Glossary

Appeal – New hearing of all of the claims by the superior court or court of appeals

Child Support - The legal responsibility of a parent to provide financial support for their children

Defendant – The person being sued

Dissolution (Divorce) - The termination of a marital relationship between two people

Enforce – To put the judgment into effect by taking legal steps to bring about compliance

Joint Custody - Both parents agree to share in the joint legal and physical custody of their children

Legal Custody - The right and responsibility of a parent to make decisions relating to the health, education and welfare of their children

Physical Custody - Custody establishes how much time the children spend with each parent, where the children reside, with whom, and how their daily lives are maintained

Plaintiff – The person who files the lawsuit

Stipulate – To agree to something; to give one's consent

Visitation - Period of time when the non-custodial parent has the children and is fully responsible for them

Waive – To abandon or give up a claim or a right or to forgive some other requirements

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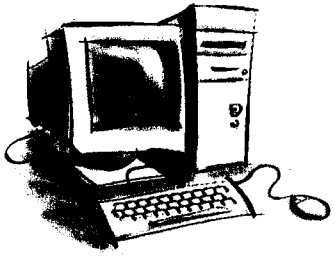
Need help filling out legal forms?

EZLegal is a computer program designed to help!



At Home DIRECTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is EZLegal?

EZLegal is a computer program that will help you fill out the forms necessary to request or respond to papers for a variety of legal issues.

How does EZLegal work?

EZLegal will ask you questions. Read each question carefully, your answers will be used to fill out the necessary legal forms.

I do not have a computer. Does the court have a computer I can use?

Computers with EZLegal are available at the following locations:

- Civil Division
  - 800 11th Street, Modesto
- Modesto Small Claims/Traffic
  - 2260 Floyd Avenue, Modesto
- Turlock Small Claims/Traffic
  - 300 Starr Avenue, Turlock

Here are the DIRECTONS for you to follow:

Step 1:
Once you are online, go to www.ezlegalfile.org

Step 2:
Select the Case Type (for example, Small Claims)

Step 3:
Select Stanislaus County under County Selection. Then click on Next.

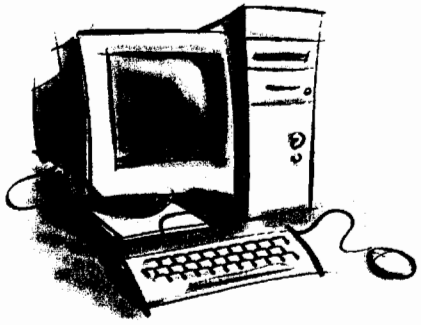
Step 4:
Read the information and directions on EACH page. Read the questions and type in the information requested. Take your time. When you have completed a page, click next.

Step 5:
Review the information you have entered.

Step 6:
Select Print.

Step 7:
If you need to complete any local forms, please go to www.stanct.org and click on the Local Forms link. You will NOT be able to complete these forms online. You may print copies or purchase the form(s) from the Clerk's office.

Step 8:
When you are ready to file your papers with t clerk, locate the correct division and window.



Forms are available for:

- Family Law
- Small Claims
- Unlawful Detainer (Evictions)
- Domestic Violence
- Guardianships