

RULE 54 JUDGMENT/ORDER ENTRY

54.1 The prevailing party shall prepare the proper Judgment or Order for approval by the Court and entry into the electronic file.

54.2 DEFAULT OR UNCONTESTED CASES

See Rule 54.1, supra.

54.3 FINAL ORDERS ENTERED-NAME CHANGE (ADULT) UPON AFFIDAVIT

(1) Final Orders Entered – When. Judgment in a proceeding for a change of name of a person eighteen years of age or older may be entered upon the affidavit of petitioner when:

(A) Thirty days (30) have passed following petitioner’s original filing of the Petition for Change of Name; and,

(B) There are no unsatisfied money judgments against petitioner; and,

(C) There are no cases requesting money pending against petitioner; and,

(D) Petitioner does not seek to be excused from the publication requirements of section 527.290.1, RSMo.

(2) Affidavit – Filing. If petitioner desires to submit the matter for entry of judgment upon an affidavit, the petitioner shall file an affidavit setting forth sworn testimony showing the court’s jurisdiction and factual averments sufficient to support the relief requested in the proceeding, together with a copy of the proposed judgment, and any other supporting evidence. The filing of such affidavit shall not be deemed to shorten any statutory waiting period required for entry of judgment for change of name.

(3) Hearing Required – When. The court shall not be bound to enter judgment upon the affidavit of petitioner. The

court may, upon its own motion, require that a formal hearing be held to determine any or all issues presented by the pleadings.

(4) Form of Judgment – How. Judgment shall be entered on a form provided by the court unless the trial judge authorizes use of another form.