

# How to Get Legal Forms from the Internet

If you know what form(s) you need, this handout will give you instructions for getting the forms from the internet. Once you have the form(s), you will still need to file them with the court.

## There are two different types of forms:

**State forms:** These are also called **Judicial Council** forms. These are the main forms you will be using and are the same forms used by every Superior Court in the State of California.

**Local forms:** These are forms that each County has created to do something that the State forms do not do. These forms are different for each county.

## Other things to know:

- To download any of the forms, you will need to have Adobe Acrobat loaded on your computer. You can download it from either website.
- The State forms come in a “Fillable” or “Non-Fillable” version. You can type on the “Fillable” version but you still have to print them out and file it with the Court!
- If you do not understand the forms you are filling out or what forms you should be filling out, you should see an attorney.

**Note:** The Court’s Self-Help Center has attorneys who may be able to assist you. Please go to [www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org) and click on the Self-Help section of the site for details on how we can help you. You can also obtain many different form packets and samples as well as link to a site that will help you complete forms when you click on “Complete Forms at Home”.

**VISIT US ONLINE:**

[www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)  
[www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)

**EMAIL US:**

[www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)  
click “Self-Help” then click “Contact  
the Self-Help Center”

**CALL US:**

408-882-2926 (Self-Help)

*Note: Due to budget issues our services, and when they are offered, may change without notice.*

**Screen A**

California Courts - Browse All Forms - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm

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THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF CALIFORNIA

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Browse All Forms

SELECT A GROUP OF FORMS

Select Forms Group See Forms

All Forms Listed by Number | All Forms Listed by Name

Click here

**Screen B**

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Civil Harassment

Claim and Delivery

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Domestic Violence Prevention - English

Domestic Violence Prevention - Chinese

Domestic Violence Prevention - Korean

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Domestic Violence Prevention - Other Language

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Electronic Filing and Service

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Emergency Protective Order

Enforcement of Judgment

Facsimile Filings

Family Law - Dissolution, Legal Separation and

Family Law - Parentage Actions FL-200 - 299

Family Law - Motions and Attachments FL-300 -

Select Forms Group

See Forms

All Forms Listed by Number | All Forms Listed by Name

Click here to select a group of forms. Then click "See Forms"

Click here to see all forms listed by number or name.

## HOW TO GET STATE LEGAL FORMS FROM THE INTERNET

### STEP ONE:

Type [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms) into the internet Address bar and press "enter".

### STEP TWO:

**Screen A:** Click on the arrow to bring out the drop down menu.

### STEP THREE:

**Screen B:** You have three options for getting a list of the forms:

- **Form Number:** If you know the number of the form you need, *click* on "**All Forms Listed by Number**".
- **Form Name:** If you know the name of the form you need, *click* on "**All Forms Listed by Name**".
- **Form Group:** If you are unsure about the form name or number, you can *click* on the drop down menu, then *click* on a form group (for example, "**Civil**"), then click "See Forms", to see all the forms for that group.

California Courts - Browse All Forms - Windows Internet Explorer

http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm?filter=PA

California Courts - Browse All Forms

**Screen C**

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Forms & Rules > Browse All Forms

Forms & Rules

Browse All Forms

SELECT A GROUP OF FORMS

All Forms Listed by Number | All Forms Listed by Name

RESULTS

Form	Date Revised	Description
FL-200	January 1, 2003	Petition to Establish Parental Relationship (Uniform Parentage)
FL-200S	January 1, 2003	Petition to Establish Parental Relationships (Uniform Parentage) (Spanish)
FL-210	January 1, 2007	Summons (Uniform Parentage-Petition for Custody and Support)
FL-210S	January 1, 2007	Summons (Uniform Parentage—Petition for Custody and Support) (Spanish)

Scroll down until you see the form you need, then click on the form number. You can either fill in the form on line and print it out or print out the blank form and fill it in by hand.

**STEP FOUR:**

- **Screen C:** Scroll down until you find the form you are looking for, and then *click* on it. You can complete the form online and then print it out or print the blank form and fill it in by hand.

**NOTE: This website does NOT file your forms for you. In order to file your forms, you must either take them or mail them to the proper court and pay any required fees.**

**Screen A**

Click here

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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COURT NEWS & NOTICES

Posted Jan. 1, 2011  
Court Holiday Schedule

Posted January 21, 2011  
Small Claims Court Moving  
Small Claims relocating from Santa Clara Courthouse to DTS on April 4

Posted January 21, 2011  
Staff Attorney Job Opening

QUICK LINKS

Attorneys & Litigants: help me find... Submit

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USEFUL LINKS

- Case Info Website
- E-Filing Website
- E-Payments - Traffic Tickets
- Traffic School (DriversEd.com)
- EZLegalFile (Help with Forms)

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Overview of Local, State and Federal Courts  
State Self Help in Spanish: Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California

**Screen B**

Scroll down until you see the form you want and then click on the form name.

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RELATED LINKS

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EZLegalFile website

FORMS & FILING - LOCAL FORMS

This page contains a list of LOCAL downloadable forms. You can find a list of [STATE forms](#) at the California Courts Web site.

EZ LegalFile is a free resource for completing (not filing) some forms online (there is no e-filing yet at our court). EZLegal is an online interactive (question/answer) free form generator for Domestic Violence, Family, Probate/Guardianship, Small Claims and Unlawful Detainer (eviction). Read more [information on EZ LegalFile](#) or go directly to the [EZLegalFile website](#).

Please note that most of the forms below can be filled out online. Whenever possible, the court encourages you to fill them out and print them rather than hand writing them.

An asterisk \* in the Division column indicates a [Local Rule](#) attachment.

Handwritten forms can be hard to read. First fill them out online, then print them before filing.

QUICK LINKS - HOW DO I FILE...

a civil case Submit

## HOW TO GET LOCAL LEGAL FORMS FROM THE INTERNET

### STEP ONE:

Type <http://www.sccourt.org> into the internet Address bar and press "enter".

### STEP TWO:

**Screen A:** Click on "Forms & Filing" at the top of the page.

### STEP THREE:

**Screen B:** All of the local forms are listed alphabetically by name just scroll down the page to find the form you want then, *click* on the name of the form. The list also shows the form numbers and court division. (Note: If you *click* on the blue letters of the alphabet the page will jump to that part of the list.) You can fill out the form online and then print it or you can print it and fill it in by hand.

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