



ND LEGAL SELF HELP CENTER COMMONLY REFERENCED NORTH DAKOTA STATUTES AND COURT RULES (Civil Actions Only)

Both attorneys and self-represented (pro-se) litigants are required to know and follow all statutes, court rules and procedures. The following statutes and rules are starting points for research. Other statutes or rules may apply. Attorneys and self-represented litigants should not rely solely on the information provided in this guide.

Statutes are the laws passed by the North Dakota State Legislature. North Dakota statutes are found in the [North Dakota Century Code](#) or [N.D.C.C.](#) (www.legis.nd.gov)

Court rules are approved and adopted by the North Dakota Supreme Court. Court rules govern the procedure in a court action. Or, to put it another way, control how an action moves through the court system. In civil actions, the commonly used court rules are: (www.ndcourts.gov/legal-resources/rules)

- [North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure](#)
- [North Dakota Rules of Court](#)
- [North Dakota Rules of Evidence](#)

North Dakota Supreme Court opinions, also called case law, may affect the interpretation of statutes and rules.

ANNULMENT

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-03: Marriage Contract

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-04: Annulment of Marriage

APPEAL (ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY DECISION)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-32: Administrative Agencies Practice Act

APPEAL (JOB SERVICE DECISION)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-32: Administrative Agencies Practice Act

N.D.C.C. Chapter 52-06: Benefits

APPEAL (WSI DECISION)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-32: Administrative Agencies Practice Act

N.D.C.C. Chapter 65-10: Appeals

CHILD SUPPORT

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-09: Parent and Child

CONTEMPT OF COURT

N.D.C.C. Chapter 27-10: Contempts

DISCOVERY RULES

Rules 26 through 37 ND Rules of Civil Procedure

DIVORCE – NO CHILDREN

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-05: Divorce

Rule 8.2 ND Rules of Court: Interim Orders in Domestic Relations Cases

Rule 8.3 ND Rules of Court: Case Management (Divorce Cases)

Rule 8.4 ND Rules of Court: Summons in Actions for Divorce, Separation or to Determine Parental Rights and Responsibilities

Rule 8.5 ND Rules of Court: Domestic Relations Summary Proceeding

DIVORCE – WITH CHILDREN

Same as Divorce – No Children, Plus:

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-09: Parent and Child

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-14.1: Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

Rule 8.1 ND Rules of Court: Family Mediation Program

ENFORCE A FOREIGN CUSTODY ORDER

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-14.1: Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

EVICITION

N.D.C.C. Chapter 47-16: Leasing of Real Property

N.D.C.C. Chapter 47-32: Eviction

EXPUNGEMENT

N.D.C.C. Section 25-03.1-45: Commitment Process
N.D.C.C. Section 19-03.1-23: Controlled Substances

GARNISHMENT

N.D.C.C. Chapter 32-09.1: Garnishment

GUARDIANSHIP (ADULT)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 30.1-26: General Provisions
N.D.C.C. Chapter 30.1-28: Guardians of Incapacitated Persons

GUARDIANSHIP (MINOR)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 27-20: Uniform Juvenile Court Act
N.D.C.C. Chapter 30.1-26: General Provisions
N.D.C.C. Chapter 30.1-27: Guardians of Minors

INTERIM MOTIONS

Rule 8.2 ND Rules of Court: Interim Orders in Domestic Relations Cases

JUDGMENTS

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-20: Judgments

JUDGMENTS (DEFAULT)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-29: Relief from Defaults
Rule 55 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Default; Default Judgment
Rule 60 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Relief from a Judgment or Order

JUDGMENTS (EXECUTION/EXEMPTIONS)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-21: Execution of the Judgment
N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-22: Exemptions
N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-25: Proceedings Supplementary to the Execution
Rule 69 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Execution

JUDGMENTS (FOREIGN)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-20.1: Enforcement of Foreign Judgments
N.D.C.C. Chapter 28-20.2: Uniform Foreign Money – Judgments Recognition Act

JUDGMENTS (RELIEF FROM/SET ASIDE)

Rule 60 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Relief from a Judgment or Order

LIENS (CONSTRUCTION)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 35-27: Construction Lien

LIENS (REPAIRMAN’S/MECHANIC’S)

N.D.C.C. Chapter 35-13: Repairman’s Lien

MOTIONS

Rule 3.2 ND Rules of Court: Motions

NAME CHANGE

N.D.C.C. Chapter 32-28: Change of Names of Persons and Places

PARENTING RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN UNMARRIED PARENTS

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-09: Parent and Child
N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-14.1: Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act
Rule 8.1 ND Rules of Court: Family Mediation Program

Rule 8.2 ND Rules of Court: Interim Orders in Domestic Relations Cases

Rule 8.4 ND Rules of Court: Summons in Actions for Divorce, Separation or to Determine Parental Rights and Responsibilities

PROBATE

N.D.C.C. Title 30.1: Uniform Probate Code

REGISTER A FOREIGN CUSTODY ORDER

N.D.C.C. Chapter 14-14.1: Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

SMALL CLAIMS

N.D.C.C. Chapter 27-08.1: Small Claims Court
Rule 10.2 ND Rules of Court: Small Claims Court

SERVICE

Rule 4 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Persons Subject to Jurisdiction; Process; Service
Rule 5 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Service and Filing of Pleadings and Other Documents

SUBPOENAS

Rule 45 ND Rules of Civil Procedure: Subpoena