

FOREIGN JUDGMENTS: What to do with these Court Forms

Here are a few tips for filling out the forms:

- Always use full legal names, not nicknames.
- Type or print neatly. If you have access to the Internet, you may be able to fill out the forms on-line at www.ptla.org/forms.htm
- You will file each form with the Court. Before you do that, make at least one copy of the forms for your records. You will need to find a place to make copies such as the library as the court clerk cannot make copies for you.
- If you were the defendant in the original case, you are the defendant in this case (if you were the plaintiff in the original case, you are the plaintiff in this case).

UEFJA REGISTRATION

A foreign judgment is a judgment entered by a court in another state or country.

The Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgment Act (UEFJA) can be used for registering any type of foreign order.

If you wish to register a judgment under UEFJA, you will need to file an Affidavit and Request for Registration of a Foreign Order (FM-058), one certified copy of the foreign judgment, and an FM summary sheet (FM-002).

The clerk will complete a Notice of Registration and mail it to the parties and the police department if the judgment is a Protection Order.

If you want the court to do something in addition to registering the judgment, you will also need to file a motion and pay a filing fee. A Case Management Conference or hearing on your motion will be scheduled at least 30 days after registration. The court will notify the parties of the date and time.

UCCJEA REGISTRATION

The Uniform Child Custody and Jurisdiction Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) may be used to register custody orders from another state or country.

If this is the type of Foreign Judgment you wish to commence you will need to file an Affidavit and Request for Registration of a Foreign Order (FM-058), two copies of the foreign judgment (one certified), and an FM summary sheet (FM-002).

The clerk will complete a Notice of Registration and mail it to the parties. The Notice of Registration advises the responding party of the right to request a hearing on the registration within 20 days.

If the responding party makes a timely request the clerk will schedule a hearing and will notify the parties.

If no hearing is requested within 20 days, the clerk sends a Notice of Confirmation to the parties. This means the registration process is complete.

You need not do anything further unless you would like the court to take further action, in which case you will need to file a motion and pay a filing fee. A Case Management Conference or hearing on your motion will be scheduled after the registration process is complete. The court will notify the parties of the date and time.

UCCJEA - Expedited Enforcement

The UCCJEA includes an expedited process for enforcing a foreign custody order.

If this is the type of action you wish to commence you will need to file a Verified Enforcement Petition (FM-008) and a filing fee. You may also want to file a Verified Application for Issuance of a Warrant (FM-181).

If the Judge determines the petition and application meet the requirements of the UCCJEA, an ex parte hearing will be scheduled on the same day you file the petition, if possible.

Following the hearing, the Judge may issue a warrant, or an order directing the other party to appear at a hearing. The order will state the date and time of the hearing.

The petition, warrant (if one is issued) and order must be served on the other party. A law enforcement agency will do this. The court clerk can assist you in communicating with law enforcement.

UIFSA

The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) is used to govern interstate paternity and support proceedings.

Most UIFSA matters can be handled administratively at the Department of Health and Human Services. If the matter cannot be handled by the DHHS, a UIFSA Petition or a Request for Registration of a Foreign Order, along with accompanying paperwork, will be filed with the appropriate court. The court will notify the parties of the next event in the case.

To contact DHHS, call 287-2886.