Form Updates

We have begun to apply the Modernization Rules to some of our existing forms.

The most noticeable change is the application of revised header, footer, margins, font style/size, and line spacing. Neb. Ct. R. § 2-103, as well as Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1408 and 6-1503 govern the formatting.

- Header removed the separating lines and the redundancy of the form name. This may be helpful to ensure that the upper right corner is clear.
- Footer the format was changed. Neb. Ct. R. §§ 6-1408 and 6-1503 require the page numbers to be placed in the bottom center of the page. The name of the form was included in the footer to assist with making certain that all of the pages of a document are part of the same form.
- Margins are 1 ½ inch on all sides.
- Font style is Times New Roman (available across most programs). Font size is 12 pt. and 13 pt. (Except for in the header, footer, and instructions below some fillable spaces, which may be smaller).
- Line spacing is 1.15 1.2, with extra spacing allowed before headings and between paragraphs.

The first set of forms (and instructions) that we have prepared are <u>some</u> of the pleadings. These may represent the first contact or the first contact in some time (i.e. modifications and enforcements) that a party has with the court.

To help avoid some of the instances where a party has not completed the Registration of Email address form, we have added a section after the signature block.

*This section is only added to limited forms.

It was thought that if the statement is added to all subsequent forms that a party fills out, they might mistakenly think that is an acceptable way to stop getting E-notice or a way to change their contact information.

If the application, petition, complaint, or answer you receive does not have the additional section added to the form, the party will need to complete the Registration of Email Address for Self-Represented Litigant form <u>DC 3:01</u>.

This added section is designed to comply with the requirements of Neb. Ct. R. § 2-208(C).

(C) Non-attorney user notice from a court.

(1) Non-attorney users who are not registered with the court-authorized service provider and have email capability shall register with a court to receive notice from the court in any case involving that non-attorney user. Such registration shall be completed prior to the filing of any document by the user or within 10 days after receipt of a notice from the court providing the email registration form, whichever occurs first. The user shall submit the form to the court where the case is filed or the appellate court where the appeal is pending.

(2) If a non-attorney user claims to lack email capability, such user shall demonstrate to the court why it is unreasonable to expect the user to obtain such capability.

This is the what the section looks like:

Nebraska Supreme Court Rule § 2-208 requires individuals involved in a case who are not attorneys and representing themselves to provide their email address to the court in order to receive notice by email from the court about this case.

By checking this box and providing my email address, I have the ability to receive notice from the court by email. I understand I will not receive mailed documents and notices except for those that require specific service as directed by statute or Nebraska Supreme Court Rule.

If I no longer have email capability or if my email or other contact information changes, I must complete a Change of Contact Information Form.

By checking this box, I do not have the ability to receive emails. The reason I cannot receive email is:

The updated instructions include:

- The visual examples are replaced with those that show the new formatting.
- An instruction has been included on the added section for providing emails.
- The reference boxes are reformatted to remove the graduated color. This helps with clarity when the instructions are printed in black and white.

We will be tackling the remaining forms throughout the year, and releasing them in groups or sets.

New forms are automatically formatted to comply with the modernization rules before their release.

Attached is a list of forms and instructions contained in this first set of revisions.

CC 2:1	Waiver and Plea of Guilty	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-2-1.pdf
CC 2:4	Written Acknowledgment of Rights and Request for a Trial to the Court	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-2-4.pdf
CC 3:6	Garnishment Affidavit and Praecipe for Summons	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-3-6.pdf
CC 3:8N	Request for Hearing on Garnishment	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-3-8N.pdf
CC 3:13	Fence Dispute Complaint (English)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-3-13.pdf
CC 3:18	Answer and General Denial with Certificate of Service	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-3-18.pdf
CC 3:27	Motion (Generic)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-3-27.pdf
CC 4:2	Counterclaim or Setoff of Defendant	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-4-2.pdf
CC 9:9	Handgun Certificate Denial Or Revocation Appeal	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-9-9.pdf
CC 15:1	Demand for Notice	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-15-1.pdf
CC 15:20	Petition and Affidavit for Order Compelling Visitation with Adult Resident	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-15-20.pdf
CC 15:31	Answer to Petition and Affidavit for Order Compelling Visitation with Adult Resident	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-15-31.pdf
CC 17:7	Request to Open Adoption Records	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/CC-17-7.pdf
DC 1:12	Defendant's Request to Release Sealed Records	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-1-12.pdf
DC 1:12a	Instructions for Completing Defendant's Request to Release Sealed Records	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-1-12a.pdf
DC 6:2	Child Support Termination Application and Affidavit	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-2.pdf
DC 6:2a	Child Support Termination Application and Affidavit - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-2a.pdf
DC 6:2.1	Waiver of Notice on Termination of Child Support	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-2-1.pdf
DC 6:2.1a	Waiver of Notice on Termination of Child Support - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-2-1a.pdf
DC 6:4.1	Complaint for Dissolution of Marriage (No Children)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-4-1.pdf
DC 6:4.1a	Complaint for Dissolution of Marriage without Children (English) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-4-1a.pdf
DC 6:4.3	Voluntary Appearance	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-4-3.pdf
DC 6:4.3a	Voluntary Appearance (English) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-4-3a.pdf
DC 6:5.1	Complaint for Dissolution of Marriage with Children (English)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-1.pdf
DC 6:5.1a	Complaint for Dissolution of Marriage - With Children - Instructions (English)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-1a.pdf
DC 6:5.20	Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause (Child Support)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-20.pdf
DC 6:5.20a	Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause (Child Support) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-20a.pdf
DC 6:5.27	Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause (Visitation)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-27.pdf
DC 6:5.27a	Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause (Visitation) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-27a.pdf
DC 6:5.42	Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause (Alimony/Property Settlement)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-42.pdf
DC 6:5.42a	Instructions on How to Fill Out the Affidavit and Application for Order to Show Cause (Alimony/Property Settlement)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-5-42a.pdf

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DC 6:8.3	Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-8-3.pdf
DC 6:8.3a	Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-8-3A.pdf
DC 6:8.8	Answer and Counterclaim to Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-8-8.pdf
DC 6:8.8a	Answer and Counterclaim to Complaint for Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-8-8-A.pdf
DC 6:9.1	Petition for Name Change - Adult	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-9-1.pdf
DC 6:9.1a	Petition for Name Change - Adult - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-9-1a.pdf
DC 6:11.1	Petition for Name Change - Child	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-11-1.pdf
DC 6:11.1a	Petition for Name Change - Child - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-11-1a.pdf
DC 6:11.3	Consent for the Name Change of a Minor Child	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-11-3.pdf
DC 6:11.3a	Consent for the Name Change of a Minor Child - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-11-3a.pdf
DC 6:14.4	Complaint for Modification of Child Support - Decrease	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-14-4.pdf
DC 6:14.4a	Instructions for filling out Complaint for Modification of Child Support - Decrease	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-14-4-A.pdf
DC 6:14.5	Complaint for Modification of Child Support - Increase	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-14-5.pdf
DC 6:14.5a	Instructions for filling out Complaint for Modification of Child Support - Increase	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-14-5-A.pdf
DC 6:15.3	Complaint for the Modification of Custody or Parenting Plan	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-15-3.pdf
DC 6:15.3a	Instructions for Filling out the Complaint for the Modification of Custody or Parenting Plan	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-15-3a.pdf
DC 6:15.6	Answer and Counterclaim for Parenting Time Modification Case	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-15-6.pdf
DC 6:15.6a	Instructions for Filling out the Answer and Counterclaim for Modification Case	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-15-6a.pdf
DC 6:15.7	Answer and Counterclaim for Child Support Modification Case	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-15-7.pdf
DC 6:15.7a	Instructions for Completing Answer and Counterclaim for Child Support Modification Case	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-6-15-7a.pdf
DC 9:1	Answer and Counterclaim for Dissolution of Marriage (No Children)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-9-1.pdf
DC 9:1a	Answer and Counterclaim for Dissolution of Marriage - No Children - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-9-1a.pdf
DC 10:1	Answer and Counterclaim for Dissolution of Marriage (Children)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-10-1.pdf
DC 10:1a	Answer and Counterclaim for Dissolution of Marriage (Children) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/DC-10-1a.pdf
JC 14:7	Parental Consent, Petition for Waiver of	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-14-7.pdf
JC 15:1	Motion to Seal Records (Juvenile Court)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-15-1.pdf
JC 15:1a	Motion to Seal Records (Juvenile Court) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-15-1-a.pdf
JC 15:3	Motion to Seal Records (County Court)	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-15-3.pdf
JC 15:3a	Motion to Seal records (County Court) - Instructions	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-15-3-a.pdf
JC 15:11	Complaint to Intervene - By Sibling	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-15-11.pdf
JC 15:12	Complaint to Intervene - By Guardian/Next Friend	https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/JC-15-12.pdf
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