



How to File a Judgment Obtained from a Foreign Jurisdiction

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This package provides instructions on how to record a money judgment obtained from a foreign jurisdiction in New Jersey. The Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act (*N.J.S.A. 2A:49A-25 et seq.*) permits a judgment, decree, or order of the United States or of any other Court which is entitled to full faith and credit in this State to be filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Pursuant to *Enron (Thrace) Exploration & Production v. Clapp*, 378 N.J. Super. 8 (App. Div. 2005), foreign country money judgments are enforceable in the same manner as the judgment of a sister state which is entitled to full faith and credit, provided that the provisions of the Uniform Foreign Country Money Judgments Recognition Act, *N.J.S.A. 2A:49A- 16 to 24*, are met.

The Clerk shall treat the foreign judgment in the same manner as a judgment of the Superior Court of this State. Upon recording, the Clerk will issue a notice to the defendant providing 14 days during which the defendant may file an objection to the judgment. No execution of process can occur during that 14-day period. Any questions concerning the filing of foreign judgments should be directed to the Superior Court Clerk’s Office at 609-421-6100.

New Jersey Court Rule. 1:21 states, an attorney submitting an affidavit or certification in support of a foreign judgment must be licensed and/or eligible to practice law in the State of New Jersey and in good standing.

Note: These materials have been prepared by the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts for use by self-represented litigants. The guides, instructions, and forms will be periodically updated as necessary to reflect current New Jersey statutes and court rules. The most recent version of the forms will be available at the county courthouse or on the Judiciary’s Internet site njcourts.gov. However, you are ultimately responsible for the content of your court papers.

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New Jersey Judiciary – Civil Practice Division

Affidavit in Support of Application to Record a Foreign Judgment in New Jersey (Form A)



Enter required information; use additional paper, if necessary.

I, _____, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon my oath hereby depose and say:

- 1. I am the _____ in a lawsuit captioned _____, plaintiff, v. _____, defendant in the _____ of the _____ of _____ and am seeking to record (docket) said judgment in the State of New Jersey.
2. Attached to this affidavit is an authenticated (exemplified) copy of the judgment from the _____ of _____ wherein judgment was entered against _____ in the amount of \$ _____ on _____.
3. The judgment creditor's name is _____ and resides at _____.
4. The judgment debtor is known to me as _____ and was last known to reside at _____ in the _____ of _____, _____ County, New Jersey _____.
5. The time to appeal the judgment in the _____ of _____ has expired.
6. The courts of the _____ of _____ have not granted a stay of execution of said judgment.
7. The foreign judgment _____ entered by default. If the foreign judgment was entered by default, cite the court rule for vacating defaults and attach a copy of the cited court rule. If judgment by default, then add: Under the relevant statutes and rules of court, the date for vacating the default expired on _____ without the judgment debtor moving to vacate the same.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of judgment creditor or judgment creditor's attorney

_____ Type or print name of judgment creditor or judgment creditor's attorney

Sworn and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 ____ .

Signature of Notary Public _____

My Notary Public commission expires on _____

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Instructions**

Note: The numbered list below outlines the process of docketing a foreign judgment with the Superior Court of New Jersey. The accompanying affidavit must be typed or printed clearly on 8 ½ x 11" white paper only.

1. Obtain an exemplified (authenticated) copy of the foreign judgment with the seal of the issuing court affixed thereto.
2. Attach an affidavit from the judgment creditor or the judgment creditor's lawyer (Form A). The affidavit must set forth:
 - A. The name and last known address of the creditor.
 - B. The name and last known address of the debtor.
 - C. The date and amount of the judgment.
 - D. Whether the time to appeal the foreign judgment has expired in the court of origin.
 - E. Whether the court of origin has granted a stay; and
 - F. Whether or not the foreign judgment was entered by default. If the foreign judgment was entered by default, the affidavit must indicate the date under the rules of the court of origin for vacating the default with a copy of the cited court rule.

Note: Pursuant to 1:4-4(b) a certification may be used in lieu of the affidavit and pursuant to 1:21-1, Attorneys seeking to docket a foreign judgment must be licensed in the State of New Jersey.

3. Make a check or money order payable to *Treasurer, State of New Jersey* in the amount of \$35.00. This is the fee for filing your papers.
4. You have two options to file your documents.
 - A. Mail the documents to the New Jersey Superior Court Clerk's Office. You can mail the original and two copies of the foreign judgment, the affidavit, and the filing fee to the clerk's office.
 - B. Deliver the original and two copies of the foreign judgment, the affidavit, and the filing fee to the clerk's office. If mailing the papers, we recommend sending certified mail with a return receipt requested.

Mail to:	Deliver to:
Superior Court Clerk's Office Attn: Judgment Processing Services P.O. Box 971 Trenton, NJ 08625	Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex Superior Court Clerk's Office 25 Market St., 6 th Floor, North Wing Trenton, NJ 08625