

On January 24, 2024, the Nebraska Supreme Court approved the following rule amendments to Workers' Comp. Ct. R. of Proc. 5, 13, 14B, 14E, and 15:

RULES OF PROCEDURE

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NEBRASKA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

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**RULE 5
INTERPRETERS**

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- F. The fees and expenses of an interpreter appointed by the court shall be authorized by the judge before whom the proceeding takes place, in accordance with the Nebraska Supreme Court Interpreter Fee Schedule and Payment Policy. The interpreter shall complete the appropriate Statement for Payment of Interpreters form approved by the ~~State Court Administrator~~ Supreme Court, and shall submit the completed form to the judge before whom the proceeding takes place for authorization.

- G. Fees and expenses for an interpreter utilized in a voluntary mediation through the compensation court's Informal Dispute Resolution program shall be paid for by the compensation court. The interpreter shall complete the appropriate Request for Payment of Interpreters form approved by the compensation court.

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**RULE 13
FAX FILINGS**

- A. "Fax" means to transmit and reproduce a facsimile of an original document by electronic means. Self-represented litigants may file any pleading and submit exhibits by fax, except an initial application for lump sum settlement or release of liability, which requires the statutory filing fee accompanying the filing thereof or other pleading where an original signature is required. Attorneys are required to E-File pleadings in accordance with Rule 2,D,2,a.; however, ~~exhibits are allowed to be~~

~~faxed and~~ allowances may be made for extended E-Filing system unavailability provided in Rule 2,D,13.

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**RULE 14
EXHIBITS**

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B. **Documentary Exhibits.** ~~A documentary item of evidence offered in paper form to the court may remain in paper form. All exhibits shall be marked and numbered as provided in Rule 14,A above. Exhibits must also comply with Rule 2,C. All exhibits shall be easily readable.~~

1. A documentary item of evidence offered in paper form to the court may remain in paper form and shall be easily readable.
2. All exhibits shall be marked and numbered as provided in Rule 14,A above.
3. Exhibits must also comply with Rule 2,C.
4. Court staff will not print exhibits for the parties.

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E. All exhibits must be submitted at the time of the hearing or other evidentiary proceeding consistent with Rule 10,A. In the event the attorney will not be physically present before the judge at any hearing or other evidentiary proceeding, all exhibits to be offered must be delivered to the court by mail or hand-delivery at least 24 hours in advance of such hearing or other evidentiary proceeding except by permission of the trial judge.

**RULE 15
RECORDS CHECKED OUT**

Any bill of exceptions prepared for appeal of a case to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals and filed in the office of the clerk of the compensation court may be checked out by counsel for not more than 14 days. Counsel shall pay postage for records mailed to

their offices. Counsel failing to return records when requested by the clerk may be penalized by appropriate sanctions, including suspension of the privilege to check out records from the clerk's office. ~~Any litigant is entitled to inspect the original bill of exceptions in his or her case at the office of the clerk of the court. Bills of exceptions shall not be checked out to litigants. Any litigant is entitled to obtain a copy of his or her bill of exceptions by filing a written request with the clerk of the court.~~

As to any bill of exceptions prepared for appeal of a case to the Supreme Court or to the Court of Appeals prior to January 1, 2022, litigants are entitled to inspect the bill of exceptions in their cases at the office of the court clerk. The bill of exceptions shall not be checked out by litigants. For any bill of exceptions prepared on or after January 1, 2022, any litigant is entitled to obtain a *copy* of their bill of exceptions by submitting a written public records request to the court.

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