



Maricopa County Justice Courts

ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS (3 forms on following pages)

1. Policy and Philosophy

The Maricopa County Justice Courts follow Arizona Supreme Court [Rule 123](#) concerning public documents and records requests.

Rule 123 was adopted to govern public access to the records of all courts and administrative offices of the judicial departments of the State of Arizona. These records are presumed to be open to the public for inspection or copying at all times during regular office hours at the office having custody of the records.

Some information is required by law and Rule 123 to be redacted prior to providing court records. Redactions will be clearly marked. This includes, but is not limited to Social Security Number, financial account numbers, health records, etc.

2. Fees for Court Documents

In general, costs may include a 50-cents per page copy fee, and \$33 fees for each computer disc, certification, and clerk time. See [ARS §22- 281](#).

Rule 123 draws a distinction between commercial and non-commercial requests:

Commercial requesters are those who may be expected to use the record for the purpose of sale or resale, or for any purpose in which the purchaser can reasonably anticipate the receipt of monetary gain.

Non-commercial requesters include those who are a party to the case, their attorneys, the general public, government agencies, non-profit agencies, the media, etc. The \$33 clerk fee is waived for these requests.

3. Bulk Data

It is possible to purchase data containing details of all new justice court case filings and case terminations, as well as current detailed information on all pending justice court cases in which activity occurred during the previous month. The cost is \$33 per month. Data is provided in .txt files which may be imported into database software.

Neither CTS nor the Justice Courts provide technical support in using the files as long as the data is readable and not corrupt.

4. Submitting Requests

Parties to a case, governments needing records for background purposes, and other public/private citizens should **send their request to the specific court which adjudicated the case.**

The Justice Courts' Public Information Officer will only fulfill requests from media, academics, or non-profit organizations: MCJC-PIO@jbazmc.maricopa.gov.



Maricopa County Justice Courts, Arizona

ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS REQUEST

Your Name _____ Email address _____

Address (street, city, state) _____ Phone _____

I am: Public/Party/Attorney to a case Media Other _____
(organization name if applicable)

Name of Justice Court that heard the case: _____

Purpose of records request: _____

NOTICE: Arizona Supreme Court Rule 123 defines a "Commercial" request as one in which the purchaser expects monetary gain through the sale, resale, or use, either direct or indirect, of the documents.

I am making a request for case records as follows:		Applicable Fees:		
Receive copies	View (only at court)	Printout/copy fees	\$.50 per page	
I am a: Commercial User	Non-Commercial User	Certify document	\$33.00 each	
		Commercial requests	\$33 clerk fee	
Case Number	Litigant Name(s)	Document Name/Date/Other Detail	# of copies	Certify?

If requesting more than five case files, please add a second request form.
If requesting from more than one court, please send each court a separate request.

With my signature below I attest that the information provided for this request is true, that penalties may apply for any misuse of records received, and I accept full responsibility for the use or transmission of the data received in actual or altered form. Further, I understand and agree that the Maricopa County Justice Courts do not guarantee the accuracy of the information requested and I will not hold the Maricopa County Justice Court liable for any inaccurate or incomplete information I receive. Redactions may be necessary to comply with Rules and Statutes.

Requester Signature _____ Date _____

WHERE TO SEND THIS FORM:

Media/Non-Profits/Universities/Governments ONLY should send this form to the Communications Office at MCJC_Comm@jbzmc.maricopa.gov. Note: this office cannot certify documents. That must come from the court.

Parties to the case, attorneys, public companies, and private citizens should send this form to the specific court that heard the case. See court contact information here: <https://bit.ly/MCJCLocations>.

<i>Court use only:</i>	
Received by: _____	On: _____
(requester or designee)	(date)
Provided to requester via:	In person US mail Electronic



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ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS BULK DATA REQUEST

For requests involving **bulk data** of justice court cases, a set of monthly files is available containing details of all new justice court case filings and case terminations, as well as current detailed information on all pending justice court cases in which activity occurred that month involving court hearings and events. Fresh data may be delayed due to statutory requirements for sealing cases.

Parties requesting these files **must** sign a court-provided Data Dissemination Agreement (DDA) and provide proof of liability insurance prior to receiving data. If not already on file, retrieve a blank DDA at bit.ly/DDAMCJC. Send it to MCJC_Comm@jbazmc.maricopa.gov with proof of insurance. Once the contract is approved we arrange payment either by check or credit card.

Your Name and Company _____

Address for correspondence _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address for data file _____

As of December 28, 2024 the fee for each monthly release is \$33.00. Once payment is confirmed, data will be available as a password-protected downloadable file.

Quantity	Specify Month and Year of Request (historical data may be limited)	Amount
TOTAL DUE		

As required by Arizona Supreme Court Rule 123(j), I certify that the commercial purpose and/or specific use intended for the records requested is:

NOTICE: I understand and agree that neither the Maricopa County Justice Courts (MCJC) or Court Technology Services (CTS) can guarantee the accuracy of the information requested and I will not hold MCJC or CTS liable for any inaccurate or incomplete information I receive. Neither MCJC nor CTS can provide technical support related to the contents of the disc. I accept full responsibility for the interpretation, use, or transmission of the data received in actual or altered form.

Requester Signature _____ Date _____