

Family Law in Jackson County

A plain-language overview of where to file, the courts that hear family-law cases, and the local resources available to you — prepared by Gavvl Law for people without a legal background.

Verified 2026-06-21. Always confirm current fees and forms with the Clerk before you file.

Where to File in Jackson County

Jackson County's family-law courts sit in Jackson. Married couples file divorce, dissolution, legal separation, and annulment cases in the court below. Never-married parents file parentage, custody, and support cases in the Juvenile court.

Divorce / Domestic Relations

Court: Jackson County Court of Common Pleas, General Division (Domestic Relations)

Address: 226 East Main Street, Jackson, OH 45640

Phone: (740) 286-2006

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Website: <https://www.jacksoncountyohio.us/elected-officials/common-pleas-court/>

Parentage / Custody / Support (Juvenile)

Court: Jackson County Court of Common Pleas, Probate & Juvenile Division

Address: 350 Portsmouth Street #101, Jackson, OH 45640

Phone: (740) 286-6405

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Website: <https://jcjuvenilecourt.com/>

What's Different About Jackson County

Flat \$400 divorce deposit, kids or not

Jackson County's fee order (signed by Judge Christopher J. Regan, effective February 1, 2025) sets the divorce/dissolution/annulment deposit at a flat \$400.00 — it does not charge more for cases with minor children. The deposit is an advance against costs, not a cap, so service, publication, copies, and GAL deposits can add to it as the case proceeds.

Source: Jackson County Court of Common Pleas, General Division

E-filing is optional for self-filers

Self-represented people in the General Division may register for e-filing at jcclerk.com/page2.html but are not required to use it (Local Rule 3.1) — you can still file at the counter (226 East Main Street, 3rd Floor). The Clerk accepts cash, check, credit card, or money order, and posts the DR packets at jcclerk.com/page3.html.

Source: Jackson County Clerk of Courts

Mediation and a standard schedule, not a class

Rather than a named parenting-education seminar, Jackson County builds parenting cases around the Standard Parenting Time Schedule (Appendix E) issued with every allocation order, and the court may order parents to mediation (General Division Local Rule 22; Juvenile Local Rule 14). Confirm with the court whether a class is ordered in your specific case.

Source: Jackson County Court of Common Pleas — Local Rule 22

Free & Local Resources

Jackson County Clerk of Courts (Seth I. Michael)

226 East Main Street #9, 3rd Floor, Jackson, OH 45640; (740) 286-2006. Files all General Division domestic-relations cases and hosts the DR forms page (jcclerk.com/page3.html) with the divorce, dissolution, and fee-waiver packets. Online records and e-filing registration are at jcclerk.com/page2.html (self-represented filers may use e-filing but are not required to — Local Rule 3.1). Accepts cash, check, credit card, or money order.

Jackson County Probate & Juvenile Division

350 Portsmouth Street #101, Jackson, OH 45640; (740) 286-6405 (jcjuvenilecourt.com). Hears never-married parentage and custody, non-parent custody, and companionship; the local forms page is jcjuvenilecourt.com/forms/ and the Visitation Guidelines set the default parenting-time schedule.

Jackson County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA)

Under Jackson County Job & Family Services, 25 E. South Street, Jackson, OH 45640; (740) 286-4181, Option 3 (jacksoncountyjfs.org). Opens IV-D cases, sets and collects support by wage withholding, and can establish paternity administratively through a Genetic Test/Administrative Order.

Ohio Child Support Calculator

ohiochildsupportcalculator.ohio.gov — run the 2024 Income Shares worksheet yourself before filing so you know the likely support amount.

Sources

- Jackson County Court of Common Pleas, General Division — DR Forms & Local Rules
- Jackson County Clerk of Courts — Filing Fees & E-Filing
- Jackson County Probate & Juvenile Division — Forms & Costs
- Ohio Supreme Court — Standard Domestic Relations forms

Talk to Gavvl Law

This guide is general information, not legal advice. Every case is different. For help with a Jackson County family-law matter, call (844) 694-2885 or visit gavvl.com.

