

AS Sec. 09.68.130. Collection of settlement information.

(a) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the Alaska Judicial Council shall collect and evaluate information relating to the compromise or other resolution of all civil litigation. The information shall be collected on a form developed by the council for that purpose and must include

(1) the case name and file number;

(2) a general description of the claims being settled;

(3) if the case is resolved by way of settlement,

(A) the gross dollar amount of the settlement;

(B) to whom the settlement was paid;

(C) the dollar amount of advanced costs and attorney fees that were deducted from the gross dollar amount of the settlement before disbursement to the claimant;

(D) the net amount actually disbursed to the claimant;

(E) the total costs and attorney fees paid by or owed by all parties; and

(F) any nonmonetary terms, including whether the attorney fees incurred by the claimant were based on a contingent fee agreement or upon an hourly rate; if a contingent fee was paid, the percentage of the total settlement represented by the fee must be included; or, if an hourly rate, the hourly rate paid;

(4) if the case is resolved by dismissal, summary judgment, trial, or otherwise,

(A) the gross dollar amount of the judgment;

(B) the amount of attorney fees awarded and to which party;

(C) the amount of costs awarded and to which party;

(D) the net amount, after deduction of (B) and (C) of this paragraph, for which the prevailing party has judgment;

(E) the dollar amount of advanced costs and attorney fees that were deducted from the gross dollar amount of the judgment before distribution to the claimant;

(F) the total costs and attorney fees paid by defending parties; and

(G) any nonmonetary terms, including whether the attorney fees incurred by the claimant were based on a contingent fee agreement or upon an hourly rate; if a contingent fee was paid, the percentage of the total settlement represented by the fee must be included; or, if an hourly rate, the hourly rate paid.

(b) The information received by the council under (a) of this section is confidential. This restriction does not prevent the disclosure of summaries and statistics in a manner that does not allow the identification of particular cases or parties.

(c) The requirements of (a) of this section do not apply to the following types of cases:

- (1) divorce and dissolution;
- (2) adoption, custody, support, visitation, and emancipation of children;
- (3) children-in-need-of-aid cases under AS 47.10 or delinquent minors cases under AS 47.12;
- (4) domestic violence protective orders under AS 18.66.100 - 18.66.180;
- (5) estate, guardianship, and trust cases filed under AS 13;
- (6) small claims under AS 22.15.040;
- (7) forcible entry and detainer cases;
- (8) administrative appeals;
- (9) motor vehicle impound or forfeiture actions under municipal ordinance.

(d) A party to a civil case, except a civil case described in (c) of this section, or, if the party is represented by an attorney, the party's attorney shall submit the information described in (a) of this section to the Alaska Judicial Council. The information must be submitted within 30 days after the case is finally resolved as to that party and on a form specified by the Alaska Judicial Council.