

## Authority of Clerks - Judgments

Court rules also give clerks authority to enter a very limited category of [final judgments](#) (see also, [Appendix X](#) of the clerk's manuals). These include the following:

- [Default judgments](#) of the superior or district court- in civil cases under [Civil Rule 55\(b\)](#) and in small claims cases under [District Court Civil Rule 17\(a\)](#).
- Judgments on "[offers of judgment](#)" in the circumstances set forth in [Civil Rule 68\(a\)](#).
- Judgments of conviction in minor offense cases as authorized by [Minor Offense Rule 10\(h\)](#).

These are the only types of judgments that clerks are authorized by court rule to enter. However, some clerks are authorized to enter judgments in other limited circumstances by appointment order of a presiding judge.

Note: Clerks who are appointed as deputy magistrates have additional authority to issue judgments under [Administrative Rule 19.2](#).

