

Judicial Notifications in Panama

Digital transformation is no longer a promise for the future; it is a reality that is changing the way we interact with the judicial system. The new Civil Procedure Code adapts to this evolution by incorporating technological tools that streamline processes, improve communication, and make the administration of justice more efficient. One of the most significant advances is the implementation of the Automated Judicial Management System, a platform that centralizes and digitizes a large part of the procedural actions, thereby simplifying the notification procedures.

The new Code of Civil Procedure incorporates new forms of notification, marking a turning point in how judicial decisions and rulings are communicated to parties and their legal representatives.

The form of notification that takes on greater relevance in the new Code of Civil Procedure is Oral Notification. In this regard, the communication of rulings and actions taken during hearings is carried out immediately and verbally. This innovation eliminates the need to wait for established deadlines to file appeals or take action against judicial decisions, contributing to greater agility and speed in the process's development.

Other methods that have been incorporated include notifications made through a notary public, email, and electronic edicts. These notification mechanisms contribute to the practical application of the principles of speed and procedural economy by significantly reducing the possibility of delays in the judicial process.

On the other hand, if the representative of one of the parties must be notified and is not at home, an informative note will be left. With the new Civil Procedure Code, the deadline for appearing has been extended to ten days, representing a significant change in the established procedural timelines. Once the established period has elapsed without the representative appearing, they will be summoned by edict, and subsequently, a defense attorney will be appointed for them in absentia.

In addition, the Civil Procedure Code introduces a significant improvement in terms of procedural speed,



namely that if the plaintiff proves to the court that they have delivered a copy of the complaint and its annexes to the defendant, either in physical form or by email, and this has been certified by the court clerk at the time of filing the complaint with the court of jurisdiction, it will not be necessary to issue a summons by edict, and the appointment of a defense attorney for the absent party will proceed directly.

In this sense, the new Civil Procedure Code marks a milestone in the modernization of the judicial system. Thanks to digitization, processes are now more accessible, efficient, and transparent. With tools such as electronic notifications, justice is closer to the people.



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