

Guidelines for Materials Presented to Division 25
Please review these guidelines.

Requirement for Affidavit for Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)

Beginning November 1, 2026, by presenting to the Court any petition—whether by signing, filing, submitting, or later advocating it—self-represented petitioners and attorneys for petitioners acknowledge they are responsible for filing an affidavit stating whether a defendant is on active military duty, before a default judgment may be entered and that party seeks a monetary judgment.

Parties must submit the SCRA affidavit in pleadings before the Court. If it comes to the Court's attention that there is no such affidavit filed, a default judgment will not be issued and the case will be continued pending the Court's receipt of the SCRA affidavit, unless appropriate testimony is offered by a witness.

Updated: September 1, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AR', written over a horizontal line.

Abbie Rothermich, Associate Circuit Judge
Division 25, Jackson County, Missouri