

FOREIGN DECREES

Pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) and Section 3127.35 of the Revised Code, a party may register a foreign (out of state) decree with Juvenile Court. The registration of a foreign decree does not vest this Court with jurisdiction to act with regard to child support.

The registration must be filed in the Clerk's Office at the Issue Desk. It is accomplished by filing a letter or Request to Register a Foreign Child Custody Determination; two copies, including one certified copy, of the determination sought to be registered, and a statement under penalty of perjury that, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the person seeking registration, the order has not been modified; a Written Request for Service listing the name and address of the person seeking registration and any parent who is designated the residential parent and legal custodian of the child or to have parenting time with respect to the child or any person acting as a parent who has been awarded custody or visitation in the child custody determination sought to be registered, except as otherwise provided in section 3127.23 of the Revised Code and a \$75.00 filing fee.

Enforcement of a Foreign Decree

Any party seeking to enforce a foreign decree as to parenting allocation or parenting time must first register the decree pursuant to the procedure above, and then must file a motion which specifies the relief sought. The Deputy Clerk will journalize the motion as **M135** - Motion to Enforce Foreign Decree Filed and prepare an Entry Recognizing and Providing Full Faith and Credit to a Foreign Decree. Once the entry is prepared it should be taken to the Chief Magistrate or one of the Deputy Chief Magistrates along with the certified copy of the foreign decree. The magistrate will do the appropriate entry in JCMS using the Custody Screen and selecting "See accompanying entry", sign it and give it to the Deputy Clerk. The Entry Recognizing and Providing Full Faith and Credit to a Foreign Decree is to be scanned in behind the entry generated by the magistrate in JCMS.

The party requesting the entry should be given two certified copies of our entry attached to the foreign decree. One copy is for the party and one copy is for the Law Enforcement agency that they want to enforce the decree.

Contesting the Validity of a Registration

A party has 30 days from the date of service to contest the validity of a registration. The contesting party must file a letter or a Motion to Contest the Validity of a Registered Foreign Decree and a Written Request for Service with the name and address of all parties. The filing will be journalized as **M136** - Motion to Contest the Validity of a Registered Foreign Decree Filed and docketed as custody pretrial. There will be no filing fee for a Motion to Contest the Validity of a Registered Foreign Decree.