quick Reference**

### 101.3 ***Search Warrants***

*RCr 13.10*

1. If a request for a search warrant is received direct the requestor to the county attorney or commonwealth attorney. Upon sufficient affidavit the warrant is issued by a judge or other officer authorized to issue warrants.
2. The issuing officer will file a copy of the search warrant and supporting affidavit with the circuit clerk.
3. Do not open a case file. Maintain a file (alphabetical or numerical) of these documents until a return is received.

### 101.3.1 Return of Service

1. Upon receipt of a return of service apply the **FILED** stamp to the affidavit and search warrant; add the date and your initials.
2. If a case file exists which is the subject of the search warrant, file the affidavit and search warrant by completing a document screen. Use document type **ASW** ([AOC Form 335](#)), **ASWNN** ([AOC Form 335.1](#)), **SW** ([AOC Form 340](#)), or **SWNN** ([AOC Form 340.1](#)). Make a notation of the date and hour of service in the memo field.

If a case file does not exist, file in an alphabetical file of executed search warrants. Destroy pursuant to the Kentucky Court of Justice Records Retention Schedule.

### 101.3.2 Inspection of Search Warrants

The clerk may provide a copy of an executed search warrant to the public upon request if it has not been sealed or access has not otherwise been restricted or prohibited (by court order).

**NOTE:** If you have any concern about releasing a copy of a search warrant, confer with the judge first prior to releasing a copy. If a search warrant has not been executed or if it has been sealed or access has otherwise been restricted or prohibited by court order, check with the judge first about the request.

### 101.4 [\*Governor's Warrant\*](#)

### 101.5 [\*Bail Jumping Warrant\*](#)

File, date, initial
AOC Form 335 – Document type <b>ASW</b>
AOC Form 335.1 – Document type <b>ASWNN</b>
AOC Form 340 – Document type <b>SW</b>
AOC Form 340.1 – Document type <b>SWNN</b>

## 102 WRIT OF POSSESSION

### *KRS 425.011-.012*

*District and Circuit Court*

[Process Map](#)

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- A [writ of possession](#) is an [attachment](#) that reaches specific personal property which is the subject of the suit. *KRS 425.011*.

#### 102.1 *Documents Required*

The following documents are *all* required to be filed with the clerk prior to a Writ being issued:

- A complaint and summons (*KRS 425.012*);
- A verified motion requesting the writ of possession (*KRS 425.011*) which:
  - Is under oath;
  - Shows the basis of plaintiff's claim;
  - States that plaintiff is entitled to the possession of the property (if a written instrument is the basis of plaintiff's claim, it shall be attached);
  - Shows that the property is wrongfully detained;
  - States how and why defendant holds the property according to the best information and belief of the plaintiff;
  - Describes the property and a statement of its value;
  - States the location of the property, and if the property, or some part of it, is in a private place which may have to be entered to take possession;
  - Stated that the property has not been taken for a tax assessment, or fine, pursuant to statute, or seized under an execution against the plaintiff, or if so seized, a statement that it is exempt.
- A demand stating that the defendant has seven days to either request a hearing or pay the demand in full; otherwise a writ of possession shall issue (*KRS 425.012*);
- An affidavit of the plaintiff or their attorney showing compliance with the requirements of *KRS 425.012*.

**NOTE:** See [Timing of Application](#).

### 102.2 *Filing Fees*

Collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.

**EXCEPTIONS:** The following are exempted from the filing fees (CR 5.05(4); KRS 453.010):

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

Do not collect the fee for service of process. *KRS 23A.200(2)* and *24A.170(2)*. The plaintiff will make payment of the service fee directly to the sheriff or other serving officer.

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

Do not collect fee for service of process

### 102.3 *Pleadings*

1. The plaintiff must file enough copies of all pleadings for service upon each defendant in addition to the original which is filed in your office. If you make the copies, collect a copy fee as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Assign to a division using the procedure in your local court rules.
3. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the complaint, motion, demand and affidavit; add the date and your initials.
4. Open the case. For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of KyCourts Manual.
5. Generate the next case number or use the next pre-numbered file folder for district civil **C** or circuit civil **CI** cases as directed by the initiating party.
6. Prepare a summons by completing a summons screen on each defendant in the case. CR 4.02, CR 4.04(1).

Collect copy fee, if applicable

File, date, initial

District Civil **C** or Circuit Civil **CI**

Prepare summons

### 102.4 *Timing of Application*

*If the motion, demand and affidavit are filed **with** the complaint,* attach a copy of the motion and demand to the complaint and summons for service on the defendant.

*If the motion, demand, and affidavit are filed **after** the complaint,* the plaintiff must deliver the motion and demand to the defendant or send the motion and demand by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the defendant's last known place of address, at least seven days and not more than 60 days before the order granting the writ of possession is sought. KRS 425.012.

### 102.5 *Summons Issuance*

The initiating party will decide whether the summons is to be served by certified mail or personally delivered by the sheriff or other authorized person. For more information, see [Service of Process](#).

A civil summons may be issued on holidays and served on Sundays and holidays. KRS 454.125.

### 102.6 *Hearing*

*If plaintiff asks you to issue the attachment **without** a hearing, check the affidavit of compliance to make sure enough time has elapsed from the date of notice to the defendant:*

- Seven days from date of notice (KRS 425.301(3)).
- Three additional days if notice was by mail (CR 6.05).

***If a hearing is requested**, note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.*

### 102.7 *Order*

1. Upon receipt of a signed Order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. Enter the order on the document screen using document type **OAF** including a brief description.
3. Serve notice on every party not in default or who has not waived notice.
4. Make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of the order. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

<p><b>Quick Reference</b> Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Document Type <b>OAF</b></p> <p>Serve notice of entry</p>
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### 102.8 *Surety Bond*

Before issuing the writ of possession, plaintiff must post a cash or surety bond. *KRS 425.111* The amount should **not** be less than twice the value of the property as determined by the court and is an obligation to pay all costs and damages. Require the surety to make an affidavit to show qualification. For more information, see [Bonds and Sureties](#).

**NOTE:** Domestic Kentucky banks and savings and loan institutions do not need a surety on their bonds. KRS 425.001.

1. Collect a bond filing fee for taking the bond and a fee for issuing the writ as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt.
2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the bond; add the date and your initials.
3. File by completing a document screen. KRS 64.005, 23A.200, 24A.170.

<p>Collect bond filing fee File, date, initial</p> <p>Complete document screen</p>
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### 102.9 *Issuance of Writ of Possession*

AOC has no form for a Writ of Possession; this must be prepared by the attorney. KRS 425.046.

1. Issue the writ by signing and adding the date.
2. Make a docket notation of the issuance of the writ by completing a document screen using document type **WRO**. Use the date of issuance as the filing date. It is not necessary to make a copy for the case file; the officer's return will provide a copy.
3. Give the writ and a copy to the plaintiff for delivery to the sheriff or other serving officer. The plaintiff will pay the service fee directly to the officer.
4. When a return of service is received; apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the file stamp date and officer's return date in the memo field of the document screen where the writ was issued.

<p><b>Quick Reference</b></p> <p>Issue writ</p> <p>Document type: <b>WRO</b></p> <p>Give writ and copy to plaintiff</p> <p>File, date, initial</p> <p>Note the file stamp date and return date on document screen</p>
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### 102.10 *Motion to Quash*

1. If the defendant files a motion to quash the writ of possession, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
2. File by completing a motion screen.
3. Note the hearing on the calendar by completing a scheduled events screen.
4. Upon receipt of a signed Order ruling on the motion, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
5. Enter the order on the document screen including a brief description.
6. Serve notice of entry of the order on every party not in default or who has not waived notice. Enter the method of service and notice of entry date on the document screen where the order is entered. For more information, see [Notice of Entry](#).

<p>File, date, initial</p> <p>Add motion</p> <p>Add scheduled event</p> <p>Enter, date, initial</p> <p>Serve notice of entry</p>
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### 102.11 *Disposition*

When the order closes the case complete the disposition date, disposition type and judge at disposition fields on the case screen.

# 103 WRIT OF PROHIBITION/WRIT OF MANDAMUS

## *CR 81, RAP 60*

Circuit Court

[Process Map](#)

- A writ of prohibition is an original action in circuit court directing a district judge or other party not to perform an act.
- A writ of mandamus is an original action in circuit court directing a district judge or other party to perform an act.
- If you receive a petition for writ of prohibition or mandamus pertaining to a **circuit** judge's ruling, direct the petitioner to file the petition in the court of appeals.

### 103.1 Petition, Response, and Disposition

1. Upon receipt of a petition for writ of prohibition or mandamus, collect filing fees as set forth in the [Accounting Manual](#) and give a receipt. Do not process the petition until the filing fees are paid. RAP 60(B).

**EXCEPTIONS:** the following are exempted from the filing fees:

- [In Forma Pauperis](#)
- Petitioner is the Commonwealth. KRS 453.010.

**NOTE:** City and county governments are not exempt from paying filing fees unless the action is filed in the name of the Commonwealth.

2. Apply the **FILED** stamp to the petition; add the date and your initials. RAP 5(D) For instructions on opening the case, see the [Case Add](#) section of the KyCourts Manual. Case type: **WRITS**
3. Assign a division using the procedure in your local court rules. Generate the next case number for circuit civil **CI** cases or use the next pre-numbered file folder.
4. Do not issue a summons.
5. Schedule an event 20 days from the date of the filing of the petition by completing a scheduled events screen. Complete a schedule event screen using 'Review' and memo "deliver file to circuit judge on this date if no response has been filed."
6. If a response is filed, apply the **FILED** stamp; add the date and your initials. RAP 5(D) File on a document screen. Replies are not permitted. Take the file to the judge. RAP 60(G)

**Quick Reference**  
Collect filing fees

File, date, initial  
Case type: **WRITS**

Civil **CI** Cases

**Do not** issue summons

Event type **REV**

File, date, initial  
Deliver to judge

7. Upon receipt of a signed order, apply the **ENTERED** stamp; add the date and your initials.
8. Enter the order on the document screen. After the order is entered serve notice of entry on the parties and the real party in interest (party who prevailed in district court or other underlying matter) and make an entry on the document screen showing the manner (electronic, mail or personal delivery) and date of the service of notice of entry of the order. See [Notice of Entry](#).
9. If no appeal is filed within 30 days, close the case by completing the disposition date, disposition type, and judge in the disposition fields on the case screen.

**Quick Reference**

Enter, date, initial

Enter order

NOE

Close case screen

## 103.2 Appeals to Court of Appeals

### ***RAP 60(J)***

1. The petitioner or respondent has 30 days after entry of the order in which to file an appeal or cross-appeal.
2. Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal, collect filing fees for Appeals to Court of Appeals as set forth in the Accounting Manual and give a receipt.

**NOTE:** Do not process the NOA until the filing fees are paid. CR 5.05(4); RAP 60(J)(2).

3. File on document screen. Use document type **NA**.
4. You have 30 days to index, bind, and certify the record (including the official recordings of any hearings) to the Court of Appeals. RAP 26(B)(4). If there is a cross-appeal see Circuit Court Appeals in this Manual. Do not send the record to the Court of Appeals until requested. RAP 60(J)(3). For more information, see [Appeals](#).

## 103.3 Motions for Emergency Relief

### ***RAP 60(H)***

1. Any party may file a motion for emergency relief with the circuit court prior to the court issuing a ruling on the petition. RAP 60(H)(1).
2. If the circuit court denies the motion for emergency relief, the adversely affected party may file a motion for emergency relief in the Court of Appeals. RAP 60(H)(3).
3. Do not prepare a record for certification or transmit any records to the Court of Appeals. The parties are responsible for providing any copies of the record necessary for the Court of Appeals review. RAP 20(C)(2), RAP 20(D), RAP 60(J)(3).



**NOTE:** A motion for emergency relief or an appeal from the denial of a motion for emergency relief does not stay the writ proceedings in circuit court.

## 104 RELEASE NOTES

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<a href="#">2/2024</a>	Appeals, Citation, Deferred Prosecution, Disability Proceedings, Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders, Expungement, Firearms Prohibitions, Juvenile Cases, Motion to Set Aside/Void Conviction, Probate, Statistical Information, Uniformed Veterans' Guardianship Act
<a href="#">9/2023</a>	Involuntary Admission, Preliminary Hearing Held, Disability Proceedings, Forcible Entry and Detainer, Mental Health, Condemnation Proceedings, UIFSA Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, Accounting Manual Links
<a href="#">7/2023</a>	Order of Corrections Cabinet, Appeals to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals, Special Judge Appointment, Commissioners of Circuit Court/Foreclosure, Appeals to Supreme Court/Court of Appeals, Mental Health, Drug Court
<a href="#">5/2023</a>	Filing of Pleadings, Other Papers and Tendered Documents, Cremation/Disposition of Decedent Remains, Calendar, Mental Health, Expungement
<a href="#">3/2023</a>	Jury Information, Expungement, Garnishment After Judgement, Notice of Submission of Case for Final Adjudication, Oaths and Affirmations, Dissolution of Marriage/Legal Separation/Annulment, Inspection of Records, Juvenile Cases
<a href="#">10/2022</a>	Civil Actions, Forcible Entry and Detainer, Special Judge Appointment, Warrants and Criminal Summons, Domestic Violence and Interpersonal Protective Orders, Termination of Parental Rights, Mental Health
<a href="#">7/2022</a>	Adoptions, Appeals, Citations, Drug Court, Jury Information, Probate, Termination of Parental Rights
<a href="#">5/2022</a>	Adoptions, Disability Proceedings, Inspection of Records, Probate, Writ of Prohibition/Writ of Mandamus
<a href="#">2/2022</a>	Probate, Petition to Marry, Mental Health, Jury Information
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<a href="#">3/2021</a>	Appeals, Civil Actions
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## 105 GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<b>Abuse and Neglect</b>	A child whose health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm when a parent, guardian, or person in a position of trust inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical or emotional injury, fails or refuses to provide essential care and protection for the child, or commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse, exploitation, or prostitution upon the child.
<b>Affidavit</b>	A voluntary declaration of facts written down and sworn to by the declarant before an officer authorized to administer oaths.
<b>Agister's Lien</b>	A lien on goods, chattels, or animals for the reasonable charges for work or services performed or feed provided is possessory and a person must have possession of the article to assert such a statutory lien.
<b>Appeal</b>	A proceeding undertaken to have a decision reconsidered by a higher authority; esp., the submission of a lower court's or agency's decision to a higher court for review and possible reversal.
<b>Arbitration</b>	A method of dispute resolution involving one or more neutral third parties who are usually agreed to by the disputing parties and whose decision is binding.
<b>Attachment</b>	The seizing of a person's property to secure a judgment or to be sold in satisfaction of a judgment.
<b>Bail Jumping</b>	The criminal offense of failing to appear in court after having been released on bail.
<b>Bankruptcy</b>	A statutory procedure by which a (usually insolvent) debtor obtains financial relief and undergoes a judicially supervised reorganization or liquidation of the debtor's assets for the benefit of creditors; a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

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**Bond**

A written promise to pay or do some act if certain circumstances occur or a certain time elapses.

**Bail Bond:** A bond given to a court by a criminal defendant's surety to guarantee that the defendant will duly appear in court in the future and, if the defendant is jailed, to obtain the defendant's release from confinement. Also known as an Appearance Bond.

**Cash Bond:** A bond in which the full amount of the bond is deposited in your office either by the defendant or surety. RCr 4.00(b).

**Partially Secured Bond:** A bond which requires a deposit of less than the full amount of the bond. The exact percentage depends on the judge's order, and may be as little as 10% of the amount of the bond. The designated percentage is paid to your office by the defendant or surety at the time of release of the defendant. In the event of forfeiture for nonappearance, the defendant or the surety is liable for the full amount of the bond. RCr 4.00(b).

**Property Bond:** A bond in which the defendant or surety pledges real property, located in Kentucky, instead of cash to guarantee the defendant's appearance.

**Replevin Bond:** A bond given by a plaintiff to replevy or attach property in the defendant's possession before judgment is rendered in a replevin action. The bond protects the attaching officer and ensures the property's safekeeping until the court decides whether it should be returned to the defendant.

**Supersedeas Bond:** A bond to stay enforcement of judgment pending appeal. RAP 63.

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	<p><b>Surety Bond:</b> A bond given by a surety to ensure the timely performance of a contract.</p> <p><b>Unsecured Bond:</b> A promise by the defendant or surety to pay the designated amount upon a failure to appear when ordered by the court to do so or upon a breach of a material condition of release, not secured by any deposit of or lien upon property. RCr 4.00(h).</p>
<b>Brief</b>	A written statement setting out the legal contentions of a party in litigation, esp. on appeal; a document prepared by counsel as the basis for arguing a case, consisting of legal and factual arguments and the authorities in support of them.
<b>CASA</b>	Court Appointed Special Advocate
<b>Complaint</b>	The initial pleading that starts a civil action and states the basis for the court's jurisdiction, the basis for the plaintiff's claim, and the demand for relief.
<b>Condemnation Proceeding</b>	The determination and declaration that certain property (esp. land) is assigned to public use, subject to reasonable compensation; the exercise of eminent domain by a governmental entity.
<b>Conservator</b>	A guardian, protector, or preserver.
<b>Contempt</b>	<p>Conduct that defies the authority or dignity of a court or legislature.</p> <p>Civil Contempt: The failure to obey a court order that was issued for another party's benefit.</p> <p>Criminal Contempt: An act that obstructs justice or attacks the integrity of the court.</p>
<b>Counterclaim</b>	A claim for relief asserted against an opposing party after an original claim has been made; esp., a defendant's claim in opposition to or as a setoff against the plaintiff's claim.
<b>Court Appearance Citation</b>	A police-issued order to appear before a judge on a given date to defend against a stated charge. The defendant must appear and cannot prepay any fine or fees.

<b>Creditor</b>	One to whom a debt is owed; one who gives credit for money or goods.
<b>Cross Claim</b>	A claim asserted between codefendants or co-plaintiffs in a case and that relates to the subject of the original claim or counterclaim.
<b>Custodian</b>	A person or institution that has charge or custody (of a child, property, papers, or other valuables).
<b>Dating Violence and Abuse</b>	Physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, or assault occurring between persons who are or have been in a dating relationship.
<b>Debtor</b>	One who owes an obligation to another, esp. an obligation to pay money.
<b>Defendant</b>	A person sued in a civil proceeding or accused in a criminal proceeding.
<b>Deferred Prosecution</b>	A defendant charged with his or her first or second offense under KRS 218A.1415 may enter a deferred prosecution program for a maximum of 2 years. Successful completion results in charges being dismissed and sealed.
<b>Dependency</b>	A child, other than an abused or neglected child, who is under improper care, custody, control or guardianship that is not due to an intentional act of the parent, guardian, or person exercising custodial control or supervision of the child.
<b>Deposition</b>	A witness's out-of-court testimony that is reduced to writing (usually by a court reporter) for later use in court or for discovery purposes.
<b>Disability Proceeding</b>	Legal proceedings involving the inability of an individual to perform some function due to an objectively measurable condition of impairment, physical or mental.
<b>Dispense with Administration</b>	Allows certain individuals to ask the court to direct transfer of estate assets without the need for further court proceedings.
<b>Domestic Relations Commissioner</b>	An officer appointed by the court to hear family and juvenile issues.
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	Domestic violence includes physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, strangulation, sexual abuse, assault, or

	fear, or thereof between family members or members of an unmarried couple. KRS 403.715, 403.720.
<b>Domestic Violence Order</b>	A long term order issued by a judge to offer protection from domestic violence.
<b>Emergency Custody Order</b>	Emergency order entered for the removal of a child when is in imminent danger per KRS 620.020.
<b>Emergency Protective Order</b>	A temporary protective order granted on an expedited basis, usually after an ex parte hearing (without notice to the other side), most commonly to provide injunctive relief from an abuser in a domestic-violence case; esp., a short-term restraining order that is issued at the request of a law-enforcement officer in response to a domestic-violence complaint from a victim who is in immediate danger.
<b>Execution/Writ of Execution</b>	A court order directing a sheriff or other officer to enforce a judgment, usually by seizing and selling the judgment debtor's property.
<b>Expungement</b>	The removal of a charge or conviction (esp. for a first offense) from a person's criminal record.
<b>Felony</b>	A serious crime usually punishable by imprisonment for more than one year or by death.
<b>Fiduciary</b>	Any person, association, or corporation meeting the requirements of KRS 395.005 (other than assignee or trustee for an insolvent debtor or a guardian under the Uniform Veteran's Guardianship Act) appointed by, or under the control of, or accountable to, the District Court, including executors, administrators, administrators with the will annexed, curators, guardians, and conservators; and does not include testamentary trustees.
<b>Final Settlement</b>	A court order discharging an executor's duties after an estate's execution.
<b>Forcible Detainer</b>	Forcible detainer is an action by the landlord who claims that the tenant refuses to move.
<b>Forcible Entry</b>	Forcible entry is an action by the tenant who claims that the landlord has entered the premises unlawfully.

<b>Foreign Judgment</b>	A decree, judgment, or order of a court in a state, country, or judicial system different from that where the judgment or its effect is at issue.
<b>Foreign Protective Order</b>	A protective order of a court in a state, country, or judicial system different from that where the judgment or its effect is at issue.
<b>Foreign Subpoena</b>	Subpoena of a court in a state, country, or judicial system different from that where the judgment or its effect is at issue.
<b>Garnishment</b>	Garnishment is a special kind of execution by which property of the judgment debtor in the hands of a third party may be reached, including (but not limited to) wages in the hands of his/her employer.
<b>Grand Jury</b>	A body of 12 people who are chosen to sit permanently for at least a month — and sometimes a year — and who, in ex parte proceedings, decide whether to issue indictments.
<b>Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate</b>	Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate (RCr 4.18) is a printed card issued by the American Automobile Association (or similar organization) guaranteeing the appearance of its members on most motor vehicle violations. RCr 4.18(2).
<b>Guardian</b>	One who has the legal authority and duty to care for another's person or property, esp. because of the other's infancy, incapacity, or disability.
<b>Guardian Ad Litem</b>	A lawyer, appointed by the court to appear in a lawsuit on behalf of an incompetent or minor party.
<b>In Forma Pauperis</b>	In the manner of an indigent who is permitted to disregard filing fees and court costs (when suing, a poor person is generally entitled to proceed <i>in forma pauperis</i> ).
<b>Indictment</b>	The formal written accusation of a crime, made by a grand jury and presented to a court for prosecution against the accused person.
<b>Indigency</b>	The state or condition of a person who lacks the means of subsistence; extreme hardship or neediness; poverty. For purposes of the Sixth Amendment right to



	appointed counsel, <i>indigency</i> refers to a defendant's inability to afford an attorney.
<b>Informal Settlement</b>	Settlement accepted when each heir has signed a notarized waiver stating he/she has received his/her share of the estate and waives requirements of a formal accounting and settlement.
<b>Information</b>	A formal criminal charge made by a prosecutor without a grand-jury indictment.
<b>Interpersonal Protective Order</b>	Order issued for temporary or "ordinary" interpersonal order of protection for dating violence and abuse, stalking, or sexual assault.
<b>Inventory</b>	A detailed list of assets; esp., an executor's or administrator's detailed list of the probate-estate assets (make an inventory of the estate). The term also sometimes denotes a divorcing spouse's detailed list of all his or her marital and separate assets and liabilities.
<b>Involuntary Admission</b>	Involuntary admission proceedings include the admission of an individual with an intellectual disability. KRS 202B.010.
<b>Involuntary Hospitalization</b>	Involuntary hospitalization proceedings include the hospitalization of adults diagnosed with a mental illness. KRS 202A.012. For mental health procedures involving juveniles, follow procedures outlined in the Juvenile Mental Health section.
<b>Involuntary Treatment</b>	Involuntary treatment proceedings include proceedings for 60/360 days of treatment for an individual, including juveniles, suffering from alcohol or other drug abuse. KRS Chapter 222.
<b>Jail Credit</b>	Time spent by a criminal defendant in confinement while awaiting trial. This time is usually deducted from the defendant's final sentence (if convicted).
<b>Judgment</b>	A court's final determination of the rights and obligations of the parties in a case. The term <i>judgment</i> includes an equitable decree and any order from which an appeal lies.

<b>Jury</b>	A group of persons selected according to law and given the power to decide questions of fact and return a verdict in the case submitted to them.
<b>Living Trust</b>	A trust that is created and takes effect during the settlor's lifetime.
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	A crime that is less serious than a felony and is usually punishable by fine, penalty, forfeiture, or confinement (usually for a brief term) in a place other than prison (such as a county jail).
<b>Motion</b>	A written or oral application requesting a court to make a specified ruling or order.
<b>Motion to Quash</b>	A party's request that the court nullify process or an act instituted by the other party, as in seeking to nullify a subpoena.
<b>Non Wage Garnishment</b>	A special kind of execution by which property of the judgment debtor in the hands of a third party may be reached, excluding wages.
<b>Notary Public</b>	A person authorized by a state to administer oaths, certify documents, attest to the authenticity of signatures, and perform official acts in commercial matters, such as protesting negotiable instruments.
<b>Notice of Entry</b>	A notice of entry of judgment is written notice that judgment has been entered. See Notice of Entry.
<b>Nunc Pro Tunc</b>	[Latin "now for then"] Having retroactive legal effect through a court's inherent power (the court entered a <i>nunc pro tunc</i> order to correct a clerical error in the record).
<b>Oath</b>	A solemn declaration, accompanied by a swearing to God or a revered person or thing, that one's statement is true or that one will be bound to a promise.
<b>Oral Trust</b>	A trust created by the settlor's spoken statements as opposed to a written agreement.
<b>Paternity</b>	The state or condition of being a father, esp. a biological one; fatherhood.
<b>Periodic Settlement</b>	Settlement filed with the court when the settling of the estate requires more than two years.
<b>Petition</b>	A formal written request presented to a court or other official body.

<b>Petitioner</b>	A party who presents a petition to a court or other official body, esp. when seeking relief on appeal.
<b>Plaintiff</b>	The party who brings a civil suit in a court of law.
<b>Plea</b>	An accused person's formal response of "guilty," "not guilty," or "no contest" to a criminal charge.
<b>Pleading</b>	A formal document in which a party to a legal proceeding (esp. a civil lawsuit) sets forth or responds to allegations, claims, denials, or defenses.
<b>Pre-payable Citation</b>	A police-issued order to appear before a judge on a given date to defend against a stated charge. Defendant may prepay prior to the court date any fine and/or fees.
<b>Probate</b>	The judicial procedure by which a testamentary document is established to be a valid will; the proving of a will to the satisfaction of the court.
<b>Respondent</b>	The party against whom a motion or petition is filed.
<b>ROR</b>	Release on personal recognizance (known as ROR or OR): the defendant's written promise to appear. RCr 4.00(f), RCr 4.10.
<b>Service of Process</b>	The formal delivery of a writ, summons, or other legal process after three attempts, service still had not been accomplished.
<b>Status Offense</b>	A child accused of committing acts which, if committed by an adult, would not be a crime. Includes noncriminal forms of juvenile behavior, such as running away from home, skipping class, tobacco offenses or exhibiting beyond-control behaviors at home or at school.
<b>Stocks and Bonds</b>	Stocks and Bonds as security is a bond in which the defendant or surety deposits these securities instead of cash to guarantee the defendant's appearance. RCr 4.04(1)(d)(iv).
<b>Structured Settlement</b>	A settlement in which the defendant agrees to pay periodic sums to the plaintiff for a specified time.
<b>Subpoena</b>	A writ or order commanding a person to appear before a court or other tribunal, subject to a penalty for failing to comply.
<b>Subpoena Duces Tecum</b>	A subpoena ordering the witness to appear in court and to bring specified documents, records, or things.

<b>Summons</b>	A writ or process commencing the plaintiff's action and requiring the defendant to appear and answer. A notice requiring a person to appear in court as a juror or witness.
<b>Surety</b>	A person who is primarily liable for paying another's debt or performing another's obligation.
<b>Temporary Injunction</b>	A temporary injunction issued before or during trial to prevent an irreparable injury from occurring before the court has a chance to decide the case.
<b>Temporary Restraining Order</b>	A court order prohibiting family violence; esp., an order restricting a person from harassing, threatening, and sometimes merely contacting or approaching another specified person.
<b>Testamentary Trust</b>	A trust that is created by a will and takes effect when the settlor (testator) dies.
<b>Third Party Complaint</b>	A complaint filed by the defendant against a third party, alleging that the third party may be liable for some or all of the damages that the plaintiff is trying to recover from the defendant.
<b>Tickler System</b>	Calendaring system used to remind the court that some action is needed or due the court.
<b>Trust</b>	The right, enforceable solely in equity, to the beneficial enjoyment of property to which another person holds the legal title; a property interest held by one person (the <i>trustee</i> ) at the request of another (the <i>settlor</i> ) for the benefit of a third party (the <i>beneficiary</i> ).
<b>Trustee</b>	One who stands in a fiduciary or confidential relation to another; esp., one who, having legal title to property, holds it in trust for the benefit of another and owes a fiduciary duty to that beneficiary.
<b>Venue</b>	The proper or a possible place for a lawsuit to proceed, usually because the place has some connection either with the events that gave rise to the lawsuit or with the plaintiff or defendant.
<b>Violation</b>	An infraction or breach of the law; a transgression.
<b>Warning Order Attorney</b>	An attorney appointed to provide constructive service when a plaintiff or attorney files a complaint/affidavit showing that the defendant cannot be served with a summons. CR 4.06(1).
<b>Warrant for Possession</b>	A warrant obtained by a landlord in a forcible detainer action that is posted on a tenant's

	property along with a date that the sheriff may forcibly remove the tenant.
<b>Writ of Habeas Corpus</b>	Latin for "you have the body." Habeas Corpus is a writ of inquiry designed to affect the speedy release of a person illegally deprived of his liberty. The writ is commonly used when a person is seeking to be released on bail or when a prisoner is challenging extradition or detainer proceedings.
<b>Writ of Mandamus</b>	A writ of mandamus is an original action in circuit court directing a district judge or other party to perform an act.
<b>Writ of Possession</b>	A writ of possession is an attachment that reaches specific personal property which is the subject of the suit. KRS 425.011.
<b>Writ of Prohibition</b>	A writ of prohibition is an original action in circuit court directing a district judge or other party not to perform an act.
<b>Youthful/Public Offender</b>	A child who is accused of committing a felony, misdemeanor, or violation which, if committed by an adult, would be a crime.

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