

The following is the response David Townsend received from the Office of State Courts Administrator in regards to Changes in the Transcript Judgments.

Dear Mr. Townsend:

I am writing in response to your e-mail sent to Gary Wait on January 20, 2012, regarding associate court transcript judgments. All of the associate divisions are consolidated with the circuit divisions under an appointing authority. In addition, all of the Missouri Circuit Clerk offices are automated on the statewide case management system and when the transcript judgment is filed, it is filed in the circuit court and is considered a circuit court filing.

The docket entry entered by the clerk on the associate case is considered a circuit judgment and populates the judgment index for the court as per Court Operating Rule 4. The revised procedure further states the clerk is to certify a copy of the transcript judgment and place it in the court file. The judgment index report has been modified for the revised procedure provided to the clerks to ensure the entry of Judgment Transcribed pulls to the judgment index. The clerks are instructed to associate the Judgment Transcribed docket entry to the party in which the judgment was ordered against. In addition, the judgment features of Case.net have been modified so the judgment entries display, no matter if they are entered in an associate or circuit cases.

I would encourage the land and title companies to complete the judgment searches for all civil cases. In the February 2012 time frame, you will be able to conduct a civil judgment search on Case.net as well. Please look for the "What's New" link on Case.net for an announcement outlining the procedure for searching civil judgment index records. If you have further questions, you can contact the Help Desk at 888-541-4894.

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