

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

CONTACTING COURT/LEGAL ADVICE

CONTACTING CHAMBERS

It is the policy of the Northern District of Oklahoma that contacting Judges chambers directly is prohibited. All correspondence with the Judge should be in writing (typically by filing in the action). Any questions should be directed to the Court Clerk's Office.

WHAT WE CAN DO

Our clerk's office is happy to help and can assist you with following:

- Clerk's Office staff can provide instructions on how to execute a task.
- Explain and answer questions about how the court works.
- Give you general information about court rules, procedures, and practices.
- Provide you with information from the case file and help you look at it from the public terminal.
- Provide you with available court forms and instructions. Printable forms and general information are available at www.oknd.uscourts.gov.
- Provide you with the phone numbers and addresses of local lawyer services.

WHAT THE CLERK'S OFFICE CAN'T DO

Clerk's Office staff cannot give "legal advice" or "practice law" as they are prohibited under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 955. Examples of legal advice include the following:

- Tell you whether or not you should file a new case.
- Tell you what words you should use in your court pleadings/papers.
- Explain the meaning of a specific rule or order.
- Make an interpretation of case law.
- Explain the result of taking or not taking action in a case.
- Answer whether jurisdiction is proper in a case.
- Answer whether a complaint properly presents a claim.
- Tell you what you should say in court.
- Compute deadlines in the case.