

1 **Rule 58A. Entry of judgment; abstract of judgment.**

2 (a) Judgment upon the verdict of a jury. Unless the court otherwise directs and
3 subject to Rule 54(b), the clerk shall promptly sign and file the judgment upon the
4 verdict of a jury. If there is a special verdict or a general verdict accompanied by
5 answers to interrogatories returned by a jury, the court shall direct the appropriate
6 judgment, which the clerk shall promptly sign and file.

7 (b) Judgment in other cases. Except as provided in ~~Subdivision paragraphs~~ (a) and
8 (f) and Rule 55(b)(1), all judgments shall be signed by the judge and filed with the clerk.

9 (c) When judgment entered; recording. A judgment is complete and shall be deemed
10 entered for all purposes, except the creation of a lien on real property, when it is signed
11 and filed as provided in ~~Subdivisions paragraphs~~ (a) or (b). The clerk shall immediately
12 record the judgment in the register of actions and the register of judgments.

13 (d) Notice of judgment. A copy of the signed judgment shall be promptly served by
14 the party preparing it in the manner provided in Rule 5. The time for filing a notice of
15 appeal is not affected by this requirement.

16 (e) Judgment after death of a party. If a party dies after a verdict or decision upon
17 any issue of fact and before judgment, judgment may nevertheless be entered.

18 (f) Judgment by confession. If a judgment by confession is authorized by statute, the
19 party seeking the judgment must file with the clerk a statement, verified by the
20 defendant, to the following effect:

21 (f)(1) If the judgment is for money due or to become due, it shall concisely state the
22 claim and that the specified sum is due or to become due.

23 (f)(2) If the judgment is for the purpose of securing the plaintiff against a contingent
24 liability, it must state concisely the claim and that the specified sum does not exceed the
25 liability.

26 (f)(3) It must authorize the entry of judgment for the specified sum.

27 The clerk shall sign and file the judgment for the specified sum, with costs of entry, if
28 any, and record it in the register of actions and the register of judgments.

29 (g) Abstract of judgment. The clerk may abstract a judgment by a signed writing
30 under seal of the court that:

31 (g)(1) identifies the court, the case name, the case number, the judge or clerk that
32 signed the judgment, the date the judgment was signed, and the date the judgment was
33 recorded in the registry of actions and the registry of judgments;

34 (g)(2) states whether the time for appeal has passed and whether an appeal has
35 been filed;

36 (g)(3) states whether the judgment has been stayed and when the stay will expire;
37 and

38 (g)(4) if the language of the judgment is known to the clerk, quotes verbatim the
39 operative language of the judgment or attaches a copy of the judgment.

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