### **Creating a Probate Case**

## I. Creating a Probate Case

- 1. Go to CMAINIT.
- 2. Enter your Court Code.
- 3. Enter your Location.
- 4. Enter the Case Type.

**HINT:** As of 1/1/2017, only the Case Type codes from the cover sheet will be entered in Contexte.

- 5. Leave the word **NEXT** in the Case ID field.
- 6. In the field next to the Case ID, type a **Case Description** using Contexte data entry standards.
- 7. Click in the **Filing Date** field, and enter the date that matches the file mark on your case paperwork. EX: **091513** for September 15, 2013.
- 8. Press **Tab** to go to the next field, and enter the Filing **Time**. EX: 0900 for 9AM or 1300 for 1PM.
- 9. Press **Ctrl** and **PgDn** to go to the next block. Notice that the case ID will generate for you.
- 10. You are now in the Party Tab.

#### II. Entering Parties

**HINT:** The Judge will automatically populate when you first create the case.

- 1. Press **F6** to insert a new record.
- 2. Enter the **Party Type**.
- 3. Click the **ID** LOV button, and this will take you to **CPIIDEN**.

- 4. In the top block, search for the party by Last Name and First Name. You can also narrow the search down by using the DOB or Middle Name.
- 5. Press **Ctrl** and **PgDn** to go to the next block.
- 6. Results will display. Double-click the correct party, and his/her information will automatically fill in for you in CMAINIT.

**HINT:** If no query results display, click the **Clear Form** icon to search a different way.

**HINT:** If you are unable to find the party, click the **Red Door** icon, and this will take you to CMAINIT. Type the word **NEXT** in the ID field. Enter the party's name and address. After saving, an ID will generate for the party.

- 7. Press F10 to save.
- 8. Repeat steps 1-7 for additional parties

## III. Associating Parties

**HINT:** When you save a certain party such as an Attorney, you will receive a dialog box asking if you want to associate this party to another.

- 1. Click **OK**, and this will take you to **CDAPRTY**.
- 2. Click on the Attorney record so that it becomes highlighted.
- 3. Click **Party Associations** in the Navigation Frame.
- 4. Click the **checkbox** beside the person who is being represented by the attorney.
- 5. Press **F10** to save.
- 6. Click the **X** on the small CDAPRTY window to close it. You can now see the associated parties with checkmarks beside them.
- 7. Click the **Red Door** icon, and this will take you to CMAINIT.

### IV. Entering Demographic Information

- 1. Click on the **Demographic** Tab.
- Click the Party Type LOV button, and this will take you to CDAPRTY.
- 3. Double-click the party to add demographic information.
- 4. You will be taken back to the demographic tab. Press Ctrl and PgDn to go to the next block.
- 5. Enter demographic information such as DOB, SSN, Sex, Race, etc.
- 6. Press F10 to save.

# V. Entering Dockets/Filings

- 1. Click on the **Short Docket** Tab.
- 2. Press **F8** to display any existing automatic docket codes.

**HINT:** You will not have to type the code if automatic docket codes are configured.

- 3. If no automatic docket codes appear, type **MFO** in the Docket field. Description will default.
- 4. Click the **Party Type** LOV button, and this will take you to CDAPRTY.
- 5. Double-click on the filing party.
- 6. Press **Tab** to change **Filing Date** and **Time**, if needed.
- 7. Press **F6** to insert a blank record and add other dockets such as petitions or orders.
- 8. Change the **Filing Date** and **Time** for each docket code as needed.
- 9. Press **F10** to save.

#### **Adding the Confidential Information Sheet**

HINT: Add the Confidential Information Sheet when you actually receive it.

 While still in the Short Docket Tab of CMAINIT, click on (Docket) CDADOCT in the Navigation Frame.

HINT: The Case ID will pull over into CDADOCT.

- 2. Press **Ctrl** and **PgDn** to go to the next block.
- 3. Press **F8** to retrieve existing docket entries.
- 4. Press **F6** to insert a new record.
- 5. Type **COINF** in the Docket field. Description will default.
- 6. Press **Tab** to change **Filing Date** and **Time** to match the file mark on your case paperwork.
- 7. Press F10 to save.
- 8. Click on the COINF record so that it becomes highlighted.
- 9. Click on (Docket) COASITE in the Navigation Frame.

**HINT:** The Confidential Information Sheet will display.

- 10. Enter all the relevant fields (skip the first 8 fields and begin with entering child information).
- 11. Press **F10** to save.
- 12. Click the **Red Door** icon, and this will take you back to CDADOCT.