

1.2 General Information.

(a) Court Sessions.

In Omaha and Lincoln, the court is in continuous session on business days throughout the year. In North Platte, the court is in session during periods set by order as business requires.

(b) Clerk's Official Station.

The clerk's official station is in Omaha. The clerk appoints deputy clerks stationed in Omaha and Lincoln.

(c) Court Personnel's Release of Information.

Court personnel must not disclose without the court's authorization any case information not included in the court's public records.

(d) Fee Prepayment.

Before providing a service, the clerk requires prepayment of all collectible fees prescribed by statute or the Judicial Conference of the United States. The clerk may require in advance a deposit estimated to cover the requested service. Any unused part of the deposit is returned when the proceeding ends or the service is completed, if the party owes no other fees.

(1) Method of Paying Filing Fees.

A fee required for filing a document in district court is payable to the clerk by credit/debit card, check, money order, or cash. The court does not keep electronic billing or debit accounts for lawyers or law firms.

(e) Credit Card Fee Payment.

(1) In General.

Fee information is available from the clerk and on the court's website at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/fees>.

(2) Refunds of Duplicate or Erroneous Fees Paid Electronically by Credit Card.

The clerk may, without motion or application, refund filing fees, full-time attorney admission fees, and pro hac vice admission fees paid

online by credit card when the clerk's records demonstrate the fee was erroneously paid (e.g., as in the case of a system error) or is a duplicate. However, if the clerk's records do not clearly demonstrate that the payment was erroneous or a duplicate, then an application to the clerk is required. This limited authority does not otherwise amend the Judicial Conference policy prohibiting filing fee refunds.

(A) Applications to Clerk

(i) Filing Fees and Pro Hac Vice Admission Fees.

To file an application with the clerk for a refund of a filing fee or pro hac vice admission fee paid online with a credit card, the payor must file a Motion – Refund of Fees Paid Electronically in the applicable case explaining the circumstances and stating the requested refund amount. The clerk must authorize the refund request, deny it, or refer it to chambers.

(ii) Full-time Attorney Admission Fees.

To file an application with the clerk for a refund of a full-time attorney admission fee paid online with a credit card, the payor must send an application to the clerk explaining the circumstances and stating the requested refund amount. The clerk must authorize the refund request, deny it, or refer it to chambers.

(B) Review of Denial.

If the clerk denies a refund request, the payor has 7 days to file a motion asking the chief judge to review the denial.

(C) Payment of Refund.

The clerk processes an authorized refund through the electronic credit card system, pay.gov. If the payor's credit card is no longer valid, a refund will be sent to the payor by check. The clerk does not give cash refunds.

(f) Fee Schedules.

Fee schedules are available on the court's website at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/fees> or from the clerk.

(g) Mediation.

The court has adopted a Mediation Plan in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 652, which requires each district to provide litigants in all civil cases with at least one alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process and requires litigants in all civil cases to consider the use of an ADR process at an appropriate stage in the litigation. By means of the Mediation Plan, any district, bankruptcy, or magistrate judge may by order refer a case to mediation when the judge determines the nature of the case and the amount in controversy make resolution of the case by mediation a practical possibility. The court's Mediation Plan and List of Court Approved Mediators are available on the court's mediation webpage at <https://www.ned.uscourts.gov/public/mediation>. Parties settling a case should advise the court if they engaged in mediation.

(h) Judicial Misconduct and Disability Complaints.

Information on filing complaints about a federal judge's behavior is on the Eighth Circuit's website at <https://www.ca8.uscourts.gov/judicial-complaints>.

(i) Persons with Communications Disabilities.

The court is required to provide reasonable accommodations to persons with communications disabilities. Contact the clerk's office at 402.661.7307 to request accommodations.