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MULTNOMAH COUNTY ATTORNEY REFERENCE MANUAL 2024

This manual is provided as an aid to attorneys and self-represented parties practicing before the Circuit Court in Multnomah County. It is intended only to assist with some local internal practices, primarily in the area of civil practice, which are determined by common law, rules, and statutory authority (including the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure, Uniform Trial Court Rules, and Supplementary Local Rules). This manual deals with procedures and practices in Presiding Court for civil cases. For procedures and information regarding criminal and family court matters, you should contact the appropriate section or department.

This manual is not an authority; it should never be cited. The practices described herein may change from time to time as required by changes in the underlying authority or changes in court policy. To the extent possible, notice of any changes will be provided in advance of their effect to the members of the Bar through the Circuit Court's Web Site (https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/multnomah/Pages/default.aspx) and the News from the Courthouse Column published monthly by the MBA. Any changes will be included in subsequent editions of this manual.

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I. COURT ORGANIZATION

A. COURT STRUCTURE

The Multnomah County Circuit Court—Oregon's 4th Judicial District—currently has 38 judges. ORS 3.012(1)(d). The court also has 16 permanent hearing referee positions as of the 2023-25 biennium. By appointment from the Oregon Supreme Court under ORS 1.635, some referees sit as judges *pro tempore* of the circuit court. Juvenile Court referees are authorized by ORS 419A.150. Senior judges and members of the Bar serve as judges *pro tempore* of the circuit court by appointment from the Oregon Supreme Court under ORS 1.635.

The Chief Justice is required under ORS 1.003 to appoint the presiding judges of the judicial districts every two years. The Honorable Judith H. Matarazzo was appointed by the Chief Justice to be the presiding judge through December 31, 2025.

The circuit court is a division of the Oregon Judicial Department. The Oregon Judicial Department is the third branch of Oregon's state government under Article III, section 1, of the Oregon Constitution. Since 1983, all funding of the Oregon Judicial Department, including the circuit courts, has been the obligation of the state. ORS 1.001. Under ORS 1.185, circuit court facility funding is an obligation of the county government, unless the legislature authorizes state funding for specific purposes, such as the construction of a new courthouse.

The circuit court is a court of general jurisdiction. Under ORS 3.136, the Multnomah County Circuit Court also serves as the municipal court for the City of Portland, the City of Gresham, and other municipal governments in Multnomah County (except for the City of Troutdale and the City of Fairview).

B. LOCATIONS FOR CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

The circuit court serves the people of Multnomah County from four locations: the Juvenile Justice Complex, the East County Courthouse, the adult Justice Center, and the central courthouse in downtown Portland. The addresses for these facilities are as follows:

Multnomah County Courthouse 1200 SW First Avenue Portland, OR 97204 Justice Center 1120 SW Third Avenue Portland, OR 97204 Juvenile Justice Center 1401 NE 68th Avenue Portland, OR 97213 East County Courthouse 18480 SE Stark Street Portland, OR 97233

Mail for judges or referees assigned to other court facilities should not be sent to the address for the facility, but rather to the central courthouse downtown. Always include the judge's name and room number to ensure prompt delivery.

C. HOLIDAYS ON WHICH THE COURT WILL BE CLOSED

The circuit court will be closed on the holidays set out in ORS 187.010:

- (a) Each Sunday
- (b) New Year's Day on January 1
- (c) Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday on the third Monday in January
- (d) Presidents Day on the third Monday in February
- (e) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May
- (f) Juneteenth on June 19
- (g) Independence Day on July 4
- (h) Labor Day on the first Monday in September
- (i) Veterans Day on November 11
- (i) Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November
- (k) Christmas Day on December 25

In the event a legal holiday falls on the weekend, the holiday is observed by court closure on Friday if the holiday is Saturday and Monday if the holiday is Sunday.

Circuit court facilities are closed on each Saturday.

Although rare, any other closures of the circuit court, or a particular facility location, will be announced on the circuit court's website and by media releases, if at all possible.

D. JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

As provided under ORS 1.003, the Chief Justice appoints a presiding judge. The presiding judge retains trial assignment case management responsibility for civil actions and felony-level criminal cases and presides over ex parte matters for these matters. By appointment, the presiding judge delegates to other judges case management responsibility in the following areas:

Criminal Law Matters (including Criminal Procedure Court)

Hon. Michael A. Greenlick, Chief Criminal Judge

Domestic Relations, Juvenile & Probate Matters (The Family Court)

Hon. Susan M. Svetkey, Chief Family Court Judge Hon. Patrick W. Henry, Chief Probate Judge Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Lead Juvenile Judge

Civil Law Matters

Hon. David F. Rees, Chief Civil Judge

E. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

1. Powers and Responsibility

The presiding judge facilitates the administration and supervision of the circuit court. ORS 1.171. Accordingly, the presiding judge may: apportion and regulate judicial business; make rules, issue orders, and take other action appropriate to the exercise of those duties; assign actions and proceedings to other judges for hearing and disposition; and delegate the exercise of any of the administrative powers of the presiding judge to another judge of the court or to the Trial Court Administrator for the judicial district.

2. Staff

Four staff positions serve the presiding judge directly: the judicial assistant, the judicial calendaring coordinator, and two judicial clerks. The judicial assistant maintains the judge's calendar, handles the scheduling of any meetings or conferences before the presiding judge, and assists the calendaring coordinator with the morning dockets. The calendaring coordinator handles trial docket assignments and scheduling. The two presiding judicial clerks handle the substantive, procedural, and administrative paperwork processed through the presiding judge's office, including default orders and judgments. The clerks also staff the courtroom during proceedings and answer questions about presiding court procedures for members of the Bar and the public.

Any correspondence to the presiding judge's staff should be sent c/o the presiding judge. The Presiding Court's phone number is (971) 274-0660. The Presiding Court's email address is mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us. Email is strongly preferred.

3. Ex Parte

The presiding judge oversees civil and criminal ex parte every day at 10:30AM (or after the 9AM trial assignment docket completes) and at 1:30PM in Courtroom 7A. Family law ex parte is held Monday-Friday at 1:30 pm. Parties can review the boards on the first floor, which list the Judges name and courtroom number. Probate ex parte matters are heard at 8:45AM and must be scheduled by request to the Probate Section at (971) 274-0605. *See* SLR 2.501; SLR 4.025; SLR 5.025.

F. JUDICIAL OFFICES AND STAFF

Use the following link to find the most current list of judges, courtroom location, staff, telephone numbers, and other information provided by individual judges:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/multnomah/go/Judge%20Documents/JudicialDirectory.pdf

G. HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

The following list of numbers and email addresses may be helpful in securing information. Phone service hours for all departments and locations is 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

Presiding Judge's Office (971) 274-0660

mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us

Civil (971) 274-0540

mul.civil@ojd.state.or.us

Arbitration (971) 274-0543

mul.civil.arbitration.clerk@ojd.state.or.us

Collections (971) 274-0560

Criminal (971) 274-0545

mul.criminal@oid.state.or.us

mul.criminal.calendaring@ojd.state.or.us

Justice Center (Arraignments) (971) 274-0750

mul.criminal.arraignments@ojd.state.or.us

Family Law (971) 274-0600

mul.familylaw@ojd.state.or.us

Jury Room (971) 274-0575, 503-276-0905 (fax)

Mul.juryroom@ojd.state.or.us

Legal Resource Center (971) 236-8670

mul.lrc@ojd.state.or.us

Records (971) 274-0570

mul.records@ojd.state.or.us

Interpreter Services <u>Mul.Interpreter.Services@ojd.state.or.us</u>

Juvenile Justice Court (971) 274-0800

Probate (971) 274-0605

Mul.probate@ojd.state.or.us

High Volume Case Processing

Traffic Small Claims Landlord Tenant Criminal Operations (971) 274-0545

H. OREGON JUDICIAL CASE INFORMATION NETWORK (OJCIN)

OJCIN OnLine is the official website for the Register of Actions and judgment records in circuit courts for the State of Oregon Judicial Department.

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/pages/ojcin.aspx

OJCIN OnLine allows access to all case management systems in place for the Oregon Courts. All circuit courts in Oregon maintain the register (ORS 7.020) and the judgment lien record (ORS 18.075) that is accessible on the Oregon Judicial Case Information Network (OJCIN). The former register, the Oregon Judicial Information Network (OJIN) has been phased out. All counties operate OECI (Oregon eCourt Case Information Network).

I. OECI – ACCESS TO CASE INFORMATION

Oregon eCourt Case Information (OECI) public access permits a search for scheduled cases which are set within 90 days from the date of the search. The Oregon eCourt public search, while limited, permits a person to look for scheduled matters in cases that are not confidential. To access this public feature of Oregon eCourt, go to the following link:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/services/online/pages/records-calendars.aspx

This "Court Calendars" public search feature will look forward in time a maximum of 90 days from the date of access to locate scheduled events. The "Online Public Records Search" will find court records by record number or party last name. To view documents in a case, it is necessary to subscribe to OECI or to go to the courthouse to access information at the public terminals.

J. MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESENTATION AND VIDEO CAPABILITIES

The downtown Portland Central Courthouse, Justice Center, and Gresham East County Courthouse¹ have attorney's table boxes with an HDMI video input providing a way for court participants to plug in their own devices for evidence presentation. The clerk has the capability to share the various table inputs using a touch screen controller to project onto the large courtroom displays. Each courtroom is equipped with one HDMI cable with various adapters (DisplayPort, mini-DisplayPort, USB-C, Apple Lightning) that can be checked out from the clerk. If presenting, please ensure your device has the latest updates. Most problems are caused by outdated audio and video drivers.

Inside the tabletop box there is also an HDMI output which allows plugging in a monitor to mirror what is on the large courtroom display.

Here is an overview of the Multnomah County Central Courthouse A/V system.

The Oregon Judicial Department has chosen Webex as the standard video conferencing platform for remote court functions. Webex meeting links are published on the Multnomah Court Calendars website. Other Webex Meeting links may be sent out by judicial staff for individual cases. Webex allows remote participants to appear by video and if allowed, share the screen from their own device. This provides another convenient way to display content onto the courtroom displays. If appearing remotely, please visit www.webex.com and install the latest Webex application ahead of your hearing to ensure best compatibility.

K. REPORTING OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Electronic Digital Recording

In Multnomah County, all proceedings are recorded by electronic recording systems which store the digital content on OJD Servers as the report of the proceedings. This content is accessible through the Circuit Court Record Room. Note that the electronic record for a proceeding not open to the public is confidential and is available only to the attorneys of record in the action or proceeding. A court order is necessary for any other person to have access to confidential recorded material.

Every courtroom in Multnomah County has a digital recording system which records from the microphones in the room. This computer-based recording technology is the official reporting system now used for all circuit court proceedings. All courtrooms record only the audio proceedings at the present time.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court or agreed by all of the parties under ORS 8.340(7)(c), the circuit court's electronic audio record is the report of a proceeding as provided in ORS 8.340, 8.350, and 8.360, and for any transcript of an audio record prepared under ORS 19.370.

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¹ East County Courthouse is being upgraded and will have this capability in Dec 2023

2. Optional Stenographic Reporting

Under ORS 8.340(7)(a), any party may, with reasonable notice to the court, arrange for an outside stenographic reporter to be present in the courtroom reporting the proceeding at that party's expense, unless the parties agree otherwise. The outside reporter must be certified in shorthand reporting under ORS 8.415 to 8.455 or by a nationally recognized certification program. The party arranging for stenographic reporting must provide the trial court the reporter's name, address and telephone number.

The stenographic reporting only becomes the official record of the proceeding upon the order of the court, except for the purpose of a transcript on appeal only, pursuant to ORS 8.340(7). For the purpose of a transcript on appeal, the stenographic reporting becomes the official record if all parties agree, without a court order. To ensure clarity in the event of an appeal, it is recommended the parties submit an order in this situation, though not required by rule. The court has created an order suitable for this purpose (Form 03-08 in the appendix of forms).

If a stenographic reporter has made all or a portion of the record designated on appeal and it is the official record for the purpose of the transcript on appeal, the stenographic reporter's contact information should be provided in the designation of the appeal and include the comment "on agreement of all parties."

If a stenographic reporter employed by a party recorded the proceedings (whether or not as the official record), the party employing the reporter must also pay for and provide a copy of the record made to the court. ORS 8.340.

L. PROCEDURE TO REQUEST LANGUAGE OR SIGN INTERPRETERS

Oregon Judicial Department resources for interpreters for court proceedings are addressed on the OJD's Court Language Access Services (CLAS) web page. CLAS coordinates interpreting services in the circuit courts for people with limited English-proficiency in more than 180 languages and for the hearing-impaired. The below link takes you to the web page, which is under the "How do I?" "Request an Interpreter" page of the OJD website:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/languages/Pages/default.aspx

If you need a language or sign interpreter for a circuit court proceeding under ORS 45.275 or ORS 45.285, you must schedule this resource through CLAS. Click on the link "Request an Interpreter" to reserve an interpreter through the provided online request form.

An alternative to the online request form is to email your request directly to the email address provided on the above web page; the provided email addresses cover each of the 36 circuit courts. In the body of the email include all of the required information listed on the above web page for the request. The CLAS email address for a circuit court proceeding to be conducted in Multnomah County is Mul.Interpreter.Services@ojd.state.or.us.

While online or email electronic notice to CLAS is preferred, you may also make a request for an interpreter for a circuit court proceeding in Multnomah County by calling (503)

986-5688 between the hours of 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM, and 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM during the business day, except for state holidays.

You must make a request for an interpreter at least four (4) days in advance of hearing or trial. However, the more notice the CLAS staff have, the greater the probability of securing the services of an interpreter. Requests made with less than the required four days' notice, absent a judge's good cause waiver of the requirement, are a violation of UTCR 7.070 and 7.060.

If you have made a request for an interpreter for a trial or hearing and the case is set-over or settled before the scheduled event, please notify CLAS as soon as possible so the interpreter can be canceled or reassigned. It is not unusual for an interpreter reservation for a court proceeding to require airfare, lodging, and per diem for the interpreter, as well as an hourly rate of compensation. You may be responsible for those fees if not cancelled in a timely manner.

Please be aware of UTCR 7.080, *Interpreters' Requests for Information*. If a list of "specialized terminology expected to be used in the proceeding" is requested by an interpreter assigned to the proceeding, the list must be provided to the interpreter prior to the commencement of the proceeding. Under the rule, the list provided to the interpreter is confidential and not discoverable.

M. REQUESTING ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

Requests for ADA accommodations must be received no later than four judicial days before an event. More about the notification to the court and what information can be found in UTCR 7.060.

To request an ADA accommodation, please fill out the <u>ADA Accommodation Request</u> with as much detail as you can provide about your case, what accommodation you are seeking, and your contact information. If you require assistance completing the form or require the form in an alternative format, please contact the ADA Coordinator below. Please note that the accommodation request form itself is fully accessible and is compliant with screen reader technology, etc. It can be filled out electronically, saved, and sent by email to the address below to submit your request.

Danita Campbell, ADA Coordinator

Multnomah County Circuit Court 7th Floor Administration Office 1200 SW First Avenue Portland, OR 97204 (971) 274-0500

Dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) MUL.ADA.Coordinator@ojd.state.or.us

II. CIVIL FILING PROCEDURES

Please always refer to the most up to date version of the Oregon Revised Statutes, Uniform Trial Court Rules, and Supplementary Local Rules. This section is meant to guide users of the Multnomah County Courthouse in the practical interpretation of these rules and should not be cited as authority.

A. CIVIL CASE FILINGS

1. eFiling Required for Oregon Attorneys, Permitted for Non-Attorneys

Members of the Oregon State Bar must electronically file any documents filing with the court, except for materials that, by rule, must be presented in court. UTCR 21.140. Non-attorneys may also electronically file documents. Please refer to the Oregon Judicial Department eFiling website for further instructions.

http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/OnlineServices/OJDeFiling/Pages/index.aspx

This manual will not address the best practices for File and Serve, using OECI, and other eFiling issues. Please contact the Public Information Officer for further resources, (971) 274-0507, or visit the Multnomah County Circuit Court Civil page:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/multnomah/go/Pages/civil.aspx

2. Conventional Filing Required

"Conventional Filing" is defined in UTCR 21.010 (1) and means presenting a paper document to the clerk for filing. Certain documents must be presented conventionally. These are designated in UTCR 21.070. This requires presentation of the complaint or other documents to the presiding judge at the scheduled time for ex parte. Documents must be one-sided for conventional filing. No staples are allowed on documents. UTCR 2.010(3).

a. Guardian ad litem; pseudonym.

To file a civil case that requires the appointment of a guardian ad litem, please bring the complaint, petition to appoint a guardian ad litem, supporting documents, and order appointing the guardian ad litem to ex parte to obtain a case number. This process must also be used if you request to file a case using a pseudonym under SLR 2.035. Proceedings to designate fictitious or unknown parties are subject to ORCP 20 H, I, and J. If the request is granted, one of the presiding clerks will email the moving party with the case number and filing fee after ex parte.

b. Writ of review.

Petitions for writ of review must be presented at ex parte for judicial signature and assignment of a case number. See section III.A.(7)(a).

c. Temporary Restraining Order/ Preliminary Injunction.

If you are seeking a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) under ORCP 79 and you do not have a case filed, bring your complaint, TRO paperwork, and corresponding fees to ex parte for a case number and determination of the TRO request. Providing bench copies to the presiding judge prior to ex parte for TROs is strongly encouraged. Failure to provide bench copies in advance may lead to the presiding judge setting over the hearing.

3. Filing Information for Self-Represented Litigants (non-attorneys)

Self-represented litigants may file civil, family law, probate and trust administration cases, small claims, and FED cases at the cashier's window on the second floor of the Multnomah County Courthouse.

Self-represented litigants may file small claims cases at the Circuit Court for Multnomah County in Gresham in the East County Courthouse at 18480 SE Stark Street if one of the parties resides, or the cause of action arose, east of 122nd Avenue. SLR 15.015. See SLR 1.161 for types of civil documents which may be filed in the East County Courthouse and those specific case types which should not. Filing civil documents in the East County Courthouse does not determine where hearings and trials will be held.

Business hours for the cashier's window are from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The cashiers close their windows promptly at 5:00PM. No filings will be accepted after 5:00PM. SLR 1.151 and 1.161. No conventionally filed documents will be accepted for filing on a date when the document is delivered to the clerk's office after 5:00PM on the date of submission. SLR 1.151 and SLR 1.161. Such documents will be filed, as provided by ORCP 9E, on the next business day of the court.

A document tendered to the clerk for filing also may be rejected as provided in ORCP 9E, UTCR 2.010, and SLR 2.015. Common reasons for a clerk to reject a filing include wrong paper size, improper case caption, or illegible handwriting.

Forms for Complaints and Summons in Forcible Entry and Detainer (Landlord/Tenant) cases and claims in small claims cases are available for a fee at the counter on the second floor of the Multnomah County Courthouse. The UTCR 15.010 forms for Small Claims are available with those rules at:

2022 UTCR ch15.pdf (oregon.gov)

4. No Filing by Fax or Email

The court does not accept filing by fax or email.

B. FEES

1. Satisfying Filing Fee Requirement

Most initial filings in cases require payment of a filing fee. These fees must be paid before a case number is assigned. If a party cannot pay due to financial limitations, the party should apply for a fee deferral/waiver. *See* Section C, below. For those able to pay, the court accepts cash, money orders, VISA, or Master Card. Checks should be made to "State of Oregon." The current Circuit Court Fee Schedule may be found here:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/Pages/fees.aspx

This is a statewide schedule.

If multiple separate cases are filed using conventional filing, a separate check or credit card transaction is required for each case. A document may be returned (or rejected in file and serve) and not filed if the fee or an order waiving or deferring the fees does not accompany the document. SLR 2.015(1)(b). Chapter 21 of the Oregon Revised Statutes lists all the court fees. Filing fees are <u>not refundable</u> under any circumstances. ORS 21.100.

2. Filing Fee Process for eFiled Documents

Fees processed under File & Serve will be authorized by the credit card on file or eCheck. The clerk reviewing the File & Serve filing will review the filing to ensure the correct fee was applied according to the OJD Fee Schedule. Generally, the clerk bases this on the caption of the document stating the statute that sets the filing fee for the proceedings. If it is a case governed by ORS 21.160 it must state the amount in controversy. The clerk does not read the body of the document. The clerk also ensures that the "party responsible for fees" is the party eFiling the document.

If there is no fee paid by the filer where one is required, or the fee is incorrect as to type or amount, the information required by ORS 21.105 is not in the caption, or an incorrect "party responsible for the filing fee" entered, the document and possibly the entire eFiling envelope may be rejected by the clerk under the adopted Standards for Acceptance. The eFiler should exercise care in entering this financial information and should ensure the caption of the document complies with ORS 21.105.

In File & Serve, there may be more than one document with a filing fee payment required in the same envelope. Each filing fee will be assessed against the credit card separately when the document is accepted for filing. The reconciliation report for the lawyer or firm will reflect these individual transactions.

3. Fees After Initial Filings

Trial fees and hearing fees must be paid prior to the beginning of the trial or hearing. SLR 6.025. Currently, trial fees are \$139 a day or partial day for a bench trial; \$167 a day or partial day for a

6-person jury trial; and \$250 a day or partial day for a 12-person jury trial. ORS 21.225. Always look to the statute for a change in the fee.

Currently, there is no specific fee for most ex parte motions. However, certain motions heard during ex parte are subject to a fee, such as an uncontested motion for relief from judgment under ORCP 71, which is subject to a \$111 fee under ORS 21.200(1)(d).

An undertaking on appeal for costs or a supersedeas undertaking must be filed with the cashier. There is no way to pay for these appeal bonds using File & Serve.

Fees for judicial settlement conferences range from \$111 to \$223. ORS 21.215(1) and (3).

C. FEE DEFERRALS OR WAIVERS

1. **Application**

If a party to a case is unable to pay the case fees, that party may apply for a fee deferral or waiver. The application forms are available in on the second floor of the Multnomah County Courthouse. If this application is granted, throughout the duration of the case, any applicable fees will be deferred. After a final disposition in the case, the party must appear at ex parte for a final waiver of fees. Failure to do so may result in any outstanding fees being entered as a judgment against the non-paying party.

Applying for a fee waiver or deferral is a conventional, paper process, even if the party is using eFiling. Chief Justice Order 14-036 requires that all applications for a fee waiver or a fee deferral must be prepared and filed as a conventional filing. *See also*, Chief Justice Order 12-078 and ORS 21.682.

The completed application for a fee waiver or deferral in a circuit court civil case should be presented by the requesting party to the clerk on the second floor of the Multnomah County Courthouse.

2. Using Fee Deferral/Waiver in File & Serve

If a fee deferral/waiver is granted, and the party is using File & Serve, then a payment account type of "Waiver" is available in File & Serve to select when the party is given the option to pay for a filing. The File & Serve clerk will verify the existence of a Fee Deferral/Waiver in the case when reviewing submissions with a selection of "Waiver" as the fee option. A Fee Deferral/Waiver is case specific, and the party seeking deferral must reapply for each new case.

3. Effect of Deferral After Closure of Case

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, deferred fees become due thirty (30) days after judgment or final disposition of the case, including dismissal. If the financial situation of the party granted a deferral has not changed, the party may apply to the presiding judge for that deferral to be converted into a waiver. This involves the same paperwork as the original application but must

be presented to the presiding judge at ex parte. There is a limit of five active cases in which a party can receive a Fee Deferral/Waiver.

Unless the judgment specifies otherwise, the fees are payable by the person for whom the fees were deferred. The court will, without further notice, make the deferred amount a part of the judgment or enter a supplemental judgment for the fee amounts owing, and collection fees will be added automatically as required by ORS 1.202. *See* ORS 21.692 regarding judgments for deferred fees.

Approximately forty-five (45) days after the fees are due, if the deferred amount has not been paid, the court will send a letter to the party indicating that the fees must be paid within ten (10) days. If the fees are not paid as required, the court will turn the account over to the Department of Revenue or a private collection agency for collection; all further contact regarding the payment of the deferred fees should be made with the Department of Revenue or collection agency and not the court.

4. Trial Fee Only Reimbursed by Court Order

Ordinarily, "[f]iling fees are not refundable under any circumstances. . . ." ORS 21.100.

Trial fees may be reimbursed if all claims in the action or proceeding are decided without the commencement of a trial. The court's authority to reimburse trial fees is provided by ORS 21.225. A refund requires a motion, supported by an affidavit, requesting an order allowing the reimbursement. This should be presented in person at ex parte. The motion must be filed not more than fifteen (15) days after entry of judgment disposing of the action or proceeding. All reimbursements are made by mail, and, if the underlying payment was made by check, no reimbursement will be mailed until at least three weeks have passed since the date of receipt of the payment.

D. RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS

The types of pleadings permitted under the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure are set out in ORCP 13 B, which states:

There shall be a complaint and an answer. An answer may include a counterclaim against a plaintiff, including a party joined under Rule 22 D, and a cross-claim against a defendant, including a party joined under Rule 22 D. A pleading against any person joined under Rule 22 C is a third party complaint. There shall be an answer to a cross-claim and a third party complaint. There shall be a reply to a counterclaim denominated as such and a reply to assert any affirmative allegations in avoidance of any defenses asserted in an answer. There shall be no other pleading unless the court orders otherwise.

1. **Answer**

Please refer to ORCP 19 and other rules of civil procedure. Answers must contain any defenses to the claims in the complaint and any affirmative defense(s).

2. Third Party Claims – ORCP 22 C

a. **Separate Pleading**

ORCP 13B makes clear that an answer to a plaintiff's complaint may include a counterclaim against a plaintiff or a cross-claim against a defendant, or both. If a defendant wants to bring another party into the action, a third-party complaint must be filed as a separate pleading: "A pleading against any person joined under Rule 22C is a third-party complaint." There is no pleading that is an "answer that may include a third-party complaint." A third-party complaint is a separate pleading by law.

b. Caption and Fees

Defendants filing a third-party claim need to observe all of the requirements for the format of the complaint including compliance with ORS 21.105, which requires that the caption must include a reference to the statute that establishes the filing fee for the proceeding. If the proceeding is subject to a filing fee established under ORS 21.160, the caption must indicate the amount in controversy. The amount in controversy for a third-party plaintiff is the amount of the liability claimed from the third-party defendant up to the amount of the plaintiff's claim in the action against the third-party plaintiff.

A filing fee is required from a third-party plaintiff who files a complaint which adds an additional individual or entity into the case. When a third-party defendant files an appearance in a civil action or proceeding in circuit court, and defendant has not already appeared in the action or proceeding, the defendant must pay the filing fee. This fee requirement is in ORS 21.165.

CAUTION: Parties with a duty to respond to a summons within the time provided by law must do so or anticipate consequences for not responding. Filing a third-party complaint, even with service of summons and an appearance by the third-party defendant, does not satisfy the ORCP 15A and ORCP 21A requirements to file a timely motion or answer to the complaint.

3. Rule 21 Motions

Besides the responsive pleadings listed in ORCP 13B, ORCP 21 gives the option to raise certain defenses in a motion to dismiss. Rule 21 motions (and all other subsequent contested motions) will be heard by the assigned motions judge.

All cases will automatically be assigned a motions judge after the case becomes at issue. A case is at issue when all parties have appeared, excluding defaulted or dismissed parties. However, if you need a motions judge to schedule a hearing before one is automatically assigned, then you must make an oral request at ex parte. The presiding judge will announce the assigned motions judge on the record. You must be prepared to announce your decision to move for a change of judge at this time. SLR 5.014 and 7.045. *See also*, ORS 14.260 and 14.270.

III. CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT

A. PRETRIAL CASE MANAGEMENT

1. Uniform Trial Court Rule 7.020

Uniform Trial Court Rule 7.020. "Setting Trial Date in Civil Cases" governs the timing of a civil case. Rule 7 has been in the Uniform Trial Court Rules since 1988 and has been the primary pretrial case management authority for civil cases in the circuit court. The purpose of Rule 7 is to require the plaintiff to move a case forward to the appearance of the defendant or default judgment. The burden of Rule 7 is always on the plaintiff.

63-Day Notice. The plaintiff has 63 days after filing the complaint to file the proof of service or acceptance of service. If not, the court will send the plaintiff an ORCP 54B(3) **28-day notice** of intent to dismiss and will dismiss the case if no further action is taken. To extend this period, plaintiff may move for a continuance for good cause. SLR 7.021. The court has a form for this motion. (Form 05-41 A & B, Appendix of Forms). The first motion for continuance must be eFiled, and subsequent requests must be presented at ex parte. SLR 2.501. The continuance runs from the date the Order is signed.

91-Day Notice. If by the 91st day after the complaint was filed a defendant has not appeared, the court will send an ORCP 54B(3) **28-day notice** of dismissal and will dismiss the case if no further action is taken. In order to prevent the dismissal of the party or case, one of the following things must happen: 1) the plaintiff moves for an order of default <u>and</u> a judgment against the non-appearing party; 2) the plaintiff moves for a continuance for good cause; or 3) the defendant appears. WARNING: A default order does not satisfy UTCR 7.020. If a default order is signed, but a judgment has not been entered, the case can still be dismissed by the court for lack of prosecution.

CAVEAT: Once a case has been granted a continuance, the court will no longer send a 28-day notice. The order continuing the case takes the case out of the tracking system of the court. It is the responsibility of the parties to appropriately notate and set their own reminders for the date the case or party has been continued.

A case is at issue when: all parties have appeared and 91 days have passed, or when the pleadings are complete (whichever is earliest). UTCR 7.020(4). Once a case is at issue, the court will assign a motions judge (SLR 5.014)² and the case will proceed on the appropriate track for resolution.

Cases have three main tracks for resolution:

- 1. Stipulated Trial Setting Order;
- 2. Court-Annexed Arbitration; or
- 3. Expedited Jury Trial.

Other tracks are:

² Assignment of Motions Judges discussed below.

- 4. Complex Case Designation;
- 5. Foreclosure Panel Assignments; and
- 6. Non-Trial Civil Actions.

2. Stipulated Trial Setting Orders

Previously, dates for civil trials were set at Trial Readiness Conferences. SLR 7.015. This process has been replaced; now, parties select their own trial date within the parameters set by the court. After a case is at issue, the court will send all attorneys of record and self-represented parties a stipulated order for setting trial dates. The order includes instructions for selecting a trial date. If the parties cannot agree on a trial date within the court's guidelines, the plaintiff should email the presiding clerks to be set on the trial setting docket. The trial setting docket is held remotely on Tuesdays at 2 PM in front of the Presiding Judge.

Parties wishing to reschedule a trial must hold a postponement scheduling conference with the presiding judge. SLR 7.025. These are currently held on Wednesday afternoons in 10-minute increments and may be scheduled by emailing the presiding judge's staff at mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us. If the case is not resolved within one year by trial or otherwise, the parties must participate in appropriate dispute resolution (ADR) as required by SLR 7.016.

3. **Arbitration**

Cases subject to Arbitration under ORS 36.400 to 36.425 will be assigned to arbitration once the case is at issue. The arbitration clerk will notify the parties of the assignment and direct the parties to select an arbitrator from a provided list drawn from the court's panel of arbitrators. UTCR Chapter 13 and SLR Chapter 13 provide the rules that implement and define procedure for this statutory process.

4. Expedited Jury Trial

Cases in which the parties stipulate to proceed under UTCR 5.150 for an Expedited Civil Jury Trial will be set in the expedited civil jury trial track. The presiding judge will specially assign these cases to a specific judge. Expedited civil jury trials will occur no later than four (4) months from the date the case is assigned for an expedited trial. Parties may limit discovery by agreement, or by UTCR 5.150(4). Parties shall not file pretrial motions, unless specific permission is granted by the court.

5. Complex Case Designation

To obtain designation of their case as a complex case, the parties must have a conference with the presiding judge. These scheduling conferences are currently held remotely on Wednesday afternoons between 2-4 pm. All counsel must be present. The presiding judge follows the requirements of UTCR 7.030, which states that complex case designation is allowed for cases based on the number of parties, complexity of legal issues, expected extent and difficulty of discovery, and the anticipated length of trial. Once the case is designated complex, all motions should be heard by the assigned judge, including any motions to change the trial date. Trial in

complex cases must be set within two years from the date of filing, unless a later setting is permitted by the court. UTCR 7.030(4).

6. Foreclosure Panel Assignments

After a defendant has filed an appearance in a foreclosure action, the court will assign the case to a judge on the Foreclosure Panel. The Foreclosure Panel judges hear all pre-trial motions, trial, and post-judgment matters. The Foreclosure Panel also publishes consensus statements and preferred practices. The current Foreclosure Panel judge is Judge Christopher J. Marshall. The current Multnomah County Court Foreclosure Panel consensus statement can be found here: Consensus of Judges on Multnomah County Court Foreclosure Panel (oregon.gov)

7. Non-Trial Civil Actions

a. Writs of Review

A Writ of Review is governed by ORS 34.010-102. Petitions for writs of review do not fall under the UTCR 7.020 timeline. Petitioners must present the initiating documents at ex parte because a judicial signature is required to start the process. The judge will sign the order allowing the writ of review and the clerk will sign the writ. The petitioner will then be assigned a case number after paying the filing fee. Once the respondent has returned the writ, the parties should arrange a scheduling conference with the presiding judge to coordinate the scheduling needs of the case.

b. Writs of Mandamus or Habeas Corpus

Habeas corpus is a civil proceeding. Habeas corpus petitions and supporting documents must be filed with the civil department. If there is an underlying case (criminal or extradition) the petition must mention that underlying case number, but the habeas petition is not filed in the criminal or extradition case. A packet of forms, including a petition form, is available in the civil department. All documents filed in a habeas case must have the words "HABEAS CORPUS" in the caption.

The petitioner may also file a motion for the appointment of counsel with supporting affidavit or declaration, if petitioner desires attorney representation.

Filed petitions are sent to the designated habeas judge for review. If the judge decides the petition does not present a claim upon which relief may be granted, the judge will sign a general judgment of dismissal. If the judge decides the petition states a claim for which relief may be granted, the judge will promptly issue an order to show cause directing the defendant to appear in writing in opposition to the writ. The habeas clerk will serve a copy of the order upon the defendant. Upon issuing the order, the court will, if applicable, appoint counsel at this time.

Within a period of seven days after the filing of a written opposition, or seven days after the passage of 14 days from the issuing of the order to show cause, the court will either: 1) issue a judgment of dismissal; 2) issue a judgment granting the relief sought in the petition; or 3) issue a writ of habeas corpus requiring a return to be made.

If a writ is issued, the parties, with the approval of the court, may stipulate to litigate the issues raised in the petition without the necessity of a return or replication.

For additional information on habeas proceedings, refer to ORS 34.310 - 34.740, and SLR 7.101(1) and (2).

c. Petitions for Post-Conviction Relief

Post-conviction petitions and supporting documents must be filed with the civil department. An underlying criminal case number must be mentioned in the petition, but the post-conviction petition is not filed in the criminal case, and instead is its own civil case. A packet of forms for post-conviction relief is available in the civil department. All documents filed in a post-conviction case must have the words "POST CONVICTION" in the caption.

The petitioner may also file a motion for the appointment of counsel with supporting affidavit or declaration, if he or she desires attorney representation.

The post-conviction clerk will serve the petition on the attorney for defendant(s) in the case. If petitioner qualifies for a court-appointed attorney, an appointment shall be made and a copy of the petition provided to that counsel. A scheduling order shall be entered setting a status hearing and trial date at least 150 days out and noting deadlines for filing additional documents. These dates may be extended for good cause on the motion of either petitioner or defendant.

Pro se litigants may file motions in paper form or by eFiling. If filing a contested motion, the petitioner should include a letter requesting the clerk to set a date for the hearing and should send a courtesy (paper) copy of the motion to the post-conviction judge. Petitioner must also send copies of all documents filed with the court to the defense attorney.

Petitioners with attorneys, please note SLR 7.206(2) - All matters delivered to the court for filing shall be submitted only by counsel and signed exclusively by counsel, except for the petition or amended petition and any exhibits. The only exception to this requirement is for a *Church v*. *Gladden*, 224 Or 308, 417 P 2d 933 (1966), notice filed by the petitioner.

All motions in the case are heard by the post-conviction judge. If a case is not resolved by motion, it will proceed to trial before the designated trial judge at the East County Courthouse. All trials will be scheduled for 30 minutes unless a motion is granted allowing more time. All trial briefs and exhibits must be submitted to the court by the deadline set in the scheduling order. The court will prepare a general judgment after trial.

If post-conviction relief is granted, the post-conviction clerk will provide a copy of the general judgment to the criminal department for entry in the underlying criminal case. It is the responsibility of the attorneys to follow up with the criminal department to make sure the disposition is carried out.

For additional information on post-conviction proceedings, refer to ORS 138.510 - 138.686, and SLR 7.201 - 7.209.

d. Petitions challenging Ballot Title — ORS 250.195 and ORS 250.296

Because the statute provides a timeline for review, petitions challenging a ballot title under ORS 250.195 and ORS 250.296 are not subject to UTCR 7.020. These may be eFiled, and after acceptance, the court will specially assign a judge. This specially assigned judge will decide all matters for the petition.

e. Petitions for Judicial Review of Agency Orders – ORS 183.484

These petitions should be eFiled and then served on the agency. After the respondent has filed a response, one of the presiding clerks will email the parties to set a hearing on the scheduling conference docket. At the hearing, the parties will create a plan for moving the case forward and potential assignment to a motions or trial judge.

8. Remand from Other Courts

When a civil case returns to our court via remand, please arrange for a scheduling conference with the presiding judge to determine the next steps. If a case is remanded from an appellate court on a pre-trial decision, the attorneys will be required to select trial dates. If a case is remanded after an appellate decision reversing a trial outcome, the case will return to the judge who presided over the trial. If a case is remanded from federal court, the case may need a motions judge assignment and a trial date. Remember: filings made in federal court are not transferred to our registry, so you will need to coordinate the filing of any required pleadings. *See* section III.G, below.

B. CIVIL MOTIONS

1. Assignment of a Motions Judge – SLR 5.014

Once a case is at issue, the court will assign a motions judge to the case. If a party needs a judge to hear a contested motion before the case is at issue, that party may appear at ex parte after giving at least one judicial days' notice to the other parties and make a request for assignment. This is an oral request and nothing needs to be filed. The clerk will randomly select a judge and produce an order assigning the motions judge. Parties present at ex parte must be prepared to exercise their option to move for a change of judge under ORS 14.270 and SLR 7.045. Motions judges hear all contested pre-trial motions, except for summary judgment.

a. Expedited Hearing on Civil Motion – SLR 5.015

Whether or not a motion qualifies for an expedited hearing is determined by the motions judge assigned to the case. The party seeking expedited treatment must make that request to the motions judge by calling the judge's staff and filing a motion to expedite. If the motions judge

decides the requested motion warrants expedited consideration, the judge will find time to hear it. If the motions judge does not have any availability to hear the motion, that judge may find another judge to hear the expedited motion. A request for an expedited setting of a civil motion will be granted only if a true emergency exists requiring such an exceptional action.

b. Contested Motions

All contested motions shall be heard by the motions judge, except: contested motions that are the responsibility of the presiding judge, motions to set-over a trial date, and motions for summary judgment. Please refer to the most recent SLR 5.015 for instructions on setting a motion. SLR 5.025 lists contested motions that must be presented to the presiding judge.

In general, contested pretrial motions (excluding ex parte motions) shall be set with the motions judge. To schedule motions for summary judgment, parties must contact civil calendaring. To set a show cause hearing, the moving party must present the appropriate motion at ex parte and it will be put on the show cause call docket.

REMEMBER: the court does not automatically schedule a hearing when a motion is filed. Writing "oral argument requested" on the motion will not cause the court to schedule a hearing. Even if a hearing is not requested, the moving party will still need to contact the assigned motions judge.

The moving party must coordinate with the responding party in selecting hearing dates. The moving party is also responsible for sending notice of the chosen date and time of the hearing. **The parties MUST provide judge's copies to the motions judge** as soon as the motion is filed with the court and a date has been selected, unless the motions judge has indicated that the judge does not want to receive the required judge's copies. SLR 5.015. This must be a hard copy, not an email or electronic version.

Traditionally, judicial departments schedule civil motion hearings five weeks after the request is made. A motions judge's unavailability to hear a motion that was filed less than five weeks before trial has typically not been deemed a sufficient reason to postpone a trial.

c. Punitive Damages Claims

ORS 31.725 prohibits the pleading of a claim for punitive damages without prior court approval. If a request for punitive damages is alleged without leave of court, the court will strike the request without hearing upon motion, affidavit and order filed with the assigned motions judge. However, a pleading may contain a statement to the effect that the pleading party "will file a motion to amend pursuant to ORS 31.725." The court considers such a statement as only notice to the opposing parties that there may be a request for leave to plead a claim for punitive damages and will not strike such a statement.

A motion for leave to amend to plead a punitive damage claim is scheduled through the motions judge. The moving party should advise the judge's assistant that the motion is to add such a claim. As required by statute, the motion will be set for hearing within 30 days unless a

continuance is granted as provided by ORS 31.725(4). The requirements of SLR 5.015 must be followed.

The motion for leave to amend must be accompanied by all supporting affidavits and documents. Any response to the motion should likewise contain the opposing party's affidavits and documentation. At the hearing on the motion, the court will not take testimony.

Prior to allowing a motion for leave to amend to assert punitive damages, the court will not limit discovery if the material sought appears reasonably calculated to produce admissible evidence, whether or not leave is given. Discovery will be limited, however, as to the ability to pay until leave to amend is granted. ORS 31.725(6).

2. Motions for Summary Judgment

Summary judgment motions are set by the civil department. To schedule a hearing, parties should send an email to mul.civil@ojd.state.or.us. Summary judgment motions are ordinarily assigned to be heard by attorneys appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as judges *pro tempore*.

a. Re-assigning to a sitting judge

If a party to a proceeding scheduled for a summary judgment hearing before one of the judges *pro tempore* wants to have the hearing re-assigned to a sitting judge of the circuit court, an order is required and an example order to use is set out in the Appendix. (Motion and Order to Reschedule Summary Judgment Hearing in Front of a Sitting Judge, Form 05-78A and B). The motion and order must be presented at ex parte **within 5 calendar days** of the initial assignment to a judge pro tempore. SLR 5.016. The motion will be re-assigned as provided by the order. Do not file a "motion for change of judge," nor reference any statute regarding a change of judge (e.g., ORS 14.260).

b. Rescheduling

Due to the importance of maintaining a case's timelines, any request to reschedule a summary judgment hearing assigned to a *pro tempore* judge must be presented at ex parte in front of the presiding judge. This requires a motion and a signed order by the presiding judge. A form of the motion and order is set out in the Appendix. (Form 05-44A and B). If a motion for summary judgment has been scheduled with a sitting judge, any rescheduling must be done through that department. CAVEAT: Summary judgment judges cannot move trial dates. Make sure your motions for summary judgment are filed early enough to give you plenty of time to schedule the hearing and have a decision before the trial date.

3. Motions in Cases Assigned to Arbitration

Before a case is assigned to arbitration, motions should be presented as in any other civil case. **Please note**: in cases that are subject to mandatory arbitration, a motions judge will not be automatically assigned after a motion is filed. The moving party will need to come to ex parte to

request the appointment of a motions judge. Once the case has been assigned to arbitration by court order, all motions should be presented to and decided by the arbitrator. UTCR 13.040(3). Any scheduled motions pending hearing at the time an action is assigned to arbitration will be heard by the court and not the arbitrator.

UTCR 13.040(3) provides:

Once a case is assigned to arbitration, all motions against the pleadings, all motions for discovery, and all similar pretrial motions not then resolved will be submitted to the arbitrator only and determined by the arbitrator. The arbitrator's determination, however, will apply only during the arbitration proceeding. If a request for trial *de novo* is filed, such matters may be raised again. If the arbitrator's decision on a pretrial motion will prejudice a party on trial *de novo*, that party may file an appropriate motion with the court. (Emphasis added)

Any motion decided by an arbitrator during the arbitration proceeding may be raised anew before a judge, if the arbitrator's award is appealed. This right does not accrue until the appeal is filed.

WARNING: On return to the trial court docket, amendments to the pleadings during arbitration will not be reflected in the court's file. You must take active steps to ensure the court file reflects the up-to-date pleadings as understood by the parties.

Motions regarding the status of the case as arbitration eligible and exceptions to the award of costs and attorney fees should be presented to the Arbitration Judge, currently Judge David F. Rees.

On the filing of the notice of appeal of the arbitrator's award, a civil case will be moved onto the Circuit Court's civil jury trial track and will have a motion judge assigned, if one was not assigned prior to the transfer to arbitration and will be assigned a Trial Readiness Conference date. On the filing of the notice of appeal of the arbitrator's award, a domestic relations case will move into the pretrial process for those cases in the Family Court.

Questions about the arbitration process should be addressed to the arbitration clerk at mul.civil.arbitration@ojd.state.or.us.

4. Motions Heard by Presiding Judge at Scheduling Conferences

Parties should email the Presiding Court staff at mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us to request a Scheduling Conference. Scheduling conferences are held on Wednesdays between 2-4 pm in 10-minute increments. All scheduling conferences are held remotely and on the record. Motions that are presented at scheduling conferences should not be e-Filed. The following matters are heard at scheduling conferences, and, unless noted otherwise, can only be presented at a scheduling conference:

a. Motions to postpone trial in a civil case

Trial dates selected by stipulation of the parties are **date certain.** The court recognizes that unexpected and extraordinary circumstances arise that may prevent a trial from being held on the dates selected by the parties. Delays in completing discovery are <u>not</u> considered a reason to set-over a trial date. A scheduling conference is required for both contested and stipulated postponements.

b. Contested abatements

The presiding judge will also hear contested motions to abate the case pursuant to SLR 7.055(7).

c. Complex case designation request

Complex case designation requests are also heard at scheduling conferences, even if uncontested. The presiding judge requires all attorneys or self-represented litigants to appear at the hearing. *See* section III.A.5, above.

d. Writs of review and petitions for judicial review

These two types of civil cases do not follow the common case tracks for resolution. As such, a scheduling conference is necessary to create a plan and timeline for moving the case forward. At the scheduling conference, parties will discuss the following specific needs of each case: discovery, an overall timeline, a trial date, and the assignment of motions judge.

5. Ex Parte Motions

Black's Law Dictionary defines *ex parte* as "On one side only; by or for one party; done for, on behalf of, or on the application of, one party only." In Multnomah County ex parte motions may be eFiled or presented in person, depending on the current Supplementary Local Rules (SLR).

SLR 2.501 lists which ex parte motions must be presented in person with paper originals during the ex parte court sessions. Ex parte for civil and criminal cases occurs at 10:30AM (or after the call docket has concluded) and 1:30PM in Courtroom 7A.

Ex parte is in person or by telephone. For remote appearances, parties must give the presiding clerks 24-hour notice of the day and time they plan to appear and email the documents for ex parte to mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us. If attorneys plan to appear in person, they must bring the documents with them and do not have to give the court advance notice.

Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) are one of the few contested motions that come to ex parte. Due to their complexity and the length, the presiding judge will require these motions to be submitted digitally at least 24 hours in advance. Bench copies should also be delivered by early afternoon the day prior to the hearing, at the very latest.

Family law ex-parte is held Monday-Friday 1:30pm. Parties can review the boards on the first floor, which list the Judges name and courtroom number.

Probate has recently moved to require all ex parte and short matters to be eFiled, and no longer holds court sessions to deal with ex parte matters.

There is a specific ex parte session for all Small Claim and FED ex parte matters. Do not bring these matters to the general ex parte session with the presiding judge. If you wish to present a matter at the FED ex parte, you must schedule a time to do so by contacting the Small Claims/FED department at (971) 274-0545.

a. Notice requirements

When a party is seeking ex parte relief, that party must provide at least one judicial days' notice to the opposing party or their attorney. SLR 5.025(3). This applies in criminal and civil matters. Family law ex parte requires that the party seeking relief must provide two working days' notice to the opposing party of the date, time, and court where the relief will be sought. SLR 8.041(3). All ex parte motions and orders must have a UTCR 5.100 certificate of readiness.

b. In-person presentation

Due to the nature of the relief being sought, the possibility that the judge may need to ask specific questions of the moving party, or the potential that an opposing party might need an opportunity to appear at the ex parte request, some ex parte motions must be presented in person or by telephone. SLR 2.501 lists those motions that fit in this category.

The following list is current as of 2024. The updated SLRs go into effect on February 1 of each year.

- o Petition for Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem and Complaint
 - Reason: This is a case start that requires a judicial signature.
- o Petition to proceed under pseudonym and Complaint
 - Reason: This is a case start that requires a judicial signature.
- Writ of Review
 - Reason: This is a case start that requires the issuance of an original writ that must be served in a timely manner.
- Motion for Show Cause Hearing (preliminary injunction, appointment of receivership, provisional process, ORS 33 remedial sanction, and contempt for non-responsive debtor or garnishee)
 - Reason: This is a motion that requires judicial review to see if there is a basis to set a show cause hearing and it also requires that the court schedule a hearing.
- o Motion for Provisional Process or Claim and Delivery
 - Reason: This is a version of a temporary restraining order requiring heightened scrutiny and a timely decision by the judge.
- O Abatements and Extension of Abatements (excluding abatement for bankruptcy)
 - Reason: The presiding judge must actively monitor the timing of cases to ensure they resolve within the time period set by the Chief Justice.
- o Reinstatement from abatement, stay, or bankruptcy

- Reason: The presiding judge must actively monitor the timing of cases to ensure they resolve within the time period set by the Chief Justice.
- o Second or Subsequent Continuance of UTCR 7.020.
 - Reason: The presiding judge must actively monitor the timing of cases to ensure they resolve within the time period set by the Chief Justice.
- Reschedule Summary Judgment Hearing
 - Reason: The presiding judge must actively monitor the timing of cases to ensure they resolve within the time period set by the Chief Justice.
- Motion for Sitting Judge for Summary Judgment
 - Reason: Parties have a statutory right for a sitting/elected judge to hear the motion for summary judgment, but the presiding judge must be informed of this request.
- Motion for Commission to take Out of State Deposition
 - Reason: The moving party must obtain an original commission from the court to take to the foreign jurisdiction.
- Registration of Foreign Writ, Mandate, Commission, Letter Rogatory or Order (Not Foreign Subpoena)
 - Reason: The presiding judge must ensure that attorneys from another jurisdiction have local counsel to complete the Oregon discovery.
- Motion to Transport Party or Witness
 - Reason: The transportation of an incarcerated party or witness requires certain forms and timelines that can only be verified in person.
- o Motion for Change of Judge and Affidavit
 - Reason: ORS 14.260 and 14.270 have very specific timing and presentation requirements.
- Deferral/Waiver of Court fees
 - Reason: Parties often do not have proof of income or expenses as required by the fee deferral clerk. The ex parte appearance gives the judge the opportunity to swear-in the applicant and ask questions regarding their ability to pay.
- Motion for release or disbursement of funds, proceeds, or money deposited with the court
 - Reason: This requires heightened scrutiny and an opportunity to appear must be given.
 - CAVEAT: Foreclosure cases assigned to a foreclosure panel judge must still present any motion for disbursement to that judge, not presiding.
- Writ of Assistance
 - Reason: This requires the moving party to take an original writ with them. It is also a common law remedy requiring specific findings by the judge.
- Motion for Use of Force for Writ of Execution
 - Reason: Use of force is an exceptional request and must only be granted under the most limited circumstances.
- Unopposed Motion for ORCP 71 Relief (including judgments of dismissal for want of prosecution pursuant to ORCP 54 B(3) and UTCR 7.020)
 - Reason: This is not technically an ex parte motion since ORCP 71 has greater service requirements than ex parte's one judicial days' notice.

However, for convenience of the moving party, if it has provided specific service of the motion and has not received a response within the time to respond to a motion, or it has obtained permission by the other parties to appear, this motion may be presented at ex parte.

- Assignment of a motions judge SLR 5.014
 - Reason: in a civil case, a motions judge is assigned automatically when certain criteria are a met. *See III.A.1 and III.B.1*. In certain instances, parties will need a motions judge prior to this automatic assignment. This is the only oral motion allowed.
 - CAVEAT: Parties should not request the assignment of a motions judge until a motion has been filed.
- o Continuance of UTCR 6.020
 - Reason: While UTCR 7.020 dictates the time requirements for moving a case towards trial, UTCR 6.020(2) dictates the deadline after a case has reported settled. Like second continuances under UTCR 7.020, parties will need to explain to the presiding judge why they cannot meet the requirements under UTCR 6.020(2).
- o Order for Immediate Possession in Eminent Domain proceeding
 - Reason: due to the urgency of this request, it should be presented at ex parte
- o Presentation of the original note in a (default) foreclosure
 - For foreclosure proceedings not assigned to a foreclosure panel judge, the original note must be presented at ex parte.
 - Reason: the original note must be signed and stamped by the court. The default order and judgment are still e-filed, and when the judgment is ready for signature, the presiding clerks will notify the attorney to bring in the original note to ex parte.
- Uncontested Motion to Set Aside Default Judgment
 - Reason: per ORCP 69 F, default judgments may be set aside in accordance with ORCP 71 B and C. ORCP 71 motions must be presented at ex parte.
- o Motion to Set Aside a Default Order
 - Reason: setting aside an order of default requires a showing of good cause.
 ORCP 69 F. The showing is similar to what is needed for a ORCP 71 motion.
 - If the motion is contested, the parties should contact presiding to schedule a hearing with the presiding judge
- Motion to Depose an Inmate in a Civil Case
 - Reason: similar request to having a party transported. If the motion is contested, it will be set for a hearing
- o Uncontested Motion for In Camera Review in a Civil Case
 - Reason: The presiding judge will need to ensure that the proper procedure has been followed and will need to set a hearing for the *in camera* review. SLR 5.036
- Motion for Relation Back Date beyond Three Days

- Reason: The Civil department handles a relation back date for three days or less. Beyond this time frame, the party will need to explain to the judge the reason for the delay with their filing.
- Petition for Removal of Discriminatory Restrictions
 - Reason: Due to their unique procedural nature, if the petition is unopposed, the case does not automatically move forward without action by the petitioner. The presiding judge will need to ensure that the proper procedure has been followed. ORS 93.274.
- Setover of a Stalking Case on the Presiding Call Docket
 - Reason: The presiding judge typically does not oversee scheduling for stalking cases. However, for cases on the presiding call docket, the presiding judge must actively monitor the timing of cases to ensure they resolve within the time period set by the Chief Justice.
- Contested Extension of Time to Respond to Summary Judgment, if not assigned to a sitting judge
 - Reason: the presiding judge must actively monitor the timing of cases to ensure they resolve within the time period set by the Chief Justice.
 - Additionally, *pro tempore* judges are only scheduled for specific, limited times.
- o Swearing in for the Oregon State Bar
 - Reason: the Oregon State Bar sets requirements for who may swear in a new admittee. Because the availability of any given judge on a specific day is unpredictable, ex parte is a convenient time for this request. The new attorney should wait until the end of ex parte and bring their oath form for judicial signature, which will happen off of the record.

The following motions are typically eFiled but can – and in some circumstances, should – be presented at ex parte instead.

- Motion for Alternative Service
 - Reason: In certain instances, the presiding judge might have questions about whether the proposed method of service will give the party sufficient notice, why another form service under ORCP 7 would not provide adequate notice, or whether the plaintiff demonstrated due diligence in attempting to serve the defendant by another ORCP 7 method.
 - Straight forward motions for alternative service should be eFiled. If there are questions or deficiencies in the eFiled motion, the order will be unsigned and the party will be instructed to present the motion at ex parte.
- Withdrawal of Attorney
 - This can be presented at ex parte even if it is opposed/contested by the client. In addition to giving the opposing side advance notice, the withdrawing attorney must give their client advance notice of their ex parte appearance.
 - If the client objects to the attorney's withdrawal, it is best practice to present the motion at ex parte instead of eFiling so that the client may state their objection.

c. eFiling presentation

The following is a list of ex parte motions that do not require in person appearance and may be eFiled. This is an example list and not exclusive. If you have questions regarding whether something should be eFiled, presented at ex parte, or set for hearing with your motions judge, please email presiding. **Do not just assume that the motion should be eFiled or presented in person.** Submitting via the wrong forum could result in the delay of the review of the motion.

- o Alternative Form of Service
- o Amendment of Pleadings (by stipulation only or if uncontested)
- o Association of Foreign Counsel Pro Hac Vice
- Assurance of Voluntary Compliance
- Change of venue by plaintiff, only if it is before defendant has made an appearance
- o Civil Forfeiture, if no claim has been filed
- o Confession of Judgment and General Judgment
- Consent Judgment
- o Continuance Under UTCR 7.020 (first request only)
- o Default Judgment (if no prima facie required)
- o Default Order
- o Order for Issuance of Early Sheriff's Deed
- o Garnishee Examination Order
- Judgment Debtor Examination Order
- o Notice of Voluntary Dismissal and General Judgment of Dismissal
- Stipulated Judgments and Stipulated Orders
 - Stipulated Protective Order- See SLR 5.165
- Order for Substitution of Attorney
- o Supplemental Judgment for Attorney Fees (if under \$2,000)
- Order Allowing Withdrawal of Attorney
- Stipulated Order Setting Civil Trial Date
- Motions in Court Mandated Arbitration Cases
 - o Setting/resetting arbitration date between 91 and 179 after transfer to arbitration
 - Stipulated Dismissal
 - Uncontested Judgment confirming arbitration award
 - o Stipulated motion to transfer case to arbitration
 - o Attorney Withdrawal
- o Motions in Outside Arbitration (ORS 36.600, et seq.)
 - o Order Confirming Outside Arbitration Award
 - o General Judgment and Money Award confirming Arbitration Award

6. Set Motion with Motions Judge

The following motions must be heard by the motions judge assigned to the case.

- Class Action Certification
- Compel Arbitration
- Compel Discovery
- Consolidate Cases
- o Determine Sufficiency of ORCP 45 Response
- Interpleader
- Intervention
- Joinder
- o Judicial Satisfaction of Judgment
- Leave to Amend Pleadings (if opposed)
- Protective Order
- o ORCP 21 Motion
- Quash Subpoena
- o Contested ORCP 71 Relief from Judgment (includes default judgment)
- o Sanctions
- Separate Trials
- o Third-Party Complaint
- Leave to Amend to Plead Punitive Damages

It is the responsibility of the moving party to contact the motions judge assigned to the case to get the motion set for hearing. *See* SLR 5.015. Simply placing "oral argument requested" on a motion will not alert the motions judge to the necessity to schedule the hearing, nor will simply eFiling a motion in your case.

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to schedule motions in a timely manner is not considered extraordinary circumstances justifying postponement of a trial date. Traditionally, departments set motions approximately five (5) weeks from the date of the request, subject to judicial availability. *See* section III.B.(1)(a), above, regarding expedited consideration of motions.

Hearing fees must be paid at the time the motion is filed. ORS 21.200.

7. Judge's Copies of Documents Should be Delivered to the Judge's Office

Electronic filing has not removed the requirement that parties deliver judge's copies of filings to the motions or trial judge. A judge's copy of any document should be taken to the judge's office directly or left in the court's mail room in an envelope specifically addressed to the judge.

PLEASE NOTE: You <u>must</u> get specific permission from the judicial assistant before sending a judge's copy by fax or email.

C. BANKRUPTCY'S EFFECT ON A CIVIL CASE

If the court is notified that a bankruptcy has been filed by a party to the case, all activity in the case must be stayed unless the claim subject to the protection of the bankruptcy stay is severed. If the bankruptcy notice is received by a party, a copy of the bankruptcy court notice or an affidavit including the bankruptcy case number and bankruptcy court name should be provided to the court, attention to the bankruptcy clerk. At that time the court will automatically place the case in bankruptcy status. No motion to stay the case is necessary. The court will not be able to do anything with the case until notice of the bankruptcy's resolution is received, or the party or the claim subject to the bankruptcy filing is severed from the case, or the bankruptcy court grants relief from bankruptcy stay.

If there are multiple defendants in a civil action in which a bankruptcy notice is received for one of the defendants, upon ex parte motion, the court will sever that party from the active case and stay the case as to the party in bankruptcy only. (Form 05-38, Appendix of Forms: *Order for Severance of Party and Abatement*). The case will continue active as to the remaining parties.

D. CONSOLIDATING CASES

Pursuant to ORCP 53, cases can be consolidated only by court order. The cases are consolidated for purposes of hearing or trial only; the case files and the documents therein are not physically consolidated.

A motion and order to consolidate must be filed in each case that is potentially being consolidated. After an order is entered for consolidation, documents must still be filed in each case. *See* UTCR 2.090. The court does not have the capability to electronically copy the documents from one case to another.

If an appearance is made in only one of the cases under an order of consolidation, that appearance will not automatically be entered in any other consolidated case. A copy or separate document, together with any required filing fee, must be filed in each other case under an order of consolidation.

Both contested and stipulated motions to consolidate must be heard by a motions judge. A stipulated motion to consolidate will not automatically be granted because a judge might rule that the cases do not meet the requirements of ORCP 53. If the two (or more) cases have different motions judges assigned to them, then the earliest assigned motions judge shall decide the motion.

If one of the cases is subject to an order to consolidate is in arbitration, and another is not, the attorney must either move the case out of arbitration, so both are in the regular trial track, or move the non-arbitration into arbitration (via waiver, etc.). They cannot be consolidated if one case is in each track.

If both cases are subject to arbitration, then the order consolidating the cases must be filed and approved by the arbitrator. Please ensure that only one arbitrator is assigned to both cases.

E. CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING PROBATE

When a wrongful death action has been brought by the personal representative of an estate pursuant to ORS 30.020, settlement of the claim requires the approval of the probate court. ORS 30.070. Where the allocation of funds and structuring of funds involve a minor, and ORS 126.725 does not apply, the minor child should be provided with independent counsel for proceeding before the probate court. SLR 5.105 and SLR 9.055 implement this requirement.

When a tortfeasor dies and probate has not been instituted within 60 days of the tortfeasor's death, a plaintiff shall apply to the probate court for the appointment of an administrator of the tortfeasor's estate to accept service and be substituted as the defendant in the place of the deceased person. ORS 30.080 to 30.100.

F. INTERSTATE DEPOSITIONS

Cases filed in one state may require depositions in another state. UTCR 5.130 governs how Oregon attorneys obtain a commission to take into foreign states. UTCR 5.140 governs how parties in foreign cases can obtain discovery in Oregon. The UTCR committee has prepared forms to accomplish moving discovery power from this court to a foreign court, or to register the foreign court's power of discovery with this court.

Most states issue a document, variously called a commission, letter rogatory, mandate, or writ to reflect this transfer. In Oregon, this document is called a commission. ORCP 38.

1. Case Originating in Multnomah County

To obtain a commission for discovery in another state for a Multnomah County case, the requesting attorney should come to ex parte with a motion, affidavit, and order to be signed by the presiding judge (see UTCR form 5.130.1a), and a commission to be signed by the clerk (see UTCR form 5.130.1b). The signed order is filed, and the clerk will issue the commission and give the original commission to the attorney to send to the foreign court. The commission is valid for 28 days from the date issued, unless a longer period is set by the court. The commission can be for a deposition or a subpoena duces tecum.

Parties should independently research the procedure for registering a foreign subpoena in the other state. Most local courts – like Multnomah County – will have their own specific requirements.

2. Case Originating in another Jurisdiction

There are two different processes for obtaining discovery in Oregon for cases from another state. The process is determined by whether the state participates in the Uniform Interstate Deposition and Discovery Act (UIDDA). As of February 2024, every U.S. state and territory except Texas, Missouri, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Puerto Rico have adopted the Act. Please reference Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act - Uniform Law Commission (uniformlaws.org) for the most up to date list.

a. Registration of Foreign Writ, Mandate, Commission, Letter Rogatory or Order - Non-UIDDA States

To register an instrument from another state, the foreign counsel must enlist local counsel to appear at any ex parte session. UTCT 5.140 (2). The local attorney should bring the foreign state's signed commission or writ (for filing), together with a petition and order (UTCR form 5.140.2) to register the instrument in Oregon to ex parte. For states that do not issue a commission, writ, or letter rogatory, the attorney should bring an affidavit to that effect along with the petition and order. UTCR 5.140 (3). Once the order has been signed, the attorney should file the case at the cashier's window and pay the filing fee. A circuit court case number will then be assigned.

b. Registering a Foreign Subpoena under ORCP 38C

The Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act provides a streamlined way to register foreign subpoenas. UTCR 5.140 (1) describes the process to obtain an Oregon Subpoena after registering a foreign subpoena. This is NOT done at ex parte. Currently, to obtain a subpoena in a civil case from another jurisdiction that has issued a subpoena or a subpoena *duces tecum*, the foreign attorney must provide a declaration (*see* UTCR form 5.140.1c), the original foreign subpoena, and three ORCP 55-compliant Oregon subpoenas. The Oregon subpoena must have a place for the clerk to sign; the requesting attorney does not sign the Oregon subpoena. The caption should be modeled after the declaration. A subpoena may only require delivery of documents or the presence of a witness for deposition within this court's jurisdiction. For example: the clerk will not issue a subpoena for documents to be sent to California. Also, the clerk will not issue a subpoena if the discovery being sought is not in Multnomah County.

If everything is in order, the presiding clerk will sign and stamp an original and one copy of the Oregon subpoena to be issued by the requesting party. The declaration, foreign subpoena, and a copy of the Oregon subpoena will be filled and given an Oregon case number.

Currently, there is no cost for this service. However, if the discovery becomes contentious and motions are filed, then the court may assess a filing fee or motion fees. Additionally, since there is no cost for this service, the court does not pay for printing, copying, or mailing. Physical copies must either by dropped off and picked up in the Presiding office, or they may be mailed to Presiding with a prepaid return envelope.

G. SUBPOENAING RECORDS TO THE COURT

If necessary, records for civil and criminal cases should be subpoenaed directly to the Court Records office in Room 3315. Records for grand jury hearings should be subpoenaed to the Grand Jury clerk in Room 600.

Protected records cannot be subpoenaed without court permission. The requesting attorney will have to demonstrate that the protected information is unavailable by other means. If contested, this motion must be heard by the case's motions judge. If not contested, a request for protected

records can be heard at ex parte and must be supported by an affidavit explaining why the records are necessary.

Inspection of individually identifiable health information records under ORCP 55 D(7) requires, in part, that an attorney of record or party provide notice to all appearing parties that the records will be inspected. At the time set in the notice, all parties and attorneys of record attending may review the records in the presence of the custodian of the court files.

Individually identifiable health information records delivered to the court under subpoena in a civil action are available for inspection in Room 3315 of the courthouse. If you wish to inspect these records, please obtain an order from a judge allowing release of documents. This ensures proper notice is given to all parties interested in the confidential documents. This precaution is necessary given the confidential nature of the records and the limited access granted by ORCP 55 D(7) for inspection of the sealed documents.

H. REMOVING A CASE TO FEDERAL COURT

When a notice of removal to federal court is filed in a Multnomah County case, the circuit court loses jurisdiction over the action. If the case is subsequently remanded back to the circuit court by the federal court, the parties must ensure that copies of all documents filed in the federal court are also filed in the state court after remand in order to reflect the posture of the case. No circuit court proceedings will be set until the federal court's order returning the case to the state court is filed and entered in the circuit court's register.

Once the U.S. District Court order is received by the circuit court, an appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of a U.S. District Court's order returning a case to the circuit court does not, without an order from the U.S. Court of Appeals, stay the state court action. An abatement as a result of removal to federal court ends when the U.S. District Court's order returning jurisdiction to the circuit court is received, filed, and entered in the circuit court's register (notwithstanding an appeal of the U.S. District Court's order, and absent any further federal court order expressly removing state court jurisdiction).

I. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS

Requests for issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) are presented at civil ex parte. Notice to the other party of the ex parte appearance is required unless the moving party provides affidavits which fulfill the requirements set out in ORCP 79 (B)(1). The adverse party may appear at ex parte and be given leave of the court to address the merits of the request. SLR 5.025 (2).

The presiding judge may hear the TRO argument or assign it to another judge who has availability. You must bring bench copies of your motion for review by the judge. The presiding judge usually requires advance copies of the TRO application, which might a include copy of the complaint if it is a new case.

In order to ask for a TRO, you must have an underlying complaint. If you have already filed a complaint that has been accepted under File and Serve and have a case number, please include the case number in your motion for TRO. However, if you are planning on filing your complaint on the same day as presenting your TRO, please do not eFile the complaint, but bring it with you to ex parte. The clerk will take your complaint and get a case number for you.

The TRO, if allowed, will expire in 10 calendar days absent a court order extending or reducing the time period. ORCP 79 B(2). A show cause hearing for preliminary injunction must be scheduled before those 10 days expire. See Section J below. Before a TRO will issue, the moving party must be prepared to present a bond or deposit money into court to cover costs, damages, and attorney fees as may be incurred by a party wrongfully enjoined, unless the court order provides that no security is required under the requirements of ORCP 82 A(1). A TRO is usually not in effect until the bond is paid. The plaintiff may ask permission to deposit cash in lieu of bond.

J. SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

Show cause hearings in civil cases are usually assigned from the Thursday call docket for a hearing on Friday (other days are available if necessary). The Order to Show Cause for a preliminary injunction must allow five days' notice of the hearing, unless shortened by the court. ORCP 79 C(1). The order must be presented at ex parte with the supporting documents along with a Motion for a Show Cause Hearing and Order setting the hearing. The Show Cause Order must contain language reflecting the call date, time, and room, as well as the date for which the hearing will be assigned.

Show cause hearings for judgment debtors or garnishees in circuit court civil matters other than small claims are also scheduled through an ex parte appearance. These are also usually scheduled on call Thursday for hearing Friday. At least seven days' notice of the hearing date and time is required, unless a longer period is set by statute. Show cause hearings in family law cases may be scheduled by calling the family law calendar clerk at (971) 274-0600.

K. ABATEMENT AND STAYS

Pursuant to SLR 7.055(7) the presiding judge may, for good cause shown, abate or remove a case from the active trial docket for a period not exceeding two years.

The presiding judge generally requires the consent of all parties to abate an action. Such requests are made at ex parte. Contested abatements should be heard at a scheduling conference with the presiding judge. See Section III.4. If abatement is allowed, the parties may not appear before the court for a hearing of any kind during the inactive period; the parties by agreement may pursue discovery, but no motion practice of any kind will be allowed. Once an abatement period has expired the court will issue a notice of intent to dismiss. Cases are not automatically "reinstated" once the abatement period has expired.

To have the case put back on the active trial docket after abatement, the moving party must give prior notice to all parties and present a Motion and Order for Reinstatement along with a

supporting declaration at ex parte. If the case was at issue at the time of the abatement, a trial setting conference will be set within 30 days. Otherwise, the requirements of UTCR 7.020 will be applicable and the case will be dismissed within 28 days unless the appropriate action is taken.

ORS 36.625 requires a stay of a case for arbitration if the claim is subject to arbitration. If a stay request pursuant to ORS 36.625 is opposed, a formal hearing should be scheduled through the motions judge and the requirements of SLR 5.015 should be followed. A stipulated request for stay for binding arbitration should be presented at ex parte.

L. CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION IN DISPUTE RESOLUTION

SLR 7.016 requires that parties have participated in some form of appropriate dispute resolution (ADR) and that a certificate of such participation be filed within 365 days of the filing of the first complaint or petition in the action if the case is not concluded before that time. The rule provides that "appropriate dispute resolution" includes, but is not limited to arbitration, mediation, and judicial settlement conferences. The rule makes clear, with a 2003 amendment, that negotiation between the parties to reach a settlement is not sufficient participation in dispute resolution to meet this burden. Compliance with this rule is required for any case seeking to postpone trial beyond the 365-day time limit.

Completing an arbitration, mediation, or judicial settlement conference by the time a case reaches 365 days of age satisfies the ADR activity requirement of SLR 7.016. Filing the certificate completes the process required to comply with the rule. Filing the certificate prior to completing the activity does not comply with the rule.

A list of judges' availabilities for judicial settlement conferences may be found at:

https://www.courts.oregon.gov/courts/multnomah/go/Judge%20Documents/JudicialAvailabilityForSettlementConferences.pdf

M. MOTIONS TO SEAL A DOCUMENT

Article I, section 10, of the Oregon Constitution provides in part: "No court shall be secret, but justice shall be administered, openly and without purchase, completely and without delay[.]" The Oregon Supreme Court has indicated that, in adopting this original provision of the Oregon Constitution, the framers "sought to require the courts to conduct the business of administering justice in public—that is, in a manner that permits public scrutiny of the court's work in determining legal controversies." *Doe v. Corp. of Presiding Bishop*, 352 Or 77, 90 (2012). The Supreme Court has also indicated that, "although Article I, section 10, is written in broad terms, it does not apply to all aspects of court proceedings." *State v. MacBale*, 353 Or 789, 806 (2013). The provision "generally prohibits a judicial proceeding from being 'secret' (closed to the public) if, in that judicial proceeding, 'justice' is 'administered.'" *Id.* In addition, the Court has stated that the public's right to review and copy exhibits received in evidence at trial "is not

absolute but is subject to the discretion of the trial judge." *Doe*, 352 Or at 98, quoting *State ex rel KOIN-TV v. Olsen*, 300 Or 392, 406 (1985).

Any order granting a motion to file documents under seal must be narrow in scope to ensure that the only information withheld from public inspection is information expressly authorized by law to be sealed. A judge is more likely to sign an order sealing a specific section of a document, rather than an entire pleading or file.

In order to file a document under seal, the parties must conventionally present a motion and proposed order to the assigned motions judge in the case. *See* SLR 5.165 and UTCR 5.160. The motion to file a document under seal must address the following three components:

- 1) The statutory authority for sealing the documents;
- 2) The reason for protecting the documents or materials from public inspection; and
- 3) A description of the documents or materials to be sealed.

Note: a Protective Order, whether stipulated or not, is NOT sufficient to demonstrate the statutory, constitutional, or other basis for sealing a document that a party has designated as "confidential."

Once the motions judge has signed an order allowing a document to be filed under seal, the parties must complete the following steps:

- 1) The original, unreducted and unaltered version of the document must be submitted in a 9" x 12" envelope, which will be securely stored in the courthouse file room.
- 2) A copy of the signed order allowing the document to be filed under seal must be affixed to the front of the envelope. The order must specify which document is contained in the envelope (e.g., "John Doe's Declaration in Support of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel" or "Exhibit 1 of John Doe's Declaration in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment").
- 3) A redacted or otherwise altered version of the document must be filed to stand "in place" of the document under seal. A slip sheet is not sufficient unless specifically allowed by the motions judge.
- 4) All documents, including the motion, signed order to file under seal, redacted copies, unredacted originals in envelopes, and any other ancillary document part of the underlying pleading must be filed together conventionally with the Civil Department.

Tip: If the document to be filed under seal is one component of a larger pleading, such as an exhibit to a declaration, ensure all documents are filed with the court at the same time to keep the record clear and consistent.

N. WITHDRAWAL OF ATTORNEY; NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION

ORS 9.380, ORS 9.390, UTCR 3.140 and Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.16 govern the withdrawal and termination of the attorney client relationship. Please note that SLR 4.109 applies only to attorneys in criminal cases. If no attorney is to be substituted on the case, the court must have the contact information for client. This must include an address, phone number, and email.

OECI can only designate one lead attorney per case. This means all electronic communication will be sent to that one attorney. Attorneys must utilize mail forwarding options in their office if they want notices to be sent to more than one attorney.

If an attorney leaves a firm and is no longer representing a party in the case, the attorney taking over is responsible for ensuring a Notice of Substitution of Counsel is filed in the case. Failure to do so could result in court notifications being sent to the incorrect attorney.

IV. TRIAL CALENDARING PROCEDURES

A. SELECTING TRIAL DATE

See Section "Stipulated Order Setting Trial Date" in III (A)(2) above.

B. NOTICES FOR CALL PROCEEDING FOR ASSIGNMENT OF TRIAL

Call refers to the trial assignment system whereby a case is called by the presiding judge to be assigned to a judge for hearing or trial the next judicial day. Call **does not** mean a telephonic appearance.

Call notices are produced by OECI after the SOSTD has been signed, emailed to the attorney of record for each party, and mailed to any unrepresented party. For attorneys within a firm, the attorney of record will be the attorney who signed the initial pleading to start the action or the first appearance. All court notices will be sent to that "attorney of record," even though other attorneys in the firm may sign later filed documents. If there is a reason to have another attorney in the firm designated as the "attorney of record," written notice to the clerk's office of the assignment is required. Changes made within a firm are not substitutions of counsel, and a court appearance is not required. The clerk's office does, however, need written notice that Attorney 1 is to be replaced by Attorney 2 for all future appearances and Attorney 2 should be entered as the attorney of record for the firm.

C. TRIAL DATE POSTPONEMENTS

A motion to postpone a civil trial must be presented at a scheduling conference with the presiding judge. See SLR 7.025. Scheduling conferences are held on Wednesday afternoons with the presiding judge between 2:00 and 4:00PM in ten-minute sessions. To schedule, please email presiding at mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us to inquire about available dates and time. Parties should then confer with opposing counsel and email presiding with the agreed upon time and date. Parties should be prepared to explain the extraordinary circumstances justifying the request. Extraordinary circumstances do not include discovery issues or the failure to timely file a motion. If the trial will be more than a year after the filing date, the parties must provide a

certificate of compliance under SLR 7.016, or refer to a filed certificate, or explain the ADR plan for the case.

D. DAILY CALL

In Multnomah County, civil and felony criminal cases deemed ready for trial are placed on a master calendar for assignment by the presiding judge. Cases are called by name for assignment at this daily proceeding. The proceeding is known as "call." Call is held in Courtroom 7A at 9:00AM every day. Attorneys must appear at call to inform the court whether the case is ready to proceed to trial and the estimated length of the trial/hearing.

An attorney may report unconditionally "ready" by emailing the presiding clerks at mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us at least one day before call. The "ready" report should include: (1) the case number, (2) which side (plaintiff, defendant, or both) is reporting ready, (3) the number of days if it is a trial, or the length of time if it is a hearing; (4) whether it is a bench or jury trial, and; (4) for a hearing less than a full day, if there are any time restrictions. By reporting "ready," the party gives up any right to move for a change of judge. SLR 7.055 (8)(b). The presiding judge will assign the case for trial the next day as the availability of judges allows. Cases can be assigned for trial, set-over, placed on "stand-by or carried," or "set to follow." These terms are explained below.

At the time of assignment at call, attorneys who wish to file a motion for change of judge must announce to the presiding judge their intention to do so immediately, and then follow the procedures described in ORS 14.260, 14.270, and SLR 7.045 for the motion to be considered timely. If allowed orally by the presiding judge, a new judge will be assigned conditioned upon the timely receipt of the Motion, Affidavit, and Order for Change of Judge.

The Chief Family Court Judge presides over call for all family law and juvenile cases. At this time, there are separate calls conducted at the courthouse (for domestic relations cases) and the Juvenile Justice Complex (for juvenile cases). Call is held at the Juvenile Justice Complex at 1:30PM Monday-Friday, and 8:30AM on Thursdays, unless Thursday is a holiday. Call is held at the main courthouse at 9:00AM. The Chief Family Court Judge presides at one location, and coordinates assignments with a judge presiding at the other location. Generally, the rules for call/assignment in the Family Court are similar to those of the presiding judge. *See* SLR 8.014.

E. STAND-BY OR CARRIED CASES

A "stand-by" case has priority for assignment to the next judge who becomes available for the next court day. All attorneys, parties, and witnesses for stand-by are required to remain available for assignment to a judge for the next court day until 4:00PM on the day of call, unless a shorter time is allowed by the presiding judge. The case will be assigned when a judge becomes available. If not assigned during the day, the case will be on the call docket the next judicial day and receive priority for assignment on the next day. SLR 7.055(5).

"Carried" cases are placed on the next day's call/assignment docket. SLR 7.055(6).

F. CASES SET TO FOLLOW

The presiding judge has discretion to assign one case to follow another. The judge may assign one case to a particular judge, and another case to begin with that same judge when the first is concluded. Cases set to follow are assigned to a trial judge, and therefore any pretrial motions should be made to the assigned judge. SLR 7.055(4).

G. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT CALL

A civil case can be dismissed as the result of the attorneys' failure to appear at call. SLR 7.055(8)(c). The judge will announce the decision to dismiss for want of prosecution and the clerk will send a notice under ORCP 54B(3) that the case will be dismissed on the date indicated in the notice. The judgment dismissing the case will be entered unless otherwise ordered by the court.

If a case set on the calendar for call is settled, please email both mul.civil@ojd.state.or.us and mul.presiding@ojd.state.or.us and report that the matter is settled. Even if the report comes too late to take the matter off the calendar, it provides information that is helpful to the court. Such a report is an appropriate professional courtesy to the court, and it is required by UTCR 7.040. Attorneys who fail to appear for call may be brought before the court to explain, on the record, their failure to follow the court's orders and rules which require appearance. SLR 7.055(8).

H. POSTPONEMENT AFTER CASE ASSIGNED AT CALL

Only the presiding judge may postpone a proceeding assigned from the presiding judge's call docket. ORS 1.171(3). If extraordinary circumstances arise and the parties must ask for a postponement after the case has been assigned to the trial judge, the trial judge will send the parties to the presiding judge to decide if the case should be set-over.

I. LONG TRIALS AND PRE-ASSIGNMENT TO A TRIAL JUDGE

A "trial week" for civil matters is only four days, Monday through Thursday. No jury matters are conducted on Friday except in special cases in which the arrangement is agreed to in advance with the court. For actions which are not yet specially assigned to a judge prior, and for which the trial is estimated by the parties to require more than four trial days (more than one trial week), the plaintiff should mail, hand deliver, or email as an attachment a letter to the presiding judge requesting that a trial judge be pre-assigned. SLR 7.055(14). **Do not eFile this letter**, because the presiding judge will not receive any notice of the eFiled letter and will not specially assign a judge to the trial.

The court needs this request at least six weeks in advance of the call date to ensure a judge will be available to try the action. SLR 7.055(14).

The letter to the presiding judge should contain the following information:

- 1. The date trial is schedule to begin;
- 2. The estimated number of trial days needed;

- 3. If the parties are requesting trial proceedings on Fridays;
- 4. Names of judges who heard pretrial motions in the action;
- 5. Names of judges who have participated in settlement conferences in the action; and
- 6. Any other information which is relevant to pre-assignment of the trial (for example, special jury panel request).

The calendar clerk will find a judge available for the trial and email the attorneys/parties with the assignment and a copy of the signed order. Upon receipt of the email, the attorney or party must be ready to respond if they will move for a change of judge.

V. JUDGMENTS

A. ENTRY OF JUDGMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH ORS 18.038 AND 18.042

General, Limited and Supplemental Judgments are entered in the register (ORS 7.020) after they are signed by a judge and filed with the clerk. For a money award to create a judgment lien, the judgment must comply with ORS 18.042(1).

Pursuant to ORS 18.150, the clerk shall rely on the presence of the money award section required by ORS 18.042(1) and shall enter in the judgment lien record only what is contained in that section and is required to be entered by ORS 18.075. The parties are responsible for entering the correct information in the money award section. Amounts or terms outside the money award are not entered in the judgment lien record.

When a judgment is entered in the register, the civil staff produces a notice of entry of judgment. The notice of entry of judgment will be sent to the attorney of record and to all self-represented parties who have appeared, indicating that the judgment was entered in the register and whether the judgment created a judgment lien. The clerk of the court must be notified immediately of any clerical errors on the judgment lien record.

B. ORIGINAL INSTRUMENTS

If a judgment is based on a negotiable instrument, UTCR 2.060 requires that the original negotiable instrument be tendered to the court before the entry of judgment. The instrument may be submitted with the complaint, or a copy may be attached to the complaint and the original submitted with the judgment. The original instrument will be returned upon request after entry of the judgment per UTCR 2.010 and the clerk will file a certified copy in its place. If the original is submitted with the complaint, it is helpful if the affidavit in support of a motion for default judgment so indicates. If the original instrument has been lost, the court requires that such information be submitted by an affidavit.

In dealing with bank checks, the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (Public Law No. 108-100 (2003)), eliminates (truncates) original checks. Banks no longer have the original of a negotiated check. Actions based on negotiated checks will be deemed to comply with UTCR 2.060 if a bank supplied image of the negotiable instrument is tendered to the court in the

complaint or with the judgment. The image will be endorsed with the required notation and filed with the judgment. The image will not be returned.

C. ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS

In civil actions, ORCP 68 must be followed if a party is seeking attorney fees, costs, and disbursements. UTCR 5.080 sets out the requirement for the statement for attorney fees.

Parties seeking attorney fees and costs after the judgment has been filed must comply with ORCP 68 and UTCR 5.080. In addition, under ORCP 68 C(4)(a), if the fourteen days for filing have run, the party may request the court to extend the time for filing. ORCP 68(C)(4)(d)(ii); ORCP 15D. The supplemental judgment should be eFiled if there is no objection. If there is an objection, then the moving party should set the hearing before the judge who signed the judgment.

D. CLERK'S REVIEW OF DEFAULT JUDGMENTS

In all circuit court civil cases, other than small claims, the presiding clerks review all default orders and judgments and proxy sign the orders and judgments if all rules have been followed. The clerks check for the following for each defendant:

To allow the Order:

- Motion for Default Order filed;
- Proof of service of summons in compliance with ORCP 7;
- 30 days have elapsed since service;
- No answer or other appearance has been filed prior to the judgment;
- Written notice of intent to appear has not been received by movant; if written notice has been received, whether a notice of intent to apply for default has been filed and served;
- Affidavit addressing all four categories in ORCP 69(C)(1)(d) (not-incapacitated, not a minor, not a protected person, and not a respondent as the terms are defined in ORS 125.005); and
- Non-military affidavit in compliance with ORCP 69(C)(1)(e) has been filed. Compliance with the requirements of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act 2003 (Public Law No. 108-189) is strictly enforced. SCRA reports from within the past sixty days are preferred. If the moving party is unable to obtain a SCRA report, the moving party should provide substantiating facts as to why the defendant is not in the military should be provided.

To allow the Judgment:

- Motion for Judgment filed (can be combined with motion for default order if filed concurrently);
- Default Order has been granted;
- No answer or appearance has been filed (if an answer or appearance has been filed before the default judgment is filed, even if more than 30 days have elapsed since service, the default should be denied);
- All affidavits are signed and notarized;

- Damages are for a sum certain, original negotiable instrument has been filed under UTCR 2.060;
- If attorney fees are requested, a copy of contract or other instrument allowing fees has been filed, or the authority for claiming fees is included in the affidavit;
- A statement of attorney fees is included in compliance with UTCR 5.080;
- If costs are requested, a cost bill has been filed;
- A judgment complying with ORS 18.038 and 18.042 is included containing all the required information, and the money award section is immediately above the judge's signature line. Compliance with the money award requirements of ORS 18.042 is strictly enforced.

The clerks only sign default judgments that comply with all the applicable statutes, UTCRs, and ORCPs. Default orders and judgments with deficiencies will be unsigned, with a note and citation explaining the deficiency. If an aspect of the default package requires judicial review, the order/judgment will be unsigned with an instruction to schedule a *prima facie* hearing.

E. DEFAULT JUDGMENTS

1. No Hearing Required

A straight-forward contract claim may be eFiled in its entirety. The presiding judge will require proof of the damages, which should be attached to a declaration or affidavit. The most common documents include credit card or loan statements, hospital and doctor bills to prove medical expenses, repair bills to prove damage to property, checks returned for non-sufficient funds, credit vouchers that prove account claims, and contracts that prove specific rights or liabilities.

In insurance subrogation cases ONLY, a *prima facie* hearing is not necessary, and damages can be proven by affidavit of the claims adjustor with payout documentation submitted with the default documents.

2. Prima Facie Hearing—Substantiating Damages

Some claims for damages cannot be substantiated by documentation and require testimony at a hearing to obtain such damages. Parties should be prepared to present at a *prima facie* hearing admissible evidence—testimony and exhibits—to establish the party's right to the relief sought. The court may consider testimony presented in the form of sworn affidavits or declarations. Documents should be marked as exhibits and offered (and received) into evidence.

If the motion for default judgment is submitted to the presiding court and damages cannot be substantiated by documentation, then the judgment will be "unsigned," and a notation made saying a *prima facie* hearing is required. These claims include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) punitive damages; (2) non-monetary losses (including claims for pain, mental suffering, emotional distress, humiliation, injury to reputation, loss of care, comfort, and companionship, loss of consortium, and similar types of claimed losses); (3) claims where no supporting documentation exists (i.e. oral contracts); and (4) claims requiring conclusions of law or findings of fact.

3. Prima Facie Hearing–Attorney Fees

Cases with attorney fees beyond a specific threshold may also be sent out for a hearing to determine reasonableness. Currently, that threshold is attorney fees exceeding \$2,000. A party will need to satisfy all statutory and contractual provisions in order to be deemed entitled to attorney fees.

To schedule a *prima facie* hearing, please email mul.civil@ojd.state.or.us.

VI. POST- JUDGMENT PROCEDURES

A. SATISFACTION OF MONEY AWARD

When all amounts of the judgment have been paid, the judgment creditor has the responsibility to file a satisfaction of money award with the court. Partial satisfactions may also be filed and noted on the judgment lien record, but the judgment will not be "satisfied" until a full satisfaction, signed by the judgment creditor and notarized, is filed. ORS 18.225

In domestic relations cases where there is continuing support, monthly satisfactions can be filed, but the judgment will not be "satisfied" until a full satisfaction and a termination of support are filed. Where the state has been involved in the collection of support obligations or the provision of support to minor children, a satisfaction may be obtained as provided by ORS 18.228 and 18.232.

A judicial order establishing that the money award is satisfied can be obtained if the judgment debtor is unable to obtain a satisfaction from the creditor. ORS 18.235. A motion for such an order should be set for hearing before the motions judge, if there is one in the case, or by placing the motion on the short matter docket through civil calendaring by emailing mul.civil@ojd.state.or.us.

B. REGISTERING FOREIGN JUDGMENTS

Before a foreign judgment will be filed and docketed, the filing party must have complied with the requirements of ORS 24. The judgment will not be entered in the judgment lien record and create a lien unless the file includes a certified copy of the foreign judgment, an affidavit setting out the names and last known addresses of the judgment debtor and judgment creditor, a separate statement containing the information required by ORS 18.042, and a certification that the judgment is being filed in only one court in Oregon. ORS 24.125 and 24.129.

C. RECORDING JUDGMENTS FROM OTHER CIRCUIT COURTS

To establish a lien on real property in Multnomah County, judgments from other county circuit courts are recorded at the Multnomah County Recorder's office (please visit Multnomah County Recorder's Office website for the most up to date information on process) ORS 18.152.

Under ORS 18.255, Multnomah County Circuit Court may issue a writ of execution against real property in this county when the judgment debtor resides in Multnomah County to enforce a judgment entered in another circuit court if a transcript of the original judgment is filed with the court.

D. WRITS OF EXECUTION

The clerk of the court will issue a writ of execution on a judgment entered in this county or on a transcript of a judgment from another circuit court that is filed under ORS 18.255. To obtain the writ, a judgment creditor must file a writ of execution along with the appropriate issuance fee. The writ must include: the total amount due as of the date of submission, including any post-judgment accrued interest, payments made, or other adjustments; the dollar amount of the per diem; the specific date to which the total is calculated; and compliance with all other statutory requirements.

The court prefers that writs of execution be eFiled, but conventional writs will be processed if submitted. You must contact the Cashier to pay fees for a certified copy of your writ if you need one, as these fees cannot be paid in an eFiling envelope. Please make a comment in your eFiling envelope that you have done this. Your writ will be mailed back to you upon review. You may request to pick up the writ at Will Call on the 2nd floor of the courthouse at the Cashiers area by attaching a note to the writ or by emailing MUL.Civil@ojd.state.or.us.

If necessary, you may submit the entire writ package to the court (by conventional filing only), which should consist of the writ, the court issuance fee, the sheriff's instructions, the check for the sheriff's fee made out to the sheriff, and a copy of the judgment. Since the Sheriff no longer has a presence onsite, you would arrange for someone to pick up the issued Writ and deliver it to the Sheriff.

Although executions may be issued simultaneously to different counties, only one execution at a time will be issued in any one county on any one debtor. Before a subsequent writ will be issued in a county, the sheriff's return on the first execution must be filed, or 60 days must have passed.

If there is a return on the writ, and money is received by the court from the sheriff, the court will pay the judgment creditor up to the amount due to satisfy the judgment at the time of sale, unless the judgment creditor used the judgment amount or a portion of it to purchase the property at the sheriff's sale. Additional funds beyond what is owed to the judgment creditor and received by the court on the execution will be disbursed as provided by law. Any uncertainty will be resolved under the provisions of UTCR 1.120. This disbursement is not automatic—the creditor must present a Motion for Disbursement of Sale Proceeds in person at ex parte. SLR 2.501.

E. WRITS OF ASSISTANCE

A writ of assistance is based on common law. To obtain such a writ, present a motion, declaration or affidavit, order, and proposed writ (and a copy) at ex parte. If approved, the judge will sign the order. The writ will be signed by the clerk in the courtroom if it matches the order.

The court does not prepare its own writs. The original writ will be given to the moving party and a copy placed in the court file.

F. WRIT OF GARNISHMENT

Writs of garnishment may be issued by an attorney or the court clerk. ORS 18.600 through 18.850 sets out the procedures and forms for garnishment by both attorneys and clerks. When issuing a garnishment, the clerk will check for the correct case name and number, that the writ and the garnishee duties set out in the packet comply with the statutory requirements, that a judgment has been entered and not satisfied, that a total amount has been filled in, and that the garnishment has been signed by the creditor or creditor's attorney or agent. The original and two copies of the garnishment are required. ORS 18.650 and 18.658 set out the disposition of the copies; one to the garnishee and one to the judgment debtor. The judgment debtor's copy of the writ must include a form to challenge the garnishment. The writ may be served by the sheriff or by a resident of this state over the age of 18 who complies with ORS 18.625.

The "garnishee's duties" tell the garnishee to make checks payable to the judgment creditor. ORS 18.730. If instead the money is paid to the court, an out-of-state check is held a minimum of 28 days and an in-state check a minimum of 21 days before the funds are disbursed by the court to the judgment creditor.

If the garnishee fails to respond to the writ, ORS 18.775 to 18.782 sets out a procedure for compelling an answer.

G. RELEASE OF GARNISHMENT

ORS 18.770 allows the judgment creditor to release a garnishment covering all or part of any property held under garnishment. A form of release is set out in ORS 18.842. The release is directed to the garnishee. If funds are held by the court, for example by virtue of a challenge, the release should direct the clerk to disburse the funds and indicate to whom the funds should be disbursed. A copy of the release of garnishment must be filed with the court if the garnishment requested the sale of property or there was a challenge filed.

H. CHALLENGE TO GARNISHMENT BY DEBTOR

When a challenge to the garnishment pursuant to ORS 18.700 is received by the court from a judgment debtor, the clerk will schedule a hearing and send notices to the creditor or creditor's attorney, to the garnishee, and to the sheriff if required, indicating the date, time and room for appearance. All challenges are set for hearing as soon as possible, and the hearing is to decide the challenge in a summary manner. ORS 18.710.

A challenge is specific to each garnishment. A second garnishment would need a second challenge.

I. APPEARANCE OF JUDGMENT DEBTOR

ORS 18.265 allows a judgment creditor to file a motion for an order requiring the appearance of a judgment debtor to answer under oath questions concerning the property of the judgment debtor. In circuit court civil cases (except small claims), to obtain an order for appearance, eFile a motion, supporting documentation, and proposed order to the court.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the time and place of appearance must be 11:00AM in Room 7A on any judicial day. The judgment creditor must select a hearing date far enough in the future to ensure that sufficient notice is given to the debtor. The creditor will then download the signed order and serve it. The movant must file a proof of service. SLR 5.161.

If the creditor obtains a date at the time the order is signed by the court, and later wishes to change the appearance date, the creditor must move for a new order. Do not alter the date after the order has been signed.

Judgment debtor examinations are not placed on the court calendar and the judge does not preside over the proceeding. At 11:00AM, if the debtor appears, one of the presiding clerks can swear in the debtor, if requested, and the questioning may be held in the conference room outside of Courtroom 7A, or elsewhere if the debtor agrees. The hearing is not recorded unless recording is privately arranged.

The court will generally not order a judgment debtor to appear at any location other than Courtroom 7A of the courthouse. However, if the debtor stipulates to another location, or the creditor meets the requirements of ORS 18.265(6), the court may order the debtor to appear before another court for examination.

For small claims judgment debtor examination orders, the motion and supporting documents should be presented to the small claims clerks on the second floor of the Multnomah County Courthouse for signature. Small claims judgment debtor hearings in the East County Courthouse are scheduled for one Friday each month. The judgment creditor may select a time and date by calling the East County Courthouse. Small claim judgment debtor exams for small claims adjudicated in the Multnomah County Central Courthouse will be set at the discretion of the creditor, but must provide at least seven days notice to the debtor.

If an order for appearance of a judgment debtor pursuant to another county's judgment is based on the presence of the debtor and the recording of the other county's judgment in Multnomah County (ORS 18.265(2)(b)), the caption of the order should indicate the Multnomah County Recorder's number and the case number assigned by the county in which the underlying judgment was entered. The order will be signed by the presiding judge but sent for filing to the court where the original case file exists.

J. APPEARANCE OF GARNISHEE

A garnishee may be ordered to appear under ORS 18.778 to be examined under oath concerning the garnishment. When such an order is obtained from the court, the garnishee should be ordered to appear in the same manner, time, and location as a judgment debtor would. If the garnishee fails to appear, the court will consider signing a judgment against the garnishee. Any request for

a judgment against the garnishee should be set on the court's show cause docket for assignment for hearing. If the garnishee appears and a satisfactory answer is not provided, the creditor may request a hearing date from the civil department.

The court will not order any person to appear regarding a judgment except the debtor and the garnishee.

K. JUDGMENT DEBTOR CONTEMPT

If the judgment debtor fails to appear at more than one judgment debtor examination, the judgment creditor may file a motion to initiate a remedial contempt proceeding under ORS 33.055. The movant must obtain an order scheduling a show cause hearing at ex parte. See SLR 2.501. Usually, show cause hearings are set on the presiding docket on a Thursday for a Friday. The presiding judge prefers that creditors attempt to have the debtor appear at more than one debtor examination before starting a contempt proceeding. Also, it is unlikely that the court will order a judgment debtor to be taken into custody for failing to pay a judgment or appear at a judgment debtor examination, absent extraordinary circumstances.

L. DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS PAID INTO COURT

The court accepts funds paid into court for a variety of reasons, including interpleader, tender of rent, bonds, undertakings, and judgments. If payment is made by check, the check must be payable to the State of Oregon and the case number to which the funds apply must be written on the check.

In some instances, the court will disburse funds without an order to disburse (e.g., funds to be applied to a judgment will be paid to a creditor; bond on appeal will be paid out according to the appellate order regarding costs). However, if there is any question as to the reason the funds are being held, to whom they should be paid, or what proportion multiple creditors should receive, an order disbursing funds is required. UTCR 1.120 sets out the steps to obtain such an order. Motions to disburse money deposited with the court must be presented at ex parte. SLR 2.501.

M. DEPOSITING FUNDS IN COURT'S INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT

Under ORS 293.293 all funds held in trust by a court for the benefit of any party must be deposited with the Oregon State Treasurer. An order is required to deposit funds in an interest-bearing account with the State Treasurer, and the amount to be deposited must be over \$10,000. ORS 293.293(2). Since the money must be transferred to the State Treasurer and then transferred again into the interest-bearing account held by the State Treasurer, some delay in the date interest begins to accumulate is usual.

An order is required to pay out the money plus interest. The order should specify to whom the check should be made payable and the amounts requested including the interest. After the order is signed and a request to transfer the money is forwarded to the State Treasurer, the funds, plus interest, are transferred back into the court's trust account, and then disbursed. Once the funds are transferred back to the court's trust account, interest ceases to accumulate. An order

requiring the money to be disbursed "immediately," or to continue to earn interest until paid, will still be subject to the process of moving money back to the court's account from the interest-bearing account, and the cessation of interest accumulation from the point of transfer through disbursement.

N. EXTENSION OF JUDGMENT REMEDIES

ORS 18.182 allows an extension of judgment remedies for an additional ten (10) years beyond the initial period set in ORS 18.180. This must be done before the original judgment remedies expire, by filing a certificate of extension. ORS 18.182. The certificate should indicate when the original judgment was entered and that it has not been satisfied. The extension time (10 years) runs from the date the certificate is filed, not from the date the original judgment expires.

APPENDIX OF FORMS

- A. Order Re: Recording of Proceedings by Stenographic Means, Form 03-08
- B. Subpoena, Form 03-33
- C. Motion for Order to Schedule Show Cause Hearing, Form 05-27A
- D. Order Re: Motion for Show Cause Hearing, Form 05-27B
- E. Certificate of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Form 05-31
- F. Motion for Abatement, Form 05-32A
- G. Abatement Order, Form 05-32B
- H. Motion for Reinstatement, Form 05-33A.
- I. Order for Reinstatement, Form 05-33B
- J. Motion for Severance of Party and Abatement, Form 05-38A
- K. Order re: Motion for Severance of Party and Abatement, Form 05-38B
- L. Motion for Relief from Judgment (ORCP 71), Form 05-39A
- M. Order Re: Motion for Relief from Judgment (ORCP 71), Form 05-39B
- N. Motion for Continuance (UTCR 7.020), Form 05-41A
- O. Order for Continuance (UTCR 7.020), Form 05-41B
- P. Motion to Reschedule Summary Judgment Hearing, Form 05-44A
- Q. Order to Reschedule Summary Judgment Hearing, Form 05-44B
- R. Motion to Reschedule Summary Judgment Hearing in Front of a Sitting Judge, Form 05-78A
- S. Order to Reschedule Summary Judgment Hearing in Front of a Sitting Judge, Form 05-78B

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH 1200 SW FIRST AVENUE, PORTLAND OR 97204

		Case No
vs.	Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s)	ORDER RE REPORTING OF PROCEEDINGS BY STENOGRAPHIC MEANS
	Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)	
Based upon ORS 8.	.340 and the stipulations of the parties as er	ndorsed hereon, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:
At the expense of th	ne parties, the following proceedings in this	case may be reported by stenographic reporting:
The hearin	g of this date	
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2. The stend	ographic reporter is an officer of the Court.	ORS 8.340(3).
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IT IS SO STIPUL	ATED,	
For Plaintiff(s)/	Petitioner(s)	For Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)
I agree to Comply	y with the terms of the Order.	
Stenographic Re	eporter9s)/Telephone Number	Stenographic Reporters)/Telephone Number
Date		Circuit Court Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Plaintiff	Criminal Subpoena (Also for infractions and violations)
vs.	Civil Subpoena
	Subpoena Duces Tecum
Defendant	CASE No
TO:	
ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON AND BY	ORDER OF THE COURT:
You are hereby commanded to appear in the Circuit Court of	f the State of Oregon for Multnomah County at
Room No Multnomah County Courthouse, Portland	d, Oregon on theday of
A.D. 20 at o'clockM., to give	evidence in the above matter on behalf of
THE FOLLOWING APPLIES ONLY TO A SUBPOENA	DUCES TECUM:
You are required, also, to bring with you the following documents required):	(describe intelligibly the books, papers, or
Name, Address, and Telephone of Attorney or Pro Se defendant	Witness my name and the Seal of said
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	20 Trial Court Administrator, Clerk
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NOTICE TO ALL WITNESSES:

Civil Cases: If you are subpoenaed to testify in a Civil Case, you must contact the attorney who issued the subpoena regarding payment of fees for testifying. Oregon Rule of Civil Procedure 55 (A) requires witnesses to remain until testimony is completed, unless discharged sooner. At the end of each day's attendance, witnesses may demand of the party or the party's attorney, payment of legal witness fees for the next day. If witnesses are not paid, they are not obligated to remain in attendance. The witness fee and mileage reimbursement amounts on the reverse side of this form are for criminal, not civil cases.

Criminal Cases: If you are subpoenaed by a court-appointed defense attorney in a Criminal Case, you must have the attorney complete the attorney verification portion on the reverse side of this subpoena and forward to the Office of Public Defense Services, Contract & Business Services Section, 1320 Capitol Street NE, Suite 190, Salem, Oregon 97303. The attorney must indicate on the subpoena that he or she is court-appointed. A reimbursement check will be mailed in approximately six weeks by the State Court Administrator. If you are subpoenaed by a privately retained defense attorney in a Criminal Case, fees and mileage are to be paid by the defendant, pursuant to ORS 136.602(2), therefore you do not submit the paperwork to the Office Of Public Defense Services.

PAYMENT WILL BE ARRANGED ONLY UPON PRESENTATION OF ATTORNEY VERIFIED COPY OF THIS SUBPOENA

MULTNOMAH COUNT	Y)			
I hereby certify that I sen	rved the within Subpoena with	nin said State and	County, on the	day
of	, 20, on the within named	l		
	reof to			
Service Fee \$				
Witness Fee \$, paid by			
		Ву		, Deputy
	CERTIFICATIO CRIM	N OF WITNES	S FEES	
Public Defense Services.	er diem of a witness in a crimi Please mail this subpoena to Capitol Street NE, Suite 190, S	the Office of Pub	lic Defense Services,	Contract & Business
	ATTORNE	Y VERIFICATIO	N	
Approved as to	days appearance and			
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		Attorney for De	fendant	
		Print Name		
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No. of miles@ \$. 08	B = \$	Subsci	ribed and sworn to, bef	Fore me, this
	Total = \$	day of		, 20
I have examined the above	claim and find it correct.			
		Deput	y	

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ATTORNEY MUST VERIFY ABOVE

STATE OF OREGON

Dlaintiff	Case No.
Plaintiff	
VS	EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER TO SCHEDULE SHOW CAUSE HEARING
Defendant	
	moves to set a show cause hearing. Supporting
(insert the name of the party requesting the show cause hearing) documentation showing the basis for the s	show cause hearing is presented with this motion.
Nature of the Proceeding for Which a Show	Cause Hearing is Requested:
☐ For Preliminary Injunction ☐	For Receivership
☐ Provisional Process	
Other Proceeding As Follows:	
Estimated Length of Hearing:	
of an ex parte appearance to opposing parti	rith SLR 5.025(3) regarding one judicial day's notice les, that I will appear at Call as required by SLR 040 and give the court immediate notice of
Date	Signature
	Name Typed or Printed and OSB Number

Plaintiff	Case No.
vs	ORDER RE: MOTION FOR SHOW CAUSE HEARING
Defendant	
It is HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion ☐ Denied and the original show cause of ☐ Allowed: The Motion for an order to AM, in courtroom 7A, for assignment for show cause documents will be filed with	locuments are returned. show cause is set for Call on at 9:00 r hearing on (date). The original
Dated	Circuit Court Judge
	Name of Judge Typed or Printed

	Plaintiff(s)	Case No.	
vs.		CERTIFICATE OF AI DISPUTE RESOLUTI	
	Defendant(s)		
PURSUANT	T TO Multnomah County SLF	R 7.016:	
arbitration, n	nediation, a judicial settlemen ation. The parties participate	at they have complied with the rule by nt conference, or some other form of a ed in the following forms of dispute res	ppropriate
	Judicial Settlement Confere	ence	
	Arbitration		
	Mediation		
	Other		
	Signature	es and Date of Signing	
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
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	Case No:
v.	laintiff EX PARTE MOTION TO ABATE
Def	- Cendant
The plaintiff/defendant moves to abate the case	e for the following reason:
☐ Bankruptcy ☐ Independent binding arbitration ☐ Other (specify reason):	
I certify to the court that I have complied with	SLR 5.025(3) regarding of one judicial day's notice.
Date	Signature
	Name Typed or Printed and OSB Number

				Case No	
		Plaintiff	(s)		
vs.				ABATEMENT ORDER	
75.					
		Defenda	nt(c)		
		Defenda	111(8)		
	ING TO	THE COURT	that the above	case cannot proceed for the fo	ollowing
reason:		Bankruptcy; a c	opy of the peti	tion or notice of bankruptcy is	s attached
		Independent Bi	nding Arbitrat	ion (stipulation of the parties	is attached)
		Other			
Court for a p	eriod no		exceed this da	se be removed from the active te his order.)	
IT IS FURT reinstatemen		RDERED that th	his order shall	not be rescinded without an o	order for
expiration of	the date	e set and following	g notice of inte	e dismissed without prejudice ent to dismiss pursuant to OR before the Court, or otherwis	CP 54B(3),
Date				Circuit Court Judge	
Presented By	7:				
Print Name 8	& OSB#				
Attorney for					

Plaintiff(s)	Case No			
vs.	EX PARTE MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT			
Defendant(s)				
Plaintiff moves to reinstate this case, which was to defendant(s) (indicate) reason:	vas has been inactive since or \square All, for the following			
☐ Abated for Bankruptcy				
☐ Abated for Independent Arbitratio	n			
☐ Inactive due to Appeal				
☐ Other:				
Plaintiff requests days				
I certify to the court that I have complied with SLR 5.025(3) regarding one judicial day's notice of an ex parte appearance to opposing parties, that I will appear at Call as required by SLR 7.055(8)(A), and will comply with UTCR 7.040 and give the court immediate notice of resolution of this matter .				
Date	ignature of Attorney			
$\overline{\mathbf{N}}$	Name Typed or Printed and OSB Number			

Plainti vs.	Case No ORDER RE: MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT
Defend	dant(s)
☐ Continued under U	THAT the case is reinstated, and: UTCR 7.020, subject to the condition that the plaintiff obtain service
default judgment(s),	secure the necessary appearances to place the case at issue, take or move for further continuance no later than (specify date) Conference will be assigned in the regular course
	at or decree submitted with this motion and order shall be entered
Other:	
☐ Denied	
Dated	Circuit Court Judge
	Name of Judge Typed or Printed

		Case No.
vs.	Plaintiff(s)	EX PARTE MOTION FOR SEVERANCE OF PARTY AND ABATEMENT
	Defendant(s	3)
A party in the above c	ase cannot proceed fo	or the following reason:
	Bankruptcy; a copy	of the petition or notice of bankruptcy is attached
	Other:	
(Plaintiff/Defendant)	to said party for	from the case(days/years) (not to exceed two years), and es.
of an ex parte appeara	ance to opposing particomply with UTCR 7.	rith SLR 5.025(3) regarding one judicial day's notice ies, that I will appear at Call as required by SLR 040 and give the court immediate notice of
Date		Signature Name Typed or Printed and OSB Number

Plaintiff(s)	Case No.
vs.	ORDER RE: MOTION FOR SEVERANCE OF PARTY AND ABATEMENT
Defendant(s)	
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that severed from this lawsuit and the case is abate days/years (up to two years) from this order.	ed as to said party for a period of is hereby
	ll judgment as to such party; and
Dated	Circuit Court Judge
	Name of Judge Typed or Printed

	Case No
Plaintiff(s) vs.	EX PARTE MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT (ORCP 71)
Defendant(s)	
Plaintiff moves to set aside the judgment enter as to defendant(s) (indicate)	red on or \square All, by the following:
UTCR 7.020 Judgment of Dismissal	1
	al (including cases that were reported settled and trial assignment pursuant to SLR 7.055(8)(A))
☐ Judgment of Dismissal for failure to	comply with rules governing arbitration
Date plaintiff received notice of the judgment	
Plaintiff submits a supporting affidavit/declara (B)(1)(a)-(e) with this motion.	ation with the basis for relief under ORCP 71
I certify to the court that I have served this mo	tion on all the parties pursuant to ORCP 71.
Date	Signature of Attorney
	Name Typed or Printed and OSB Number

	Case No
Plaintiff(s)	
vs.	ORDER RE: MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM JUDGMENT (ORCP 71)
Defendant(s)	
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the case is reinstated, and:	e judgment entered is vacated, the
service on the defendant(s),	7.020, subject to the condition that the plaintiff obtain secure the necessary appearances to place the case at issue move for further continuance no later than (specify date)
☐ The trial is set for	
A Trial Readiness Confer	ence will be assigned in the regular course
☐ The final judgment or de forthwith	cree submitted with this motion and order shall be entered
Other:	
☐ Denied	
Dated	Circuit Court Judge
	Name of Judge Typed or Printed

	Case No
Plaintiff	
vs.	EX PARTE MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE (UTCR 7.020)
Defendant	
Plaintiff moves for an order extending the as to ☐the defendant(s) listed below, or ☐ and/or the reasons below:	reporting period established by UTCR 7.020, all defendants, based upon the attached affidavit
Defendant(s):	
☐ Service upon defendant(s) indicate	ed above is not complete
☐ Defendant(s) served, and extension	n for appearance requested
☐ Defendant(s) defaulted by order, b	out final judgment not yet entered
☐ Continuance necessary to allow for	r Prima Facie hearing set for(Specify Date)
☐ Other:	(Specify Date)
of an ex parte appearance to opposing par	with SLR 5.025(3) regarding one judicial day's notice ties, that I will appear at Call as required by SLR 7.040 and give the court immediate notice of
Date	Signature
	Name Typed or Printed and OSB Number

	Plaintiff	Case No.
	vs.	ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE (UTCR 7.020)
	Defendant	-
IT IS H	IEREBY ORDERED THAT the	motion for continuance is:
	DENIED	
		on that the plaintiff obtain service on the defendant(s), to place the case at issue, take default judgment(s), or t later than
	GRANTED, and this case is STAN pending the outcome of the trial.	(Specify Date) YED as to defendant(s) listed pursuant to SLR 7.021(2)
Dated		Circuit Court Judge
		Name of Judge Typed or Printed

	Case No.
Plaintiff vs.	MOTION TO RESCHEDULE SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING
Defe	endant
The moving party/non-more reschedule the summary judgmen for the following reason(s):	oving party (check one), moves the court for leave to t hearing currently set on
Opposing party:	Consents Objects
	of this motion on all opposing parties. If objected to, at least the and time of Ex Parte appearance was given to all opposing 3).
Date	Signature of Attorney
	Print Name and OSB #
	Party Attorney Represents
	Telephone Number

		Case No
	Plaintiff/Petitioner vs.	ORDER TO RESCHEDULE SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING
	Defendant/Respondent	
It is H Date i		uest to Change Summary Judgment Hearing
Gr	anted	
De	enied	
Γhe h	earing is rescheduled to:	
	A date provided by calendaring a	nd agreed to by parties; or
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Date	<u> </u>	Circuit Court Judge

	Plaintiff	Case No	
vs.		MOTION TO RESCHEDULE SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING IN FRONT OF SITTING JUDGE	
	Defendant		
The moving party/to reschedule the summa in front of a sitting judge.	ry judgment hearing	(check one), moves the court for leave currently set on	
Opposing party:	Consents	Objects	
	the date and time of	n on all opposing parties. If objected to, at least f Ex Parte appearance was given to all opposing	
Dated		Signature of Attorney	
2404			
		Print Name, Phone Number and OSB #	
		Party Attorney Represents	

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH CIVIL DEPARTMENT

		Case No
	Plaintiff vs.	ORDER TO RESCHEDULE SUMMARY JUDGMENT HEARING
		IN FRONT OF SITTING JUDGE
	Defendar	ut .
	HEREBY ORDERED that the in front of sitting judge is,	Request to Change Summary Judgment Hearing
	Granted	
	Denied	
The	hearing is rescheduled to:	
	A date provided by calendarin	g and agreed to by parties; or
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D :		
Date	9	Circuit Court Judge