

CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON
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September 26, 2016

TO: Deschutes County Bar Association
ATTN: 11th Judicial District Arbitrators

FROM: Alta J. Brady
Presiding Judge

RE: Arbitration Forms

In the February 3, 2016, memo to the bar, I indicated that as a result of Odyssey implementation and changes to UTCR Chapter 13, we can no longer accept the old form that combines the arbitration award with the arbitration judgment. An arbitrator shall file the completed Arbitration Award form upon completion of arbitration (within 21 days in dissolution cases and 14 days in all other cases pursuant to UTCR 13.220). If no request for trial de novo is filed within 20 days, a general judgment shall be prepared based on the Arbitration Award (UTCR 13.240). The recently revised Arbitration Award and General Judgment forms have both been posted on the court website. A copy of each is attached.

UTCR Chapter 13 does not require the arbitrator to prepare and file the general judgment. ORS 36.425(3) states that “. . . the court shall cause to be prepared and entered a judgment based on the arbitration decision and award.” We appreciate that some arbitrators do complete and file the general judgment. Likely this is because often one or both parties to a case subject to arbitration is unrepresented and if the arbitrator doesn't prepare one, it often doesn't get done. This form can be completed and filed by the arbitrator if he/she wishes, or the arbitrator can direct the prevailing party to the court website form for use.

Thank you for your continuing willingness to serve as arbitrators.