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PREFACE

This is an in-office operations manual for personnel in the Superior Court Clerk's Office. It is a composite of procedures currently in use and it encompasses those procedures most frequently used by clerks. It should serve as a handy reference document for the inexperienced as well as the experienced clerk and should be particularly useful for training new clerical personnel.

The manual is useful insofar as procedures are kept current according to changes in statute or rule or by direction of the office of the Court Administrator. Any changes or additions to the manual will be made through that office.

This manual is a first step toward achieving uniform practices in the clerks' offices. It can be adapted to the user's needs and space has been provided for additional notations.

This manual consists of sub-divisions, referred to as handbooks, which correspond to major areas of responsibility of personnel within the Clerks'. offices of the County Superior Courts. The Office Procedure Handbook deals primarily with maintenance of the civil and criminal records by clerktypists and includes as well duties of counter clerks. The Courtroom

Procedure Handbook is a guide to responsibilities of clerks in the courtroom, including oaths, exhibits, and records of court action. In the
Calendaring and Statistical Reporting Handbook are outlined the procedures
for assigning matters to the various calendars and for maintaining statistics needed by the office of the State Court Administrator. (Since the
State Judicial Information System (SJIS) and a new Criminal Scheduling
Process were just getting underway at the printing of the manual, these
sections are reserved.) Another handbook, Financial Matters, describes
how monies are deposited and withdrawn, the accounts which are maintained
and the reports which must be made. Although not all Superior Court
Clerks perform tasks associated with naturalization, that procedure in
brief has been included.

Each handbook includes a brief introduction, a list of exhibits (sample forms described in the procedure) and an index. A Glossary of Terms and General Index have been included at the end of the entire manual for quick reference. The description of procedures is presented in a format which can be easily followed. A sample and explanation of this format appears on the following page.

(Major Section Heading) (Subsection Heading)

SAMPLE FORMAT

CASE	REFERENCE	NO	

(This space is provided for the clerk to insert an <u>actual</u> case docket number which best illustrates the procedure.)

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
(Topic heading) (The form column	→ Ex. 1	C 102	are referenced for each step in the pro- cedure. References to the Rhode	the procedure to be followed in completing each step of the process.)	(Relevant statements are included to more fully explain the procedure or process, to point up variations in procedures among courts and to present prescriptive statements.)
refers to the sample form provided.)		2-183	Island General Laws appear as RIGLA; to	D	
(The form number is the official number appearing on the form.)			as RIGLA; to the Rules of Civil Proced- ure as RCP; to the Super- ior Court Rules of Prac- tice as RP; and to the Superior Court Rules of Criminal Procedure as RCrP.	·	
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INTRODUCTION

THE SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS OFFICE

The Rhode Island General Laws (RIGLA 8-4-4) authorize the existence of a Clerk of the Superior Court in the counties of Providence & Bristol, Newport, Washington and Kent. Appointed in January every fifth year (most recently in 1976) by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, the clerks hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified (RIGLA 8-4-5). Before taking office, the clerk must post bond in an amount (between \$2000 and \$10,000) fixed by the General Treasurer (RIGLA 8-4-7).

Although each Clerk of the Superior Court may be authorized to appoint certain deputies and other assistants to assist in the performance of duties and responsibilities attributed to the position of Clerk, it is the Clerk who is ultimately accountable.

By statute, the Clerk is required to:

- ... attend sittings of the court (RIGLA 8-4-8)
- ... serve as keeper of the Seal of Court and of all books and papers (RIGLA 8-4-8)
- ... make fair entries and records of all proceedings, judgments, orders and decrees (RIGLA 8-4-8)
- ... furnish stationery as needed in fulfilling obligations of the court (RIGLA 8-4-8)
- ... maintain two indexes to every current book of records and judgments (RIGLA 8-4-10)
- ... perform all other things required by law or rules of court (RIGLA 8-4-8)

Court rules further require that the Clerk:

- ... be registrar of the court, having charge of all funds and things deposited in cases pending in the court (RCP 67(b))
- \cdots keep the office open (subject to law) for the purpose of

filing documents during business hours every day except Sundays and legal holidays (RCP 77 [a],[c]; RCrp 56)

... maintain a civil docket and the Record Book of Judgments with indices, and other books and records as required by law (RCP 79)

Skills required in the performance of the Clerk's duties include:

- ... a working knowledge of the law and rules of the Superior Court
- ..., a working knowledge of modern office practices and procedures
- ... a working knowledge of record maintenance principles and practices
- ... ability to appoint, supervise and evaluate personnel within the office
- ...ability to deal with laymen, members of the bar and the judiciary in providing them with accurate and current information concerning the processing of all matters pending before the respective court.

Clerks of the Superior Court, with the approval of the Presiding Justice, may appoint one or more deputy clerks, who may discharge all of the duties of the Clerk appointing them (RIGLA 8-4-14). Titles such as Principal Deputy and First Deputy indicate a specific salary level (and often a principal area of responsibility) among deputy clerks. The Clerk of the Superior Court of Providence & Bristol may be authorized to appoint as many assistant clerks as necessary (RIGLA 8-4-17, 18). Assistant clerks are to perform duties as assigned by the Clerk or any deputy. Four general assistant clerks, appointed by the Presiding Justice, work as assigned in any county where there is need for additional assistance. These personnel are the only clerks who can travel from one county to another. Clerks in all counties may employ as many clerical assistants as required to attend to the copying, recording, indexing and other clerical business of the court (RIGLA 8-4-17, 8-4-19). Given the position title of clerk-typist, these individuals may not perform any in-court functions of the clerk, such as giving oaths or specifying the docket entries to be made.

The following pages are copies of job descriptions for three positions within the clerk's office, included to highlight the differing responsibilities accorded each.

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: In the Superior Court of a specific county, as assigned, to discharge on behalf of the Clerk any of those duties and responsibilities required to be performed by the Clerk as prescribed by law, and by the rules promulgated in the Superior Court, for the regulation of practice, procedure, and conduct of civil and criminal actions before the Superior Court; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the administrative direction of the Clerk and/or the First Deputy Clerk from whom general assignments are received; wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment is afforded in the performance of duties, and work is subject to review for conformance to established rules and procedures.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Assists the Clerk in planning, organizing, and supervising the work of Assistant Clerks and clerical personnel.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

In the Superior Court of a specific county, as assigned, to discharge on behalf of the Clerk any of those duties and responsibilities required to be performed by the Clerk as prescribed by law, and of the rules promulgated in the Superior Court, for the regulation of practice, procedure, and conduct of civil and criminal actions before the Superior Court; and to do related work as required.

√To attend sittings of the court and keep required records of proceedings and make fair entries and records of all proceedings, judgments, orders and decrees therein.

To impunel jurors and administer the necessary oaths to jurors and witnesses participating in trials.

To receive, mark, file and retain exhibits introduced as evidence in proceedings.

In jury trials to take verdict from jury foreman, record it, and make it known to the court.

To assume responsibility of Clerk, when so directed and sign vouchers, checks of disbursament, and receive and duly record all other monies received by court in legal proceedings.

To prepare the calendar or docket for a particular day whenever assigned.

To swear in all declarations and petitions for naturalization and sign certificates of naturalization.

To assist attorneys, litigants, and the general public by providing them with sought information.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the law and rules promulgated by the Superior Court for the regulation of practice, procedure, and conduct of civil and criminal actions; the ability to keep accurate and concise records of court proceedings; the ability to give assignments and instructions to subordinates and

direct the performance of their work; the ability to deal effectively with members of the Bar and laymen, and provide them with accurate and current information regarding the practice and procedure of all matters pending in the Superior Court; the ability to plan and direct the preparation of clear and accurate reports containing statistics of court findings and activities; the ability to supervise the maintenance of all court records and files; a thorough knowledge of the application of modern office practices and procedures; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a bachelor's degree in business administration, political science or any other appropriate discipline; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: considerable employment as an Assistant Clerk in the Superior Court or employment in the practice of law.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

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CLASS TITLE: ASSISTANT CLERK (SUPERIOR COURT-PROVIDENCE AND BRISTOL COUNTIES)

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: In the Superior Court for Providence and Bristol Counties, as assigned, and under the general supervision of the Clerk or any of his deputies to perform any of those duties and responsibilities required in the handling and processing of all legal transactions and trials; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision of the Clerk or any of his deputies from whom specific assignments are received; work is reviewed in process and upon completion for accuracy and conformance to established rules and procedures.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: May supervise clerical personnel assigned to assist on specific assignments.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

Under the general supervision of the Clerk, or any of his deputies, as assigned to perform any of the following:

To attend sittings of the court and administer oaths to jurors and witnesses before they testify before tribunal.

To receive, mark, file and retain all exhibits properly introduced as evidence in proceedings.

To keep required records of proceedings and make fair entries and records of all judgments, orders, and decrees therein.

To take verdict in jury trials from foreman, record it, and make it known to the court.

To prepare the calendar or docket for any given day.

To perform counter duty and receive all legal papers and processes pertaining to legal transactions within the court jurisdiction.

To assist rembers of the Bar and laymen by providing them with accurate and current information regarding the practice and procedure of any matter pending in the Superior Court.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A working knowledge of the law and of the rules promulgated in the Superior Court, for the regulation of practice, procedure, and conduct of civil and criminal actions before the Superior Court; the ability to keep accurate and concise records of court proceedings; a working knowledge of the principles and practices employed in record maintenance as they apply to court records; the ability to assign and supervise the work of clerical personnel assigned to assist; the ability to deal with laymen and members of the Bar and provide them with accurate and current information regarding the practice and procedure of all matters pending in the Superior Court; a working knowledge of modern office practices and procedures; the ability to assist in the preparation of clear and accurate reports containing statistics of court findings and activities; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a college of recognized standing with a bachelor's degree in business administration, policical science or any other appropriate discipline, and;

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment as an assistant clerk in one of the state's other tribunals or employment in a responsible position involving the administration of complex and difficult clerical and office procedures, and the interpretation and application of rules and regulations.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

July 1, 1967

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform typing work of a difficult and responsible nature requiring the exercise of independent judgment and involving a degree of final responsibility; to perform varied clerical work of a difficult and responsible nature requiring the exercise of independent judgment; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: General instructions are received at the beginning of each new task, detailed instructions are received as to performance of unfamiliar tasks; work is subject to review for accuracy and completeness.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Generally none, but in some cases may supervise subordinates engaged in routine clerical or typing work.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To type involved financial or statistical statements, reports, or other material from plain or rough copy requiring the application of independent judgment and involving a degree of final responsibility.

To perform varied clerical work of a difficult and responsible nature requiring the exercise of independent judgment.

To assemble material for and to type pay rolls, vouchers, purchase orders, bills, warrants, indices, and other forms requiring related judgments.

To set up and type tables and charts involving decisions as to best format.

To compose and type routine letters.

To transcribe from dictating machine records.

To cut stencils.

To assist in maintaining general office records which require posting, tabulating, and computing tasks.

To examine reports and records for accuracy and completeness of routine, easily verified information.

To secure information from specified sources and furnish it to the public and other employees.

To staple and assemble material for distribution.

To analyze and classify material for filing, and to maintain general office files.

To receive, stock, and distribute office supplies.

To serve as receptionist, directing callers to proper individuals, arranging appointments, and imparting general nontechnical information.

Occasionally, to operate other office appliances not requiring the services of a qualified operator.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A working knowledge of office practices, commercial arithmetic, and business English; a working knowledge of methods and procedures of filing; a reasonable speed and accuracy in typing complex or technical matter from plain or rough copy; the ability to understand readily and carry out complex oral and written directions; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a senior high school, including or supplemented by courses in typing; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in performing typing and office tasks of a varied nature.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

Revised June 30, 1957 In the procedural sections which make up this manual an attempt has been made to specify the level of personnel which is to perform the task. Although not all levels of personnel may exist in each county, it can be understood that when the word clerk is used, any level of clerk (first or principal deputy or assistant) may undertake the task; when the task is to be performed only by the Clerk of the Superior Court, it will so be indicated by capitalizing the word "CLERK". When a task is mentioned as being performed by a clerk-typist, any of the clerical staff or any clerk may do it.

Sometimes the procedure may be found in a different handbook than expected, since the person performing the function may differ in title (e.g., a courtroom clerk may perform the task completed by a counter clerk in another county). The index provided at the end of each handbook as well as at the end of the complete manual will assist in accessing the required information.

CASE REFERENCE	NO
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Payroll Information New Employees				Each newly hired state employee receives salary at the first step of a pay grade from the effective date of appointment. Each employee is placed on a six-month probationary period. After succesful completion of the probationary period, salary is paid at the second step. Step increases are received annually starting one year from the first six-month period, until the top step in the pay grade is reached.	
Time Sheets	!			Each employee is required to sign a time sheet for each working day.	Time sheets are forwarded to the Administra- tive Office of the Courts each Friday. Time cards are prepared by that office for each employee.
Pay Periods :				Payroll checks are issued on a biweekly basis (every other Friday).	
Incentive Program				incentive raise in salary, equal to one step increase.	One point is awarded for each successfully completed course, to be applied to the 4 points necessary for an incentive raise. (See Attachment A.) Courses may be Adult Education courses offered by local towns, those offered by the State Division of Personnel, or courses at area colleges. Examples of job related courses include: psychology, state government, effective communications, business machines, business law, principles of supervision, etc.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Longevity Benefits				Longevity benefits which result in increased salary are offered to permanent personnel as follows: 7 yrs. service: 5% of wage 11 " " : 10% " " 15 " " : 15% " " 25 " " : 20% " "	
Fringe Benefits				All personnel holding permanent positions in the Superior Court Clerks' offices are entitled to the benefits offered to state employees. The section which follows is intended to summarize benefits provided to eligible state employees. Questions related to benefits should be directed to Beverly Clark at the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Excluded from benefits are 1) part-time personnel under 20 hours per week. 2) personnel in a limited position lasting less than six months.
1. Group Life Insurance .			RIGLA 36-12-6	All permanent personnel may participate in the Group Life Insurance Plan at cost. The plan in- cludes accidental death and dismemberment insurance and is cancellable at any time.	The cost is currently \$.25 per thousand dollars coverage.
2. Health Insurance			RIGLA 36-12-2	Permanent personnel may select either of two plans: (1) Blue Cross/Blue Shield (2) Rhode Island Group Health Association Plan (RIGHA)	Cost information is obtainable from the Administrative Office of the Courts.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
(1) Blue Cross/Blue Shield				Plan 100 includes major medical; covers 365 days hospitalization, full maternity benefits, diagnostic tests.	
(2) RIGHA				This is a Health Maintenance Organization which provides physicians' and hospital services to members who pay a membership fee on a monthly basis. THE RIGHA emphasizes preventive health care services usually not covered under traditional health insurance plans.	
3. State Retirement System			RIGLA 36-8	All state employees are <u>required</u> to join the state retirement system.	Payroll deductions for retirement equal 5 percent of annual salary.
₩				Retirement is <u>mandatory</u> on the first of the month following the 70th (seventy) birthday.	
4. Credit Union			RIGLA 36-6-16	Permanent employees may request that payroll deductions to the Credit Union be made.	
5. Savings Bonds				Payroll deductions for savings bonds may be made on a voluntary basis.	•
6. Annual Leave				Each permanent employee is entitled to 15 days of paid vacation time annually. After 10 years of service, an additional 2 days are given; after 20 years of service, an additional 5 days.	Vacation time accrues at the rate of four (4) hours per pay period. (See Attachment B.)
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
7. Sick Leave				All full time employees whether on a standard 35 or 40 hour work week or on a non-standard work week and part time employees who work at least 16 hours per week or whose schedule requires the performance of service to the state for some part of each working day of the official work schedule to which the class is assigned accrue .0577 hours for each hour of service during the bi-weekly pay period, to a maximum of the assigned hours in the work week for the position in which the employee is working.	
8. Holiday Leave				The following are paid holidays: New Year's Day Memorial Day (last Monday in May) Independence Day Victory Day (2nd Monday in August) Labor Day (1st Monday in September) Columbus Day (2nd Monday in October) Armistice Day (November 11th) Thanksgiving Day Election Day (state officers; every 2 years) Christmas Day	
9. Military Leave				Personnel entering the military are entitled to full pay for the first 60 days spent in the military; after that time, they are placed on a leave without pay status.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OH RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Military Training Leave				Personnel in military training (e.g., for the National Guard) are entitled to 15 days at full pay; after that time they are placed on a leave without pay status.	
10. Leave of Absence Without Pay				An employee on leave of absence has the option to continue the Group Life and Health insurance plans for up to one year at the group rate.	
11. Court/Jury Duty				Personnel serving as jurors or witnesses receive full pay for time spent in court. Fees paid by the court to personnel for attendance as a juror or witness must be returned to the state. Personnel are entitled to keep any amounts paid for mileage reimbursement.	A check equal to the amount paid for services must be forwarded to the Administrative Office of the Courts.
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State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1976

AN ACT Establishing Incentive Pay Plan for Court Clerks.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Title 8 of the general laws entitled "Courts and civil procedure — Courts" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

"CHAPTER 8-4.1

"Court Clerks-Incentive Pay

"8-4.1-1. INCENTIVE PAY PLAN.—There is hereby established an incentive pay program in accordance with the provisions of this chapter offering financial compensation to clerks of the supreme, superior, family and district courts for furthering their education in the field of court administration or law enforcement.

"8-4.1-2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAN. — Any full time clerk of the supreme, superior, family or district court shall be eligible for the plan established by

this chapter provided he accumulates the requisite degree as set forth in section 8-4.1-3.

"8-4.1-3. INCENTIVE STEPS. — Advancement to each of the incentive salary steps shall be based on the following accomplishments in either administration of justice or law enforcement, or a baccalaureate degree acceptable for admission to a law school accredited by the council of legal education of the American bar association.

ncentive	Increase above	Degree
Steps	Basic salary	Required
1	10%	Associate Degree
. 2	16%:	. Baccalaureate Degre

"8-4.1-4. ELIGIBLE EDUCATION.—No credit shall be granted for any degree other than in the major concentration of court administration or law enforcement or a baccalaureate degree acceptable for admission to a law school accredited by the council of legal education of the American bar association and no credit shall be granted for degrees awarded prior to January 1, 1970.

"8-4.1-5. APPROPRIATION.—The state of Rhode Island shall bear the expense of incentive payments. The general assembly shall annually appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter; and the controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sum or so much thereof as may be required from time to time, upon receipt by him of duly authenticated vouchers."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS INTER-OFFICE MEMO

o : Judicial Employees

DATE: July 2, 1976

DEPT

FROM : Office of Court Administrator

DEPT

SUBJECT: Incentive Pay Plan for Court Clerks S-2759A

The recent session of the General Assembly passed S-2759A setting up a new salary incentive program for court clerks. This office is charged with the responsibility of administering the program.

Those personnel employed in the court system that feel they come within the provisions of the act for the education increment should present either the original or a certified copy of their Associate or Baccalaureate. Degree that meets the requirements of the legislation. The Office of the State Court Administrator will then certify those eligible for the educational increment.

This office has received from the State Controller's Office an opinion that the educational increment is in lieu of the normal educational increment provided by the personnel rules of the State of Rhode Island.

The Office of the State Court Administrator will process the necessary papers for those meeting the requirements of the act to increase their base pay either 10 or 16 per cent depending upon their eligibility and they will receive the additional salary increment as part of their regular pay. The effective date will be the pay period beginning July 4. No papers will be processed untill the administrator's office has received the necessary evidence of applicability from each employee who feels that he is eligible for the educational increment under the act.

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ATTACHMENT B

5.06 LEAVE REGULATIONS 5.061 Annual Leave

> 5.0611 Every employee shall be entitled to at least two successive weeks of vacation at some time during each calendar year of service. Appointing authorities shall endeavor to assign vacation leave among their employees with justice and equity. Vacation leave shall be accrued and discharged in terms of hours according to the following formula:

5.06111 The accrual rate of .0577 hours for each hour of state service includes credit for the two vacation days added in lieu of two holidays.

5.06112 All full time employees whether on a standard 35 or 40 hour work week or on a non-standard work week and part time employees who work at least 16 hours per week or whose schedule requires the performance of service to the state for some part of each working day of the official work schedule to which the class is assigned shall accrue .0577 hours for each hour of service during the bi-weekly pay period, to a maximum of the assigned hours in the work week for the position in which the employee is working. 5.06113 Delete - included in 5.06112 5.06114 Delete - included in 5.06112

5.0612 Employees with 10 years of service shall accrue additional vacation leave credits in the following manner:

5.06121 Employees with such service who are on a standard 35 or 40 hour work week or employees on a non-standard work week; and part time employees who work at least 16 hours a week or who work a part of each working day of the official work schedule to which the class is assigned shall accrue .0654 hours for each hour of service during the bi-weekly pay period, to a maximum of the assigned hours in the work week for the position in which the employee is working.

5.06122 Employees with 20 years of service shall accrue additional vacation leave credits in the following manner: Employees with such service who are on a standard 35 or 40 hour work week or employees on a non-standard work week; and part time employees who work at least 16 hours a week or who work a part of each working day of the official work schedule to which the class is assigned shall accrue .0847 hours for each hour of service during the biweekly pay period, to a maximum of the assigned hours in the work week for the position in which the employee is working.

5.06123 The end of the calendar year shall be considered the last day of the last biweekly pay period occurring in the year. RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT
MANUAL OF COURT OPERATIONS

I. Office Procedure Handbook

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Office Procedure

Introduction

As the central records processing center for all court-related documents, it is important that the clerk's office maintain accurate records and process them in an efficient manner. All personnel within the office must follow well-defined and uniform procedures to ensure that proper entries are made and records are immediately accessible. As the number of staff within a Superior Court Clerk's Office increases, detailed procedures become ever more important; in the larger countles, tasks are more specialized and handled by one person to ensure uniformity of procedure. Several persons therefore perform functions undertaken by one person in Newport or Washington Counties. Variations in procedures and the level of personnel performing them among the Superior Courts are inevitable; this handbook is intended as a guide to at least one proper and efficient procedure.

One of the most important functions of a clerk, however, is one for which a prescribed set of procedural steps is impossible--that is, dealing

with the public. Litigants, attorneys, judges, the media and the general public all look to the Clerk as an important resource of information. The Clerk's office therefore plays an important role in the formation of public opinion as to the court system. Timely and friendly response to requests for assistance promotes a positive view of the public toward the courts. Even unusual requests and demands can be handled tactfully. A word of caution is necessary: responses should be limited to information (e.g., as to which form is required, or what a rule states) and must not be construed as legal advice. Particular care is necessary in dealing with pro se litigants and newly admitted attorneys. When questions arise as to the propriety of response by a clerk, suggest that the individual consult a judge. Another caveat is never to argue with individuals who insist that they are correct; for example, one who wishes to file an answer after default judgment has been entered or to file an appeal after expiration of time has the right to do so. The judge will decide the issue. The ease with which a clerk responds to requests will increase with experience.

¹Cross-references to other handbooks are included for areas which may be handled by another person, such as a courtroom clerk or bookkeeper, in another county.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

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Office Procedure Counterwork

DESCRIPTION FORM	NO. STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Opening (lail		Opening the mail can be a time-consuming activity, particularly in courts of high volume. It is important to open mail as early as possible before other court work intervenes. a. Screen mail quickly; make certain documents have been filed in proper court. If wrong county: return to attorney. b. Hole-punch papers for case file. c. file-mark all papers. d. Separate papers into categories Motions New Cases Miscellaneous Petitions/Probate Appeals Civil action filings Criminal Appeals e. Set aside all documents requiring closer attention, e.g., new cases, orders requiring signatures, case numbers missing, money received, requests for information, copies, etc. f. Separate civil papers by year and place in case number order; pull case files. g. Place case files in proper bin for further case processing. h. Work with documents set aside (step e above); see below for further instructions.	Each of these categories is treated separately in following sections.

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Money deposited with the Court RCP 3 RCP 3 Counter for: Civil action filing fees (\$10.) Executions to issue (\$5.) Appeal to Supreme Court filing fees (\$70.) Certified/Exemplified Copies (\$.50/page/\$9. flat fee + \$1/page). Photocopies (\$.50/page). A document which requires a filing fee is not considered filed unless accompanied by the proper such as an a fee. Inform attorney that no action can take place until money has been paid. Issue receipt Some clerks offices have a receipt machine which contains an original and two copies of preceipt is always.	COMMENTS
sidered filed unless accompanied by the proper fee. Inform attorney that no action can take place until money has been paid. Some clerks offices have a receipt machine which contains an original and two copies of prenumbered receipts. A receipt is completed for any money received by the court. a. Prepare receipt, entering: cash, check, money order (/), attorney's name (or payee), name of case; case number, amount paid, signature. b. Give original to payee.	Collection of Fines and Costs." ers are covered in detail below
which contains an original and two copies of pre- numbered receipts. A receipt is completed for any money received by the court. a. Prepare receipt, entering:	rs which do not initiate a case answer or motion, may be file returned to the attorney.
cash, check, money order (/), attorney's name (or payee), name of case; case number, amount paid, signature. b. Give original to payee.	on and Newport Counties, a re- ways completed for cash bail; nly on request.
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c. Attach cash/check to copy of receipt.	
d. Make additional notations: Civil action: enter receipt number in left- hand margin of complaint <u>and</u> case file label.	

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Receipts, cont'd.				Notice of Appeal: enter receipt number on notice.	
				Execution: Add to list of executions or- dered.	In Providence, the courtroom clerk is responsible for making out executions; clerk typists make docket entry "date,
				e. Retain cash/check and receipt in cash drawer to be picked up and recorded by hookkeeper.	execution issued."
				 f. At end of day, remove receipt copies from machine; staple and retain in chronological file by month. 	
				g. Make certain all money is locked in secure place when office is closed.	-
Voiding receipt				 a. If receipt is in error, mark "Void" on all three copies; briefly explain why voided, and staple together. 	·
				b. Place in chronological file.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PHOCEDURE	COMMENTS
Case File Withdrawn from Office				Only the judge, courtroom clerk and court steno- grapher should have any reason to withdraw case files from the office. Attorneys are welcome to review case files at the counter, but may not remove them from the office. a. Prepare "Out" folder, entering case number and title, date file borrowed; have borrower sign.	In Newport, a sign-out book is maintained.
				 b. Prepare empty case folder with same case num- ber; place "Out" folder and "dummy" case file in case number order. 	
				c. Upon return of case file, cross off name on "Out" folder and remove dummy folder.	
Requests for Assistance 1. Motorial Certificates	Ex. 2	S-168	R16LA 42-30-14	a. Check list of notaries public from Secretary of State to make certain person's name appears.	
	! ! !		·	b. Collect \$1.00 fee; issue receipt on request.	,
				 c. Complete form; enter your signature in two places. 	
			1	d. Staple to document with notary's signature.	
				e. Affix seal to certificate and to document.	
2. Deputy Sheriff Certificates	Ex. 3			This form must accompany deputy sheriffs who are sent out of state to execute duties.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				a. Collect \$1.00 fee; issue receipt on request.	
				b. Complete form, entering your signature in two places.	
				c. Affix court seal to certificate.	
 Search of Records For action against 	Ex. 4			a. Check index card files, and docket index for name of party.	
specified party				b. If no action taken or pending against party, complete Certificate as to Search of Records. Enter date, name of party(ies).	-
				c. Affix seal of court and enter your signature (Deputy or Clerk).	·
6 years no action (release of attach- ment)	Ex. 5			This certificate is necessary for the requestor to bring to the Town (City) Hall for release of attachment on property.	
				a. Check index card file by names of parties for case number.	
				b. Pull docket sheet and case file to determine whether no action has occurred for more than six years to present date.	
				c. If no action, complete certificate and issue to requestor.	Practice in Providence is to accompany certificate with certified copy of judgment and docket sheet as back-up.
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Office Procedure Counterwork

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROGEDURE	COMMENTS
4. Request for Records				the Records Center, 4th floor, Supreme Court Building or at the Veteran's Memorial Building at 83 Park St. All records prior to flat filing are	Inactive cases may from time to time be transferred to the Records Center (RP 3.6), their staff will come once a year to a court, upon notification that storage space is lacking at the court. Staff of the Records Center will package the files. Flat filing was instituted Jan. 1, 1966 (RP 3.7).
•				a. Request case number and case name.	This is procedure in Newport.
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				c. Call appropriate Records Center to request record.	 at Supreme Court (401) 277-3249 at Veteran's Memorial (401) 277-2283
				d. Upon receipt, notify requestor or send papers and enter date on list.	
				e. Return case file to Records Center.	
			 		
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Case numbers missing			a. Check alphabetical index card by names of parties and enter number on document. b. If case has not been entered in the court, return document to attorney.	An answer may be filed in court prior to the filing of a civil action complaint. Do not hold on to paper; file-mark and return.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Change of Venue Ordered</u>				A case may be ordered to be transferred to be wholly tried in another division of the Superior Court. When the entire case has been transferred, that case becomes part of the other county's record and is assigned a new number.	See RIGLA 9-4-2(-6) concerning venue.
				 a. Enter order for change of venue on docket/ face/sheets. 	E.g., Jones, J. Order entered: Request for change of venue 78-1 to Kent County is granted.
				 b. Gather together case file, docket sheet, depo- sitions, exhibits. 	
				c. Enter on docket face sheet: date and centents of transfer of case to (name Court); make similar entry to index card.	E.g., 1-9-78 transferred to Kent County as ordered.
.				d. Make copy of order for change of venue and docket sheet and retain in case file.	In Newport, a list of change of venue/trans- ferred cases is maintained, listing: Date, case number, case title, court to which sent.
Case Transferred for Hearing				Cases which are transferred <u>for hearing only</u> re- tain the original case file number of the county in which the case was filed,	When a case is returned, it is then crossed off the list.
				a. Prepare "dummy" case folder and place in case number order in pending file.	
				 b. Maintain a list of case files sent out for hearing: date sent, date of hearing, court in receipt of file. 	A "tickler" system of index cards by County Superior Court is very helpful.
				c. Follow-up if case file is not returned promptly.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE ON RULE	PAOCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Depositions</u> Transcripts				Upon receipt of deposition from court steno- grapher: a. File-mark, b. Pull case file and docket page. c. Enter on docket/face sheets: date, "deposition of (name) received." d. File deposition in storage area in case- number order. e. Return case file. Upon receipt of transcript from attorney: a. File-mark, b. Pull case file and docket page. c. Enter on docket/face sheets: date, "transcript filed." d. See procedure below, "Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court."	Enter a document page number (the number which denotes its placement in the case folder) in the column at left on the docket sheet only if the deposition is to remain in the case file. If no number appears it is assumed that the deposition is filed in the case-number ordered deposition file in the storage area.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Certified Copy				Upon request for certified copy: a. Collect and record fee. b. Photocopy requested document if copy is to be certified is not presented. c. Stamp "A true CopyAttest" on document. d. Obtain signature of CLERK. e. Affix seal of court. f. Give to requestor.	The present fee is \$.50 per page if individual presents copy to be certified; \$1.00 per page if copy is made in the Clerk's Office.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Exemplified Copy				The most common reason for requesting an exemplified copy is for collection on an execution from a defendant who is outside the state of Rhode Island. Any papers which are to be sent out of state must be exemplified to be official. a. Collect and record fee. b. Make photocopy of: Judgment Docket sheet and any other papers requested. c. Stamp on bottom of each copy:	Flat fee \$9.00 Each copy\$1.00
	Ex. 6 Ex. 7	S-183 S-185		"A True Copy, Attest" Have CLERK sign. d. Prepare forms "Clerk's Statement and Judge's Statement" for signature of Presiding Justice and Superior Court Clerk. Obtain signatures. e. Affix seal of court on each page. f. Arrange papers in order with Judge's statement on top, followed by Clerk's statement, then documents. Bind papers to backing with eyelets, run ribbon through eyelets, bringing ribbon end down left side. Affix gold seal on ribbons and imprint with state seal.	
				g. Give to requestor. I.11	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
New cases				The filing fee for the entry of a civil action must be paid for the case to be processed. a. Determine whether the complaint is a: civil action miscellaneous petition probate appeal. b. Assign the appropriate case number.	Clerks should inform party that \$10 fee should be paid, but cannot refuse to file the document if fee is not paid. See "Civil Action Document." See individual sections below. New case folders should be prepared ahead of time and placed in numerical sequence so that the next empty folder indicates immediately the next case number to be assigned.
ž.				c. Complete receipt. Enter receipt number in left margin of complaint. d. Place document in pre-numbered case file and place in appropriate bin for new case processing.	See "Money deposited with Court." See next page.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
New Case File Preparation				In a court of high volume it is especially important to prepare new case file folders ahead of time in anticipation of new cases to be entered each day. If this is done, a case file number can be assigned immediately and the case file number entered on the receipt for the entry filing fee. a. Stamp empty case file folder with the case number. The case file number consists of the last two digits of the year (e.g., 1978-78-) and the next consecutive number following the last case filed. e.g., 78-132. b. Stamp the following with the same case number and place inside case file folder: Notice to Attorney postcard, Filecards - Form S-178 (1, 1A), Docket Sheet, Face Sheet Blank case title label.	In Providence this is the task of the receptionist.
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DESCRIPTION	ГОЯМ	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Entry of New Case	Ex. 8	S-135		The civil records section receives the prepared case file and first documents received in the case (for civil action, usually the complaint and/or summons).	
				a. Prepare label for outside of case file, entering: Name of case, Receipt number (from left margin of com- plaint.	
				 Fill in postcard notifying of case file number and mail to <u>plaintiff's</u> attorney (take address from complaint). 	
				c. Complete index file cards: Plaintiff index: <u>Plaintiff</u> v. <u>Defendant</u> (S-178 1) case file number.	
				Defendant index: <u>Defendant</u> v. <u>Plaintiff</u> (S-178 IA) case file number.	
				file in alphabetical order in proper index. d. Enter headings on docket/face sheets, placing a carbon between them and using face sheet as original: Name of case,	In Newport the address and phone number of the attorneys are also entered on the docket sheet for reference.
				Attorney names. e. Make first entry on face/docket sheets: (your initials), document page number "l", date, "complaint filed." 1.14	As documents are placed in the case folder, each is assigned the next sequential number to indicate its location in the folder. (Referred to here as the document page number.) 5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Entry of New Case, cont'd.				f. Proofread and enter (/) at top of face sheet and case file label to indicate entries are correct.	
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<u>Civil Action Document</u> <u>Reference List</u>

Upon receipt, FILE-MARK all documents!

Complaint (or Summons* and Complaint)--*See Exhibit 8
Entry fee \$10 (RIGLA 9-29-18, 9-4-7; RCP 3)
Jurisdiction of Superior Court \$5000 or more
To be filed in county court shown on Summons
If summons filed first, complaint to follow within 10 days
of date of service on Summons; if not timely, however,
accept and file-mark.
Enter date of service on summons in docket (for later
reference in case of default).

Counterclaims/Answers/Other Pleadings
File-mark
Docket entry
If no case number, check index;
if complaint not yet filed, file-mark document;
return to party

Application for Default/Default Judgment See "Default Judgment"

Motions, see "Motions."

Judgment, see "Entry of Judgment"

Judgment forms completed by courtroom clerk

Debt on Judgment

Complaint & Summons (previous case), Writ of Attachment filed A debt on judgment case is one in which, in a case previously before this or any other court, a judgment was obtained and an execution was returned unsatisfied. No hearing is necessary on the writ of attachment.

Process as for new case.

Writ of Replevin Civil Action number assigned \$10 Entry fee

Executions
See "Executions"

Orders - See RCP 77(f)

A clerk may sign orders submitted as result of motion calendar if:
order states copy sent to other parties
only 1 order filed; agrees with docket entry
no objection filed within 4 days from filing date
then; enter signature to enter Order.

Special Attention Civil Action Cases

- 1. Writ of Mandamus: now CA complaint
- 2. Partition: CA complaint
 Enter Order of Notice:*
 once/week for 2 successive weeks
- 3. Petition to Remove Cloud of Title:

 CA complaint
 Enter Order of Notice*
 once/week for 2 successive weeks
 Return day: 20 days from second appearance of ad
- 4. Zoning: now CA complaint

^{*} See "Publication by Newspaper."

Civil Action/Miscellaneous Petition

Reference List

There is no magic way to determine whether an action filed by a party is to be a civil action or a miscellaneous petition. An attorney's indication of a C.A. number may not always be accurate. The list which follows, based on actual cases entered at Providence/Bristol, is intended only as a guide. An experienced clerk will be the best source for new clerks.

Civil Action

All former equity matters Writ of Mandamus Partition Cloud on title Zoning

Miscellaneous Petitions Condemnation To compel arbritration To confirm compromise Receiverships Dissolution of corporations Writ of Habeas Corpus (criminal) Mechanics Lien To end partnership For extended investment powers Forfeiture and sale of motor vehicle Writ of Ne Exeat Disposal of Property To appoint trustee Forfeiture of charter/appeal Foreclosure/tax liens N.B. the \$25 deposit once required to be filed with Clerk to cover cost of proceedings has been waived.

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Miscellaneous Petitions					
Case Processing				a. Assign next consecutive miscellaneous petition number MP (number)	Notice of M.P. # is not sent.
				b. Prepare case file.	
				c. Prepare index cards, as for C.A. case.	On receiverships, prepare additional card by last name of corporation in receivership.
				d. Enter in Miscellaneous Petition docket: all documents filed and issued (except motions).	
*				Examples of types of Miscellaneous Petitions and steps required by clerk follow.	See also "Publication by Newspaper" and "Citation," below.
Arbitration			}	a. Assign MP number.	
				b. File; entries to Miscellaneous Petition Docket.	,
Dissolution of Non-Business Corporation	-			a. Assign MP number.	•
corporation		İ		b. File and docket.	
				c. Enter order of notice for one publication in newspaper showing return date for hearing.	
				d. Certify as to date of appearance of ad.	
				e. Notify Secretary of State as to dissolution.	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Forfeiture of Charter and Appeal From			RIGLA 7-6-16, 17	Papers filed must be signed by Attorney General. a. Assign MP number.	
				b. File; docket.	
				c. Prepare final decree at direction of court.	
				d. Send attested copy of final decree to Secretary of State.	
Habeas Corpus, Writ of			[[a. Assign MP number.	See "Fugitive from Justice."
				b. File; docket.	
				c. Issue writ to sheriff for service.	
Mechanics' Lien			RIGLA 34-28-14	a. Assign MP number.	
			34-20-14	b. File; docket.	
				c. <u>Forthwith</u> , publicize once/week for 3 successive weeks in town where property located.	
,			34-28-15 RCP 4g	d. <u>Forthwith</u> , issue Citation to each person named in petition.	
				e. Issue to sheriff for service.	
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Receiverships				a. Assign MP number.	
				b. File; docket.	
				c. Issue Citation.	
				d. Enter Order of Notice, setting return day not more than 21 days from commencement of action.	·
				e. Readvertise upon decree appointing permanent receiver.	
Tax Liens, Foreclosure of			RIGLA 44-9-25	a. Assign MP number.	
				b. File; docket.	
				c. Enter Order of Notice, 3 successive weeks.	
Condemnation				On proceedings re: redevelopment, 2 copies of Order of Notice are filed.	
				On those concerning the Director of Public Works, 3 copies of the Petition/Order of Notice are filed.	
			ĺ	a. Assign MP number.	
				b. Stamp all copies of above "true copy attest."	
				c. Return copies to attorney.	
				d. Make publication as required. 1.21	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Condemnation, cont'd.				e. If deposit made, make certain of proper name of project before transferring to bookkeeper.	
Citations	Ex. 9			A Citation summons an individual to appear before the court at a specified time. It must be issued in certain M.P. cases, such as in receivership, mechanics' liens and tax liens. It can issue only upon signature of the judge on the Order or Application.	
				a. Check for judge's signature.	
				b. Prepare citation; enter signature of clerk.	·
				c. Transmit to attorney for service.	-
				d. Enter in docket date of issuance; later, enter return of service date.	
Publication by Newspaper				A signed Order of Notice is a prerequisite to publication of the Order in a newspaper. The order specifies when and how often the advertisement is to appear. It is helpful to maintain a list of all newspapers in the county for quick reference. When there is a newspaper in the town in which the respondent resides, publication should be made in that paper; if not, publication must be made in the same county in which the action has been brought. The order often states in which paper publication	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Publication by Newspaper, cont'd.				 Refer to Order of Notice to determine when and where publication is to be made. 	
				b. Make copy of Order; note on order "Copy mailed to <u>(newspaper)</u> date."	
				c. Send copy of Order and letter indicating dates to be published and to whom bill is to be sent (attorney). Be sure to allow sufficient time for newspaper to receive ad (four to five days after filing).	Ask attorney whether galley sheets are required, and how many.
				d. After publication, get copy of ad and certify as to its publication on the specified dates; file in case file.	A larger newspaper with which the court often deals may be willing to send copies of the ad directly to the court so that the clerk need not buy the paper and cut out each ad.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Probate Appeals Case Processing				a. Assign next consecutive probate appeal number: PA (<u>number</u>). b. Prepare case file and index cards as for civil action.	
				c. Make all entries in Probate Appeal docket.	-
Documents Filed			RIGI.A 33-23-1	Within 50 days after entry of order or decree in Probate Court, appellant to file: Copy of probate record Reasons of appeal	Beyond 50 days, appellant petitions Supreme Court for leave to file belated appeal. Similar cases may be consolidated under RIGLA 33-23-17.
				a. Issue citations to adversary parties who entered appearance in Probate Court.	Attorneys notify civil assignment office when case is ready for hearing.
			RIGLA 33-23-13	b. If discontinuance, send certificate or copy of decree to Probate Court.	
				r. If additional citations are requested, issue only if may be served not less than 14 days before return day.	
			33-23-19	d. Send copy of Final Decree to Probate Court.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Docket/Face Sheet Entries</u>			RCP 79	Maintaining a docket for all civil action cases is a statutory requirement; however, no written standards for content are provided as a guide. The docket should serve as a complete summary of the papers filed as required by law in the action and of all court activity and activity of counsel having a bearing on the case. Docket sheets are placed in a looseleaf binder; the face sheet, which contains duplicate information, remains with the case file. Docket entries may be entered at various times during the day for: 1) filings of documents received through the mail and over the counter. 2) entries of judgments, orders. 3) court action on hearings. 4) court action on trials (generally entered	Clerical staff (clerk typists) type in the entries; in Providence, initials are placed beside the entry made in case questions later arise. Docket entries on court action are prepared by courtroom clerks and typed by clerical staff. Docket entries should be typed; the face sheet should be the original and the docket sheet the carbon copy. As an original, the face sheet will be more easily read by the judge.
General	¥			at conclusion of trial). N.B.: Always check case name and number before making entries to make certain proper case file has been pulled.	es)
	Ex. 10			 a. Complete heading information for each page enter page number at top right. b. Number each document as it is received to indicate its order in the case file; enter this number in column (no.) at left. 	Headings should reflect change in counsel if original counsel has withdrawn. A deposition or exhibit is <u>not</u> given a number unless it is included in case file. This speeds access to certain documents by judges and clerks.
				c. Inter your initials at left in "No." column whenever you make an entry.	Not a requirement in Newport.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				d. Ask questions of a counter or courtroom clerk if you are uncertain of the proper entry.	
Documents Filed/Issued				All documents filed with the court which become part of the case file should be entered in the docket by:	Exceptions: cover letters need not be kept; papers filed without entry fee. (e.g., complaint must be accompanied by \$10 and Notice of appeal by \$70
				date filed (date of file mark), type of document, e.g., complaint, summons, If answer, or motion (e.g., motion to dismiss) indicate whether filed by plaintiff or defendant and name if there are multiple plaintiffs (defendants).	fee in order to be entered in docket); motions which are entered under rule of Court.
	Ex. 11			. Proof of service, date served. . Any document issued by the court, such as citation or bench warrant.	
				. If affidavit, indicate who filed and as to whom.	·.
Orders, Stipulations, Judgments				Entries should include:	
ottagilletics				. Description of order, stipulation, judgment,	A short description assists the judge in making a quick review of the case.
	1.			. Name of judge presiding at session,	making a quick review of the case.
				. Date of hearing to which order refers,	·
				. For <u>judgments</u> only; judgment book and page number. 1,26	Not a requirement in Kent and Newport, since judgments are kept by year. 5/78

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	l	NO.	OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Court Action/Hearings				These entries are prepared by the courtroom clerks for the motion and formal/special cause calendars. The case file and entries are returned to the civil records section after the court session for docket entries to be made. Type these entries as given; if a question, ask courtroom clerk. In general, entries will list: case name, number, name of judge, what was heard, action of court, storage place of exhibits, depositions, courtroom clerk's signature.	!) specific samples of entries may be found in sections Courtroom Procedure."Formal/Special Cause" and "Motion Calendars."
Court Action/Trials				Courtroom clerks retain case file and docket entries until trial has been concluded. An entry should be made for each day that the case was heard. Type entries as given; ask courtroom clerk if you have questions. In general, entries will list: case name, number, dates trial begins, continues and concludes, name of judge, outcome of case, storage place of exhibits, transcripts, depositions, 1.27	5/78

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Court Action/Trials, cont'd.		1.		courtroom clerk's signature.	
cone d.				If a judgment, you must add: judgment book and page number.	See"Entry of Judgment."
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
M <u>otions</u> 1) Motion Calendar Matters				File-marked motions are first divided into two categories: 1) Motion Calendar 2) Formal/Jury Matters These motions may be either	In the smaller counties, motions are assigned to the monthly motion day. Formal/special cause matters will be heard on the Miscellaneous Calendar.
				entered under rule of court or added to motion calendar.	
Motions				 a. Separate into above two categories. 1) <u>Read</u> motion; the motion title does not always describe accurately. 2) Make sure it is a motion and not an order to be entered. 	See "Motion Calendar Reference List" for motions to be automatically placed on calendar A motion to compel answers to interrogatories and a motion for an order compelling answers to interrogatories are: "Entered under Rule of Court."
				ď	The words "if objection be filed" may be a

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Motions, cont'd.				 Make certain hearing day set out in motion is indeed a motion day. If <u>not</u>: return motion to attorney with form letter stating motion day schedule. 	
				c. Make certain that motion has been received six (6) days prior to the hearing date. If <u>not</u> : Note: "Filed too lateis not timely" and place in case file; take no further action.	
				d. Make certain case number appears at top of motion. If <u>not</u> : check index card file for proper number.	
"Entered under rule of Court" motions				a. Note at top of motion: "Entered under rule of court."	•
				b. Place all motions in case number order to be placed in case files.	No docket (face) sheet entries need be made. In Newport, a docket entry is made; no nota- tation is made on the motion itself.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Automatically on Calendar Motions				 a. Place in order by hearing date requested. b. Place on "Motion Calendar," entering: case number, parties, attorney names if known. 	
Motions to Dismiss				c. Place check mark at top of motion to show entry to calendar has been made. This is the only motion in this group which requires that a docket (face) sheet entry be made. Keep these in a separate pile so that case file can be pulled and entry made.	•
Multiple-Case Motions				Occasionally an attorney will file one document which contains a list of cases for which the same motion is requested. One copy of the motion is required for each case number listed.	·
				a. If copies not included, make one copy for each case number.	Remind attorney, where possible, to include duplicate copies.,
		ĺ		b. Circle one case number on each copy.	
				c. Follow procedure above, according to place- ment on calendar or entry under rule of court.	
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2) Formal/Jury Matters Continuous - Jury	Ex. 12	\$-193		These motions are separated into the following categories: 1) Continuous - jury (none in Newport) 2) Continuous - non-jury (none in Newport) 3) Formal/special cause (Providence only) 4) Woonsocket (Providence only). Read motion to see which type of hearing of those above has been requested. These motions are usually presented on an Chmibus Assignment form which contains boxes to be checked for the type of hearing. Only the white original copy of the form is retained (yellow may be discarded). a. Note "Entered under rule of Court" at top of motion. b. Locate last page of "Continuous - Jury" Calendar. c. Place on calendar: case number, case name, attorney names.	This procedure for Providence. See Calendaring/Statistical Reporting Handbook. Use of continuous calendars varies among the counties. See "Woonsocket Calendar." In Newport, no continuous calendars (jury or non-jury) are maintained, however, the cases to be added are separated at this point into jury and non-jury matters to be later added to the jury and miscellaneous calendars. Phonumbers may also be included for reference (Newport).
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				d. Place page number of calendar entry at top of motion.	This will be used for reference if an objection to the motion is later filed.
				e. Place papers in stack to be returned to case file.	
Continuous - Non-Jury				See procedure above for Continuous - Jury. Make entries to "Continuous - Non-Jury Calendar."	
Formal/Special Cause				When this category is checked off, a judge's signature and a date for hearing must appear on the form. If not: return form to attorney. Motions to Attach are included in this category. See below.	
				a. Make certain date for hearing is a court day.	
				b. Place motions in order by hearing date.	
				c. Place on Formal/Special Cause Calendar," en- tering case number, case name, attorney names.	
				d. Place check mark (/) at top of motion to show entry to calendar has been made.	
				e. Place all other motions in pile to be returned to case file.	
Motions to Attach				This motion requires that docket (face) sheet en- tries be made. Retain in separate pile so that case files are pulled and the proper entry made.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Woonsocket Calendar				Sessions are held here during only two months of the year (e.g., in 1978, March and October). a. Make sure date requested is a court date. b. Add to "Woonsocket Calendar (case number, case name, attorney names). c. Place check mark at top of motion to show entry to calendar has been made.	
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Motion Calendar Reference List

Set down automatically on motion calendar:

Motions to: Dismiss*

Produce Strike Quash

Substitute (party/parties)

Default

Protective Order Entry of Judgment Summary Judgment**

Withdraw (Attorney to Withdraw)

Vacate or Intervene

Time: Must be filed six (6) days prior to

time specified for hearing.

* Motion to Dismiss - requires case file to be pulled for docket (face) sheet entry

** Motion for Summary Judgment: must be filed ten (10) days prior to hearing date.

Objections: An objection to any motion must be filed three (3) days prior to hearing date.

N.B. A Motion to Attach is assigned to the Formal/Special Cause Calendar.

Motions entered under Rule of Court, unless objection $\frac{\text{filed}}{\text{filed}}$ (R C P 7(b))

Motions to: Assign (continuous jury and non-jury)

Consolidate

Enlarge time (R. 6(b)(2))

Leave to serve third-party complaints (R. 1

Amend pleadings (R. 15)

Order physical or mental examination (R. 35

Compel more responsive answers to interrogatories (R. 37(a))

Compel answers to interrogatories (R. 37(a)

Time: Must be filed six (6) days prior to time specified for hearing.

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Objections to Motions .				example, be an objection to an affidavit which requires a docket entry rather than a motion calendar entry.) c. Determine motion in fi'e to which objection corresponds to access hearing date and determine whether motion has been set for hearing. If motion is not in file add objection to hearing calendar (see below).	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
"Entered Under Rule of Court" Motions				e. Make certain date requested is a motion day. If <u>mot</u> , return to attorney. If a timely objection has been received, the case must be added to the motion calendar. a. Use block-out stamp to obliterate "Entered under rule of Court" stamp.	
Motions already entered on				b. Add to motion calendar for date indicated on original motion. When a page number appears at the top of the motion, locate that page in the appropriate calendar (continuous-jury/non-jury). a. Locate case number on page. b. Line-out; write "objection filed, date." c. Make new entry to motion calendar. When a check-mark appears at the top of the motion	
				it indicates that the case has already been added to the motion calendar. Place a check-mark on the objection and place it in the case file.	

A defendant who fails to answer within 20 days of service of the civil action complaint may be defaulted for not answering upon application by the plaintiff's attorney and upon certain other filings and conditions. A clerk or designee can enter default if the conditions below are met: Upon receipt of application for entry of default and affidavit: a. File-mark documents and pull case file. b. Has defendant filed an answer? If so: stop: no fruther action may be taken. No? Continue below. If there are multiple defendants who has not answered. Ex. 11 S-135 Ex. 13 S-135 C. Is there proof of service in the file? Have 20 full days elapsed since service? If yes to both: continue. d. Have documents been notarized? Does atturney's signature (not typed name) appear? If the above requirements are fulfilled, the Clerk may now enter default; however, additional review of the claim is necessary before the clerk may one enter default; however, additional review of the claim is necessary before the clerk may one enter default judgment, "See Default Judgment," below. 1,38	DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
for entry of Judgment and affidavit: a. File-mark documents and pull case file. b. Has defendant filed an answer? If so: stop; no further action may be taken. No? Continue below. If there a multiple defendants, default may be entered only against defendant who has not answered. c. Is there proof of service in the file? Have 20 full days elapsed since service? If yes to both: continue. d. Have documents been notarized? Does attorney's signature (not typed name) appear? If the above requirements are fulfilled, the Clerk may now enter default; however, additional review of the claim is necessary before the clerk may enter a default judgment. 1.38 S-135 Ex. 11 S-135 Ex. 12 S-135 C. Is there proof of service in the file? Have 20 full days elapsed since service? If the above requirements are fulfilled, the Clerk may now enter default; however, additional review of the claim is necessary before the clerk may enter a default judgment. "See Default Judgment," below.	<u>Default Judgments</u>				service of the civil action complaint may be defaulted for not answering upon application by the plaintiff's attorney and upon certain other filings and conditions. A clerk or designee	
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Clerk may now enter <u>default;</u> however, additional review of the claim is necessary before the clerk may enter a default <u>judgment</u> . 1.38					Does attorney's <u>signature</u> (not typed name)	
	Entry of Default				Clerk may now enter <u>default</u> ; however, additional review of the claim is necessary before the clerk may enter a default <u>judgment</u> .	"See Default Judgment," below.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Entry of Default, cont'd.				a. Sign on appropriate place on form to enter default. b. Insert case papers in file and transfer to civil records for docket entry.	
				c. Enter on docket (face sheet "Default entered by clerk as to <u>name defendant</u>)."	
Default Judgment	Ex. 14	S-202		The application for entry of <u>default</u> and that for entry of <u>default judgment</u> must appear on two separate pages.	
Judgment by Default upon Application to Clerk				a. File-mark all documents and examine: . Has the plaintiff filed an affidavit set- ting forth that defendant is not a minor, or incompetent, nor in military service? If yes: Continue.	
				 Is the amount of claim a sum certain? and is it the same or lesser amount (exclusive of interest) as set out in the complaint? 	
				A sum certain is an amount which can be verified by computationi.e., no attorney fees or damages for pain and suffering may be incoded.	·
				If amount is <u>not</u> for a sum certain: contact attorney; inform him to set case on Formal/Special Cause Calendar to prove damages. In this case, the clerk can enter	5/78
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Entry of Default Judgment				 default as to the defendant, but default judgment must be entered by the court. If for a sum certain: continue below: b. Enter your signature in appropriate place on form. c. Insert all papers in case file and transfer to civil records for docket/face entry. 	
Answer filed by defendant a <u>fter</u> Default Judgment				 d. Enter copy of default judgment in judgment book, See "Entry of Judgment." e. Enter on docket/face sheet: Default judgment entered by (clerk) for the (plaintiff) in the amount of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ plus (interest) plus \$\frac{1}{2}\$ (costs). Book No., page . a. File-mark and enter on docket/face sheets "Answer filed out of time." b. Notify the plaintfiff's attorney that an answer has been filed out of time. c. Notify defendant's attorney that he must make proper motions to remove default judgment 	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Entry of Judgment	Ex. 14	S-202		A copy of any judgment, i.e., a judgment on verdict, on decision, by default, etc. must be entend in a book kept for that purpose. The book serves as a quick reference to the judgment when the case file is not immediately available. The judgment book is actually a ring binder in which are entered one hundred judgments. Each binder is assigned a book number and each judgment receives a page number which is the next consecutive number, assigned in the order in which judgment is entered. a. Determine book and page number in which copy of judgment is to be entered. b. Enter book and page number on judgment. c. Photocopy the judgment. d. Insert copy in judgment book; return original to case file. e. Make entry to docket/face sheet, including Name of judge, Judgment entered (state judgment), Book #, page.	A stipulation or agreement is <u>no</u> t a judgment and
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE on RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court				The Notice of Appeal from judgment or decision of the Superior Court must be filed within 20 days after the date of entry of judgment. If the 20th day falls on a Sunday, the allowable time is extended to Monday. No action may proceed on the Notice of Appeal unless it is accompanied by the \$70 fee. If the appellant claims to have insufficient funds to pay the fee, inform individual that he must confer with the judge for leave to file the notice of appeal without payment.	If the Notice is not timely, of if fee does not accompany Notice, contact attorney and inform of proper procedure. (A courtesy only)
Notice	Ex. 15			Upon receipt of timely Notice of Appeal and fee (or authorization not to pay): a. File-mark Notice; prepare receipt, give original to appellant. b. Enter receipt number on Notice. c. Screen Notice for proper completion. Is a transcript needed? If no mention of transcript, check with attorney. Attorneys are responsible for ordering transcript and for prepayment of estimated 1.42	The official Notice of Appeal form has a box to check for whether a transcript is needed; attorneys using a different form may forget to mention the transcript, which must be ordered within 10 days from the notice.

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Notice, cont'd.				cost, paid through the office of the Superior Court Administrator. The attorney brings the transcript to the court upon its completion.	
				 d. Mail copy of Notice to each attorney of record. 	
				e. Enter in docket: date Notice filed "Notice of Appeal filed by <u>plaintiff</u> (defendant) and copy of notice mailed to (Transcript ordered.)"	
				f. If transcript is not needed, <u>or</u> when transcript has been filed with Court: Gather together all case papers, including depositions, exhibits and transcripts for transfer to Supreme Court.	
				g. Enter on docket/face sheets: date certified to Supreme Court"All papers, including transcripts and exhibits transmitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court."	
Supreme Court returns case				The Supreme Court will return the entire case as well as a copy of the Supreme Court Opinion.	
				a. File-mark opinion.	
				 Enter on docket/face sheets: 'Uate, case, file transcript and exhibits received from the Clerk of the Supreme Court. In accordance with an opinion filed in the Supreme Court 	
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Supreme Court, cont'd.				by Mr. Justice	The Superior Court opinion is confidential until attorneys have been notified.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Executions Requested			9-25-5	a. Upon request for execution, collect \$5.00 fee and prepare receipt, giving original to requestor.	The clerk might save the requestor and the office time by asking at this point whether at least 20 days have elapsed from entry of judgment and whether Notice of Appeal has been filed.
				b. Enter on List of Executions Ordered: docket number name of case requestor's name (and address, if to be sent) receipt number	
Prepared			RCP 69 RIGLA 9-25-3 RIGLA 9-25-4	Before an execution may issue, the following conditions must hold: • Judgment has been entered for at least 20 days and no longer than 6 years • No Notice to Appeal has been filed • No other motions to stay appeal or execution have been filed.	In Providence, a courtroom clerk prepares the Execution. A clerk should check that it is proper for execution to issue before instructing clerk-typist to type form. If Execution requested on Promissory note, copy of promissory note must be on file before execution may issue.
	Ex. 16	S -171	RIGLA 9-25-4 RIGLA 9-25-14	a. Complete execution form, striking non-applicable items and adding claim interest accrual if applicable and cost amount. Include: date of rendering of judgment return day (6 months from date of issuance, to be court day) name of attorney court seal clerk signature	If execution against trustee or trust estate, see RIGLA 9-25-12.
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Prepared, cont'd.				b. Transmit to requestor.	Attach copy of Promissory note to Execution and return to requestor.
				c. Enter "date, execution issued," in docket.	
				d. Cross off entry on execution ordered list.	
Returned				a. File-mark.	
				 Enter in docket "execution returned (wholly) satisfied (unsatisfied)" 	If unsatisfied, Supplementary Proceedings may follow. See below.
				c. Place in case file.	
Additional Executions			RIGLA . 9-25-20	The original Execution expires after 6 months. If not served within that time, the requestor may, upon return of the original execution and payment of \$5.00, receive an "Alias" Execution. Upon expiration of the "Alias," a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., "Pluries" execution may be issued.	If the original has been lost, attorney's affidavit approved by the judge must be filed in order for execution to issue.
				a. Add to list of executions ordered, as above, collecting fee.	
				b. Complete new execution form, changing date of issuance, and indicate "Alias" (or Pluries) at top.	
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Additional Executions, cont'd.				c. Issue to requestor. d. Make docket entry; place original expired execution in case file.	
Supplementary Proceedings				An unsatisfied execution must be returned before an application for a citation in supplementary proceedings will be approved.	
Application for Citation in Supplementary Proceedings	Ex. 17	S-174	RIGLA 9-28-3	This form must have been filed and signed by judge before citation may issue.	This is a Formal/Special Cause matter.
Citation in Supplementary Proceedings	Ex. 18	S-175		a. Upon receipt of properly signed application <u>and</u> payment of fee: prepare citation, taking information directly from application.	Present fee is \$1.00, If citation is to be served on a corporation, a specified officer of service must be named.
				b. Issue original to requestor.	
Writ of Body Attachment	Ex. 19	S-176	9-17-7	c. Note date of service on citation in docket. If the defendant fails to appear on the return day named in the citation, the court may request the clerk to prepare a Writ of Body Attachment. a. Prepare form.	
			1 	b. Affix court seal; enter clerk's signature.	•
				c. Give original to attorney.	5/70
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Writ of Body Attachment, cont'd.				d. Place return of service in case file (on original attachment, returned by sheriff when defendant brought to court).	
Order to Show Cause Citation	Ex. 20		RIGLA 9-28-6	a. At direction of court, prepare Citation (no charge).	
				b. Affix court seal; enter clerk's signature.	
				c. Give original to attorney.	,
•				d. File return of service.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Entry of Case Indictment (red folder)				The information and indictment packages are received from criminal scheduling in case number order along with the pink copies of the Notice of	This number was given to the Attorney General earoers by the Clerk's Office.
Information (green folder				Arraignment. a. Stamp each folder and index card with case number.	
				b. Stamp "information filed" or "indictment filed" on face sheet and docket sheet along with dole.	
				c. For indictment cases, on inside of case folder enter amount of court costs to be charged.	The Court costs are divided equally among all defendants mentioned in indictment or information.
				d. Enter arraignment date on face sheet.	,
				e. Complete index card, entering: 1) defendant's name 2) charge(s) listed for defendant.	
			·	f. Place index cards in alphabetical pending file	,
				g. Type labels for case file folder, entering: title of case.	
				h. Place face shee, in case folder and docket sheet in docket book.	
				i. Place case file folder in numerical sequence.	
<u>Criminal appeals</u> (blue folder)				a. Assign case numbers upon filing of District Court misdemeanor complaint; stamp folders index card with case number. 1.49	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Criminal Appeals, cont'd				 b. Enter date of filing on face and docket sheets. c. Enter costs on inside of case folder. d. Prepare index card; place in pending file. e. Type label for case file folder. f. Make copies of complaint, and docket sheet and send to attorney general. g. Place case folder in numerical file. h. Make entry to calendar titled "serious misdemeanors." defendant's name case number charge(s) 	The costs are entered by District Court on the bottom of the misdemeanor complaint; if no entry appears, costs are assumed to be \$3.50.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Index Card File				Two index card files are maintained: pending and disposed. a. Enter on card: Defendant name. Indictment/information number. Charges and counts of indictment. b. Place in file alphabetically by defendant's last name. c. Enter date and disposition when case is disposed. d. Place in disposed file.	In Newport only one index card file is maintained, including both rending and closed cases.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Criminal Appeals (Traffic)				Appeals from District Court are forwarded to the Superior Court. When file is received the following procedure should be followed:	
				a. Stamp date of filing on face and docket sheets; enter heading information.	from District Court, stamp with Clerk's sig-
				b. Check for yellow summons. (Contact District Court if missing.)	nature and return card to District Court to certify receipt of file.
				c. Assign case number, and enter on folder (blue) and index card.	
				d. Prepare index card:	In Newport, when there are multiple defendants
				l. Defendant's name 2. Charge(s).	on the same case, a docket sheet is made up for each defendant, but kept in same case folder. Each docket sheet is assigned an alpha
				e. File index card in alphabetic pending file.	character to correspond to a particular defendant so that charges and court action on individuals
				f. Type label for case file folder.	are clear.
				9. Make copies of summons and docket sheet and forward to Attorney General	
	1 1			h. Place case folder in numerical file,	
				i. Make entry to calendar titled "Serious Mis- demeanors": (Log Bookj	,
				1. Defendant's name, 2. Case number, 3. Charge(s).	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Disposition (Guilty)				 a. Check back of summons for disposition: fill in if not already entered. b. Make entry to docket and face sheet. c. Make entry on index card and place card in disposed index card file. d. Complete abstract of case and (white copy) and forward to Registry of Motor Vehicles and Rureau of Violations. 	In Newport a certified copy of the judgment and the original summons serve as the abstract sent to Motor Vehicles. A certified copy of
Sentenced to Criving School		No.		 a. Complete the above steps a - d. b. Check order of court for judge and clerk's signature. c. Place order in case file folder. 	the yellow summons is sent to the Bureau of Violations.
Daily Transmittal List				The following procedure should be performed for all criminal appeal traffic dispositions: a. Complete transmittal form: l. Summons number, 2. Defendant name, 3. Judge name, 4. Officer's number, 5. Date of disposition. b. Place original in file.	No transmittal list prepared in Newport.
				c. Forward copy to Bureau of Violations 6th District Court. 1.53	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Cash Bail Posted Docket Entry				Once the cash bail has been received and the receipt and forms have been completed the clerk-typist must record the transaction on the docket and face sheet. Since the clerk is called on to furnish case information to interested parties, an alphabetical index card system is maintained for the recording of cash bail for each defendant.	
				a. Type cash bail index card from courtroom clerk notations. The information contained on the index card includes: 1) defendant's name 2) date of birth 3) case number 4) charges 5) amount of cash bail 6) date bail was posted 7) name and address of individual furnishing bail	In Newport a book entry is made containing case number, case name, and amount. The duplicate receipt is attached to the page entry.
				b. Make entry to face and docket sheet "Bail posted and date."	`
				 Give case folder and docket sheet to bookkeeper for entry. 	Bookkeeping entry to face sheet would be "Cash bail in the sum of \samt. received and deposited
				Return case folder to file.	into the Registry account - Page <u>No.</u> ."
Cash Bail Returned				Defore cash bail may be returned to individual who posted bail:	
				a. Check to see that matter has been disposed of. '1.55	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Cash bail returned, cont'd	Ex.24			b. Complete form "Order Payment of Money from Registry" entering the following information: 1) case number 2) defendant's name 3) name of individual to whom money is to be returned 4) date order is entered 5) state the disposition of case c. Secure signature of Judge. d. Give Order and receipt to bookkeeper for payment. The individual will be sent a check in the proper amount. e. Make entry to face and docket sheet "Order entered for the return of cash bail," and date. f. Place case folder in file. g. Make entry on cash bail index card "Order entered for return of cash bail," and date. h. Place index card in disposed section of index file.	See Financial Matters, "Registry Account." In Newport, update cash bail page, including check number for return of bail; staple original receipt for bail to entry page.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Bail Forfeiture Notice of Hearing			RCrP 46 (2g)	The Attorney General's office petitions the court for forfeiture of bail. If the motion is granted by the court and hearing is scheduled, the clerk notifies the parties as following: Prepare for mailing to defendant and surety of record (if different from defendant).	
				a. Copy of the Motion (Petition).	
				b. Copy of the order of hearing signed by the Judge.	The order specifies the date and time of the hearing.
				c. Sign clerk's certificate of service.	This form is prepared by the office of the Attorney General for the clerk's sig-
				d. Send by regular mail to the defendant and surety of record, where applicable.	nature.
				 e. Place original petition, order and notice in case file. 	
After Hearing				After hearing on bail forfeiture the court may vacate the forfeiture of bail and the defendant may continue on bail or, the court may forfeit the bail. If bail is forfeited the Attorney General is required to make up an order for execution of bail forfeiture to issue and secure the judge's signature on the order of execution.	
				By order of the court the clerk then issues the execution against the surety for goods and chattels.	The Attorney General acting for the people of the State of Rhode Island determines the amount of satisfaction.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
After hearing, cont'd				a. Complete execution form. b. Give to sheriff for service upon surety.	See "Civil Records."
				The court may order a bench warrant to issue against the defendant.	See "Bench Warrants."
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Posting motions			HULL	Motions arrive in the clerk's office either by mail or are filed over the counter. When a motion is received, it is file marked, and sent to criminal scheduling where it is placed on the appropriate calendar to be heard and notices are sent to the parties. Motions are then posted as follows: a. Separate motion by year. The year is the two-digit number which precedes the case number, i.e., 78-0011. b. Place all motions in numerical sequence by case number within year. c. Pull case folders. d. Pull docket sheets from books. e. Enter on face and docket sheets: 1) Type of motion 2) Date motion was filed. f. Place motion and face sheet in case folder and file in proper location. g. Place docket sheet in docket book.	of the Criminal Scheduling Office in the other counties.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Bench Warrant Issuance				Failure to appear in court at a specified time may result in the judge ordering a bench warrant to issue for the arrest of a defendant.	
	Ex. 25	-2		The clerk is responsible for preparing bench warrants; maintaining separate active and inactive alphabetical card indexes. An active index card file is maintained for all warrants outstanding; once a defendant is apprehended, a notation is made and the index card is placed in the inactive index card file. The clerk also keeps a warrant log book where the status of bench warrants is maintained.	
				Once the clerk receives a case file folder with the courtroom clerk's notation to issue a bench warrant the following procedure is used:	
				a. Check active warrant index card file (do not issue new warrant if the defendant has an outstanding warrant).	Newport uses a book entry system to keep track of issuance and recall of bench warrants. A docket entry of the issuance
	Ex. 26			b. Prepare warrant of arrest on Indictment/In- formation Form, entering:	is also made.
				. Heading information (defendant name, date of birth and indictment or information number.) . Defendant name, counts and charges, and statute. . Date and sign form.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Bench warrant issuance, cont'd				 c. Check inactive warrant index card file for a previously issued warrant on defendant. 	
				If defendant has a card in inactive file, add new information to file and place index card in active warrant file.	
				d. If no index card in active or inactive file, make up new card. Card to contain: 1) Defendant name, 2) Date of birth (DOB), 3) Case number, 4) Charge(s) 5) Date warrant issued.	
				e. Place index card in active file. f. Make notation in warrant books: 1) Case number, 2) Defendant name, 3) Date warrant issued.	
Cancellation of Warrant				Notification of a defendant's apprehension may be received from attorney general, committing squad or defendant's attorney. Once notification to cancel bench warrant is received, the following procedure is used:	
				a. Make sure defendant's case file is in court- room.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Cancellation. cont'd				 Notify attorney general's office that de- fendant is in court and warrant is "can- celled." 	
				c. Pull index card from active card file.	
				d. Write cancellation date on index card.	
				e. Place index card in inactive card file.	In Newport, the entry in the warrant book
				f. Write cancellation date in warrant book.	is lined out; the cancellation date is entered in the docket only.
				At the end of the day by the court's direction: g. Prepare cancellation order entering:	
				 Defendant name, Court action taken that day. 	
				h. Transmit copies of order to:	
				1) Attorney general, 2) File.	•
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Face and Docket Sheet Entries				Once matters have been heard in court and the courtroom clerk attaches the entries (notations) to the file folder and the folders are screened by the scheduling office they are then forwarded to Criminal Records where the following procedure takes place:	
				a. Pull corresponding docket sheet from docket books.	•
	Ex. 27			b. Type the courtroom clerk's entries on the face and docket sheets.	
				c. Place docket sheet back in docket books.	
				d. Place face sheet in case folder.	•
				e. File case folder in numerical sequence.	
Expungement Procedure				On receipt of judge's signed order:	
				a. Block out name of defendant from docket/face sheet and index card.	v.
				b. Seal records.	
				c. Return to case file.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Disposed Cases					
- Judyment of Acquittal (Rule 29a)	Ex.28		RCrP 29(a)	Defense counsel moves for acquittal under Rule 29a and the court grants motions.	
- By Jury	Ex.29		RCrP 29	a. Complete form.	
				b. Signature of Judge and Clerk must be on form.	
				c. Place form in case folder.	
				I. Make entries to face and docket sheets.	
				e. Pull case index card from pending file.	
			·	f. Make entry of disposition on card.	
·				 Place index card in disposed case index card file. (If no other charges are pending.) 	
Judgment of Conviction and Commitment	Ex.30	S-207		Defendant is sentenced to jail for a specified period of time.	·
1. Sentence Imposed Defendant in Jail	}			ı. Complete form.	
Serving III Only). Check to make sure Judge and Clerk have signed form.	
	•			c. Original of form is kept in case folder.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Defendant in jail, cont'd.				d. Send copy to jail/institution where defendant is incarcertated.	
			·	e. Make face and docket sheet entries. f. Pull case index card from pending file and make entry of disposition on card.	
•				g. Place index card in disposed case index card file.	
2. Sentence Suspended Defendant Placed on Probation				Follow same procedure as above with the follow- ing exceptions:	
				a. Cross out nonapplicable phrases on form. b. No copy of form need be sent to jail or pro-	
				bation. c. Place in case folder.	
Judgment and Disposition	Ex. 31	S-209		Defendant is placed on probation; no sentence imposed nor suspended. This form is also used if sentence is deferred.	•
				a. Complete form.	
				b. Make sure Judge and Clerk's signature is on form.	
				c. Place form in case folder.	
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Judgment, cont'd.				 d. Make entries of disposition on face and docket sheet. 	
Violation Hearings				e. Pull case index card from pending file and make disposition entries on card. f. Place index card in disposed card file. Defendant is brought in as a violator of an imposed condition (probation, referred or suspended sentence, personal recognizance, bail) and either is found guilty or pleads to the charge.	
				a. Make entries of disposition of case to face and docket sheets.	
				 b. Pull case index card from disposed index card file and make entry on card, 	
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				d. Place case folder in file.	,
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Ex. 32			This document is used to release defendant(s) from ACI (IMH or Women's Reformatory) for an appearance in court. This document is prepared by the clerk and is given to the committing squad the day before defendant is to appear in court. The Attorney General's Office sends a request for habeas to the clerk. Check to see that all defendants' names appear and prepare the writ of habeas corpus, using the Attorney General's sample as a guide.	
			a. Place date, time and place of appearance on form.	
			d. Transfer to committing squad.	
			The committing squad should return all habeas forms at the end of each day. Place habeas in folder, most recent on top.	•.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Collection of Fines and Costs Cash Cashiers checks Certified checks	Ex. 1			After fine and costs are imposed in court the sheriff escorts the defendant and the case file to the clerk's office. a. Ask defendant for payment amount of fines and costs. b. Complete receipt and give to defendant or party making payment. c. Make entry to cash journal: 1) Amount of fines and costs. 2) Case number. 3) Defendant name.	No personal checks are to be accepted as means of making payment.
		:		d. Give money to fiscal clerk for entry to fines and cost account.	See Financial Matters Handbook for entries and deposit of money to Fines and Cost Account.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Criminal Appeal to</u> <u>Supreme Court</u>				his or her Notice of Appeal.	There is no appeal filing fee for criminal matters.
				a. Date-stamp and file original notice in case folder. b. Send copy to Clerk of Supreme Court for monitoring.	
Transcript Received				c. Send transcript and file to Supreme Court Clerk and exhibits, if requested.	
·				d. Complete <u>blue card</u> . e. File card in place of file folder	·
Supreme Court Finding				Case folder is returned to Superior Court Criminal Records.	
				a. Make notation to docket.	•
				b. Place case folder in file.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Fugitive from Justice 1. Other state as demanding state			RIGLA 12-9-3	When another state wishes a fugitive from justice residing in Rhode Island returned to that state (the demanding state) it prepares and forwards two sets of requisition papers to the Rhode Island Secretary of State	
			RIGLA 12-9-9 -10	The Attorney General's office prepares two copies of the Governor's Warrant demanding the arrest of the fugitive.	
Fugitive before Court			RIGLA 12-9-12 RIGLA 12-9-30		
Waiver of Extradition				If the defendant elects to waive extradition proceedings, the signed Waiver of Extradition form and the Governor's Warrant is sent to the Attorney General; a certified copy of the waiver and Governor's Warrant is given to the agent of the demanding state.	,
				If the fugitive wishes to challenge the legality of the arrest the judge allows the defendant reasonable time to apply for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.	The writ is entered as a Miscellaneous Petition and a case folder is prepared. A copy of the writ is transmitted to the agent of the demanding state.
Writ of Habeas Corpus Granted				If the court grants the Writ of Habeas Corpus the defendant is released.	
	}			Make entry to face and docket sheet.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Writ of Habeas Corpus (continued) Denied				If the court denies Writ of Habeas Corpus, the defendant is ordered to the demanding state and placed in the custody of the agent of the state named in the Governor's Warrant.	
				a. Give copy of Governor's Warrt to agent named in the warrant.	
				b. Make entry on Governor's Warrant and on the Writ of Habeas Corpus (Miscelleneous Petition)	
				c. Make entry on face sheet and docket sheet that Writ of Habeas has been denied.	
				d. Forward copy of Governor's Warrant and Writ of Habeas Corpus to Attorney General.	.*
Rhode Island as Demand- ing State			RIGLA 12-9-6	a. At request of Attorney General prepare two sets of requisition papers:	
		7.		. Copy of Information/Indictment Certified copy of Arrest Warrant Certified copy of any judgment Certified copy of Docket sheet.(RIGLA 12-9-4	
				b. Prepare Exemplification forms. (Only for copy to be sent out of state.)	See"Exemplified Copies."
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CERTIFICATE AS TO SEARCH OF RECORDS

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Providence, Sc

Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court

Date 5-4-75

Witness my hand and the seal of said Superior Court, at Providence, said County of Providence on this ______day of

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Deputy Clerk

PROVIDENCE, SC:

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LAW # 67-259

I, Joseph Q. Calista , Clerk of the Superior Court, for the Counties of Providence & Bristol, certify that I have the custody of the Records of Law for said Court.

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whose signature appears to the foregoing certificate, is, and at the date of said certificate was,
Presiding Justice of the Superior Court of said State
duly commissioned and qualified, and that the signature to the aforegoing certificate purport
ing to be his is genuine.

In Testimony Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Superior Court, in said County of Providence, this ninth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

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To the above-named Defendant:		
The above-named plaintiff has brought an action	against you in said Superior Cou	irt at Providence. You
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an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, exclusive of the day of service.	Providence, Rhode upon you, within 20 days after	
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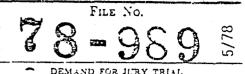
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Office Exhibit 9 TITLE OF CASE

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND 3 PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Affidavit And Request For Entry Of Judgment

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2. That the defendant was not at the time of the commencement of this action nor is the defendant now in	
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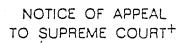
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Judgment By Default Upon Application To Clerk

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ANĎ PROVIDENCE **PLANTATIONS**



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- ** Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the appellant shall within 10 days "order from the court reporter a transcript of such parts of the proceeding not already on file as he deems necessary for inclusion in the record $^{\prime\prime}$
- → Original to trial court. Copies to opposing attorney(s) and Supreme Court Clerk

State of Khode Island and Povidence Plantations

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State of Chode Island and Providence Plantations

APPLICATION FOR CITATION IN SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

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Providence Sc.	SUPERIOR Court
JOAN M. STIMPSON	Civil Action
V.	File No 74-1488
CHARLES HENRY STIMPSON, JR.	
TO ISSUE CITA' APPLICATION <u>MUST</u> BE	·····

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Respectfully Represents JOAN M. ST	
of Franklin, Mass	•
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State of Chode Island and Providence Plantations

CITATION IN SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

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\$238,83	3 paid. Judgement of conviction entered	d

State of Rhode Island a	nd Providence Plantations	
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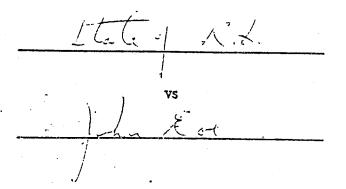
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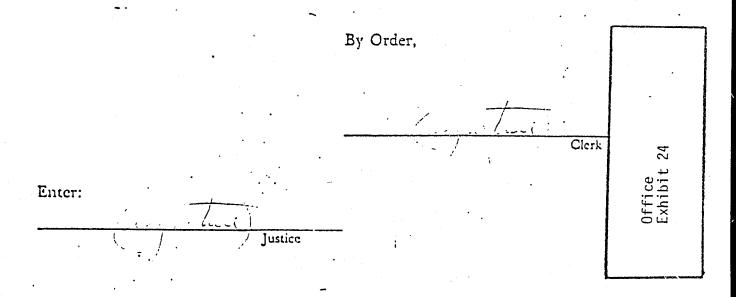
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ORDER PAYMENT OF MONEY FROM REGISTRY

In the above entitled case it is ordered that the money deposited in the Registry of the Court be released and the clerk pay 1 + 41 €)

Attorney, for the money deposited with the accumulation of interest if any less the Clerk's lawful charges.

Entered as the Order of Court this (day of 7,74) A.D. 1985



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Warrant of Arrest on Indicement

Superior Court in Providence County

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Brock mott Dufun	P2/78-56 G Indictment Numb	er
D.d.B 7-17-53		
Providence , Sc.		•
TO ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER: You are hereby commanded to arrest	Brock matt Dulau	
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
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) Indictment No? -/-(
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JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL UNDER RULE 29(a)
This matter came to trial on, 1973,
and, after testimony was taken and after both the State of Rhode
sland and the defendant had rested, the
said defendant moved for acquittal, pursuant to Rule 29(a) of the
Rules of Criminal Procedure, on the offense of
is set forth in count number 3 of the (indictment) (complaint).
It is now hereby
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that a judgment of acquittal be and the same hereby is entered
cursuant to Rule 29(a) of the said rules; that the said defendant
is ordered discharged and the bail (personal recognizance) is $\frac{2+1+7}{2\sqrt{2}}$
nereby cancelled and discharged.
Dated at Providence, Rhode Island, this day of
1114 , A. D. 1973.
Inter: By Order,
Justice Clerk

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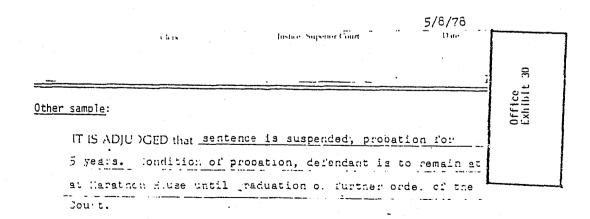
JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION AND COMMITMENT

Providence Superior Court in County

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IT IS ADJUDGED that t	he defendar	nt is guilty a	s charged and c	onvicted.
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the Warden of the Adult (Correctional	Institutions	for a period of .	1 year.
IT IS ADJUDGED that	The defe	endant is	a violator o	f a prev-
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 Π IS ORDERED that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment to the Warden of the Adult Correctional Institutions and that the copy serve as the commitment of the defendant.



JUDG MENT AND DISPOSITION

Providence Superior Court in ... County

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vs Paul E. Kennedy			
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IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is guilty as charge	* *		
IT IS ADJUDGED that Defendant is placed	d on probation fo	r 1 year, as	to
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Civil Assignment

Introduction

The primary function of the clerk in the civil assignment office is to make up the continuous trial (jury/non-jury) calendars and see to their smooth operation.

Once a case has been added to the continuous calendar by general office personnel, the clerk determines the approximate date the case may be reached for trial and directs staff to give 30 calendar days notice to all counsel. This approximated date is a function of the number of judges available to hear cases on the continuous calendar; three or four times the number of judges is most often the rule of thumb in determining the number of cases to appear on one day's trial list, known as the Daily Calendar.

At least one week in advance a tentative daily list is drawn up through consultation with the assignment judge. Before notice is given to counsel, the case file is reviewed to determine any change in counsel and whether consolidation or settlement has taken place. The assignment staff then gives both oral and written notice (7-day notice) to all counsel for cases appearing on the daily list.

Although some discretion is permitted the civil assignment clerk in selecting cases to receive 7-day notices (to avoid attorney scheduling conflicts), once the 7-day notice has been sent and a definitive trial date assigned, <u>no</u> continuances may be granted by the assignment office. At the daily calendar call only the assignment judge may hear applications for continuances; if granted, the case is added to an internal working document known as the Day Certain Calendar.

At the end of the daily calendar call, the assignment judge and the assignment clerk work together to send cases out to the other judges on the calendars as they open up for trial or settlement.

General duties of the assignment clerk include supervising clerical support staff within the office and answering the numerous complex inquiries directed to him. Being continuingly aware of judge and attorney availability and of the rate of disposition of cases on the daily calendar, and communicating these facts can help ensure efficient use of court time and the time of all personnel involved in the court process.

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CASE REFERENCE NO.

Calendaring Civil Assignment

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Continuous Calendar (jury/non-jury)				head to enable prompt notice to counsel that cases	See RCP 40 (assignment of cases for trial), R.P. 2.1 'no assignment of cases on certain days), R.P. 2.3 (continuous trial calendars).
Civil Calendar Card Preparation				a. Pull case files for all cases listed on the continuous calendar page.	
	Ex. 1	S-198		b. Prepare civil calendar card, entering:	
					Other items, such as control number, county, date
				if case file shows case has been consolidated, enter case numbers and pull those case files,	case filed and estimated length are usually left blank since that information is rarely used.
		·		case number,	The control number should be entered by clerk/
				case name (as it appears on case file label),	typist personnel in the office onto the continuous calendar. This number helps determine the number of cases pending.
				date case calendared: enter page number of continuous calendar and date of filemark on omnibus form,	
	Ex. 2	S-192			Proceed to section "30-day Notice," next page.
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Calendaring Civil Assignment

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Notice Preparation				attorney names, addresses, telephone numbers; check telephone book to be sure address/phone are current. The assignment clerk directs the staff as to the number of pages on the continous calendar to be selected for 30-day notice. Headings on the notice slips are filled in ahead of time, however, when the civil calendar card is completed; the slips are clipped to the calendar card. These are filed away until ready to be set for trial.	
	Ex. 2	S-192		 a. Prepare 30-day Notice, entering: name of case, jury/non-jury (~). b. Type address of attorney on reverse side of notice. c. Clip both copies to civil calendar card. d. File all calendar cards (with attached notices) with continuous calendar page in page number order. e. Await direction from assignment clerk to se- 	The carbon also produces information for the 7-day notice except for the trial date.
30-day Notice Calendar				lect cases for notice. a. At direction of assignment clerk, pull calendar pages ready for 30-day notice. b. Type these cases on calendar form with heading date 30-day notice mailed, enter alpha character at top to serve as page number of list.	
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CASE REFERENCE NO.

Calendaring Civil Assignment

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				 c. Separate 30-day notice from 7-day notice; mail 30-day notice to all counsel whose addresses appear on calendar card. d. Prepare index card for active file, entering: name of case, page (alpha character) of "30-day Notice Mailed calendar:" e. Place calendar cards in manilla folder and file in numerical order by page number of 30-day Notice Calendar. 	
Attorney Response to Notice			·	f. Keep 30-day Notice Calendar pages together on clipboard for reference. At various points in the notice process, case inquiries may be received. a. Request proper case name,	
1				 b. Refer to index card to determine location of calendar page/calendar card. c. Enter appropriate remarks on calendar page and call to attention of assignment clerk. 	
				list, pull calendar card and place in statis-	There seems to be no destruction/retention schedule for index cards and calendar cards for disposed cases.
7-day Notice	Еж. З	S-192		The assignment clerk designates to staff which cases are to be selected for 7-day notice.	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS		
7-day Notice, cont ⁱ d,				a. Pull indicated calendar lists/calendar cards.			
				 Check list of from Presiding Justice to make certain date has not been assigned to an attorney who has been excused. 			
				c. Telephone all counsel (leave message with secretary).	If an obvious conflict exists, do not send out 7-day notice; try to arrive at sultable date.		
				d. Once attorney has been notified, cross case name off list, enter date scheduled for trial.			
				e. On same day, mail 7-day notice to attorney.	<i>,</i> •		
				f. If attorney has a problem with the scheduled date, refer to assignment clerk.	A strict policy of no continuances after 7-day notice except through the assignment judge is adhered to. The assignment clerk should inform		
				g. Update index card, crossing off page number and inserting scheduled trial date.	counsel to consult judge.		
				h. File calendar cards in folder labeled with scheduled trial date.			
Case Settled				If at any time once 30-day or 7-day notice has been sent and the case is settled:	If the case is settled before notice and no calendar card has been prepared, prepare calendar card, entering only name of case and disposition; file		
		•		a. Pull index card.	card in statistical file.		
		'		b. Locate calendar card and enter disposition.			
				c. Remove index card to inactive file.	Periodically remove inactive cards to make room. No idestruction schedule appears to be in effect.		

	DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OH RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
					d. Place calendar card in statistics file.	
	Day Certain Calendar				Continued cases and cases for which 7-day notices have been sent are listed on a calendar known as the "Day Certain Calendar." These cases are added to the end of the Daily Trial Calendar explained below.	The day certain calendar is an internal working document only and should not be confused with the old manner of case scheduling by counsel.
	Daily Trial Calendar	Ex. 4				In Providence, the Daily Trial Calendar is usually limited to two pages of cases.
					a. Enter date the calendar is to be called (following day) at the top.	
				•	 Type all cases from current daily calendar which have not yet been reached. 	
					c. Type all cases from "Day Certain" Calendar.	
					 d. Make sufficient copies for distribution (posting) to: 	
÷ • .					Courtroom clerk Court stenographer Assignment clerk and staff Clerk's Office Bulletin Board Assignment Office Bulletin Board Counter clerk	
					e. Transmit original te Judge.	6.170
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Daily Calendar Call			·	During the calendar call, the assignment clerk is in the courtroom; notations of the attorney's responses are made on the daily calendar. Responses include Ready (R); Subject (S); Continued to (date); Settled.	
Assignment of Cases				At the end of the call, the judge assigns numbers to cases marked "ready" to be sent out to judges as they become free. The assignment office is notified as a judge becomes available and forwards the case file to the judge.	
				a. As call from judge as to availability is re- ceived, check list for next case; pull case file and transmit to judge.	
			·	b. If attorneys are not present, contact them by telephone, and inform that case is to be tried.	
				c. Retrieve calendar card and place in "awaiting disposition" file.	
Post-Calendar Call				When assignment clerk returns copy of Daily Trial Calendar with notations, review list to determine updating which needs to be done in the assignment office.	
Settlements				See procedure, page4 .	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Continuances				a. If a new date appears on the call list: add case to Day Certain Calendar for date indicated.	
				b. Move calendar card to "new trial date" folder.	•
				c. Enter new date on index card.	
Cases Not Reached				Keep calendar card in pending file for next day's Daily Trial Calendar.	
<u>Disposed Cases</u>	·			A completed "Case Disposition Report" should be received from the courtroom clerk once disposition has been reached.	This form is not being completed by all court- room clerks, at present. See Office Procedure Handbook for sample form.
				a. Enter disposition information on calendar card.	•
				b. Staple report to back of calendar card.	
				c. Place calendar card in statistics file.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE on RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Statistical Reporting				The civil assignment office is responsible for maintaining statistics regarding all civil cases before the court. The "Monthly Report of Civil	
	Ex. 6			Case Movement," accompanied by a breakdown of the Formal and Special Cause Calendar, is due shortly after the end of each month. Maintaining statistical files by categories required for the report	• •
				speeds up considerably the preparation of the re- port and ensures its timely submission. A summary of these statistics is prepared quarterly and annually.	
Monthly Report of Civil Case Movement	Ex. 5	-,-		On the last day of the month, start completing the report. The following headings correspond to the categories on the report form. Type in month, year of reporting period at top of form.	
				 Cases pending - beginning of month: take this figure from last month's report, last item, "cases pending - end of month." 	This should represent the total of cases appearing on the continuous jury/non-jury calendars.
				2. <u>Cases added during month</u> : count additions made to continuous calendars; be certain to mark stopping place on calendar as guide for next month.	Civil assignment office staff in Providence stated that a more accurate means of determining the civil statistics is needed, because one case may appear on the calendar several times and thus may be counted several times. Since the caseload in Providence/Bristol is very large, it is impossible to catch this error without undue difficulty.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM NO. STATUTE OR RULE		no	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				3. Cases disposed prior to calendar call (before 30-day, after 30-day, after 7-day notices): maintain calendar cards by the above categories so that at the end of the month only the cards contained in each folder need be counted to arrive at the proper figure for the report. 4. Cases disposed on or after calendar call (various categories): maintain calendar cards in folders cannot cannot account a page 1/2).	
				folders; count cards as above (3). 5. <u>Total cases disposed</u> : add items (3) and (4).	
				6. Cases pending for trial at end of month: cases pending (beginning) + cases added	
·				cases disposed = cases pending (end of month)	
"Judge Days"				An additional requirement on the report is to determine the number of "judge days" for the month.	
				a. Determine the number of court days in the reporting period,	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				 h. Multiply this figure (e.g., 10) by the number of judges assigned to the Daily Trial and Formal and Special Cause Calendars (e.g., 5) 10 x 5 = 50 "judge days" 	
			·	c. Include this information and computation in a note at the bottom of the report.	
Report Submission				Transmit to Presiding Justice of the Superior Court and to others upon request. Retain copy in sequential file.	
Quarterly Reports				The same report form is used for the quarterly reports, for quarters ending: December 31 March 31 July 1 (end of session)	
				a. Total figures from monthly reports,	•
				b. Change "monthly" on report title to "quarterly."	
				c. Add reporting period date at top,	
	Ì			d. Submit to Presiding Justice.	•
Annual Report				This is filed in July, or whenever the court session ends for summer recess. Follow procedure as for quarterly report, above.	
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ATTORNEY INFORMATION:					
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Defendant: (")	()		421-7281	XX	5.
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2nd Continuance	9-27-77	2-21-78			
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PROVIDENCE COUNTY COURTHOUSE CALENDAR NOTICE (30 DAYS)

Smith			Jury X	Non-Jury [•
VS . Jones		<u> </u>	No. 74-	158	*
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	ATTORNEYS ice will inform date.		erior Court Assi	gnment Clerk 277 - 3225	•

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SUPERIOR COURT CALENDAR CLERK. Providence County Courthouse Providence, R. I. 02903

> Robert C. Atwood, Esq. 121 So. Main St. Providence, RI 02903

Assignment Exhibit 2 A

xhibit 3A

Smith	Jury [X] Non-Jury
VS Jones	No. 74-1573
The above case is scheduled for trial	on:
PLEASE NOTE THIS DATE	Thursday, April 21, 1977
Counsel must be present for the call be ready for trial.	il of the calendar on that date at 9:30 a.m. and
	Superior Court Assignment Clerk
•.	Room 531 277 - 3225
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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

SUPERIOR COURT CALENDAR CLERK
Providence County Courthouse
Providence, R. I. 02903

Robert C. Atwood, Esq. 121 So. Main St. Providence, RI 02903

JUDGE CALLING CALENDAN

SHEA,	J.
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DANELLA, J.

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From: Assignment Office

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Assignment Exhibit 5A

February, 1978

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2.	Petition for As	sessment of Damages-Uncontested	
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Civil Assignment Newport and Washington

Introduction/Procedure

In Newport and Washington Counties, the assignment of civil cases is accomplished through the joint effort of all office personnel rather than by an assignment office.

The county of Washington maintains continuous jury and non-jury calendars in much the same manner as Providence/Bristol. However, specific trial dates and the number of cases to be heard are set by the clerk together with the trial judge for the session. The judge determines whether matters will be selected for either the Jury or the Miscellaneous (all non-jury matters) Calendar. Generally 5 or 6 cases are assigned to each day in the session; these cases are selected from those next in line on the appropriate continuous calendar. As attorney responses are received, notices to additional counsel are mailed until the trial calendar has been filled with a sufficient number of cases ready to proceed to trial. The trial calendar is then typed, distributed to attorneys, and posted in the clerk's office. Once the first case on the calendar has been reached,

all other cases are placed on stand-by; attorneys are notified by telephone of when the case will be reached.

In Newport County a more informal means of assigning cases is used since the volume of business is smaller. Attorneys notify the clerk's office by motion or stipulation that they wish a case to be assigned to either the miscellaneous or jury calendars. The judge assigned to the court session will select what calendar is to be heard on specific dates. Once a definite date has been chosen, the clerk will inform the attorneys of record by telephone of the date the case will be called. The Miscellaneous or Jury Trial Calendar will then be prepared, distributed and posted by the clerk. Sample forms for notice and the jury and miscellaneous trial calendars appear at the end of this section.

Statute/Rule: See R.P. 2.7 (calendars)

R.P. 2.8 (assignment)

See also Providence/Bristol, Civil Assignment, "Statistical Reporting."



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

SUPERIOR COURT NEWPORT COUNTY

Newport, Rhode Island 02840

THIS NOTICE IS SENT TO ATTORNEYS IF WRITTEN NOTICE IS GIVEN (some of the county Judges prefer telephone notice).

USE THE TRIAL DESIGNATION EITHER

MISCELLANEOUS OR JURTRIAL CALENDAR

OFFICE OF THE CLERK (401) 846-5556

YOU ARE HERESY NOTIFIED that JUSTICE ARTHUR A. CARRELLAS, of the Newport County Superior Court has this date assigned the Misc. or Jury trial cases listed below for trial during the period to commence dates through and requests that you alert your clients and witnesses so as to be prepared to go forward on the date indicated.

ASSIGNED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1978

76-89 EDWARD V. GODDARD VS BROWN UNIVERSITY & ANN BORGES
3-1 846-0120 Joseph R. Palumbo 421-3102 Bernard F. McSally
272-8800 John F. Dolan

76-283 BURGESS & LEITH : VS JACOB GORDON
3-2 624-6516 Thomas T. Brady 847-0872 Joseph Houlihan

(The 3-1 under the case no. and 3-2 under the second case number denote the page and where on that particular page the case is [see Jury trial calendar].)

ASSIGNED FOR WEDNESDAY, May 10, 1978

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Criminal Scheduling Newport and Washington

Introduction/Procedure

In Washington and Newport Counties, the Attorney General, in conference with the judge, prepares the calendar, notifies counsel, and submits a copy of the prepared calendar to the court. The clerk's offics has little to do with scheduling of criminal matters.

RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT
MANUAL OF COURT OPERATIONS

III, Courtroom Procedure Handbook

National Center for State Courts
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Courtroom Procedure

Introduction

The courtroom clerk has the very important task of recording court action on cases which come before the court. Clerk-typists are precluded from the performance of any in-court duties except to offer assistance to the clerk or designate. Alertness, efficiency and organization are requisites for a good courtroom clerk.

Many duties of the courtroom clerk occur prior to the court session, when calendars are drawn and updated, inquiries from parties are received, case files are pulled and requests of the judge are fulfilled. It is important that everything be in order before the court officer calls the judge to the bench.

Judges appreciate a courtroom clerk who does not need prompting. Since judges may differ somewhat in procedures, it is important to observe closely how individual judges like things done. General in-court duties include: calling the calendar, announcing cases, transmitting case files and documents to the judge, swearing in witnesses, taking charge of exhibits, administering various oaths, marking papers filed in court; performing various jury-related tasks, issuing forms at the direction of the court.

The most important in-court task, however, is to keep an accurate record of what happens in court. Detailed notes are made in what is called the court log (also referred to as the record, or journal). This log is a concise history of court action in the case and is used for reference when questions arise. The courtroom clerk is responsible for determining the official docket entries; alertness during the court session is necessary to ensure accuracy of the entry, particularly on a fast-moving calendar, as in arraignments or motions. Some courtroom clerks find that making notations on the calendar is helpful; a copy of the calendar can then be left at the counter for referral when parties ask about progress on a case. Legible handwriting is a must, since docket entries are made later by the clerk-typists in the records section.

Responsibilities of the courtroom clerk continue following the court session: case files must be returned to the records section for entries to be made; exhibits must be secured; interest and costs must be computed on civil judgments; judgments must be entered; and preparations for the next court session must be made.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

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1	Formal/Special Cause Statistical Report	0
2	Motion for New Trial	1
3	Verdict by Foreman	2
4	Sample Civil Docket Entries	3
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE on RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Exhibits				The courtroom clerk has the responsibility for safe keeping of all exhibits. Since exhibits may be handled in court by various persons, make certain that all exhibits are returned to you at the conclusion of the session. Proper labeling and storage procedures are essential. There are two types of exhibits: 1) A "full" exhibit, one which the court has allowed to become part of the record and may be used as evidence and 2) "for identification" exhibits, which are not allowed as evidence and which may not go to the jury.	
Labeling of Exhibits				Plaintiffs (Pltf.) Exhibits are labeled <u>by number</u> . Defendants (Deft.) Exhibits are labeled <u>by letter</u> .	In criminal cases <u>State</u> should be substituted for <u>Plaintiff</u> .
				Each exhibit should be labeled with the following information: case number exhibit number or letter; full or ident. if there are multiple pltfs(defts), enter individual's name date name of courtroom clerk If an exhibit is later changed from "identification" to "full" status, cross out "ident.", enter "full" and date of change.	A separate exhibit label may be preferable so that marks are not put on original papers. A string tag may be used for bulky items.
Storage of Exhibits				Exhibits should be stored in a manila envelope marked as follows: case number (right-hand corner) name of case	Storage in a separate envelope is preferable to storage in the case file then one standard procedure can apply to all cases.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	. COMMENTS
Storage, cont'd.				list of exhibits Plaintiff Defendant 1, 2, 3, etc. "full" or "Ident." for each name of clerk name of Judge date of conclusion of case	
				Exhibits should be in the courtroom during trial but should be placed in a secure vault when not in use.	Large exhibits, such as stolen property, are tagged and stored in a secure room.
Entry to Court Log (Record Book)				The courtroom clerk must enter all exhibits to the court record book for each case heard. The location of the storage area should be indicated. Pltf. Exhibits Pltf. Exhibits I full (ident), descript A full (ident), descript B C	See "Court Record Book" The description need only be a few words to distinguish one exhibit from another.
Withdrawal of Exhibits Exhibits to Jurors			į	Withdrawal of exhibits is to be only by leave of court; i.e., a judge's order is required to withdraw an exhibit or to insert a copy of an original as an exhibit. Only full exhibits are to be shown to jurors during deliberation or trial.	In open court, attorneys may agree on the record to withdraw an exhibit. Once the period for filing an appeal has passed, a notice may be sent to attorneys informing that if exhibits are not picked up within 30 days, the court will dispose of them. Newport follows this practice with a PCP 42(i).
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Swearing in a Witness				a. As the witness is called to the stand, say "PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND" and administer the appropriate oath (or affirmation).	
				b. Jury Matter "YOU DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE TESTIMONY WHICH YOU SHALL GIVE TO THE COURT AND JURY SWORN IN THE CASE NOW ON TRIAL SHALL BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD." Non-Jury Matter "YOU DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE TESTIMONY WHICH YOU SHALL GIVE TO THE COURT IN THE MATTER NOW IN HEARING SHALL BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD."	If there is a long break in testimony or if a witness has been excused and is recalled, it is a good practice to remind the witness that he is still under oath.
183 anns an				If a witness states that he will affirm, admin- ister the following: Affirmation of a Witness - Jury Matter "YOU DO SOLEMNLY AFFIRM THAT THE TESTIMONY WHICH YOU SHALL GIVE TO THE COURT AND JURY SWORN IN THE CASE NOW ON TRIAL (IN THE MATTER NOW IN HEARING) SHALL BE THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. THIS AFFIRMA- TION YOU MAKE AND GIVE UPON THE PERIL OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY."	An affirmation oath is used when the witness states non-belief in God. The substitution for a non-jury matter is given in brackets.
				c. "Please state your full name and spell your last name."	Especially in criminal cases, it is a good practice to have the witnesses state their names under oath. Spelling of the last name is helpful (and often necessary) to the court stenographer. 5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Qualifying the Petit Jury Jury Commissioner Excuseds				Prior to opening of court, the Jury Commissioner greets the jury panels and excuses those who have reason not to sit on the jury for the two-week period. As persons are excused, make certain that a red line is drawn through the names of persons excused; a duplicate list needs to be kept for the judge.	pared by the Jury Commissioner and given to the
Opening of Court				Transmit updated list of jurors to judge.	Several copies of the updated list should be available.
Roll of Jurors		·	3	a. At the judge's direction, call the roll of jurors; start: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, answer 'here' to your name as it is called. Rise and remain standing. Mr. (Officer), you will count the jurors." b. Call jurors on list, announcing name of city	
				(town) and full name as it appears on list.	· ·
		·		C. If juror absent, enter date of absence beside name.	
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				d. At end of call, say: "Is there anyone who has been summoned for jury duty, whose name I did not call?"	The Judge and the Jury Commissioner will take care of any responses to this query.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Qualifying Jurors				Before judge conducts the inquiry for qualifying the jurors, administer the following oath: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, please raise your right hand. "YOU DO SEVERALLY AND SOLEMNLY (SWEAR) THAT YOU WILL TRUE ANSWER MAKE TO SUCH QUESTIONS THAT SHALL BE ASKED OF YOU BY THE COURT. [SO HELP YOU GOD.]" "Please be seated."	Substitute bracketed words below for affirmation oath. [AFFIRM] [THIS AFFIRMATION YOU MAKE AND GIVE UPON THE PERIL OF PERJURY.]
Swearing in the Jury			er en en en en en en en en en en en en en	"Will the jury please rise. Please raise your right hand and face the court. "YOU DO SEVERALLY AND SOLEMNLY [SWEAR] THAT IN ALL CASES BETWEEN PARTY AND PARTY THAT WILL BE COMMITTED TO YOUR CARE, YOU WILL RETURN A TRUE VERDICT THEREIN, ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE AND THE LAW AS GIVEN YOU BY THIS COURT. (SO HELP YOU GOD.) "Please be seated."	
Sub-Panels			RIGLA 9-10-12.1, 12.2	In larger counties (Providence, Kent), the judge announces number of sub-panels and number of jurors in each. 1. Place slips of all qualified jurors in barrel, and spin the barrel. 1. Say: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, as your name is called, please rise and answer 'here.' Mr. Officer, you will count the jurors."	These slips are prepared in advance by clerk's staff upon receipt of the jurors list.
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Sub-Panels, cont'd.				c. Draw juror cards from barrel one at a time until number in sub-panel is reached. Announce: From city (town) and full name as on card.	
				d. Once notation has been made on back of card as to sub-panel, transmit juror cards to court officer.	
				e. Wait until the jury panel leaves before starting next panel, then: continue in same manner until all sub-panels have been called and no qualified jurors remain.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Court Record Book				One responsibility of the courtroom clerks is to keep a record of each day's proceedings in the court in a book maintained for this specific purpose. This book is referred to as a COURT RECORD	Keeping this "diary" seems to be a tradition rather than a requirement. Most courtroom clerk agree, however, that it has often proven useful for reference.
·				BOOK or LOG BOOK and the following information is entered: a. Date of proceeding (day, month, date and year).	In general the log should be a reference to onl those things not entered on the docket; it is unnecessary duplication to do otherwise.
				b. Time started.	
				c. Judge's name.	
				d. Stenographer's name.	
				e. Case number	
				f. Case name	
		!		g. Attorney General or Public Defender, if applicable.	
				h. Jurors.	.
				i. Witnesses in order called, noting whether witness is for prosecution or defense.	
			y	j. List the exhibits for each side, with des- criptive title.	See "Exhibits"
			· .	k. Record each motion and who made the motion.	
				1. Record outcome of motion (granted or denied).	5/

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Court Record Book, cont'd.				 m. Record hearings orders and documents issued: 1) Reason for hearing, 2) Witnesses, 3) Exhibits. 	
				n. Record time State rests its case. o. Record time defense rests.	Steps "n" and "o" are optional; it is only maintained for the convenience of the attorneys.
				ρ. Note any rebuttals: l) Witnesses, 2) Exhibits.	
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				 Keep time record of jury retirement and time record of returns for verdict. 	
				s. Note disposition of case.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Daily Civil Trial Calenda</u> r					The civil assignment clerk prepares the daily trial calendar list. In Providence and Kent, the calendar is called by the courtroom clerk responsible also for the Formal/Special Cause Calendar. In the smaller counties, the call of the Miscellaneous and Jury Calendar is held at times specified by the Judge.
				b. Note response of attorney on calendar, as specified by judge. E.g. Ready . (R) Ready-Hearing (R/H) Ready-Subject (R/S) (e.g. to notice of witnesses) Ready-Conference (R/C)	Because time is limited, a shorthand system should be used.
				The judge will then confer with the assignment office to determine availability of judges and announce the courtrooms in which the cases are to be heard (tried). Cases marked "hearing" are announced after the call has been completed. c. Retain the calendar call sheet for reference.	
			RP 2.2	d. For cases of default under Rule 2.2, make entry in case file.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Formal/Special Cause Calendar			Weisberger Memo 11/9/72 RP 2.4	Matters which require testimony and/or evidence and which must become part of the court record are placed on the formal/special cause calendar.	In Providence, formal/special cause matters are heard daily. In Washington and Newbort, these matters are included on the Miscellaneous Calendar. A list of these matters is found on the statistical reporting form.
				Matters are first placed on this calendar by request of the attorney on the omnibus assignment form. The courtroom clerk should coordinate closely with the person who prepares the calendar to equalize the daily load as much as possible. A telephone call to an attorney may be necessary to change a requested date.	For the calendar preparation procedure, refer to the Office Procedure Handbook. In Providence, the calendar call is limited to one page per day (approximately 25 cases) when at all possible.
Pre-Calendar Call				a. Pull case files for all cases on calendar, in same order as on list.	
				b. Make certain that three copies of calendar (courtroom clerk's, judge's, steno's) are updated with information as to continuances, "pass," etc., received after the final calendar has been typed. N.B.: The courtroom clerk may accept a continuance or a pass from an attorney as long as it is by agreement of both parties. Mark on calendar "continued to (date)" or "passed." For passed cases get new date from attorney; remind attorney that new omnibus assignment form should be filed.	· J
			·	c. Transmit updated calendar and any special in- formation to judge 411.10	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Calling the Calendar				a. After opening of court and at direction of judge, call the calendar in order by announcing name of case. Cases which appear on the calendar but were continued or passed prior to court should be called, with continued or passed notation.	
				b. Note on calendar the response of the attorney. Responses include: Ready formal (no testimony involved) (R/F) Ready (nature of matter, e.g., oral proof of claim) (R) Ready subject (e.g., witnesses need to be notified) (R/S) Ready conference (i.e., request for hearing in chambers) (R/C)	Because time is limited, a shorthand system
				c. At same time, organize case files by cate- gories above.	
Scheduling by Appoint- ment				A short recess may take place at this time to enable scheduling of conference cases and to give an appointed time for certain cases requiring appearance of witnesses.	The scheduling of appointments for certain formal matters is a practice which works well in Providence.
				The courtroom clerk should work closely with the judge in scheduling appointments. A desk calendar is essential in the courtroom so that cases may be entered immediately.	In Providence appointments are scheduled for 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. as the court agenda permits.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
llearings				When court resumes, and hearings are to begin, cases which responded "Ready/Formal" are those first heard since they are matters heard quickly; then follow those "Ready", "Ready/ Conference" and "Ready/Subject" are normally assigned an appointed time.	
				Hand case file to judge, who will announce the case.	
In-Court Duties				In-court duties include: . Administering oaths, as to swear in witness.	See "Swearing in Witness."
	1			. Labeling of exhibits.	See "Exhibits,"
				. Keeping notes for log.	See "Court Record Book."
**	Ex. 4			. Preparing docket entries.	See "Trial Matters." .
	Ex. 5,			. Filling out judgment forms.	See "Judgment."
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
In-court Notations On Calendar				It is helpful to keep shorthand notes of court action on the daily calendar for two purposes: - for reference to updated progress on case by parties and public (a copy is kept at the counter for referral) for statistics.	
				Suggested notations include:	
				continued to "dates at left" reason for hearing; action of court M to A = Motion to Attach \(\Delta = \text{Defendant} \) \(\Tr = \text{Plaintiff} \) \(\Operatorname{OPC} = \text{Oral Proof of Claim} \) \(\Operatorname{O/T/E} = \text{Order to enter} \) \(\Operatorname{Oent} = \text{Order entered} \) \(\Mathrea \text{ for SJ} = \text{Motion for Summary Judgment} \)	
				At conclusion of court session, transmit copy of calendar to counter personnel.	
Statistical Report	Ex. 1			Enter mark by type of case on statistical reporting form. (This information becomes part of the report completed by the assignment office at the end of the reporting period.)	
				Keep copy of calendar for one year, for reference.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Motion Calendar			RP 2.5 RP 2.9	The motion calendar is prepared, typed and distributed by the civil records section. The motion clerk should keep a copy of the calendar handy for notations of continuances or passes of which the clerk is informed prior to the court session.	See Office Procedure Handbook, Civil, "Motions". In Providence/Bristol, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are Motion Days, R.P. 2.5. For the other counties, RIGLA 8-7-3 specifies the Motion Days.
				The clerk from 8:30 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. accepts phone calls from attorneys who have a scheduling problem for that day of the calendar.	
Continuances		·		A continuance can be granted by the clerk only when it is by agreement of all counsel.	This is in contrast to the practice of no con- tinuances allowed when set on the daily civil trial calendar.
				a. Note on calendar: "continued to <u>(date</u> ;."	trui curemur.
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				 If the calendar date requested appears to be heavily scheduled, suggest a lighter day. 	
				 After court session, return calendar copy to civil records section so that new entries may be made on motion calendar. 	
Ready/Subject (R/S)				If an attorney calls prior to court, stating he has a commitment in another court, mark the case "ready/subject" on the calendar. At calendar call announce the ready/subject status for that case.	
Passed				A passed case often means that counsel have reached an agreement on the motion and a court date is no longer needed. It may mean simply that no counsel will appear for either side in court. III.14	5/78
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Motion Calendar Call				On passed cases, attorneys who wish to argue a motion in court must file an omnibus assignment form in order to be assigned a new motion calendar date. The courtroom clerk, the judge, the stenographer the sheriff and others assisting should all have a copy of the motion calendar prior to court.	
				The motion calendar is called at 10 A.M. This allows time for the court to have in camera conferences.	
			N.	The average calendar contains from 4 to 10 pages, 22 cases per page.	In addition to each case, the line in which the case name is on is also numbered 1 - 22. In this way a case may be referred to by page and line number, enabling quicker reference than by case name.
				a. At the court's direction, begin the calendar call by announcing case number case name	Some judges may prefer to call the calendar rather than delegating this responsibility to the clerk. The case number may be omitted for long calendars.
				b. As attorney responds, enter response on calendar copy, e.g., Ready/Formal (R/F) Ready/Hearing (R/H) Cont. to (date)	
				c. At end of calendar call, request sheriff to pull case files of all those with response of "ready," and bring to courtroom. III. 15	This is the present practice in Providence. However, smaller courts prefer to pull all case files <u>prior</u> to court. 5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Recess			•	During recess, the courtroom clerk should be avail able to reschedule for hearing, arrange conferences (in camera sessions) and screen those persons requesting a meeting with the judge, helping out where possible and thereby reducing burdens on the judge's time.	
In-court notations				Because of the fast-moving nature of the motion calendar, the courtroom clerk must be alert and work ahead as much as possible in order not to fall behind in making notations for entries to the docket.	
Action of Court				For each case before the court, a separate sheet of paper should be prepared, with the following notations. Case number Bate of session Name of Judge Motion by (plaintiff or defendant) (name individual if more than one plaintiff or defendant or if a third party) to (state motion). Granted (denied). Order to enter (i.e., attorney will present order for signature). Be sure to include all motions brought before the court for each case and any conditions attached to granting of motion. If the court requests that a memorandum or affidavit he filed by an attorney, the judge may ask the clerk to follow-up on its receipt.	
				a. Note requirement for docket entry. 111.16	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				b. Maintain list in order to followup on filing of paper: case number document due date due name of attorney to file telephone number other comments	Items "b" and "c" describe the present practice in Providence, However, most judges maintain their own list; this task should be done only if the judge so directs.
•				c. Followup by contacting attorney if document is not timely filed.	
					The court may request that research be conducted by law clerks prior to a ruling. Maintain a list of to whom the task is assigned and follow up as necessary.
Out of court duties					
Orders entered				a. Read orders prepared by attorney and compare carefully with docket entries to ascertain compliance with activity in court.	
				 Inform judge if there is a discrepancy in the proposed order filed by the attorney. 	•
				c. If order requires signature, have autorney secure judge's signature and return to clerk for signature and placement in case file for docket entry.	Most motion orders do not require a judge's signature; if unsure, check with the judge.
Motion for new trial	Ex. 2			Complete order to reflect court action, enter sig- nature and give to clerk-typist for docket entry.	
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नेजापु Matters Inquanelling a Jury			RIGLA 9-10-12	When a jury is needed for a particular case, the Sheriff is directed to bring a sub-panel of jurors and the barrel containing their name slips to the courtroom. The Jury Commissioner determines which panel is to be sent.	
		·		A jury of six (6) is selected to sit on civil matters. Either one or two alternates are chosen, in the discretion of the judge.	But see RCP 48, juries of less than twelve.
·			4	a. At opening of court, announce "Your Honor, this is (case number), (case name)." "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, answer here to your names as they are called, pass this way before counsel and take your respective seats in the jury box." "Mr. Officer, please count the jurors."	The judge will inquire if parties are ready. Indicate with voice and hand directions how jurors are to proceed to the jury box.
			RIGLA 9-10-12	 b. Stand, spin barrel and draw slips one at a time. c. Announce full name and city (town) of residence. "From	Let juror take seat in box before continuing. Allow time between names so counsel can make notes. Judges may vary as to procedure by which alternates are selected.
Examination of Prospec- tive Jurors			RIGLA 9-10-14 - RCP 47	e. As names are drawn, place name-slips on table in same sequence as seats in jury box. Once the jurors have been seated, the judge will ask general questions of the jury as a whole as to 111.18	5/78

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				whether they know any of the parties in the case or know of a reason to disqualify themselves.	
				 At the direction of the judge or attorney announce, reading from juror card; "(Name)(residence) is excused from this panel." 	
				 Remove name-slip; draw a new name from barrel and request individual to take vacated seat in jury box. 	
Peremptory Challenges			RIGLA 9-10-18	Normally challenges to jurors are then made first by plaintiff, then by defendant counsel or as the judge otherwise directs. Each side is allowed one challenge for each four jurors. Two challenges are allowed for a 6-person jury panel and one for each alternate.	
			RIGLA 9-10-19	a. Keep a tally of the number of challenges of each side.	
				b. Announce to judge when maximum number of challenges has been reached.	Because challenges are on the record, it is unnecessary to retain challenge slips in the case file.
• •				c. Excuse and replace jurors as in steps a and b, above.	
				d. Clip final juror name cards together for future reference. Keep in desk, in sequence.	
Oath to Jurors			RIGLA 9-10-12	After challenges have taken place and all jurors are seated, administer the oath. III.19	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Oath to Jurors, cont'd.			RIGLA 9-10-20	At direction of judge (when parties find jury satisfactory), administer oath. "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, please rise and raise your right hands." "YOU DO SEVERALLY, SOLEMNLY [SWEAR]THAT IN THE CASE (OR CASES) NOW ABOUT TO BE COMMITTED TO YOUR CARE YOU WILL RETURN A TRUE VERDICT THEREIN ACCORDING TO LAW AND THE EVIDENCE GIVEN YOU [SO HELP YOU GOD.]"	For affirmation substitute for bracketed words: [AFFIRM] [THIS AFFIRMATION YOU MAKE AND GIVE UPON PERIL OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY.]
			;	"Please be seated."	
Appointment of Foreman			RIGLA 9-10-12	The judge selects who is to be Foreman and indicates the name to the courtroom clerk. At direction of court, say: "The Court appoints as Foreman. Will you please exchange places with Juror #"	The Foreman sits in the front row in the seat closest to the spectator area.
Selection of Alternates			9~10-13	At direction of Court draw names from barrel to be alternate jurors, as above. After challenges have been concluded, administer oath to alternates.	
				111,20	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PAOCEDURE	COMMENTS
Taking a Verdict				When deliberations have concluded and the jury returns to the courtroom: a. "Mr. (Ms.) Foreman, please rise. Have you reached a verdict?" b. "Do you find for the plaintiff or for the defendant?" If for the plaintiff, ask: "In what amount?" c. Enter amount on verdict blank and have the sheriff hand it to the foreman for signature.	N.B.: Interrogatories to the Jury Especially in comparative negligence cases, interrogatories to the jury may be necessary. Some judges may have the interrogatories answered by the jury; the clerk then reads both the interrogatories and the responses, ending with: "Mr. Foreman, is this your verdict for?" When interrogatories are involved, ask the judge whether the interrogatoraties should be read before or after the general verdict.
	Ex. 3			d. "Harken to your verdict as recorded by the court in case number, case name: (Read Verdict)." "Mr. Foreman, is this your verdict?" "Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury as your foreman says, so say you all."	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Polling a Jury				The judge ordinarily asks if any party wishes a jury poll. Any attorney may challenge the verdict of the jury by requesting that the courtroom clerk poll the jury. a. At attorney's request, say: "When your name is called, please give your verdict for either the plaintiff or the defendant."	
				b. Read names from juror name-cards one at a time.	The judge may introduce the jury poll: "Your Foreman has reported a verdict for (Pltf./Def't.) in (amount). Is that your verdict Yes or No?"
				c. Then ask: "Do you find for the <u>(Pltf. or Def't.)</u> in the sum of <u>(amount)?"</u> d. Record responses of individual.	
Payment to Jurors				Jurors are paid at the end of the two-week session. If jurors will be in the courtroom on payday, notify bookkeeper by transmitting juror cards to bookkeeper so that checks made be set aside.	
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DESCRIPTION FO	ORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Trial Matters</u>				Many of the duties of courtroom clerks on trial matters have been discussed above. Refer to: "Formal/Special Cause" "Swearing in Witness" "Exhibits" "Court Record Book"	
Docket Entries				The docket should contain a concise summary of all court activity having a bearing on the case. Daily entries should be made, although the entries will not be typed until trial has concluded. Retain case file and entries until conclusion.	documents filed and issued.
Ex	x. 4			Include in entry for clerk-typist: case number, case name name of judge dates trial begins, continues and concludes significant court action jury or non-jury outcome of case storage place of exhibits, transcripts, depositions your signature	The Court Record Book contains more detail than should the docket.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Judgment</u> Judgment	Ex. 5			Judgment becomes official when it is entered by the clerk. The proper judgment form is completed by the courtroom clerk and transferred to the clerk-typist for entry. Complete this form when judgment in non-jury case is rendered by judge in open court.	See Office Procedure Handbook, "Entry of Judgment."
Judgment on Decision	Ex. 6	S-149		Complete this form when the judgment is rendered by the judge outside of open court (as on oral proof).	
Judgment on Verdict	Ex. 7	S-150		Complete this form when a jury has rendered a verdict.	
Case Disposition Report	Ex. 8			Complete once case (jury or non-jury) has been disposed of and transfer to Civil Assignment Office.	Civil assignment (Providence) reports that this is not always done; it is important in maintaining disposition statistics.
				111.24	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Grand Jury Matters</u> Selection of Grand Jury			RCrP 6a	The attorney general and staff are presented with evidence that a crime has been committed against the State of Rhode Island and its people. This evidence is then presented to a Grand Jury or a jury of peers for the indictment (true bill) or no true bill of an individual against whom evidence is presented.	By rule, the Grand Jury is to consist of not less than thirteen (13) nor more than twenty-three (23) members, and a sufficient number of legally qualified persons are to be summoned to meet this requirement.
				a. Call jurors: Say: "All persons duly summoned to appear for service as grand jurors please answer here when your name is called, step forward and take your place in the jury box." "Mr. Officer, you will count the jurors."	
				b. Call individual jurors by <u>City or Town</u> , then name of juror.	
				After all jurors have been called say:	
				c. "Jurors, please raise your right hand," Administer oath: "YOU DO SEVERALLY AND SOLEMNLY SWEAR YOU WILL TRUE ANSWERS MAKE, TO SUCH QUESTIONS AS SHALL BE DEMANDED OF YOU BY THE COURT, SO HELP YOU GOD."	
Grand Jurors Qualified				The attorney general will then inquire for qualifications. Challenges may be made at this time.	
				Once the Grand Jury has been selected and quali- fied, the clerk will administer the oath.	5.770
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Grand Jurors, cont'd.				Say: "YOU SEVERALLY AND SOLEMNLY [SWEAR,] THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE GRAND INQUEST FOR THE BODY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS YOU WILL DILIGENTLY INQUIRE, AND TRUE PRESENTENT MAKE OF ALL SUCH CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS COGNIZABLE BY THE COURT, AS SHALL COME TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE; THE STATES COUNSEL, YOUR FELLOWS AND YOUR OWN HILL KEEP SECRET, WILL PRESENT NO PERSON FOR ENVY, HATRED, OR MALICE; NEITHER WILL YOU LEAVE ANY PERSON UNPRESENTED FOR LOVE, FEAR, FAVOR, AFFECTION, OR HOPE OF REWARD; BUT YOU WILL PRESENT THINGS TRULY, AS THEY COME TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING; [SO HELP YOU GOD.]"	[THIS AFFIRMATION YOU MAKE AND GIVE UPON THE PERIL OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY.]
			RCrP 6c	The court will appoint a grand jury foreman and deputy foreman. The clerk will then administer the Oath to Jury Keeper to the deputy sheriff. Say: "YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT YOU WILL PERFORM YOUR DUTIES AS JURY KEEPER TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY, SO HELP YOU GOD." A stenographer is selected to record the proceedings and the clerk administers the oath. Say: "YOU SOLEMNLY ISWEAR] THAT YOU WILL PERFORM YOUR DUTIES AS STENOGRAPHER TO THE GRAND JURY TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY AND WILL KEEP ALL PROCEEDINGS SECRET, ISO HELP YOU GOD.]"	See bracketed words above for affirmation. 5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Grand Jury Report				When the Grand Jury is ready to make its pre- sentation to the court: a. Ask Sheriff for number of jurors assembled.	The county grand jury sits for a period of six weeks; the statewide grand jury for a period of from three to eighteen months.
				b. Say: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury answer here when your name is called." "Mr. Sheriff, please count the jurors."	T
				c. Indicate those present and not present on list of jurors.	
				d. Say to Foreman: "Mr. Foreman, have you any indictments to return?"	
				Foreman answers: "yes."	
•				At this time record the number of indictments presented by the Foreman of the Grand Jury.	
				e. Say: "thank you,"	
				f. "Your Honor, the jury has (number) crue bills and (number) no true bills."	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Daily Calendar				The daily calendar consists of arraignments, motions, bail and violation hearings, determination of attorney cases and dispositions. A calendar is posted at the entrance to the courtroom and the matters called in the order listed.	Smaller counties (Newport) do not have sufficien business to warrant a daily calendar call. The criminal calendar is prepared by the Attorney General's Office in all but Providence.
				a. Call case. State v. If defendant is present, ask him/her to take a seat, you will call them again later.	The Judge or Attorney General may instead call the calendar.
				b. Call next case. State v. If defendant is not present, court may order a bench warrant to be issued.	
				The court may choose to hold order of bench war- rants until all defendants who are present have their matters heard.	
				The court may request that those cases which did not answer when first called be called again. If no answer is heard the court will at this time order that a bench warrant be issued for the defendant's arrest.	See Office Procedure Handbook, "Bench Harrants."
				In disposition cases, where the defendant does not respond to the call, the court will pass this matter to the trial calendar.	A disposition case commonly refers to one in which the defendant is to plead quilty or nolo.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Arraignment</u>				When the grand jury brings an indictment or the attorney general's office presents an information on a defendant, a procedure known as an arraignment is scheduled. The notification of the arraignment may be the first indication to the defendant that he is being charged with a crime against the state. At arraignment, the defendant is given the opportunity to plead to the charge(s). The format which the arraignment takes is as follows. 1) defendant is presented with the information or indictment (he or she may waive the reading of the document); 2) he is advised of his rights and if the defendant is not represented by counsel the court may appoint a public defender to represent him or her at the arraignment if he or she chooses; 3) bail is set in an amount or the judge may see fit to release the defendant on his own recognizance. The following procedure describes procedures at arraignment under three situations in court.	
 Defendant present - no attorney 				a. Announce the case, reading the name of the defendant: State of Rhode Island vs. (defendant name), Indictment or Information number.	
				b. Ask defendant to step forward. c. Ask the defendant to identify himself: 1) What is your name? 2) What is your date of birth? 3) What is your address? III.29	Some judges omit this procedure. 5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM NO.	NO. STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Defendant resent - no attorney, cont'd.	Ex. 9 S-211		d. Say: "Let the record show the defendant is present." e. Say: "Your Honor; this is indictment (information) number which charges the defendant with name the charge(s)." f. Hand the file to the Judge. g. Hand copy of information or indictment to defendant. Say: "Your Honor, a copy of the indictment (information) is being handed to the defendant." h. Tell defendant to give information or indictment papers to his or her attorney. i. Then: "What say you to this information (indictment)?" Once the defendant is arraigned and the judge has set bail the clerk will: j. Prepare the bail and recognizance form for the defendant's signature. k. To the defendant, say "Raise your right hand." l. Administer the oath. "WAIVING THE READING OF THIS RECOGNIZANCE DO	The judge will inquire if counsel for the defenant is present. Make certain that the attorney enters an appearance. RCrP 50(a). Prepare this form in advance, as time permits. This is the Personal Recognizance Oath; for Suret Bail Oath, see "Bail at arraignment."

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				YOU (NAME) ACKNOWLEDGE YOURSELF INDEBTED TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATION IN THE SUM OF \$ FOR YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE THIS COURT ON THIS CASE AND IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHALL KEEP THE PEACE AND BE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS?"	
				m. Ask the defendant to please enter his signature and address on the form.	
				n. Hand yellow copy of bail and recognizance form to defendant. Say: "Please read this and give it to your attorney."	
				arraigned and pleads not guilty, gives personal recognizance in sum . Continued to (date)	This information will be transferred to the docket and face sheets by the criminal records section. This also serves as a guide for completing the log of the courtroom clerk.
			<u> </u> 	p. Place papers in case folder; return to scheduling office.	
 Defendant present - with attorney 				Same procedures as above, a p., with following exceptions.	
				a. Hand copy of indictment or information to attorney instead of defendant.	
			RCrP 50(a)	 b. Make sure attorney gives you Entry of Appearance form for file. 	
				c. Make notations to calendar and note for typing, e.g., "defendant arraigned and pleads not III.31	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
	,			guilty, gives personal recognizance in sum of Entry of Appearance filed."	
3. Defendant not present				The clerk will read defendant's name from the daily calendar. If defendant is not present at this time the case may be put aside and called again after all other arraignments and matters are decided.	
				a. Read the name of the defendant.	The judge may do this instead of clerk.
•				b. Hand file to judge.	
				c. Make notation on calendar to issue bench warrant per judge's order.	See Office Procedure Handbook, "Bench Warrants."
*			·	d. Give file to scheduling office at end of proceedings.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Bail</u> Bail at Arraignment	Ex. 9	S-211		During arraignment proceedings the judge may set bail in a specified amount or release defendant on personal recognizance. When bail is set do the following: a. Complete Bail and Recognizance Conditions form. b. Ask defendant to sign name and enter address on form. If a surety is involved: have surety sign bail form underneath defendant's signature and address.	endant cannot make bail, see "Mittimus" section for procedure.
				c. Ask defendant (and surety) to raise right hands. d. Administer oath. "WAIVING THE READING OF THIS RECOGNIZANCE YOU JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOURSELVES INDEBTED TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$ FOR THE APPEARANCE OF THIS OR THESE DEFENDANT BEFORE THIS COURT ON THIS CHARGE OF AND IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHALL KEEP THE PEACE AND BE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS?"	See above, step 1, for Personal Recognizance Oath Include underscored words if surety involved.
				e. Give yellow copy of bail form to defendant. f. Place white copy in case file folder.	
				g. Give case file folder to clerk in criminal assignment.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Hearings</u> Bail Hearings			·	When a defendant is denied bail or feels that the bail is unreasonable he or she may file a motion for a bail hearing. If granted, the scheduling clerk will assign the case to be heard and notify the parties.	
				a. Call case.b. Ask defendant to stand at counsel table (or to come forward).	
				c. Ask defendant to identify himself. 1) "What is your name?" 2) "What is your date of birth?" 3) "What is your address?"	
				d. Say: "Your Honor, this is Indictment/Information (Miscellaneous Petition) number and name the charge(s)) or (state reason for hearing)	•
				e. Record these proceedings in the courtroom record book.	See 'Court Record Book,"
				At this time the defendant and/or his attorney may give reasons why they wish a change in the defend- ant's bail status. If the bail is still denied, follow procedure in "Remand" section.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Violation Hearings (Probation, Sentence, etc.)				The defendant is brought into court on the violation and is served with a copy of Rule 32f, "notice of violation"; the matter is usually continued for hearing. When the defendant is brought before the court bail may be reset or the defendant held without bail.	If defendant is in jail for failure to make bail or bail not set on violation a Habeas is prepared. See Office Procedure, Habeas. If defendant is out on bail a notice of hearing is sent for appearance in court.
				a. Follow steps above, a e.	
]		b. Swear in witnesses as they are called.	See 'Swearing in Witnesses."
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Guilty/Nolo Plea (Disposition)			·	The defendant may at any time wish to admit guilt and change his/her plea from not guilty to guilty/nolo.	
				a. Ask defendant to come forward,	
		·		b. Have defendant identify nimself/herself, "What is your name?" "What is your date of birth?" "What is your address?"	
				c, Arraign defendant. Say: "Your Honor, this is Indictment/Information number which charges defendant name of defendant with name charges. What say you to this indictment?"	
	Ex. 10 Ex. 11			The defendant or attorney will retract plea of not guilty and plead nolo contendere or guilty. The attorney completes the waiver form containing an affidavit and judge's certificate, which the clerk hands to the judge.	
]	d. Make entries in court log (record) book.	
				The court may sentence at this time or continue matter for sentencing at a later date.	See "Sentencing."
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Jury Matters Impanelling a Jury				Be sure the defendant(s) is present and settled in the courtroom before sending for a jury panel.	It is the judge's decision as to whether or not the defendant is handcuffed.
			·	When a jury is needed for a criminal case, the sheriff is directed to bring a sub-panel of jurors (usually 25) and the barrel containing their name slips to the courtroom. Once the jury panel is seated in rear of the courtroom, arraign the defendant:	
				a. Request defendant to come forward. b. Ask the defendant to identify himself/herself. 1) What is your name? 2) What is your date of birth? 3) What is your address?	
				c. Say: "Your Honor, this is Indictment/Information (<u>number</u>) which charges the defendant <u>name</u> with (<u>read charges</u>). What say you to this <u>Indict</u> - ment/Information?"	
				Generally the clerk will draw 14 names from the barrel. Check with the judge, as procedures for drawing alternates vary.	
				a. Say: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, answer here to your names as they are called, pass this way before counsel and take your respective seats in the jury box." "Mr. Officer, please count the jurors."	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
	. :			 Stand, spin barrel and draw name slips one at a time. 	
				c. Announce city (town) of residence and juror's full name. "From <u>Town/City</u> , <u>Name</u> ."	Keep in mind when calling names to proceed at a reasonable pace to permit personnel recording names to make their notations.
			,	d. Continue drawing names until required number has been reached.	·
				e. As cards are drawn, place name slips on table in same sequence as jurors are seated in jury box.	
Voir Dire				Once jurors have been seated, general questions will be asked of the jury by the court as to whether they know any of the parties in the case or know of a reason to disqualify themselves, Questions to individual jurors may be posed by counsel. a. If a juror is excused for cause, at the direction of the judge or attorney announce: "City (Town) of Residence, (name of juror) is excused from this panel." b. Remove name slip; draw a new name from barrel and request individual to take vacated seat in jury box, Place new slip in proper sequence.	If an attorney requests individual voir dire and the jury is under oath, the judge will request the juror to approach the witness stand. The clerk will administer the "true answer make" oath to the individual. (See "Qualifying the Petit Jury," Roll of Jurors.) The procedure is the same for either a civil or criminal case.
Peremptory Challenges				Challenges to jurors are then made first by the state, then by defendant counsel. Each time an attorney requests a juror to be excused as unacceptable to sit on the case counts as one challenge. III.38	5/78

DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Peremptory Challenges, cont				Number allowed: 6 if offense punishable by death (each side) or imprisonment exceeding one year 3 if offense punishable by less than one year, fine, or both. For alternates: 1 if 1 or 2 alternates (each side) 2 if more than 2 alterrates When there are multiple defendants, the court may allow additional challenges.	
				c. Keep a tally of the number of challenges of each side. d. Announce to judge when maximum number of challenges has been reached for each counsel.	Attorneys for parties will submit challenge forms to clerk, which may then be filed in the case file (although not a requisite to retain them).
*				 e. Excuse and replace jurors as in steps a. and b. above. f. Clip juror name cards together for future reference, keeping juror name slips in order of seating in jury box. 	
Oath to Jurors			1	g. Enter jurer names in court record book. After challenges have taken place and all jurors are seated, administer the oath.	
				a. Say: "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, please rise and raise your right hand." III.39	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				D. Read Oath: "YOU DO SEVERALLY AND SOLEMNLY [SWEAR] THAT YOU WILL WELL AND TRULY TRY AND TRUE DELIVER- ANCE MAKE, BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS AND THE DEFENDANT AT THE BAR ACCORDING TO LAW AND THE EVIDENCE GIVEN YOU [SG HELP YOU GOD.]"	For affirmation, substitute for bracketed words the following: [AFFIRM] [THIS AFFIRMATION YOU MAKE AND GIVE UPON THE PERIL OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY."]
Selection of 12 to Deliberate			RCrP 24(c)	The trial proceeds at this time. At the termination of the trial, and at the court's direction, the clerk will draw 12 juror cards. When one's name is called, each is to proceed to take a seat in the alternate jury box (or spectator's area) until 12 are seated. Say: "Please be seated." From these the Judge will select a foreman.	
Charging the Jury Oath to Jury Keeper				a. Say: "The court appoints name as foreman. Will you please exchange places." b. Give juror cards to sheriff. Jurors are then excused. In criminal cases the clerk must swear in a deputy sheriff as the jury keeper just prior to deliberation of jury. a. Call the deputy sheriff to come forward.	The foreman is to exchange places with the juror seated in the first row seat furthest from the bench if he/she is not already seated there.
				b. Say: "Please raise your right hand." 111.40	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Oath to Jury Keeper, cont'd				c. Read the Oath. "YOU SEVERALLY AND SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT YOU WILL WELL AND TRULY KEEP TOGETHER EVERY MEMBER OF THIS JURY COMMITTED TO YOUR CHARGE UNTIL THEY SHALL HAVE AGREED UPON A VERDICT UPON THE MATTER COMMITTED TO THEM: THAT YOU WILL NOT SUFFER ANYONE TO SPEAK TO THEM, NOR SPEAK TO THEM YOURSELF, EXCEPT TO ASK THEM IF THEY HAVE AGREED UPON A VERDICT, OR OTHERWISE BY ORDER OF THE COURT, SO HELP YOU GOD!"	Include underscored words if oath administered to more than one person.
				Attorneys may at this time look over the exhibits and then said exhibits, designated "full" exhibits, will be sent to the jury room. Make certain for identification exhibits are kept separate. The jury keeper will now bring jurors to the jury room for deliberation.	
Oath to Jury Keepers for a Sequestered Jury				If the jury is to be lodged overnight, the clerk administers an oath to the sheriffs in charge of the sequestered jury.	
				a. Call sheriffs to come forward.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
				b. Say: "Please raise your right hand." c. Read Oath: "YOU SEVERALLY AND SOLEMHLY SHEAR THAT YOU HILL MELL AND TRULY KEEP TOGETHER EVERY MEMBER OF THIS JURY COMMITTED TO YOUL CHARGE, FOR THE DURATION OF THIS TRIAL, THAT YOU WILL NOT ALLOW III.41	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Oath to Jury Keepers, cont'd			1	ANYONE TO SPEAK TO THEM NOR SPEAK TO THEM YOUR- SELF ABOUT THIS TRIAL EXCEPT BY ORDER OF THE COURT SO HELP YOU GOD. THE JUDGE WILL INFORM YOU IF THE JURY IS TO BE LOOGED OVERNIGHT. d. If so, notify Superior Court administrator's	
Oath to Interpreter				office of locked up jury. YOU DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT YOU WILL FAITHFULLY PERFORM THE DUTIES OF INTERPRETER IN THIS CASE, WELL AND TRULY INTERPRETING ALL QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND ANSWERS GIVEN BY THE WITNESSES HEREIN TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY SO HELP YOU GOD.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Taking a Verdict			·	When deliberations have concluded and the jury returns to the courtroom:	•
				a. "Mr. (Ms.) Foreman, please rise. Has the jury agreed upon a verdict?"	
				b. "On indictment # , State of Rhode Island vs. defendant name charging the defendant with charge, do you find the defendant guilty or not guilty?"	lan indictment or information repeat (b) changing
				c. "Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury as your foreman says so say you all."	
				d. Enter verdict in record log book.	
Polling the Jury				Either the defense attorney or the prosecuting attorney may request that the jury be polled as to their individual verdict.	
				a. Read juror's name, say: "As to the charge of <u>read charge and count of indictment</u> , do you find the defendant guilty or not guilty?"	
				NOTE: Read each charge and count of indictment to each juror before moving on to next jurors.	
	ĺ			b. Record response in log book.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Sentencing				Sentence may occur immediately doon a plea of noly guilty or as a result of a hearing or may be continued to a specified date at the discretion of the court as the result of a trial.	If a Motion for New Trial has been filed, sen- tencing is continued for two months.
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e			,	a. Announce: "State of Rhode Island vs. <u>defendant</u> . Indictment/Information number"	
				b. Invite the defendant to stand in front of the clerk. Say: "Please come forward."	
				c. Ask the defendant to identify himself/herself. "What is your name?" "What is your date of birth?" "What is your address?"	
Sentence to be served at ACI or Women's Reforma- tory				At this point in the proceeding the court imposes sentence.	
				a. Ask defendant to rise. b. Say: "Harken you to the sentence of the court:	Some clerks omit the first phrase, starting with "This honorable Court sentences you to"
				c. Complete Judgment on Conviction form.	See Office Procedure Handbook, "Judgment on Conviction." 5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Sentence of defendant to pay a fine			·	 d. Transfer docket entry to typist. a. Ask defendant to rise. b. Say "Harken you to the sentence of the court. The court sentences you to pay a fine of \$ to and for the use of the State and that you pay all costs of prosecution or that you be committed to the name of institution until sentence be performed in all its parts." 	
Deferred Sentence				a. Read Indictment/Information number. b. Administer personal recognizance oath.	See next page for oath. In all cases where pro- bation in lieu of incarceration is imposed as the sentence, the defendant is released on personal recognizance.
				 c. Say: "Sentence is deferred by the court, You are placed on probation for a period of five years." d. Have attorney general prepare deferred sentence agreement form. e. Have defendant and attorney general sign form. 	The 5-year term is automatic in deferred or suspended sentences,
Probation	Ex. 9	S-211		a. If conditions change, complete Ball and Recognizance Conditions form. III.45	See "Bail at Arraignment." 5/78

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				b. Ask the defendant to please enter his/her signa- ture and address on the form.	
				c. To the defendant say: "Raise your right hand,"	
				d. Administer Personal Recognizance Oath; "MAIVING THE READING OF THIS RECOGNIZANCE YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOURSELF INDEBTED TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS IN THE SUM OF \$ FOR YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE THIS COURT ON THIS CASE AND IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHALL KEEP THE PEACE AND BE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS?"	
				e. Give copy to defendant. f. Place original in case file.	•
Costs			RIGLA 12-20-3(-10)	The courtroom clerk then notifies the defendant of the disposition of court costs, as determined by the judge. At the direction of the court, announce and note in record log book: 1) "Costs are remitted."	
			·	2) "You shall pay costs of \$" 3) "Costs may be paid through the Probation Department withindays."	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Docket Entries	Ex. 12			The docket should contain a concise summary of all court activity having a bearing on the case. An entry is made for any appearance of the defendant before the court. A hand-written note for docket entry is transferred to the criminal records division to be typed onto the docket/face sheet: Entries should include: indictment/information number case name judge name date and type of hearing (trial) plea, any change in plea bail, PR entry of appearance whether Public Defender continuances motions	
				documents issued (e.g., warrant) judgment (verdict) sentence your signature	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
<u>Remand</u>	Ex. 13	S-189		This form must be completed to indicate the action of the court if defendant is to return to the Adult Correctional Institution (ACI), Institution for Mental Health (IMH) or the Women's Reformatory if an individual is serving a sentence on other charges and is appearing as a witness.	
				a. Complete Remand, entering: 1) defendant's name 2) Indictment/Information number 3) reason for remand 4) reason for return	To have defendant released from institution to attend court, complete Habeas. (See Office Procedure Handbook, "Habeas.")
				b. Transmit form to state marshall as soon as possible.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Mittimus	Ex. 14			This form is completed by the courtroom clerk upon order of the court for failure of the defendant to make bail, hold defendant without hall and to commit defendant to an institution as part of the disposition or sentence. a. Complete heading information 1) date 2) defendant's name 3) plea entered in court/verdict of jury/judgment of court Cross out typed plea if not applicable and enter defendant's plea 4) date of next court appearance 5) reason for next court appearance 6) amount of bail or "committed w/o bail" if no bail is set 7) date 8) Indictment/Information number 9) original signature of clerk b. Transmit form to state marshall.	
				c. Give file to scheduling office for next court appearance if necessary.	See also Office Procedure Handbook, "Judgment on Conviction."
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FORMAL & SPECIAL CAUSE MATTERS

ı.	Preliminary Injunctions + ++++	_5_
2.	Petition for Assessment of Damages-Uncontested	-
3.	Proof of Claim	10
4.	Consent Judgement	2
5.	Agency Appeals (including Zoning Appeals) (most such decisions are rendered after memoranda are filed and a transcript is examined).	_4
6.	Title Proceedings & Other Uncontested Dispositions	6
7.	Trustee Proceedings	2
8.	Supplementary Proceedings 1-1-1-	_5_
9.	Receivership Proceedings +#+ ##	11
10.	Motions to Dissolve or Authorize Attachment. (including Body Executions)	3
11.	Petitions for Mandamus	
	Contempt Proceedings // /	2
	Proceedings to Vacate Default Judgement	4
14.	Partition Proceedings	2
15.	Habeas Corpus	<u> </u>
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<u> </u>) Plaintiff(s)
John Dol Richard Rue))) CA No.78-200
Richard Rol)) Defendant(s))
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)) Third Party Defendant(s))
For Plaintiff)
We, the Jury, find t	chat the plaintiff(s)
is (are) entitled to recover in damages in the amount of \$ /2 (Date)	
Other sample entries:	
1 For Defendant We, the Jury, find for Richard in the above-entitled case, and determinate entitled to recover any damages.	Roe
2 <u>Defendant's Counterclaim</u>	and the second standards
the defendant(s) Richa	
3 Third Party Plaintiff	
We, the Jury, find the above-entitled case, and assess	for the third party plaintiff in damages in the amount of \$ 5,000.

Courtroom Exhibit 3

Sample Civil Docket Entries

Formal/Special Cause

Case number

77-1-1 1-5-78 Shea J. Heard on Pltf's supplementary proceedings as to Def't - Jim Brown* (no order to issue at this time). Order to enter as to disposition of Def't. for signature of the court.

* Def't not appearing, Body Attachment to issue and issued on 1-5-78 (Signature)

1-9-78 Shea J. Heard on Pltf's motion / to adjudge Def't. - Jim Brown in contempt.

1-7-78 Shea J. Heard on plaintiff's cral proof of claim. Judgment entered for plaintiff (name) in amount of plus interest of 8% from date to date for total of \$\int \text{plus costs.} \text{Exhibits filed in clerk's office vault.}

Your signature

Motions

11-2-76 Murray, J. Heard on plaintiff's motion to compel and same is granted. Order to enter.

II-2-76 Murray J. Heard on defendant's motion for summary judgment and same is granted. Judgment entered 30ok 9 =54.

Hearings

11-2-76 Murray J. Heard on petition for the appointment of a receiver and same is granted. Decree entered appointing temporary receiver. 11-2-76 Bulman J. Heard on petition to foreclose tax lien. Final judgment entered.

Jury Trial

11-2-76 Bulman J. Case opens to Jury and trial proceeds. November 5, 6, 7, 8 Trial Proceeds, trial concludes. Jury returns verdict for the plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000.00. Judgment entered Book 9 #209.

Exhibits filed in exhibit room.

Jury Waived

11-2-76 Bulman J. Heard without the intervention of a jury and continued. November 5, 6, Further heard and decision is for the defendant. Judgment entered, Book 9 #69.

Exhibits withdrawn by plaintiff's attorney.

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Courtroom clerks prepare the entries to be typed by clerk-typists onto the docket/face sheets. Handwritten notes should be legible; make certain the case number and your signature are with the entry.

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FILE #CA 78-000

JUDGMENT

For	PI	ai	nt	i	ff	:

In the above entitled cause, JUDGMENT is entered for the PLTF

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[For Defendant]

[DEFD]

Judgment :	
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Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorney for Defendand

Justice

Date 19 78

At Providence, Rhode Island this /3

Day of January

A.D. 1975

action.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Civil Action, File No. 78-000	
Plaiatiff Judgment (On Decision) Defendant	
This action came on for that hearing before the Court, Mr. Justice (MANE)	•
presiding, and the issues having been	t .
It is Ordered and Adjudged that the plaintiff	
that the plaintiff take nothing, that the action be dismissed on the merits, and that the defendant	
recover of the plaintiff	ស
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Dated at Providence Rhode Island, this 137 H day of	
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CLERK OF COURT	
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Other sample entries: 1 Judgment for Defendant: that the plaintiff take nothing, that the action be dismissed on the merits, that the defendant	
recover of the plaintiff John Doe his costs of action.	
2 <u>Judgment on Defendant's Counterclaim</u> :	Courtroom Exhibit 6
presiding, and the issues having been tried heard and a decision having been rendered, AS TO THE DEFENDANT'S COUNTERCLAIM. It is Ordered and Adjuded that the plaintiff ON COUNTERCLAIM Richard Roe recover of the defended John Doe the sum of \$5,000 with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent as provided by law, and his contact the rest of the defended by law, and his contact the rest of the law and l	Cour

State, of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations	2/1
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presiding, and the issues having been duly tried and the jury having duly rendered its verdict,	
It is Ordered and Adjudged: that the plaintiff	
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at the rate of 6 per cent as provided by law, and his costs of action.	
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CASE DISPOSITION REPORT

JURY 💥	NON-JURY
FILE NO. CA 78-660 JUDGE:	(NAME)
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CASE STARTED:	
Date: 1-13-78	
Hour A.M	2 P.M.
JURY RETIRED:	
Date:	
Hour A.M	P.M.
JURY RETURNED:	
Date: 1-15-78	
Hour A.M	3:13 P.M.
VERDICT: FOR PLTF	
Clerk (SIGN)	
(Must be returned for each within 24 hours of dispositi	

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for Habeas Corpus, hearing pursuant to Rule 3 (a), hearing on resetting of bail. (Circle appropriate terms) or Jother (inserplescription) Now, therefore, the defendant and his/her sureties, if any, do hereby acknowledge himself/herself/themselves to be indebted to the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in the sum of \$	// Desendant		
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APPIDAVIT AND ATTORDER'S CERTIFICATION

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curry and have a trial with a jury, or before a single judge; at such a	
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THILTY OF MOIO CONTENDERE I am giving up all of the above rights; that a	,
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No promises have been made to me by the prosecuting attorney, my own	:=
attorney or the Court except as follows:	
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I also understand that for purposes of this case I am admitting suf-	
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Defendant	
Signed and Sworn to at, on the	
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STATE

vs.

INDICIMENT NO. P278-006

This certifies that the defendant in the above-entitled indictment(s) has come before me, in the presence of his attorney, and presented the attached affidavit and attorney's certification. Thereupon, I have addressed the defendant personally, in open court, and he has established by his responses to my questions that he has been fully informed of the content of the affidavit, all of the rights enumerated therein, the nature and the consequences of his plea as set forth therein, and the range of punishment which might be imposed upon him as well as any assurances made to him by his attorney, the prosecuting attorney or the court, as specifically set forth in said affidavit. I have also been satisfied by the defendant's assertion and the content of the affidavit, that there is a factual basis for this plea. I find that this plea is made voluntarily and with knowledge and understanding of all matters set forth in the attached affidavit.

Justice Superior Court

DATE: 1-13-78

Courtroom Exhibit 11

	Sample Criminal Docket Entries
1.	Defendant arraigned and pleads not guilty, gives personal recognizance in sum \$1,000. Entry of appearance filed, referred to Public Defender or continued to to determine attorney.
2.	Defendant arraigned and pleads not guilty, for want of bail in sum is committed, etc.
3.	Defendant appears and retracts plea of not guilty, again arraigned and pleads (guilty, nole contenders) and sentenced to the ACI for Judgement of conviction entered.
4.	Defendant appears and retracts plea of not guilty, again arraigned and pleads etc. and placed on probation for, gives personal recognizance in sum \$1,000. Judgement of conviction entered.
5•	Defendent appears and retracts plea of not guilty, again arraigned and pleads, sentenced to the ACE for, sentence is suspended, probation for, gives personal recognizance in sum \$1,000. Judgeme of conviction entered.
. 6.	Defendant appears and retracts plea of not guilty, again arraigned and pleads, sentence is deferred and gives personal recognizance in sum \$1,000. Judgement of conviction entered.
7 •	Defendant appears and continued to $_$ for violation hearing, committed w /obail.
8.	Defendant appears on violation hearing, witnesses sworn after hearing defendant declared to be a violator and suspension of sentence removed, defendant ordered committed on sentence previously imposed of and committed. Judgement of conviction entered.
9•	Defendant arraigned and pleads nolo contenders, continued for sentence to, gives personal recognizance in sum \$1,000. Court orders psychiatric evaluation.
10.	Defendant arraigned and pleads not guilty, for want of bail in sumis committed. Same day defendant give bail sum Recog. $\#$
11,	Defendant arraigned and pleads not guilty, for want of bail in sum is committed. Same day defendant gives cash bail in sum . Bail furnished by name, address.
12.	Defendant appears and heard on motions to, granted or denied, orders to enter.
13.	Warrant ordered and issued.
11,.	Defendant appears and retracts plea of not guilty, again arraigned and pleads, sentenced to the ACI for, sentence suspended, probation for, said probation to commence upon release from ACI on sentence in sum \$1,000 guidgement of now service and probate personal recognizance in sum \$1,000
15.	Defendant appears and retracts plea of not guilty, again arraign pleads , sentenced to the ACT for from and after the exof sentence now serving and committed. Judgement of conviction
16.	House of Hope until further order of Court.
27.	continued to for bail hearing, committed w/o bail.
18.	Defendent appears on bail hearing, witnesses sworn aft bail reset at for want of bail in sum is committed same day defendant gives bail or cash bail in sum)

19. Desendent apposes on State's median to cancel personal recognise bearing State's motion granted and defendant committed w/o cail

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- 20. Defendant appears and still persists in his plea of not guilty, case opens to the jury and trial proceeds.

 Trial proceeds and concludes. The jury returns a verdict of --guilty as charged -- not guilty.

 Not guilty-Judgment of acquittal entered.

 guilty, continued for sentence or actual sentencing
- 21. Motion to dismiss granted. No ecsts.
- 22. Continued to ____ for progress report.
- 23. Sentenced to pay a fine of ___ and costs. Fine of __ and costs of ___ paid. Judgement of conviction entered.
- 24. Defendant appears, retracts plea of not guilty, again arraigned, pleads nolo contendere and is sentenced to the A.C.I. for 10 years. Defendant is ordered to serve the first 6 years, and the remaining 4 years is suspended, probation for 5 years; said probation to commence upon defendant's release from the A.C.I. Judgement of Conviction entered.

Courtroom clerks prepare the entries to be typed by clerk-typists onto the docket/face sheets. Handwritten notes should be legible; make certain the case number and your signature are with the entry.

State of Ahode Island and Providence Plantations.

Providence, Sc.	
To the Sheriff of the County of Providence, or to his Deputies, and to the Warden	of
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GAEETING:	
WHEREAS, has this day been produced before the Superior Court of said State holden at Providence, for the Counties	
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and whereas said Court orders that said respondent be remanded into the custody of said Warden, in the	78 .
County of Providence, to be held as of his original commitment.	
We command you, said sheriffs or deputies, to take said respondent and him convey to said Warde	•
and you said Warden are hereby commanded to receive said respondent into your custody and him hold as	io
his original commitment.	
Witness, the SQL of our Superior Court, at Providence, this 137H	•••
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(SIGN) Deputy Clerk.	
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[MITTIMUS-COMMITMENT FOR WANT OF BAIL ON INDICTMENT.]

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

	SUPERIOR COURT.
	Providence, sc.
	1-13 A. D. 19.28
	To the Sheriff of the County of Providence,or to his Deputies,
	and to the Warden of the Adult Correctional Institutions in said County,
	GREETING:
	WHEREAS, the Grand Jury have returned a Bill of Indictment against
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	in said County for
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	on which Indictment the said defendant has been arraigned and plended مطنتي وعمل , and was ordered by said
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	You, the said Sheriff or Deputies, are therefore hereby commanded to take the body of the said defendant
	and him convey to said Warden, and the said Warden is hereby required to receive the said defendant into his
	custody and h there safely keep until h shall be duly discharged according to law, and for so doing
	this shall be your sufficient Warrant.
	Hereof fail not, &c.
	WITNESS, the SEAL of our Superior Court, at Providence, this
	day ofA D. 19.20
	THE YE P 2 26-000 (Pr' 44/) (Pr' 44/)
	Ind. No. P275-000 (51'an) Clerk.
1	At Disposition - In Lieu of Bail:
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	on which Indictment the said defendant has been arraigned and pleaded met-guilty NOLO CONT 2-12-78 SENTENCE, and was ordered by said Court to enter into recognizance in the
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2	After Bail Hearing:
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3	Bail Set - In Lieu of Bail:
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RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT
MANUAL OF COURT OPERATIONS

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Financial Matters

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This fiscal clerk, or bookkeeper, is the custodian of all case-related monies deposited into or paid out of the court. It is the Clerk of the Superior Court, however, who is ultimately accountable for these funds and it is for this reason that checks are signed by the clerk whenever possible, even though one or more other persons may be authorized by the Clerk to sign checks. In Providence, withdrawal of funds can be accomplished only upon order of the court; checks drawn must be signed by the Clerk and witnessed by a Superior Court Justice, with the exception of checks \$100 or less [RCP 67(b)]. In smaller courts, a judge is often unavailable, so a judge's signature may not be required.

In Providence, two accounts are maintained: (1) The Registry of the Superior Court and (2) The Fines and Costs accounts, ¹ Into the Registry are deposited <u>all</u> funds <u>other</u> than fines and costs. The

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Registry consists of several types of accounts, as described later in this section, for cash bail, deposits in escrow, entry and appeal fees, miscellaneous fees and payment to jurors. All withdrawals of funds are made from the Registry Accounts. The Fines and Costs account is a checking account in which are deposited all fines and costs; the balance in the account is sent monthly to the General Treasurer.

Responsibilities of the fiscal clerks include: depositing and safe-keeping of funds; maintenance of account journals; reconciliation of accounts; transmitting funds to General Treasurer; maintenance of files for audit; and such reports as may be required by the Court Administrator's Office or the General Treasurer.

¹Although types and numbers of accounts vary from court to court, the procedures for each matter are generally the same.

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Maintenance of Accounts Receipts				A receipt must be completed for any money received by the court over the counter. The receipt machine contains an original and two copies of pre-numbered receipts.	directly from the individual naving money into
				a. Complete receipt, entering:	ment is received by mail.
				cash, (check, money order) individual's name case name (number) amount paid your signature	In Newport County, there is no receipt machine. A receipt is always completed for cash bail; on other occasions, upon request.
				b. Give original to individual.	
				c. Attach payment to copy of receipt; place money in safe place.	
				d. Retain receipt copies in chronological file.	
			·	If error is made on receipt, mark "VOID" on all copies and staple together.	
Deposits to Bark	Ex. 1		·	Because the bookkeeper is responsible for all funds paid into the court, it is important to make regular bank deposits of these monies. Be certain to place all money in a locked place until deposit	
			-	can be made.	
			•	 a. Make out deposit slip for each account in duplicate. In addition to normal entries (date, total amounts by check, cash), case information 	15
				should be entered (name, number) where appro- priate. IV.I	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
				b. Retain deposit slip copies with bank book.	
Kithdrawals			RCP 67(b)	Authorization is required (i.e., an order of the judge or clerk of the Superior Court) before any withdrawal may be made.	
				Money which has been in a passbook account must first be withdrawn from that account; then deposited in the "zero-balance" checking account, from which a check is drawn for return of funds.	
Bankbook Reconciliation				It is important to reconcile the bankbook with the monthly statement as scon as possible from date of its receipt.	
				a. To reconcile:	
				(1) Add deposits for present month to previous month's balance; (2) Subtract disbursements for present month.	The reconciliation procedure is often explained on the reverse side of the statement.
				If resulting amount does not equal that on state- ment, check figures again; call bank for assistance if necessary.	
				b. Note on account checkbook: "Account balanced (date)."	
				c. Retain statements, deposit slips and cancelled checks in chronological file for auditors.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Registry of Superior Court			RCP 67(b)	The "Registry of the Superior Court" consists of the following separate accounts.	
				(1) Petty Account - one savings account including all cash bail or escrow deposits of \$100 or less. Earned interest is forwarded twice a year (May,November) to the General Treasurer.	
			·	(2) Individual Account-individual savings accounts for cash bail or escrow deposits exceeding \$100. Interest is compounded quarterly; if bail remains deposited for at least one quarter interest is earned on the money and subsequently paid to the bailor upon withdrawal of bail.	There appears to be no statute or rule requiring that cash bail be denosited in an interest-bearing account.
				(3) Checking Account - "zero-balance" checking accounts in various banks to which money is deposited and immediately withdrawn by check for return of money deposited with the court.	
				(4) Miscellaneous Account - a checking account for all "over the counter" deposits, including entry fees, executions, certification and copying fees, appeal fees.	
				(5) Jury Payroll Account - a checking account from which all grand and petit jurors are paid.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Petty/Individual Accounts (criminal matters) Cash Bail Received				The receipt for cash bail is completed by the clerical person accepting it and a duplicate receipt attached to the case file. The case file and cash bail are then transmitted to the bookkeeper. Upon receiving cash bail and case file from the court: a. Determine appropriate account if amount is \$100 or less: Petty Account if amount exceeds \$100: Individual Account Make journal entry.	accounts.
1				b. Make entry on docket/face sheets. E.g., Check for cash bail received in sum of, Registry book number, page. N.B.: If cash bail is received on a bind-over case, make entry on bottom of complaint: date received by bookkeeper, amount of bail, account book number and page.	
	Ex. 1			c. Complete deposit slip, entering: case number, case name account book number and page.	
				d. If payment of bail is by check, enter on reverse side: case number case name Registry of Superier Court [Stamp] "For deposit only" Have CLERK sign.	
				e. Deposit in proper account. IV.4	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Cash Bail Withdrawal (Return of Cash Bail)			RCP 67(b)	Upon receipt of properly signed order for with- drawal of cash bail:	
				a. Read order to determine who is to receive the bail. When attorney fees have not been paid, the order may state that the bail be returned to the defendant and attorney. If so, the check for the bail amount is made payable to the defendant and the attorney.	
	Ex. I			b. Issue check to designated person in the amount of the cash bail plus any interest (i.e., the balance in the account): (1) Withdraw funds from petty account (or close out individual savings account); (2) deposit funds in Registry checking account; (3) issue check; if the amount of the check exceeds \$100, the check must be signed by the CLERK (or other authorized person) and any Judge of the Superior Court.	Interest in <u>petty</u> account goes <u>not</u> to the poster of bail but is sent twice a year to the General Treasurer.
				c. Mail or give to designated person. If mailed (to attorney), enclose a cover letter and keep a copy of letter in case file. If picked up in person, make out receipt from general receipt book and attach receipt to Order for Withdrawal. Request proper identification before releasing check. d. Enter check number, amount of check, to whom check is made, mailing address, and date of or-	
				der to release in journal. e. Enter on face sheet: "In accordance with the order entered on date, cash ball released." 1V.5	5/78

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Forfeiture of Bail				Upon receipt of order ordering that bail be for- feited:	
			·	a. Enter on docket/face sheet "bail for <u>\$</u> by order remanded to General Treasurer."	
				b. Draw check in proper amount payable to General Treasurer:	
				 (1) Withdraw funds from petty account (or close out individual savings account); (2) deposit funds in Registry checking account; (3) issue check. 	
	Ex. 2	A-26		c. Submit check and Transmittal Voucher to General Treasurer.	
Deposits/Withdrawals (Civil Matters)	;			In a civil matter, the bookkeeper is to receive authorization in the form of an order either to deposit or to withdraw funds. For deposit, follow procedures for "cash bail received." For withdrawal, see "cash bail withdrawal."	
Release of Attachment Deposits in Escrow			RIGLA 10-5-57	The attorney may release attachment on property by depositing in escrow an amount equal to the addamnum on the Writ of Attachment.	
				a. Deposit in individual savings account.	
				b. Notify Town/City Hall clerk that court is in receipt of \$_and that attachment may be released.	
				c. File copy of letter in case file. IV.6	5/78

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Any money left with the court exceeding \$100 is deposited in a new individual savings account and case entries are made to the ledger. On the left-hand page of the ledger, include the following: name of bank in which account to be opened. date received by bookkeeper description - cash, check number, who furnished,	
following: name of bank in which account to be opened. date received by bookkeeper	
date received by bookkeeper	
address amount	
On right-hand page, enter: case title and number	
When account has been opened, enter savings account number on right-hand page.	
When money is to be returned to depositor: a. Withdraw total balance in individual savings account	
b. Deposit in checking account c. Issue check for same amount to depositor d. Enter in journal; check number, date, amount and balance ("0"); to whom check made and	
released; date order entered.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Miscellaneous Account				To this account are deposited: Civil entry fees	See also p. 3,(4), Miscellaneous account.
				Execution fees Certified/Copying fees Appeal fees	
				Receipts and money are transferred daily to the bookkeeper for accounting and depositing.	
Journal entry				Daily entries are made to the journal, which shows the daily total as well as a breakdown by category	
				a. Include in journal entry: 1) date received by bookkeeper 2) receipt numbers (from # to #) 3) total amount received: total of cash/ checks received should equal total of amounts shown on receipts	
				 total amount by category: separate receipts by type of fee; total, and enter in appropriate column 	
				 b. Double-check figures, making certain that total by category = total money received = total of amounts on receipts. 	
				c. Put receipts in numerical order and place in chronological file for reference by auditor.	
				d, Deposit in Miscellaneous Account,	
Reconciliation of Account				Upon receipt of monthly statement: Verify balance in account by comparing checkbook/journal entries/statement. 1V.8	

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Transmittal to General Treasurer				Once the balance in the account has been verified, that balance is sent on a monthly basis to the General Treasurer.	
				a. Issue check to General Treasurer in amount of balance on statement (or corrected balance).	
	Ex. 2	A-26		 Prepare Transmittal Voucher entering notation "Money collected for miscellaneous funds" and amount as well as headings on form. 	
				c. Send check and voucher to General Treasurer.	General Treasurer Treasury Department State House Providence, Rhode Island
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Shares/Dividends on Savings Accounts			RULE	Where accounts are still pending: Deposit the dividend checks in the individual savings account and make appropriate journal entry. Where accounts have been closed: Discharge shares and dividend checks and have lawyers present an order to the judge that by agreement of the parties the dividend checks and stocks may be released to one of the individuals. Retain all dividend checks and shares in a file for each account. Upon receipt of signed order, transfer all stocks/checks to attorney; notify bank of change. If attorneys will not agree or cannot be contacted or if the case is still pending: Retain all dividend checks and shares in file for each account.	At one time shares were issued for individual passbook holders whose accounts had a balance exceeding \$300. Consequently, shares and/or dividend checks were issued for each of these passbook accounts and forwarded to the book-keepers.
				Tor each account.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE.	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
R <u>efunds to General</u> Tr <u>easure</u> r - 10 years - no action		·	RIGLA 9-8-4(5)	When money has remained on deposit for more than ten (10) years and no action has been taken in the case during that time, the account may be closed and the money sent to the General Treasurer. The Attorney General files a petition with the court to initiate the no-action refund process.	
		,		 Review all savings account passbooks and compare with journal entries to determine which cases apply. 	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				b. Prepare list of cases, entering case number case name date last activity occurred individual who deposited money reason money was deposited (e.g., cash bail) amount deposited amount of interest	
		· ·		c. Give report to <u>CLERK</u> , Presiding Justice, and Attorney General.	
		<u>'</u>		d. Upon receipt of Order signed by the Judge, close out accounts on list.	
				e. Deposit money in respective checking account; write out check for each case in amount of original deposit plus earned interest.	5/78
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OH RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Refunds to General Treasurer, cont'd.			i	 F. In journal (Petty or Registry) enter date, check number and amount, date order entered. g. Send check(s) and copy of report to General Treasurer, retaining copy for file. h. Have docket/face sheet entry made: "Money trans- 	
				ferred to General Treasurer on <u>date</u> , accord- ing to 1977 PL Ch. 126."	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Jury Payroll Account Deposits to Jury Account				forecast of the amount of money to pay petit and	See also p. 3, (5), Jury Payroll account. In smaller courts, the amount is ordered as needed rather than on a monthly basis.
Invoice Voucher				When necessary to order more funds, for the payroll:	
	Ex. 3	A12		a. Complete invoice voucher, entering heading information, "Juror's Fees," and amount.	
				b. Have <u>CLERK</u> sign.	
•		,		c. Transmit voucher (all copies) to Administrative Office, which transmits to General Treasurer.	
Check received from General Treasurer				a. Prepare deposit slip and deposit check in jury account; enter deposit in checkbook.	,
			·	b. Enter on voucher copy - "deposited, (date)."	
Juror List from Jury Commissioner				The list from the Jury Commissioner lists all jurors by town and indicates the one-way mileage for each individual. Names which are lined-out	
				are those who have been excused and are not to receive payment.	
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Juror List (cont'd)		.:		a. Count number of names on list; subtract the lined-out names to determine total number of jurors to be paid.	This figure is used to double-check the number of payroll checks to be drawn.		
				 b. As daily attendance report is received, enter by name of absentee "out" (date). 	By RIGLA 9-29-5, jurors are to be paid only for days of actual attendance; payment is <u>not</u> made for a holiday which falls within the period of service.		
				c. If a juror is excused from service <u>after</u> being sworn in, the juror <u>may</u> be entitled to payment for one day.	If a question, check with the Jury Commissioner.		
				d. If a juror challenges the mileage figure, get permission from jury commissioner before making a mileage change on the list.	•		
Prepare Payroll Sheets					The procedure for the petit and grand jury is the same.		
	Ex. 4		·	a. Complete heading: Petit (Grand) jury Date to appear (first day of 2-week service) petit jury only Date sworn ingrand jury only			
				 Enter all names (noting those excused) from Jury Commissioner's list to payroll sheet, in same order; double-check. 			
				c. Enter round-trip mileage in space provided. 1V.14	5/78		

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DESCRIPTION	ESCRIPTION FORM NO		RIPTION FORM NO. STATUTE OR P		PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Preparing for Payroll Day				Juror payroll checks are paid every two weeks, on a Friday (or the last day in attendance during the service period).		
				Prior to payroll day, prepare checks, leaving amount blank, and have signed by CLERK. The amount cannot be filled in until the last day attendance report has been received.		
Last day Attendance Report received			·	a. Carefully check Jury Commissioner's List for number of days absent per juror; subtract days absent from total days in service period (normally 10, unless holiday) and enter in appropriate space by juror's name.		
			RIGLA 9-29-5 eff. 5/78	b. Compute amount due each juror who has been absent; enter on payroll sheet. Jurors are entitled to: \$15 per day of attendance (no holidays) \$2 per day subsistence (\$3 - Washington Cty, New Shoreham) \$.15 per mile (\$,50 minimum reimbursement)	It is better to complete short pays first, when fresh, since more room for error exists. A chart has been prepared by the Bureau of Audits to assist in this process; however, extreme care must be given to transferring the proper figure from the chart.	
	Ex. 4			 c. Enter days of service and computed amount (or taken from chart) onto payroll sheet for all others. 		
				d. Double-check all figures.	5/78	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Payroll checks				a. Enter proper amount on check payable to juror; double-check.	
				b. Check that total amount disbursed by check equals total amounts shown on payroll sheets.	
				c. Attach adding machine tape to payroll sheets and Jury Commissioner's List.	•
				d. Enter total amount and date on tape bottom for auditor's purposes.	
Distribution of Checks Jurors in Juror Lounge			·	a. Bring checks to juror lounge and call by city (town).	
				 b. Have juror sign payroll sheet to indicate receipt of check. 	
Jurors in Courtroom				The courtroom clerk should inform the bookkeepers of jurors who will be present in the courtroom at payroll time by pulling the juror cards and giving to the bookkeeper so that the checks may be set aside.	
				a. Give checks and a separate payroll sheet to courtroom clerk for distribution.	The jurors endorse the payroll sheet to indicate receipt of payment.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
		·		 Attach completed payroll sheet with signatures to other payroll and juror list sheets. 	·
Grand Jurors		·		The sheriff picks up and distributes checks for grand jurors and also has them sign payroll sheet.	
Payment to Jurors on Hold- Over Cases				A hold-over case refers to one which requires jurors to serve beyond the normal two-week period. These jurors are paid on the normal payday (end of 2-wk period); a separate check for additional service is then issued for the additional days.	If jurors have been excused, these checks may be mailed.
				a. Prepare separate payroll sheet with heading "flold-over," name of courtroom clerk, name of judge, and names of jurors.	
				b. Upon termination of service, compute amounts and issue checks as above.	These checks may be sent by mail to the individuals; the courtroom clerk should inform jurors if this is to be done.
Vouchers to Employers of Jurors	Ex. 5			Only upon request of juror, prepare form letter which shows the employer the number of days served, at \$15 per day plus mileage.	
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or Rule	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Quarterly Report to Bureau of Audit				Within approximately 15 days of the end of each quarter, all money remaining in the juror account is to be returned to the General Treasurer.	•
Return and Account				Although no official form exists the following information should be included in a transmittal letter to the Bureau of Audits: Cash received date/voucher number/amount Cash disbursed - Petit Jury - date/amount - Grand Jury - date/amount Balance (deficit) Have CLERK certify & sign.	
Statement of Account Letter from Bureau of Audit				a. Upon receipt of letter from Bureau of Audit verifying balance in account issue check to Gen- eral Treasurer in amount of verified balance.	
	Ex. 2	A-26		b. Complete Receipts Transmittal voucher, entering "Refund of Jurors fees for Quarter Ending"	
				c. Transmit checkand all copies of voucher to General Treasurer.	
				d. Upon receipt of green copy of voucher, place in chronological file.	The green copy may not always be returned; it is not needed.
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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Fines and <u>Costs Account</u>				Fines and Costs are normally collected by the Criminal Division and given en masse to the Fiscal Clerks. If payment is made directly, however, issue a receipt to individual making payment.	
lssue receipt				a. Complete receipt (in duplicate). b. Give original to individual.	See "Receipts."
Deposit slip				Upon receipt of fines/costs from Criminal Division a. Complete deposit slip, entering total amount.	In Providence, all case entries are made by the Criminal Division. No case by case entry need appear on the deposit slip.
				b. Place deposit slip and money in envelope labeled with proper account.	
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				c. After depositing in bank, retain duplicate deposit slip with Fines & Costs checkbook and enter deposit in checkbook.	
Reconciliation of Account				Upon receipt of monthly bank statement:	
				a. Reconcile statement with checkbook and records of deposit.	
				b. File statements/deposit slips in chronological file for auditors.	
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DESCRIPTION	PTION I FORM I NO. I OR		STATUTE OR RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Transmittal to General Treasurer				Fines and Costs must be transmitted to the General Treasurer each month once the account has been reconciled with the monthly bank statement.	
				a. Issue check to General Treasurer in amount of receipts for the month (reduce the balance to zero).	
				b. Have <u>CLERK</u> sign check. If the check exceeds \$100, it must be signed by the <u>CLERK</u> (or designate) and witnessed by any Superior Court Justice.	
	Ex. 2	Λ-26		c. Complete Receipts Transmittal Voucher; have CLERK sign.	,
				d. Forward <u>all copies of</u> voucher and check to General Treasurer.	,
				e. If green copy is returned by General Treasurer, file in chronological order.	
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Financial Matters Miscellaneous

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DESCRIPTION	FORM	NO.	STATUTE or RULE	PROCEDURE	COMMENTS
Refunds from General Treasurer				Occasionally a request for the refund of a fee will be received, most often for an appeal fee refund when the appeal has been withdrawn.	
				If the refund is to occur in the same month as deposited:	
				a. Examine order signed by judge as to withdrawal of appeal and refund of money.	
		·		b. Issue check to requestor.	
				c. On withdrawal order, enter original receipt number and check number.	
				d. Make notation of withdrawal on journal.	
Refunds from State Treasury	Ex. 6	A-24		If the refund is to occur in a month other than when deposited	
	*			a. Complete form: 1) Court (division)	The Refund Voucher comes from the State Court Administrator's Office.
				2) Voucher number on which money was transferred to general fund.	This is a number assigned by the General Treasurer.
				 3) Date of transmittal voucher 4) Reason for request for return of funds (attach copy of order) 5) Name of individual to whom money is to be returned. 	
•		1		b. Send form to General Treasurer.	
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Ordering Supplies Utility Purchase Voucher E	Ex. 7	V-3		One clerk is usually designated the responsibility of ordering supplies for the office. Completion of the utility purchase voucher is the responsibility of the bookkeeper.	
	-			a. As clerk informs you of placed order, give clerk a utility order number.	
				b. On separate paper, make notation of vendor and items ordered and date.	
				 c. As bill for merchandise is received, check with clerk as to whether merchandise was received. 	
			·	d. If so, complete Utility Purchase Voucher and forward with invoice to State Court Adminis-trator's Office.	
Request for Delivery (of Supplies)	Ex. 8	AD- PUR- A-31		Complete this form to order small items (pencils, pens, forms, stationery) from the state stationery office.	
				Items unavailable through that office may be purchased from an outside vendor as long as the total order does not exceed fifty dollars (\$50).	
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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS AND CONTROL

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JURY PAYROLL SHEET FOR JURORS WHO ARE ACTUALLY SERVING ON A JURY.

Superior Court of Rhode Island

Counties of Probidence and Bristol

We the undersigned, summoned to appear as Petit Jurors on the date hereinafter named, hereby certify that pursuant to such summons we have attended upon the Superior Court holden for the counties of Providence and Bristol the number of days and traveled the number of miles set against our respective names, and we hereby acknowledge the receipt from John Roe , Clerk of said Court, of the amount against which we have respectfully set our names as compensation for such service.

Summoned to Appear Date Petit Jurors at Providence Jurors . Juror's Signature Miles Days Amt. Rec



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Superior Court OFFICE OF THE CLERK 250 Benefit Street Providence, R. I. 02903

January 27, 1978

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The records of this Office disclose that

John Rose of Providence, Rhode Island served as a Petit Juror for a period of 10 days and has received Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars per day, plus mileage

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RHODE ISLAND SUPERIOR COURT MANUAL OF CLERICAL OPERATIONS

V. Naturalization Procedure

National Center for State Courts

May 1978

Naturalization Procedure

The Superior Court Clerk's Office in Providence/Bristol and Newport works cooperatively with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in processing petitions for naturalization. Duties of the person performing this function are outlined in brief below.

- 1. Type Petition.
- Complete record of acknowledgment card; send to petitioner (Form N-414).
 (See Exhibit 1)
- 3. Collect fee and deposit in naturalization account.
- 4. Oath at Naturalization Hearing:

Oath of Allegiance for Petition for Citizenship
YOU DO SWEAR (AFFIRM) THAT YOU KNOW THE CONTENTS OF THIS PETITION
FOR NATURALIZATION SUBSCRIBED BY YOU, THAT THE SAME ARE TRUE TO THE
BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, EXCEPT AS TO MATTERS THEREIN STATED TO BE
ALLEGED UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, AND THAT AS TO THESE MATTERS
YOU BELIEVE THEM TO BE TRUE, AND THAT THIS PETITION WAS SIGNED BY
YOU WITH YOUR FULL TRUE NAME: SO HELP YOU GOD.

Oath of Allegiance for Witness

YOU DO SWEAR (AFFIRM) THAT STATEMENTS OF FACT YOU HAVE MADE IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF THIS PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION SUBSCRIBED BY YOU ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF: SO HELP YOU GOD.

- 5. Complete blue index card; enter in alphabetical index. (See Exhibit 2)
- 6. File photographs numerically according to petition number and file original petition in binder.
- 7. One week in advance of date for final hearing (set by Immigration & Naturalization Services), send notice of final hearing to petitioner (Form N-445). (See Exhibit 3)

- 8. After final hearing ceremony, have the naturalized citizen sign the certificates (original and copy) and collect fee for mailing certificate by registered mail.
- 9. Prepare Certificate of Naturalization, taking information from petition and description sheet. Glue on photos, put seal of court in proper place, have <u>CLERK</u> sign certificates (copy and original).
- 10. Detach certificate stub and file alphabetically (see Exhibit 4).
- 11. Add certificate number and date of naturalization on petition and index card.
- 12. Send Certificate by registered mail to naturalized citizen.
- 13. Put certificate copies in numerical order; transfer to Immigration and Naturalization Services along with monthly report (Form N-4) (see Exhibit 5).
- 14. Upon request, complete Verification of Naturalization form; sign and affix seal of court (see Exhibit 6).

FORM N-14 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INNEATOR NO MITCHLIBRIC SLATE (Edition 12-15-44)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FILING PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION (This card is not to be regarded as oridones of U.S. circuits)

Name and location of court: Providence Superior Court

250 Benefit Street. Providence, Rhode Island

Name of petitioner: Joso Costa

Date of filing petition: December 5, 1977

Number of petition: 31254

GPO 949-810

Naturalization Exhibit 1

Index Card

COSTA, Joao

145-31254

10 Knight Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Filed: December 5, 1977

Admitted-February 17, 1978 Cert.#10000002

Form Approved OMB No. 43-R0399

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MONTHLY REPORT

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Superior Court OFFICE OF THE CLERK 250 Benefit Street Providence, R. I. 02903

Verification of Naturalization

The Naturalization records of this Court indicate the following information
NAME Antonio Lima
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Central Falls, Rhode Island
NATURALIZATION PETITION FILING DATE September 10, 1975
PETITION NUMBER 19056
DATE OF BIRTH (OR AGE) July 1, 1961
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DATE OF HATURALIZATION November 21, 1975
FLACE OF NATURALIZATION Providence Superior Court
250 Benefit Street, Providence, R.I.
NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1067900
I, <u>Alan Rue</u> , Clerk of the Providence Superior Court, certify
SEAL that the above information is true and
correct according to our records on this
2hth day of October 19 77.

Naturalization Exhibit 6

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GLOSSARY*

- Abstract Synopsis or summary of facts, rather than table of contents of transcript. Abbreviated, accurate and authentic history of proceedings.
- Accusation Λ formal charge against a person, to the effect that he is guilty of a punishable offense, laid before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction to inquire into the alleged crime.
- Acquittal The legal and formal certifications of the innocence of a person who has been charged with crime; a deliverance or setting free of a person from a charge of guilt.
- Adjournment A putting off or postponement of business or of a session until another time or place; the act of a court, by which the session is dissolved, either temporarily or finally.
- Affidavit A written statement declaring certain facts to be true and confirmed by the oath of the person making the statement, (which oath is taken before an officer having authority to administer it).
- Alimony Allowance which (husband) (wife) by court order pays wife (husband) for maintenance while they are separated or after they are divorced.
- Allegation The assertion, declaration or statement of a party to an action, made in a pleading, setting out what he expects to prove.

- Annulment Act of making void. "Annulment" destroys existence of void or voidable marriage and everything appertaining thereto from the beginning.
- Answer Denotes a defense in writing made by a defendant to the allegation contained in a bill, indictment or complaint fited against him by a plaintiff. Under certain conditions and in certain proceedings the answer may be made verbally to the clerk.
- Appeal A complaint to a higher court asserting commission of an error of law in a trial, proceeding before a lower court, or sentence of a lower court, seeking rectification of the lower court's error.
- Appeal Bond The bond given on taking an appeal, by which the appellant and his sureties are bound to pay damages and costs if he fails to prosecute his appeal with effect.
- Appearance A coming into court as a party to a suit, whether as a plaintiff or defendant.
- Appellant The party who takes an appeal from one court or jurisdiction to another.
- Arraignment The arraignment of a prisoner consists of calling upon him by name, and reading to him the indictment, and demanding of him whether he be guilty or not guilty and entering his plea.
- Assignment A transfer by one person or corporation to a second person or corporation of the former's interest in property.

^{*}Compiled with the assistance of Raymond McGuire, Professor of Law, University of Maine, School of Law, Portland, Maine.

- Attachment The process whereby, on the authority of a court, property is brought within the custody of the court.
- Attestation The act of witnessing an instrument in writing at the request of the party making the same, and subscribing it as a witness.
- Bail (verb) To procure release of a person from legal custody and assuming responsibility for his appearance in court or any designated place.
- Bail (noun) The surety or sureties who procure the release of a person under arrest by becoming responsible for his appearance at the time and place designated. Those persons who become sureties for the appearance of the defendant in court.
- Bail Bond A guarantee by a corporate surety that a person will appear at a designated time and place, and a promise to pay a sum of money fixed by the court if the appearance is not made.
- Bail Commissioner Officer appointed to take recognizance of bail.
- Bench Warrant An order issued by the court "from the bench" for the arrest of a person.
- Bill of Indictment A formal written document accusing a person or persons named of having committed a felony or misdemeanor, lawfully laid before a grand jury for their action upon it.

- Bound-over The action whereby a lower court requires a person to appear for trial in a higher court after a probable cause hearing has been held in the lower court and probable cause has been found (see Probable cause).
- Brief A written document, summary or abstract of some larger document or of a series of papers, facts and circumstances or propositions.
- Capias A writ or order by the court directing an officer to take into custody the person named in the writ or order.
- Certify To testify in writing; to make known or establish as a fact.
- Change of Venue The removal of a suit begun in one county or district to another county or district for trial.
- Charge An accusatory allegation in legal form. A formal complaint, information or indictment.
- Chattels All property except real property; personal property.
- Civil Action A personal action which is instituted to compel payment or the doing of some other thing which is purely civil.
- Commitment The warrant or mittimus by which a court or magistrate directs an officer to take a person to prison.

 Authority for holding in prison one convicted of crime.
- Complaint (civil) The complaint is the first or initiatory pleading on the part of the plaintiff in a civil action.

- Complaint (criminal) A charge, preferred before a magistrate having jurisdiction, that a person named (or an unknown person) has committed a specific offense, with offer to prove the fact, to the end that a prosecution may be instituted.
- Concurrent At the same time, running together.
- Consecutive Successive; succeeding on another in regular order.
- Contempt Willful disobedience of the lawful order of a court or administrative tribunal; generally referring to an order other than one to pay a sum of money.
- Contempt of Court Any act which is calculated to embarrass, hinder, or obstruct courtin administration of justice, or which is calculated to lessen its authority or its dignity.
- Continuance The adjournment or postponement of an action pending in a court, to a subsequent day of the same or another term.
- Conviction The result of a criminal trial which ends in a judgment or sentence that the prisoner is guilty as charged.
- Costs A pecuniary allowance, made to the successful party (and recoverable from the losing party) for his expenses in prosecuting or defending a suit, or a distinct proceeding within a suit.
- Counterclaim A claim presented by a defendant in opposition to or deduction from the claim of the plaintiff.

- Cross-Claim A claim by one party to an action against a coparty, as by defendant against co-defendant or (rarely) by plaintiff against co-plaintiff.
- Cross-complaint An action brought by a defendant in a suit against the plaintiff in that suit upon a cause of action arising out of the same transaction in controversy. Or an action by one party to a suit against a co-party to the suit arising out of the same transaction, as plaintiff against co-plaintiff or (more frequently) defendant against co-defendant.
- Custody As applied to parental rights over children, embraces the sum of such rights with respect to the rearing of a child, including its care. With respect to a person in custody implies that he is detained on authority or kept in charge or control of another in some sort of restraint, so that he is not free to come and go at will.
- Damages A pecuniary compensation or indemnity, which may be recovered in the courts by any person who has suffered loss, detriment or injury, whether to his person, property or rights, through the unlawful act or omission or negligence of another.
- Declaration An unsworn statement or narrative of facts made by a party to the transaction, or by one who has an interest in the existence of the facts recounted.
- Declaratory Judgment A judgment which establishes the legal scope of the rights and duties of the parties, without more, following a proceeding brought in advance of the occurrence of actual injury to those parties.
- Decree A term whose meaning parallels "judgment" in a civil case. The judgments of certain specialized tribunals (particularly courts of equity and of admiralty) are called "decrees."

- Default Omission, neglect or failure of any party to fulfill a duty, observe a promise, discharge an obligation, or perform an agreement.
- Default Judgment A judgment rendered in favor of one party to a civil action based on the failure of the other party to enter an appearance and defend.
- Deposition The testimony of a witness taken upon interrogatories, not in open court, but in pursuance of a commission to take testimony issued by court, or under a general law on the subject, and reduced to writing and duly authenticated and intended to be used at trial of action in court.
- Designation An addition to a name, as of title, profession, trade or occupation, to distinguish the person from others.
- Discovery The disclosure by the defendant of facts, titles, documents or other things which are in his exclusive knowledge or possession, and which are necessary to the party seeking the discovery as a part of a cause of action pending or to be brought in another court, or as evidence of his rights or title in such proceeding.
- Dismissal An order disposing of an action by sending it out of court, though without trial of the issues involved. A dismissal may be so styled as to bar a new suit on the same grounds (Dismissal with Prejudice) or may be so styled as to permit a new suit on the same grounds (Dismissal without Prejudice).

- Divorce The legal separation of husband and wife effected, for cause, by the judgment of a court, and either dissolving the marriage relation or suspending its effects so far as concerns the cohabitation of the parties.
- Docket A book containing an entry in brief of all the important acts done in court in the conduct of each case, from its inception to its conclusion.
- Domicile That place where a man has his true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment and to which whenever he is absent he has the intention of returning.
- Equity A specialized body of jurisprudence chiefly specializing in fashioning a remedy for injustice where the payment of money damages will not prove to be adequate compensation.
- Evidence Any species of proof, or probative matter legally presented at the trial of an issue, by the act of the parties and through the medium of witnesses, records, documents, concrete objects, etc., for the purpose of inducing belief in the minds of the court or jury as to their contention.
- Execution An order directing an officer to fulfill the order of the court, either by imprisonment or release of an accused (in criminal cases), or by seizure of property to satisfy an order to pay money (in civil cases).
- Exhibits A paper, document or object produced and exhibited to a court during a trial or hearing, and on being accepted, is marked for identification or admitted in evidence.

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- Expert Witness Person examined as a witness in a cause, who testifies in regard to some professional or technical matter arising in the case, and who is permitted to give his opinion as to such matter on account of his special training, skill, or familiarity with it.
- Expunge To blot out; to efface designedly; to obliterate; to strike out wholly.
- Extradition The surrender by one state to another of an individual accused or convicted of an offense outside its own territory and within the territorial jurisdiction of the other, which, being competent to try and punish him, demands the surrender.
- Facsimile An exact copy, preserving all the marks of the original.
- Fee A charge fixed by laws for service of public officers or for a privilege under government control. Also, the term by which many kinds of land ownership are known particularly Fee Simple Absolute, ownership of 100% interest in land.
- Findings The result of the deliberations of a jury or court.
- Fine A sum of money paid at the end of a suit or prosecution. The fine is imposed upon a person(s) or corporation as a form of punishment.
- Garnishment A statutory proceeding whereby person's property, money, or credits in possession or under control of, or owing by, another are applied to payment of former's debt to a third person by proper statutory process against debtor and garnishee.

- Grand Jury A jury of inquiry who are summoned and returned by the sheriff to each session of the criminal courts, and whose duty is to receive complaints and accusations in criminal cases, hear the evidence presented on the part of the state, and find bills of indictment in cases where they are satisfied a trial ought to be had. They are first sworn and instructed by the court. This is called a "grand jury" because it comprises a greater number of jurors than the ordinary trial jury. In Maine the grand jury consists of not less than twelve nor more than twenty-three persons.
- Guardian A guardian is a person lawfully invested with the power and charged with the duty, of taking care of the person, and managing the property and rights of another person, who, for some peculiarity of status, or defect of age, understanding, or self-control, is considered incapable of administering his own affairs.
- Guardian Ad Litem A person appointed by court of justice to prosecute or defend for an infant in any suit to which he may be a party.
- Habeas Corpus The proceeding which tests the legal validity of one person's detention of the person of another - particularly and most frequently used to test the validity of a criminal judgment leading to imprisonment.
- Hearing Proceeding of relative formality, generally public, with definite issues of fact or of law to be tried, in which parties proceeded against have a right to be heard.
- Hearsay A term applied to that species of testimony given by a witness who relates, not what he knows personally, but what others have told him, or what he has heard said.

- Incompetent Person The phrase "incompetent person," "incompetent" or "mentally incompetent" shall be construed to mean or refer to any person, whether insane or not, who by reason of old age, disease, weakness of mind, or other cause, is unable, unassisted, properly to manage and take care of himself or his property and by reason thereof is likely to be deceived or imposed upon by artful or designing persons.
- Indeterminate That which is uncertain, or not particularly designated.
- Indictment An accusation in writing found and presented by
 a grand jury, legally convoked and sworn, to the court in
 which it is impaneled charging that a person therein
 named has done some act, or been guilty of some omission,
 which, by law, is a public offense, punishable on
 indictment.
- Indigent Poor or needy.
- Information An accusation in the nature of an indictment from which it differs only in being presented by a competent public officer on his oath of office, instead of a grand jury on their oath.
- Interrogatories A series of written questions directed by a party to a suit to a different party or to a potential witness, which questions seek out potential evidence and call for written answers.
- Joinder The unification of two or more parties (joinder of parties) or of two or more demands for judicial action (joinder of causes) for legal action in a single proceeding.

- Judgment In civil cases, a judgment is a final determination of the rights and duties of the parties. In a criminal case, a judgment is the determination of guilt or innocence of the accused.
- Jurisdiction The competency of a particular court to hear a particular matter, measured by the kind of action involved, the subject matter of the action, the parties involved, or the like.
- Jury A certain number of men selected according to law, and sworn to inquire of certain matters of fact and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them.
- Lien A charge or security or incumbrance upon property.
- Lis Pendens A pending suit; jurisdiction, power or control which courts acquire over property in suit pending action and until final judgment.
- Mandamus This is the name of a writ which issues from a court of superior jurisdiction, and is directed to a private or municipal corporation, or any of its officers, or to an executive, administrative or judicial officer, or to an inferior court, commanding the performance of a particular act therein specified, and belonging to his or their public, official or administrative duty, or directing the restoration of the complainant to rights or privileges of which he has been illegally deprived.
- Minor An infant or person who is under the age of legal competence (under 21 years of age).
- Misdemeanor Offenses lower than felonies and generally those punishable by fine or imprisonment otherwise than in penitentiary.

- Mittimus (criminal) The name of a precept in writing, issuing from a court or magistrate, directed to the sheriff or other officer, commanding him to convey to the prison the person named therein, and to the jailor, commanding him to receive and safely keep such person until he shall be delivered by due course of law.
- Motion ~ A written or oral request to a court for a ruling of law during the course of legal proceedings.
- Negligence The omission to do something which a reasonable man, guided by those ordinary considerations which ordinarily regulate human affairs, would do, or the doing of something which a reasonable and prudent man would not do.
- New Trial A re-examination of an issue of fact in the same court after a trial and decision by a jury or court.
- Note contendere A plea in a criminal action having same legal effect as a plea of guilty for purposes of instant case, but may not be used as admission elsewhere.
- Natice Legal Notice. Such notification as is legally deemed reasonable to apprise the person to whom it is addressed of the initiation of legal proceedings against him or of some matter relating to legal proceedings to which he is a party.
- Notice of lis pendens A notice filed for the purpose of warning all persons that the title to certain property is in litigation, and that, if they purchase the defendant's claim to the same, they are in danger of being bound by an adverse judgment.
- Nullity of Marraige The entire invalidity of a supposed, pretended, or attempted marriage, by reason of relationship or incapacity of the parties.

- Oath Any form of attestation by which a person signifies that he is bound in conscience to perform an act faithfully and truthfully.
- Pardon An act of grace, proceeding from the power intrusted with the execution of laws which exempt an individual on whom it is bestowed, from the punishment the law inflicts for the crime he has committed.
- Parole A conditional release from a sentence to county jail or state prison; if prisoner makes good, he will receive an absolute discharge from balance of sentence, but if he does not, he will be returned to serve unexpired time.
- Parties The persons who take part in the performance of an act, or who are directly interested in any affair, contract, or conveyance, or who are actively concerned in the prosecution or defense of any legal proceeding.
- Partnership A voluntary contract between two or more competent persons to place their money, effects, labor, and skill, or some or all of them in lawful commerce or business, with the understanding that there shall be a proportional sharing of the profits and losses between them.
- Peremptory Challenges A challenge to a potential juror by a party to a case whereby that potential juror is not permitted to take his place on the jury. The challenging party need show no reason for exercise of his right to challenge a potential juror peremptorily.
- Petition A written application to the court requesting the court to exercise its authority in the redress of some wrong or requesting from the court some favor, privilege or license.
- Plaintiff A person who brings an action; the party who complains or sues in a personal action and is so named on the record,

- Plea The first pleading on part of defendant; the answer which defendant makes to the plaintiff's declaration.
- Pleadings The formal allegations by the parties of their respective claims and defenses for the judgment of the court.
- Polling the Jury ~ A practice whereby the jurors are asked individually whether they assented, and still assent to the verdict.
- Preliminary Hearing Hearing by judge or magistrate given a person accused of crime to ascertain whether there is sufficient evidence to require the person to stand trial on the charge.
- Pre-sentence Report Following a criminal judgment of guilt, a trial court may in advance of passing a sentence, require of the proper government officials a Presentence Report to inform the court of those facts (beyond guilt of the particular crime) which may properly influence a sentencing decision.
- Probable Cause An apparent state of facts found to exist upon reasonable inquiry which would induce a reasonably intelligent and prudent man to believe, in a criminal case. That the accused person had committed the crime charged, or, in a civil case, that a cause of action existed.
- Probation Allowing a person convicted of some minor offense (particularly juvenite offenders) to go at large, under a suspension of sentence, during good behavior, and generally under the supervision of a probation office.

- Proceeding The name given the whole of the judicial business relating to a given case or controversy before a court.
- Process This word is generally defined to be the means of compelling the defendant in an action to appear in court; or a means whereby a court compels a compliance with its demands.
- Real Property (Realty) Land and structures erected on land and so attached to the land as to become part of it.
- Reciprocal Support The process by which a husband or wife pays alimony through the court.
- Recognizance An obligation of record, entered into before some court of record, or magistrate duly authorized, with condition to do some particular act; as to appear at assizes, or criminal court, to keep the peace, to pay a debt, or the like.
- Record A written account of some act, transaction or action, drawn up under authority of law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates.
- Remand The act of a higher court, after an appeal, in sending a case back to a lower court for action consistent with the decision and order of the higher court.
- Removal In a broad sense, the transfer of a person or thing from one place to another. More specifically, in law it means the transfer of a cause from one court to another; transfer of the jurisdiction and cognizance of an action commenced, but not finally determined, with all further proceedings therein, from one trial court to another trial court.

- Remedy The relief given by a court to secure to an injured party his rights.
- Replevin A personal action brought by one person to recover possession of property unlawfully held by another.
- Sentence The judgment formally pronounced by the court or judge upon the defendant after his conviction in a criminal prosecution, formally declaring to the defendant the legal consequences of his conviction. In civil cases the terms judgment, decision, award or finding are used.
- Service The delivery of a writ, notice, injunction, etc. by an authorized person, or in some instances by certified mail, officially notifying that person of some action or proceeding in which he is concerned.
- Show Cause An order, decree, execution to appear as directed, and present to the court such reasons and considerations as one has to offer why it should not be confirmed, take effect, be executed or as the case may be.
- Stipulation An agreement between counsel respecting business before the court.
- Subpoena duces tecum The process by which the attendance of a witness is required. It is a writ or order directed to a person and requiring his attendance at a particular time and place as a witness. Duces Tocum may also require him to bring books, documents, etc.

- Summary Judgment A judgment rendered on the basis of the pleadings and, if any, affidavits of the parties where an examination of the pleadings and affidavits reveals that there is no dispute regarding the facts material to the case.
- Summons An order directing an officer to notify the person named in the order of the commencement of an action against that person and of the duty of the person named to appear in court on a day specified and answer the complaint of the party initiating the action.
- Surety One who binds himself for the payment of a sum of money, or for the performance of some duty or promise for another.
- Suspended sentence Following the imposition of sentence in a criminal case, the court may suspend Execution of the sentence and release the accused conditionally, subject to good behavior, for a fixed time. If during that time the accused is again convicted of crime or otherwise violates the conditions governing suspension of sentence, the court may order Execution of the sentence at that time.
- Title Legal recognition of the ownership of property, perhaps evidenced by a document having legal force.
- Transcript An official copy of certain proceedings in a court.
- Transfer The removal of a cause from the jurisdiction of one court or judge to another by lawful authority.
- Traverse Jury A trial jury; a jury impaneled to try an action or prosecution, as distinguished from a grand jury.

- True Bill The endorsement by a grand jury upon a bill of indictment, when they find it sustained by the evidence and are satisfied with the truth of the accusation.
- Trustee A person appointed, or required by law to execute a trust; one in whom an estate, interest or power is vested, under an express or implied agreement to administer or exercise it for the benefit or to the use of another.
- Venue Venue defines the proper court in which an action is to be brought, usually by reference to the locale in which the conduct complained of is claimed to have taken place.
- Verdict The formal decision or finding made by a jury, impaneled or sworn for the trial of a cause, and reported to the court (and accepted by it) upon the matters and questions duly submitted to them upon the trial.
- Waiver The voluntary relinquishment of a known right.
- Ward A person, especially an infant, placed by authority of law under the care of a guardian.
- Warrant A written order issued and signed by a magistrate, directed to a peace officer or some other person specially named, and commanding him to arrest the body of a person named in it, who is accused of an offense.
- Writ A written document from a court to a person directing certain action of that person. A writ may issue either to commence an action or as an incident to an ongoing action, generally at the request of a party to the action under way or to be initiated.

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