

South Dakota Unified Judicial System

eCourts Email Notifications – Terms and Conditions

Purpose

These Terms and Conditions govern the delivery and use of email notifications sent by the South Dakota Unified Judicial System to notify subscribers of filings and related case events.

Scope

These Terms and Conditions apply to anyone who opts in to receive email notifications from the South Dakota Unified Judicial System about case events, regardless of their relationship to the case.

Definitions

Notification: an email message from the South Dakota Unified Judicial System containing information about a case filing.

User: a person or entity that has registered and opted in to receive Notifications.

Case Event: a filing related to a case.

Subscription and Consent

Users must have a registered eCourts account and must subscribe to each case for which they wish to receive notifications. Notifications will be sent only to the registered email address associated with the User's account and only for cases the User has explicitly subscribed to.

By subscribing, Users represent that the email address provided is correct and that they are authorized to receive information sent to that address.

Notification Content and Limitations

Notifications are limited to summaries about case events. They do not include documents, attachments, or direct links to any documents.

Notifications cover only cases and events designated for public use under the South Dakota Unified Judicial System's case access/security policy.

Notifications are for informational purposes only and do not constitute formal service or replace any statutory or court-rule service requirements unless expressly stated.

Intended Recipients

Anyone may subscribe to receive Notifications, including parties, counsel, members of the public, or other interested persons. Subscription does not alter a person's legal status in the case.

Delivery, Accuracy, and Timeliness

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System will use reasonable efforts to deliver Notifications promptly but cannot guarantee delivery, delivery timing, or uninterrupted service.

Users are responsible for maintaining accurate contact information and for monitoring their registered email account (including spam or junk folders). The South Dakota Unified Judicial System is not responsible for undelivered messages due to incorrect contact details or user-side filtering.

Confidentiality and Sensitive Information

Email is not a fully secure transmission medium. Users accept the privacy risks inherent in receiving case information via email.

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System will not intentionally include highly sensitive personal information in Notifications.

Opt-out and Updating Contact Information

Users may unsubscribe at any time by signing into their eCourts account and following the instructions in the user manual to unsubscribe or by contacting UJS eCourts Support at ujsecourtssupport@ujis.state.sd.us to request information on how to unsubscribe.

Users must promptly update their registered email address by notifying UJS eCourts Support. Until updated, Notifications will be sent to the most recent registered email address.

User Responsibilities

Users must secure their email accounts and credentials, promptly report unauthorized access or changes to contact information, and review Notifications in a timely manner.

Users remain responsible for complying with all applicable filing and service rules. These Notifications do not replace statutory or rule-based service requirements of the Users.

Security Measures

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System employs administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect email transmission and storage. Users should not rely on Notifications as the sole or official record of court activity; official court records and dockets remain authoritative.

Intellectual Property

Notification content is the property of the South Dakota Unified Judicial System or its licensors. Users may not reproduce or distribute Notification content except as required for case participation or with permission.

Limitation of Liability & Disclaimers

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the South Dakota Unified Judicial System disclaims all warranties regarding email delivery, accuracy, completeness, and fitness for a particular purpose.

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System is not liable for indirect, incidental, consequential, or special damages arising from the use, delay, or failure to receive Notifications, except where prohibited by law.

Modifications

The South Dakota Unified Judicial System may modify these Terms & Conditions at any time. Material changes will be posted in the Notifications Terms and Conditions document located here: <https://ecourts.sd.gov/Help.aspx> . Continued use of Notifications after notice constitutes acceptance of the revised terms.

Governing Law and Dispute Resolution

These Terms & Conditions are governed by the laws of South Dakota. Disputes related to Notifications are subject to jurisdiction of the courts of South Dakota, unless otherwise required by law.

Contact

For questions, to update contact information, or to opt out, contact:

UJS eCourts Support

ujsecourtssupport@ujs.state.sd.us

Acknowledgment

By registering for and receiving email Notifications, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to these Terms and Conditions.