

CLERK'S ALERT

Use of Initials or other Pseudonyms

Per General Order signed on May 18, 2017 and effective immediately, the Clerk shall reject any new case filings for criminal (case type 1), family law (case type 3), parentage (case type 5), dependency/termination/Becca (case type 7), juvenile offender (case type 8), and petitions for protection orders (case type 2) when presented with pseudonyms in place of names based on the CR 5(e). The clerk must have full names of parties in these case types in order to associate these cases to the correct person in the statewide case index.

When a civil case (type 2), a guardianship/probate case (case type 4), or a civil commitment case (case type 6) is filed using initials, instead of names, for one or more of the parties to the case, the Clerk shall accept the case for filing and is directed to send notice to the parties that they must obtain a court order from the assigned judge or appropriate chief judge authorizing use of initials as soon as practicable but no later than 60 days from the date of filing.

If the plaintiff or petitioner fails to obtain an order permitting the use of initials or pseudonyms within 60 days of filing, then the Clerk may dismiss the action on its own motion.

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