

Handout – Minnesota Court Records Online (MCRO) Accessible Case Types and Documents

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Most public Minnesota district court (trial court) case types are available online and in MCRO. More information about Minnesota case types is available on the [Case Type and Filing Code Indexes](#) webpage.

Documents within those cases filed on or after July 1, 2015, may be available in MCRO. See **Public Document Types Available in MCRO** below for more information. Documents filed before July 1, 2015, have limited availability.

Public Case Types Not Available in MCRO

Some public Minnesota district court cases types are not available online and in MCRO, even though they are publicly accessible, according to the Minnesota Rules of Public Access. These public case types need to be viewed at a public access terminal in a Minnesota courthouse or at the State Law Library.

Minnesota Case Type	Case Type Description	Reference
CHIPS, CHIPS-Permanency, CHIPS-Runaway, CHIPS-Truancy, CHIPS-Voluntary Placement, Child in Voluntary Foster Care for Treatment	Child protection proceedings	Minn. R. Pub. Access 8, subd. 2(d)(4)
Delinquency Felony 16+	Felony-level juvenile delinquency proceedings involving a juvenile at least 16 years old	Minn. R. Pub. Access 8, subd. 2(d)(3); Minn. R. Juv. Del. P. 30.02
Domestic Abuse (After Respondent is Served)	Order for Protection Proceedings, after the Respondent has been served	Minn. R. Pub. Access 8, subd. 2(d)(1); federal Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C.A. § 2265(d)(3)
Harassment (After Respondent is Served)	Harassment Restraining Order Proceedings, after Respondent has been served	Minn. R. Pub. Access 8, subd. 2(d)(2); federal Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C.A. § 2265(d)(3)
Out of State No Contact Order	Cases from outside Minnesota that are handled in the same manner as Harassment Restraining Orders (HRO) and Orders for Protection (OFP)	Federal Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C.A. § 2265(d)(3)



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Non-Public Case Types Not Available in MCRO

- There are a number of Minnesota district court case types that are non-public, based on Minnesota court rules or statutes, and are not available in MCRO. More information about non-public case types is available on the [State Court Administration List of Non-Public Case Types](#).
- Individual case files a judicial officer makes non-public are not available in MCRO.
- Neither the case nor documents will return in search results if the record has been destroyed, according to the [MN District Court Retention Schedule](#).
- Request access to these case types and files through the [local court administration](#) where the court file is located.

Minnesota Case Type	Case Type Description	Reference
Assisted Reproductive Technology (ARTS)	Proceedings specific to Assisted Reproductive Technology and establishing a relationship between the intended parent(s) and child.	Minn. R. Adopt. P. 7.01; Minn. Stat. § 257.70; Minn. Stat. § 259.61
Adoption	Adoption proceedings	Minn. R. Adopt. P. 7.01, Minn. Stat. § 259.20–.89 and Minn. Stat. § 260C.601–.637
Confidential Name Change	Proceedings for a name change for an individual made in connection with the individual's participation in a witness and victim protection program.	Minn. Stat. § 259.10, subd. 2
Domestic Abuse (Before Respondent is Served)	Order for Protection proceedings, before the Respondent is served.	Minn. R. Pub. Access 4, subd. 1(a)(1), Minn. Stat. § 518B.01
Harassment (Before Respondent is Served)	Harassment Restraining Order proceedings, before the Respondent is served.	Minn. R. Pub. Access 8, subd. 1(a)(2), Minn. Stat. § 609.748
Juvenile Delinquency, Juvenile Petty Offense, Juvenile Traffic, Extradition (Juvenile Criminal)	Proceedings involving a juvenile younger than 16 years old.	Minn. Stat. § 260B.163, subd. 1; Minn. R. Juv. Del. P. 30.02
Paternity (Cases filed before January 1, 2021)	In paternity cases filed before January 1, 2021, the case is non-public until subsequent proceedings to enforce or modify the judgment are filed after the final adjudication. Paternity cases filed on or after January 1, 2021, are public.	Minn. R. Pub. Access 4, subd. 1(n)

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Public Documents Filed on or after July 1, 2015

Documents Available in MCRO	Documents Not Available in MCRO
<p>Most public documents filed on or after July 1, 2015, are available in MCRO for the Minnesota case types that are available online (see Minn. R. Pub. Access 8, subd. 2(d)-(g)).</p> <p>The documents include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public documents in all public Major and Minor Criminal case types Public documents in all public Major and Minor Civil case types (such as Torrens, Tort, Consumer Credit, Contract, Employment, Forfeiture, Condemnation, Personal Injury, Conciliation, Implied Consent, Minor Civil Judgments, and Unlawful Detainer) Public documents in all public Formal Probate, Informal Probate, Guardianship, and Conservatorship, and Trust case types <p>For public Family case types available online (such as Custody, Dissolution, Support, Post-Adjudication Paternity, and Paternity cases filed on or after January 1, 2021):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public orders, judgments, appellate opinions, and notices prepared by the court are available in MCRO. <p>Note: Public motions, affidavits and other party-submitted documents are not available in MCRO.</p>	<p>Case documents have their own security settings, so even if a case is public, documents within it may not be available in MCRO. For example, a divorce case is public, but financial documents on the case are not. Also, some public court documents, such as search warrants, are not available in MCRO even though they are publicly accessible, according to the Minnesota Rules of Public Access.</p> <p>Public documents not available in MCRO include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public documents in cases that are publicly accessible, but not available online (see page 1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse Harassment Delinquency Felony CHIPS Commitment Public party-submitted documents in Family case types In public Criminal and Delinquency Felony case types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders Documents that include the identity or location of the protected party with a charge of violating specific Minnesota statutes Orders with a no contact or “stay away” provision that include name, initials, and/or address of the party protected by the order Public search warrants are not currently available in MCRO. <p>View public documents not available in MCRO at a public access terminal in a Minnesota courthouse or at the State Law Library. Contact local court administration to purchase a copy.</p>



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Public Documents Filed before July 1, 2015

Documents filed before July 1, 2015 have limited availability.

If you are searching for documents filed before July 1, 2015:

- Public orders, judgments, appellate opinions, and court-generated notices may be available in MCRO.
- Public motions, affidavits and other party-submitted documents will not be available in MCRO.

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