

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISIONS
HURON COUNTY

TIMOTHY L. CARDWELL – JUDGE

2 East Main Street
Norwalk, OH 44857

Instruction Sheet for Pro Se Filing

1. Whether you are filing a new complaint or a motion in an existing case you must complete all forms in their entirety and to the best of your ability. Failure to complete and file all attached documents will result in your filing being returned to you with no action being taken. If this is a new case, a case number will be assigned.
2. If you are filing a new complaint or a motion in an existing case regarding custody and/or visitation you must also complete a child custody affidavit. The affidavit must be notarized prior to your bringing it to the court for filing.
3. If you are filing a new complaint or a motion in an existing case you must also complete a precept for service.
4. Type or print your responses in blue or black ink.
5. If you are filing a new complaint, the filing fee will be \$175.00 at the time you file the complaint.
6. If you are filing a motion in an existing case, the filing fee will be \$100.00 at the time you file the complaint.
7. If the parents were not married when the child was born, paternity must be established. If paternity has been established, attach a copy of the order or acknowledgment. If paternity has not been established, indicate that in the space provided on the complaint/motion.
8. The complaint/motion shall be set for hearing by the Court. You shall receive a hearing notice in the mail. If your hearing notice is returned as undeliverable as addressed and you have not notified the Court of your new address, in writing, the complaint/motion shall be dismissed without further action.
9. If the hearing notice for another party is returned as undeliverable as addressed, you will be contacted for a new address. It is your responsibility to supply a good address in writing to the Court as soon as possible. If you do not do so, and complaint/motion is not served at the time of the hearing and the other party does not appear at the hearing, the motion/complaint will be dismissed without further action. All complaints shall be served on the parties by certified mail, unless service by the sheriff or process server is requested in writing. If you request personal service by the sheriff, additional costs will be assessed. If you want personal service a process server, it is your responsibility to make those arrangements.
10. If you are unable to supply the address because the other party's location is unknown to you, and cannot be found out with reasonable diligence, service by publication is provided for you in Juvenile Rule 16 (A). Because of the technical requirements and cost involved, the Court suggests that you consult with an attorney before pursuing this action.