



# The Recorder

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## Change in County Business Hours

Due to budget constraints, beginning January 1, 2010 all Pope County offices will close at 3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Please keep this in mind for the recording of documents and for other services desired. Arrive early enough for items to be processed if absolutely needed to be of record that particular day, or in completion of research or other items. This change is planned through 2010.



### Courthouse Hours will be:

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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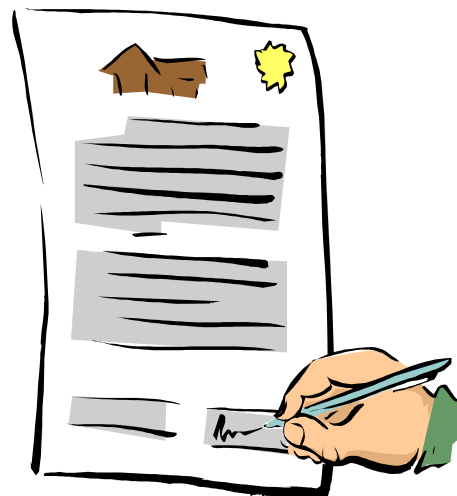
## Summary Real Estate Disposition Judgment

Minnesota Statute 518.191

When requesting a copy of a Divorce Decree for recording on real estate, be certain to request a certified copy of the "Summary Real Estate Disposition Judgment". This document was created several years ago to indicate the property status following a divorce. If such a document doesn't exist the complete Divorce Judgment can be recorded and accomplish the same task, however, it makes public many divorce details that are not needed in property records. Requesting the Summary Real Estate Disposition Judgment reduces the amount of unnecessary information available to the public.

# Notary Public

Many notary commissions are due to expire on 1/30/2010 and are renewable beginning December 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010. This can be completed online using ACH, Credit Card or Debit Card directly with the Secretary of State at <https://notary.sos.state.mn.us> There is a \$40 non-refundable fee for this filing. Your new commission certificate will include additional instructions for registering with your resident county. The fee for recording your commission at the county is \$100, \$80 which goes to the State and \$20 is retained by the county. For more information on new commissions, reappointments, renewal or name change visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.



Once a new commission, reappointment, renewal or name change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the commission certificate is received, it must be recorded with the resident county with the appropriate registration fee.



## What information is computerized at the Recorder's Office?

**Birth Certificates**—Minnesota births are entered into a State system that is available for public viewing via a public view station located in the Recorder's Office. Information can be written down (for genealogical purposes). For certified copies, a birth certificate from any county can be pulled up and issued by any other Local Registrar's Office. All Minnesota births 1935 and forward are in the system; records prior to 1935 will be data entered as needed (again at any County).

**Death Certificates**—Minnesota deaths are available at any office for certification similar to birth records, back to 1997, as well as on the public view station. Older records must be obtained directly from the county of death or county of residence.

**Marriage Records**—Marriage records are available only from the county where the marriage license was originally obtained and the record filed. An online index to assist in locating the correct County of issuance/filing is nearing completion at <http://www.mncounty.com>

**Real Estate Records**—all Pope County real estate records 1987 and forward are available online through Laredo subscription service or through Tapestry with the use of a credit card. Both are products of the Fidlar system. In Pope County records prior to 1987 were recently imported and will be data entered over time.



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