

Tips, Traps, and Resources

TRUST DEED FORECLOSURE: The PLF practice aid “Trust Deed Foreclosure Advertisement and Sale Checklist” is being revised and is not currently available. Practitioners should discard prior versions of this checklist.

OJIN/E-COURT: Oregon eCourt Case Information system (OECI) is now live in eight counties (Yamhill, Linn, Crook, Jefferson, Jackson, Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook). Information about cases in those counties is no longer available through OJIN; it is only available through OECI. Other counties are being added to eCourt on a rolling basis. eFiling is now live in five counties (Yamhill, Linn, Crook, Jefferson, and Jackson). ePay has gone live in Yamhill county. Currently, eFiling and ePay are voluntary programs. For more information, visit <http://courts.oregon.gov/oregonecourt/Pages/index.aspx>.

SMALL ESTATES: Remember to mail or deliver a copy of the small estate affidavit to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as well as to the Department of Human Services (DHS). A number of minor changes were made to the small estate affidavit process during the 2009 and 2011 legislative sessions. ORS 114.525 was amended to require that a copy of the affidavit must be mailed or delivered to the OHA in addition to DHS.

PAPERLESS OFFICES: The article and PLF practice aid, “Our Paperless World,” has been updated as of January 2013. It is available on the PLF website (www.osbplf.org). Find Loss Prevention on the home page and select Practice Aids and Forms, then select the Technology category. Thank you to Steven O. Rosen, of the Rosen Law Firm, for updating this article.

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES: The new child support guidelines became effective July 1, 2013. The administrative rules for the guidelines, the child support calculator, and other tools have been updated to reflect the changes. Visit www.oregonchildsupport.gov for more information.

E-MAIL SECURITY: Remember to check your e-mail program’s junk mail folder AND your firm’s spam-blocking software program for legitimate messages that may have been captured. Even if you regularly get e-mails from a particular person or organization, messages may still end up in junk mail, or be blocked by a spam filter, depending on the security settings.

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