

The Rules of Superintendence for the Court of Common Pleas, Probate Division are hereby amended and adopted in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio, effective July 10, 2023 to include the following changes.

Rule 80

LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN

In order to comply with Superintendence Rules for the Courts of Ohio-Sup. R. 80, 82.01, 85, 88, and 89 and Appendices G and H (as amended effective July 1, 2023)--The Lucas County Probate Court adopts the following Language Access Plan.

Lucas County Probate Court's Language Access Plan was developed to ensure equal access to court services for limited English proficient and hearing-impaired court users. Services include, but are not limited to, in-person and remote interpretation and translation during official court business as well as in the context of ancillary services, such as phone calls and counter help.

Certification and implementation of interpreter, translation, and other language services shall be in compliance with Rules 80-89 of the Ohio Rules of Superintendence, which are incorporated as part of this plan.

Lucas County Probate Court designates the Court Administrator as the Language Access Coordinator. The Language Access Coordinator is responsible for overseeing and arranging language services as well as handling related complaints.

Any court user, or representative thereof, may contact the court at 419-213-4775 to request interpretation or translation services for business at the court. Said request will be accommodated to the extent possible in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws. The court, on its own initiative, may require language services for any party to ensure their meaningful participation in the action.

This plan, as well as translation resource materials, will be made available upon request and will be made available on the Court website. Court staff will be trained on language access resource and referral practices. Rule 34. Language Access Plan.

Rule 25.1

Jury Costs and Deposits

(A) The first party making a jury demand in a civil action before this Court shall make a jury demand deposit of \$500 with the Clerk of Courts no later than 14 days before the date set for trial. If the first party demanding a jury fails to timely make the deposit, any other party may preserve the right to a jury trial by making the jury deposit no later than 10 days before the trial date. Failure to make the jury demand deposit within the time allotted shall constitute a final waiver of a jury trial unless the Court for good cause permits a late-filed deposit.

(B) In any civil case the trial judge may order a different deadline for making the jury deposit; and may order that the jury deposit amount be higher than normal to accommodate a trial

involving multiple parties, likely to require additional alternate jurors, anticipated to be unusually protracted, or for other reasons.

(C) The cost of jurors for a case which settles the day of trial shall be assessed against one or more of the parties as ordered by the court.

Rule 55.1

PHOTOCOPIES

Copies of any public record may be obtained at the cost listed in the Court's Deposit, Fee and Costs Schedule. Records of adoption, mental illness, developmental disability proceedings, minor settlements are confidential and may be accessed only as authorized by the Judge of the court or other applicable law.

The filings in an adult guardianship or protective proceeding shall be confidential. The adult who has been the subject of a protective proceeding or a guardianship, whether or not a guardian has been appointed, any attorney designated by the adult, the guardian, the guardian's attorney and the guardian ad litem are entitled to access court records pertaining to the proceeding and resulting guardianship or protective proceeding, including the annual report and guardian's plan.

In addition, any person for other good cause may petition the court for access to court records pertaining to the guardianship or protective proceeding, including the annual report and the guardian's plan. The court shall grant access if access is in the best interest of the adult subject to guardianship or subject to a protective proceeding, or would further the public interest and not endanger the respondent or adult.

Docket entries, date of proceedings, appointment and termination; duration of the guardianship and the name and information necessary to identify the adult who has been the subject of a protective proceeding or a guardianship, and the guardian, are public record.