



Name Changes

I think you will find the name change process to be a pleasant legal experience.

District Court makes it easy to change your legal name—without a lawyer. Visit the District Court Clerk in the neighborhood where you reside. You will be given a name change packet. Completing the forms takes a few minutes. The fee is \$62 (which includes payment for a copy of the decree for your records). You'll pay the clerk, and select a day and time to appear before the judge.

The court appearance before the judge takes about five minutes. You will testify about your reasons for a name change and verify the spelling of your new name. Be prepared to swear that you are not defrauding creditors or harming another person by changing your name.