

SELF-SERVICE CENTER

PROCEDURES: PERSONAL SERVICE BY PROCESS SERVER

HOW TO SERVE LEGAL PAPERS in GUARDIANSHIP, CONSERVATORSHIP, INFORMAL PROBATE OF ESTATES, and the SALE OF REAL PROPERTY by REGISTERED PROCESS SERVER

Before Step 1, you must have FILED the court papers.

STEP 1: FIND. You must hire and pay a Registered Process Server yourself. You may locate process servers in the commercial section of the phone book under "**PROCESS SERVER**", or online by using the search term "Arizona process servers" or similar, or at the web site of the Arizona Process Servers Association at <http://arizonaprocessservers.org/>.

Notice: There is a filing fee for all Petitions or Complaints, and Responses or Answers, and fees for "Service" as well. You may request a Waiver or Deferral of the filing fees (and the Sheriff's Service Fees, if you intend to use the Sheriff's Office for service) at the time you file your papers with the Clerk of the Court. Registered Process Servers:

- May offer greater flexibility in serving papers "after-hours" or on short notice.
- Are paid directly by you, not through the court.
- Fees may not be deferred or waived by the court.

STEP 2: GO. Go to the Registered Process Server's office. **TAKE** with you the following things:

- Copy of "**Summons**" (if your case has a summons)
- Other party's set of copies of the court papers.
- A picture or a written physical description of the other party.
- A written description of the automobile that the other party drives.
- The address where the other party can be served.
- The amount you need to pay for this service. (You can call ahead of time to ask the Process Server what type of payment they require.)

STEP 3: WAIT. The Process Server will mail you a copy of the "**Affidavit of Service**" after he/she serves the other party with the papers. **IMPORTANT: If the Process Server does not file the original "Affidavit of Service" with the Clerk of the Court, you must get the original "Affidavit of Service" from the Process Server and file it.**

STEP 4: COUNT. Look at the "**Affidavit of Service**" to find out the date the other party was served with the court papers and start counting the days for the other party to file a Response or Answer. When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party was served the papers.

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT.