

INSTRUCTIONS

How to Serve Court Papers by Registered Process Server

STEP 1: **FIND.** You must hire a Registered Process Server. You may locate process servers in the commercial section of the phone book under "Process Server," or online by using the search term "Arizona Process Servers" or similar, or at the web site of the Arizona Process Server's Association at <http://arizonaprocessservers.org/>.

NOTICE: There are fees for service of court papers.

- May offer greater flexibility in serving papers "after-hours" or on short notice.
- Are paid directly by you, not through the court.
- If you qualify, Process Server Fees may be deferred or waived within Pinal County only.
- Out of County Process Server Fees may not be deferred or waived by the court.

STEP 2: **GO.** Go to the Registered Process Server's office. **TAKE** with you the following items:

- Copy of "**Summons**" (if your case has a summons).
- Other party's set of copies of the court papers.
- A picture or a written physical description of the other party.
- A written description of the automobile that the other party drives.
- The address where the other party can be served.
- The amount you need to pay for this service. (You can call ahead of time to ask the Process Server what type of payment they require.)

STEP 3: **WAIT.** The Process Server will mail you a copy of the "**Affidavit of Service**" after he/she serves the other party with the papers. **IMPORTANT:** If the Process Server does not file an "**Affidavit of Service**" with the Clerk of the Court, you must get the "**Affidavit of Service**" from the Process Server and file it.

STEP 4: **COUNT.** Look at the "**Affidavit of Service**" to find out the date the other party was served with the court papers and start counting the days for the other party to file a Response or Answer. When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party was served the papers. Look at the "**Affidavit of Service**" to find out the date the other party was served with the court papers and start counting the days for the other party to file a Response or Answer. When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party was served the papers.

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT.