

The management of court records is controlled by the [Records Retention Schedule](#) for the MN Judicial Branch, and the law at [Minn. Stat. § 138.17](#) on keeping and destroying public records.

Housing Court files are generally open to the public. See the [MN Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch](#). There is **no charge** to look at a file or court record.

How to Get Court Records

Online

[Minnesota Court Records Online \(MCRO\)](#) provides online access to many public Minnesota state district court records and documents. **Note:** There are limits to what can be viewed online that are described in the [MN Rules of Public Access to Records of the Judicial Branch](#). Online records **do not include** street addresses for parties, or document images.

At the Courthouse

People can search court records **and** view documents online using public-access computers located in the District Court Records Center on the skyway level in the [Hennepin County Government Center](#). If you want to get a copy of a document from a court file, there are [fees](#) for plain and certified copies.

By Mail

Find instructions on the Copies of Court Records tab on the [main Records Center webpage](#).

For details on how to find records for other types of cases in the Hennepin Court, please visit our [main Records Center webpage](#).