

WFG Underwriting Bulletin



To: All Ohio Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company
From: WFG Underwriting Department
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Subject: Additional Information - Ohio Final Judicial Reports in Union County Common Pleas Court

This Bulletin supplements [OH 2024-02](#).

Effective June 14, 2024 and barring an objection by members of the Union County Bar Association, the Union County Common Pleas Court will amend Local Rule 20.03 (B) to delete the requirement that a Final Judicial Report contain a certification reciting:

“All necessary parties are properly before the Court, with all proceedings in conformity to law and Civil Rules.”

The amended section will read:

“B) Final Judicial Report. Prior to any judgment being rendered or any sale being ordered, plaintiff shall file with the Clerk a Final Judicial Report that updates the state of the record title, and includes a copy of the court’s docket for the case.”

You may provide a copy of the court’s docket to a customer who orders a Final Judicial Report as the docket falls within the definition of “Public Records” set forth within the Preliminary Judicial Report.

In the interim, if you have a customer who has ordered a Final Judicial Report for use in a Union County foreclosure case that you have not issued due to the certification requirement, please advise the customer to contact the court relative to obtaining an order in their foreclosure allowing them to file a Final Judicial Report that does not contain the certification before the Rule Change becomes effective.

Finally, please remember that the forms in the Preliminary Judicial Report/Final Judicial Report series including Supplemental Reports and the Extended Coverage Endorsement cannot be altered to provide additional coverage to the Guaranteed Party. It is an extraordinarily limited product and when used in a foreclosure case, the product needs to conform both to the filing made and approved by the Ohio Department of Insurance and ORC 2329.191.

If you have questions, as always, please contact Underwriting.

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The Agent may be held responsible for any loss sustained as a result of the failure to follow the standards set forth above.