

**58.1 ENTRY OF JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS**

- (a) **Timing of Entry of Judgments and Orders.** At the earliest practicable time, the Clerk must make the notation of judgments and orders in the civil docket. The notation of judgments may not be delayed pending taxation of costs, but a blank space may be left in the form of judgment for insertion of costs by the Clerk after they have been taxed, or there may be inserted in the judgment a clause reserving jurisdiction to tax and apportion the costs by subsequent order.
- (b) **Authorization to Enter Judgments and Orders.** Except as authorized by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Clerk may not note any judgment or order without a specific direction from the Court to enter it. The Court's direction may be evidenced by either:
1. A directive given to the Clerk in open court and noted in the minutes; or
  2. The signature or initials of the judge on the form of judgment or order.