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**Access to Court Records: Finding Your Judgement of Divorce**

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**Title: FINDING YOUR JUDGEMENT OF DIVORCE**

Hello and welcome. I am going walk you through how to get a copy of your judgement of divorce. There are just three steps. First, look up your case number and where the file is located. Second, go to the circuit court and view the file. Finally, let the clerk know what documents you need and pay the associated costs. It sounds pretty straightforward, but let's take a few minutes to discuss these steps in greater detail.

**CHAPTER HEADING: LOOK UP YOUR CASE NUMBER**

There are two ways you can find your case number. First, look it up on the Maryland Judiciary online data base called Case Search. That's [mdcourts.gov/casesearch](http://mdcourts.gov/casesearch). The website will allow you to search court records using your name. For best results, narrow your search by case type, court system, county , or filing date. Case Search will then show you a list of cases. Click on a case number to see more information. Case Search will only show a summary of the record. Copies of divorce decrees and other

documents in the case file are not available online. To get a copy of these documents you must go to the courthouse. The name and address of the courthouse where the file is kept is at the top of the page.

Another way to get your case number is by calling the courthouse where your case was heard. A clerk can look up your case number using your name.

### **CHAPTER HEADING: GO TO THE CIRCUIT COURT**

After you have your case number, your next step is to go to the circuit court where your case was heard.

You may call the courthouse in advance to confirm the file is at that location. Give the staff your case number and let them know you would like to view the file. They may ask you to complete a request form and to see your identification.

You may then look through the case file in the presence of a clerk or other court staff. The court staff is there to help by answering questions and identifying documents. Some counties may also have a public kiosk that you can use to search for your file.

## **CHAPTER HEADING: PAY FOR THE COPIES**

Once you have located the documents, ask the clerk to make you a copy. They will charge you a fee based on the number of pages. You may also ask the clerk to make you a true test copy or certified copy.

The court will charge an extra fee for this.

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## **CHAPTER HEADING: LET'S REVIEW**

Look up your case number on Case Search or by calling the courthouse. Then go to the circuit court where the case was heard. Tell the clerk what documents you need and pay for the copies. More information about court records and other common legal topics is available online at [mdcourts.gov/courthelp](http://mdcourts.gov/courthelp). I hope this information is helpful. Thanks for watching.