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## Default Judgments and Garnishments

Commissioners handle Rule 55(b) Default Judgment proceedings and Applications for Writs and Garnishments. With mandatory eFiling for most documents in civil cases, some confusion remains. In these commissioner-handled matters it is helpful to know that the commissioner needs to physically lay out paper copies of the related documents to complete his or her review and determination. After eFiling the documents necessary to support the entry of a default judgment or a writ or garnishment, the default packet, which contains paper copies of the documents previously filed electronically, has to be hand-delivered to the assigned commissioner. No action will be taken on these matters until you deliver the appropriate paper copies to the assigned commissioner. The checklists for default packets and garnishments are available from the Superior Court's website at <http://www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/SuperiorCourt/CivilDepartment/forms.asp>.

## Centennial Event Planned

The Clerks of the Superior Court and the Arizona Supreme Court are sponsoring a Centennial Marriage Event on February 14, 2012 as part of Arizona's official Centennial events. All 15 elected Clerks are participating by letting marriage license applicants know they can be married on the steps of the State Courts Building in downtown Phoenix, in a ceremony presided over by Rebecca White Berch, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Couples who would like to take part should have their marriage license issued by any Clerk between now and February 6, 2012. The cost is the statutory fee of \$72 for a marriage license, with no additional fees. Space is limited to 100 couples. For more details, including information on parking, media access and disability accommodations, visit the Clerk's website at [www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov](http://www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov).

## Remember Paper?

Many documents are still filed on paper and sometimes those documents are oversized, which can create new and unanticipated problems in our tech-driven world. Court rules encourage paper filings on 8½ x 11 paper to allow them to fit within the Clerk and Court's paper case files. Since the Clerk and Court have moved away from paper files, documents are routinely scanned. This causes a new problem with oversized documents; today's scanners don't easily accommodate them and the resulting document can create an image so small that the judge feels compelled to squint while poring over the details or is required to zoom in on the image and drag it in all directions to see the information. Before filing paper, format your documents to standard 8½ x 11 pages whenever possible so your judge doesn't have to drag your exhibits across the screen.