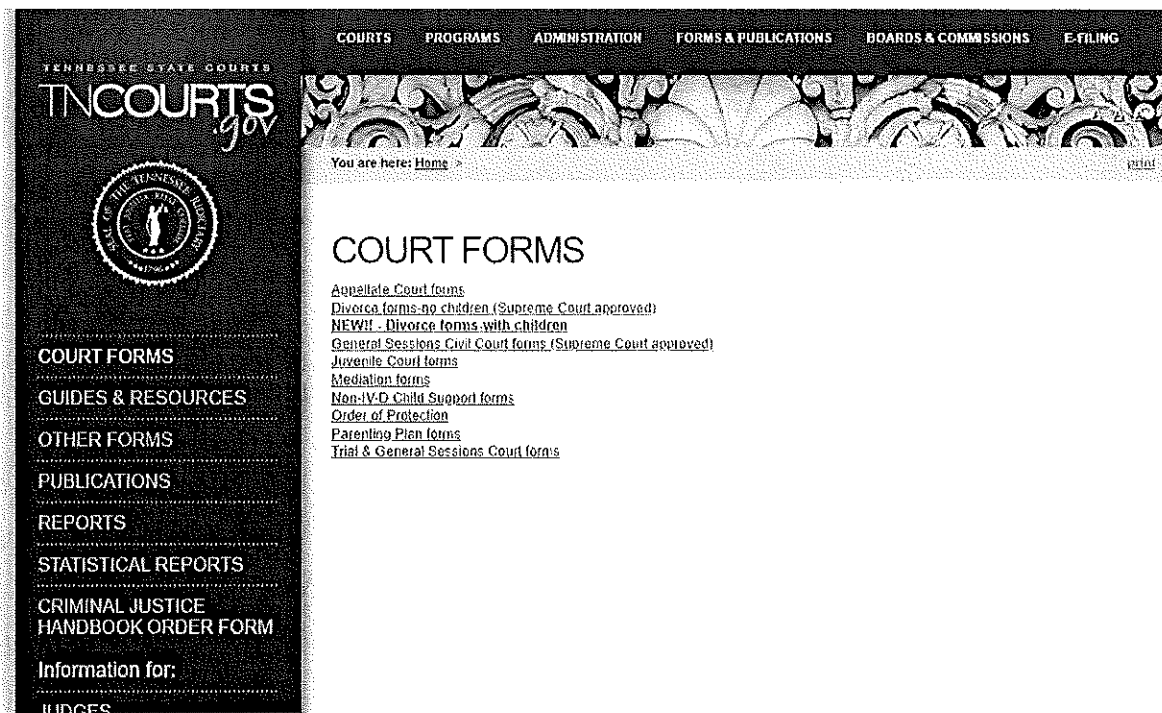


DOMESTIC RELATIONS IN AN HOUR

An excellent resource for general family law is *Richards on Tennessee Family Law*, Third Edition, by Janet L. Richards (LexisNexis). *Coppock on Tennessee Adoption Law*, 7th Editions (Celtic Cat Publishing) is excellent for adoption and related issues such as terminations. It has excellent forms and checklists. The Family Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association publishes and makes available to judges at no cost the Alimony Bench Book.

The AOC has the state approved forms and links to information you'll need. Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts – tncourts.gov is the home page.

Divorce Forms – there are several forms for preliminary matters such as parenting education classes, mediation, etc. The hyperlink for the general page is <https://www.tncourts.gov/node/707185>. You should explore those pages, there are lots of forms and information that will be useful, even if not needed often. The most critical forms to download and save or know how to find are parenting plan and child support.



The screenshot shows the Tennessee State Courts website. The top navigation bar includes links for COURTS, PROGRAMS, ADMINISTRATION, FORMS & PUBLICATIONS, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, and E-FILED. The main content area is titled 'COURT FORMS' and lists several categories of forms: Appellate Court forms, Divorce forms-no children (Supreme Court approved), NEW!! - Divorce forms-with children, General Sessions Civil Court forms (Supreme Court approved), Juvenile Court forms, Mediation forms, Non-IV-D Child Support forms, Order of Protection, Parenting Plan forms, and Trial & General Sessions Court forms. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with links to COURT FORMS, GUIDES & RESOURCES, OTHER FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, STATISTICAL REPORTS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE HANDBOOK ORDER FORM, and Information for: JUDGES.

This is the link to the permanent plan. A blank example is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The link is <https://www.tncourts.gov/node/253>

Parenting Plan Forms | Tennessee | Incourts.gov/node/253

PARENTING PLAN FORMS

Pursuant to Public Chapter 127, amending T.C.A. §36-6-404, the Administrative Office of the Courts developed a parenting plan form that shall be used consistently by each court within the state that approves parenting plans pursuant to §36-6-403 or §36-6-404. The form is to be used on and after July 1, 2005. The AOC is mandated to distribute this form for the use of those courts no later than June 1, 2005.

Based on the new public chapter, the AOC, in consultation with the Family Law Section of the Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Judicial Conference Domestic Relations Committee and other knowledgeable persons, finalized the form.

**Please note if you are not able to open the documents in Chrome, please try a different browser. We are currently working on resolving this issue.*

OTHER FORMS

ENGLISH FORMS

- [Education Order](#)
- [Mediator Invoice](#)
- [Motion for reduced fee mediation](#)
- [Motion to proceed education](#)
- [Motion to proceed mediation](#)
- [Order for Reduced Fee Mediation](#)
- [Order for reduced fee parent education](#)
- [Order to mediate following a mediator](#)
- [Parent Education Invoice](#)
- [Parents guide to developing the Parenting Plan](#)
- [Parents guide to education](#)
- [Parents guide to mediation](#)
- [Premarital Cost of Completion](#)
- [Show Cause Order](#)
- [Temporary Parenting Plan](#)

SPANISH FORMS

- [Parents Guide to Education Seminar](#)
- [Parents Guide to Mediation](#)

PARENTING PLAN

- [About the Parenting Plan Forms](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [Child Support Guidelines](#)
- [FAQs](#)

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SELF HELP CENTER

ENGLISH

- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(Word document\)](#)
- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(Fillable Word document\) Coming Soon!](#)
- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(PDF\)](#)

SPANISH

- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(Word document\)](#)
- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(PDF\)](#)

KOREAN

- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(Word document\)](#)
- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(PDF\)](#)

VICTNAMESE

- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(Word document\)](#)
- [Permanent Parenting Plan Form \(PDF\)](#)

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With the Parenting Plan there must be a child support worksheet. The hyperlinks to child the support procedures and guidelines can be found here <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1240/1240-02/1240-02.htm>

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**Tennessee Secretary of State
Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations**

All Effective Rules and Regulations > 1240 > 1240-02

Rules of the Tennessee Department of Human Services

Child Support Services Division	
Chapter	Description
1240-02-01	Forms for Establishing and Modifying Support Orders
1240-02-02	Forms for Withholding of Income for Child Support
1240-02-03	Miscellaneous IV-D
1240-02-04	Child Support Guidelines
1240-02-05	Liens for Child Support
1240-02-06	Review and Adjustment of Child Support Orders

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The hyperlink to the actual rules and regulations (Guidelines)
<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1240/1240-02/1240-02-04.20211001.pdf>

For child support, it is most useful to download to your computer the Excel worksheet. The link to that document is here <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-support-services/child-support-guidelines/child-support-calculator-and-worksheet-1.html> A copy of the child support worksheet is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices/for-families/child-support-services/child-support-guidelines/child-support-calculator-and-worksheet-1.html>. The page header features the Tennessee Department of Human Services logo and a search bar. The main content area is titled "Child Support Calculator" and includes a sidebar with links to "Child Support Guidelines", "Child Support Calculator", "Child Support Guidelines - Frequently Asked Questions", "Child Support Guidelines - Historical Files", and "Child Support Guidelines - Useful Materials". The main text explains that automated tools are available to simplify the process of calculating Tennessee child support orders. It lists four Excel calculators: "Income Shares Worksheet 2021 v1.0 W/18 English", "Income Shares Worksheet 2021 v1.0 W/18 Spanish", "Income Shares Worksheet 2022 v1.0 MAC English", and "Income Shares Worksheet 2022 v1.0 MAC Spanish". A note states that these worksheets are Excel documents with automated calculations and instructions. A requirement note at the bottom indicates that Microsoft Excel (version 97 or later) is needed, and macro security settings may need to be adjusted.

If you need to use a wage assignment for child support purposes and the case is not within the Title IV-D program, the link to the wage assignments is <https://www.tncourts.gov/node/2083351>. The page has two links, one leading to a sample withholding worksheet with instructions and the other to the actual form that is fillable and can be printed for use.

Orders of Protection

There are three types of orders of protection in Tennessee. The one that everyone thinks of between intimate partners and/or victims of stalking harassment Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-3-601 et seq., Lifetime Orders for victims of certain crimes as created and set out in Tenn. Code Ann. §36-3-627, and Orders of Protection for Elderly and Vulnerable Adults as set out in Tenn. Code Ann. §71-6-124. The forms for all these can be found here <https://www.tncourts.gov/node/305439>

The Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (<https://tncoalition.org>) puts out bench cards that are useful to have in reviewing elements for and actions to be taken in hearing order of protection cases. The hyperlinks to the various cards are below. Copies of them have been attached hereto as Exhibit C. If the cards are not already on your bench or in chambers, contact the Coalition and they will be happy to supply them to you. They are frequently available at conferences as well.

Within an hour it is impossible to cover all the potential matters that arise within a court having general domestic relations jurisdiction. I hope this general introduction has been helpful. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call another judge in your district or me if you're really desperate.