

# Dependency & Neglect Cases Training Manual

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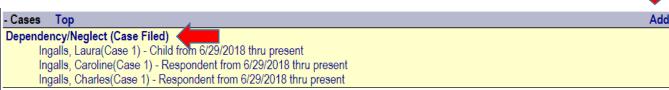
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#### Add child

Add Relatives (including siblings)
Add Case

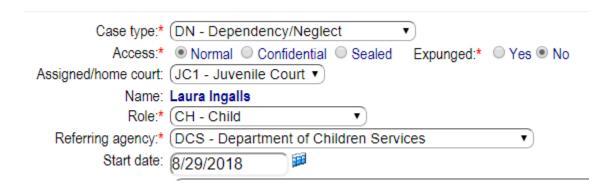
### **D&N CASES**





To add a new case, click the Add link at the end of the line.

If the case is highlighted in yellow, it remains open. To open a specific case, click on the bold case type description.



- Case Type choose the appropriate type of case
- Access Normal is the default. I don't think you would ever choose any of the others.
- Expunged If the court orders this case expunged, you would click yes.
- **Assigned/home court** Choose the appropriate court for this case.
- Name this should already show the name of the person.
- **Role** The Role should default to child, but you can choose the appropriate role for this person in this case.
- **Referring Agency** Select the agency or person that referred this case to you. Normally this is DCS, parent, other relative, attorney, etc.
- Start Date This is the date of the file stamp on the original D&N Petition.

Now that you have successfully added a case, you have more sections available.

Read more about Adding a Case

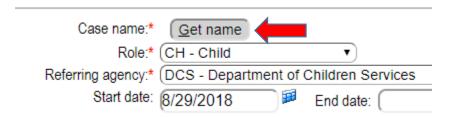
# Names associated with the case (Case Name)



- Names associated wit	Names associated with the case Top Add						
Name	Case	Role	Start date	End date	Warrant	Attribute	
Laura Ingalls (2)	1	Child	6/29/2018 35 days				
Caroline Ingalls (3)	1	Respondent	6/29/2018 35 days				
Charles Ingalls (4)	1	Respondent	6/29/2018 35 days				

The siblings, biological parents and any other person named as a Respondent in the D&N Petition should be added to the Names associated with the case.

The names will be automatically added by the "Scanned D&N Petition" or the "Add existing D&N case" documents, but to manually add a Respondent, click the Role **Child** link. Then click the **New** button. New is a copy button that will give you a new case name.

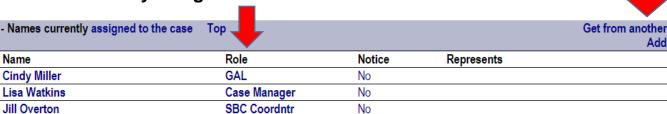


- Case name Click the Get name button to do a name search on the sibling or parent. Click their name to add them to this screen.
- Role change the Role to match the new name's role. Parents are Respondents.
- **Referring Agency** by clicking the New button, we have copied the Referring agency from the child's information.
- **Start date** Should reflect the same date as the child's information.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

Click the **New** button again to add more Children or Respondents. Once you have added all Children and Respondents, click the **Cancel** button to return to the Case Detail screen.

# Names currently assigned to the case



This section is where we will list all professional people assigned to work on this case, GAL, Case Managers, Attorneys, etc. To add a new name, click the **Add** link at the end of the line. To edit a name, click on the ROLE.

# To add a name assigned to the case

If the name you are adding is a person with a Quest ID, such as you, simply put your Quest user ID in the name/ID field. Quest knows everything else about you. Click that you represent the child(ren) or all the names associated with the case will appear on your caseload.



Click the **Update** button to save your work.

If the name you are adding is NOT a Quest person, such as a GAL, DCS Case Worker, or Attorney, click on the **Get name** button and do a name search for that person. If their name has already been added to Quest, just click on their name to add them. If no matches are found, you must add their name to Quest. Remember to add their address and contact information for easy access.



You will need select their Role in the case. If they represent someone, such as an attorney or GAL, please select who they represent.

Click the **Update** button to save your work. Read more about Case Assignment

# To remove a name assigned to the case

- Names currently assigned to the case	Тор			Get from another Add
Name	Role	Notice	Represents	
Will Smith	Appt Atty	No No	Caroline Ingalls	
Cindy Miller	GAL	No	Laura Ingalls	
Lisa Watkins	Case Manager	No		

If a person is no longer involved in this case, for example, Cindy Miller is no longer the GAL, click on the ROLE of that person to get into the Case Assignment Detail screen. Put an End Date. This will end their involvement in this case.



Click the **Update** button to save your work.

To see everyone who has ever been assigned to the case, click on the **assigned to the case** link to see the List Case Assignments screen.

- Names currently assigned to the case Top

Start date	End date	Name	Role	Notice	Represents
Add a nev	w case assi	ignment			
7/5/2018		Will Smith	Appt Atty	No	Caroline Ingalls
7/5/2018	7/5/2018	Cindy Miller	GAL	No	Laura Ingalls
7/5/2018		Lisa Watkins	Case Manage	r No	

#### **Case Attributes**



- Case attributes Top	Edit
Lives with father only	
Does not receive Special Education	

To add or edit a case attribute, click the **Edit** link at the end of the line. Case attributes is a statistical area for the state. Simply click everything that applies.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

# **Case Status History**



- Case status history Close case Top	Add
2/12/2018 - Adjudicated; Dependent & Neglected Child	
9/15/2017 - Case Filed	

This is the area that will list all the milestone dates associated with this case. This is a statistical area. To add a new case status, click the **Add** link at the end of the line.

Status date: 2/12/2018

Status:\* (ADJ - Adjudicated ▼

Status reason: (D&N - Dependent & Neglected Child ▼

- Status date Enter the date of the status.
- Status Choose the appropriate status.
- **Status reason** Choose the appropriate reason. Reasons are set up to explain specific status options. Any status can have reasons but not all do.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

Read more about Case Status History

# **Case Number History**



- Case number history Top 2017DN000020

This is where your docket or case number is stored. To add a case number, click the Add link at the end of the line. To edit a case number, click on the case number displayed.

Case number:\* 19JC1-2018-DN-000064

Simply type in the case number you are assigning to this case.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

Read more about Case Number History

#### **Deadlines**



- Open Deadlines for Weakley County Juvenile Court Services Top

11/27/2018 12:00 AM - Foster Care Review Board due

Deadlines are reminders to you do something. Deadlines can be automatically added by Rules or by Documents. For example, when a child is placed into DCS custody, a deadline called "Foster Care Review Board due" is added with a due date in 90 days.

After you have done whatever the deadline is reminding you to do, simply click on the deadline and add a Finished date/time. You can type a T for current date/time.

Deadline date/time: 11/27/2018 12:00 AM

Deadline type: Foster Care Review Board due

Responsible agency: (-- Select --

Finished date/time: 8/29/2018 1:48:27 pm

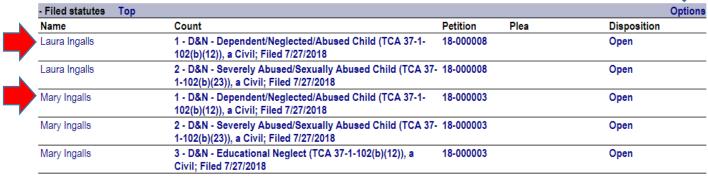


Click the **Update** button to save your work.

Read more about Deadlines

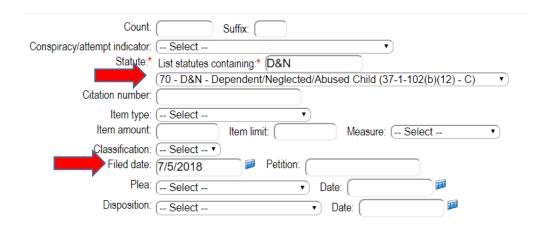
#### Filed statutes





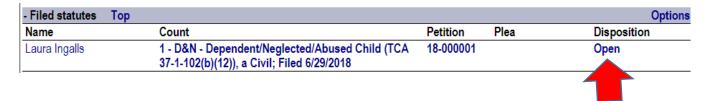
Filed statutes are the allegations on the case. If the allegation is severe abuse, add that as count 1 but also add a count 2 of Dependent/Neglected/Abused child.

If there are multiple names associated with the case, such as multiple children and or respondents, you can add filed statutes for any of them, so you click on the Options button to add, then select the person to whom you wish to add a filed statute.



- Statute Type in a partial word, such as D&N then press the Tab key on your keyboard so narrow the TCA statutes down to only those that contain the phrase D&N.
  - Click on the drop-down arrow to choose the appropriate allegation.
- Filed date This is the date the petition was file stamped.

# **Filed Statute Disposition**



When the court rules on the allegations you can click on the word "open" to enter the disposition.

# Filed Statutes Case number: 5919JC-2018-DN-1 Laura Ingalls (File# 2)

Count	Plea	Date	Disposition	Date	
Add a ne	w count				
1 - D&N -	Dependent/Neglecte	d/Abused Child (TCA 37-1-102(b)(	12)), a Civil		
	Select	•	GR - Granted	▼ 8/2/2018	
2 - D&N -	Severely Abused/Se	xually Abused Child (TCA 37-1-10)	2(b)(23)), a Civil		
	Select	•	D - Dismissed	<b>8</b> /2/2018	

- **Disposition** Select the appropriate disposition.
- Date Enter the date of the hearing.

- Filed statutes Top				Options
Name	Count	Petition	Plea	Disposition
Laura Ingalls	1 - D&N - Dependent/Neglected/Abused Child (TCA 37-1- 102(b)(12)), a Civil; Filed 7/27/2018	18-000008		Granted
Laura Ingalls	2 - D&N - Severely Abused/Sexually Abused Child (TCA 37- 1-102(b)(23)), a Civil; Filed 7/27/2018	18-000008		Dismissed
Mary Ingalls	1 - D&N - Dependent/Neglected/Abused Child (TCA 37-1- 102(b)(12)), a Civil; Filed 7/27/2018	18-000003		Open
Mary Ingalls	2 - D&N - Severely Abused/Sexually Abused Child (TCA 37- 1-102(b)(23)), a Civil; Filed 7/27/2018	18-000003		Open
Mary Ingalls	3 - D&N - Educational Neglect (TCA 37-1-102(b)(12)), a Civil; Filed 7/27/2018	18-000003		Open

# Requirements



- Requirements To	р				Option
Name	Assigned	Requirement	Start	Status	Status date
Laura Ingalls	8/29/2018	DCS Commitment - Custody (D&N)	8/29/2018 2 days		
Laura Ingalls	8/30/2018	Permanency Plan - Relative Placement	8/30/2018 1 day		
Charles Ingalls	8/30/2018	Administrative Fee - Court Appointed Counsel	8/30/2018 1 day	(Balance: \$50.00)	
Caroline Ingalls	8/30/2018	Administrative Fee - Court Appointed Counsel	8/30/2018 1 day	(Balance: \$50.00)	

Requirements are a statistical area that show everything the parties are required to do to successfully be released from the jurisdiction of the court, and in D&N cases, also provide information needed for reports. Each name associated with the case may have their own requirements.

To add a new Requirement, click the **Options** link at the end of the line. Choose the person for whom you wish to add a requirement. To update a Requirement, click on the Assigned **Date** link associated with the requirement you wish to update.

# **Requirement Types**

- **Commitment/Custody** This is used when the child is put into DCS Custody.
  - DCS Commitment Custody (D&N) means the child is in DCS custody for a D&N case.
  - Extension of Foster Care after a child has turned 18 but continues to receive DCS services.
  - Gift of Court Use when the court has bench ordered a child to DCS custody for D&N allegations and a D&N petition has NEVER been filed.
  - Trial Home Visit When a child is in DCS custody but is living in the home on a trial home visit.
- Custody Used when the child is placed with a relative or other individual.
- **Permanency** Used to track the different permanency plans that have been ratified and the final permanency placement of the child in DCS foster care cases.
- **Termination** Used to track when parental rights have been terminated.
- **Financials** fees that have been ordered to be paid by that person.

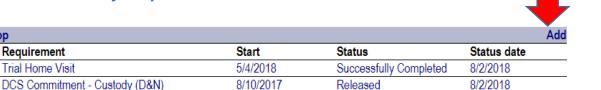
For any out of home requirement, remember to go to the Relatives section and indicate that the parent no longer has custody.

#### To add Commitment/Custody Requirements

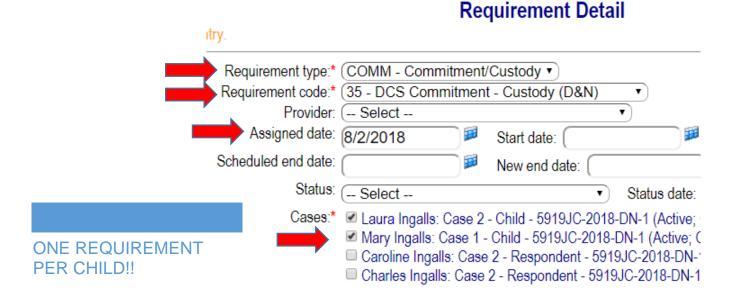
- Requirements Assigned

5/4/2018

8/10/2017



When a child is placed in DCS custody we will add a Commitment requirement.



- Requirement Type Commitment/Custody
- Requirement Code DCS Commitment Custody (D&N).
- Assigned date Date the child was placed in DCS custody.
- **Scheduled end date** the anticipated end date, if applicable.
- Cases Click the child who went into custody. If both children went into DCS custody, you can add one requirement with both names on it. However, if one child is released before the other you have a problem. If that happens, you will need to add another requirement and separate the child. Best practice add one requirement per child.

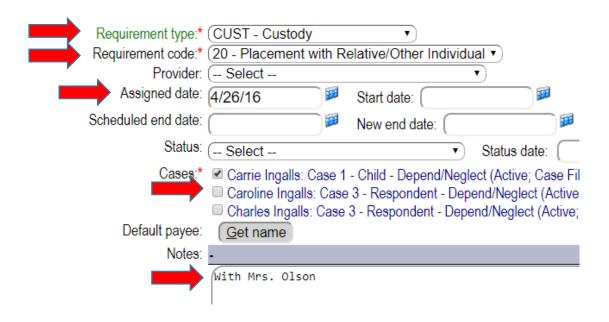
Click the **Update** button to save your work.

If the child starts a trial home visit, add another Commitment requirement with a code of trial home visit. You can add a scheduled end date out 90 days. Do not end the DCS commitment until the trail home visit has been successful and the child is released from DCS custody.

#### To add Custody Requirements



- Requirements	Top					Options
Name		Assigned	Requirement	Start	Status	Status date
Carrie Ingalls		4/26/2016	Placement with Relative/Other	4/26/2016 831 days		



- Requirement Type Custody
- Requirement Code Placement with Relative/Other Individual
- Assigned date Date the child was placed into custody
- Scheduled end date the anticipated end date, if applicable.
- Cases Click the child who went into custody. Best practice add one requirement per child.
- **Notes** If desired you could put in the notes with whom the child is placed.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

- Requirements	Тор				Options
Name	Assigned	Requirement	Start	Status	Status date
Carrie Ingalls	8/10/2017	DCS Commitment - Custody (D&N)	8/10/2017 358 days		
Carrie Ingalls	<u>4/26/2016</u>	Placement with Relative/Other Individual	4/26/2016	Failed to Complete Successfully	8/10/2017

It is possible that arrangement didn't work out and the child was removed from that placement and placed into DCS custody, you can close the placement requirement. Or maybe the child was reunified with the parents making the placement Successful.

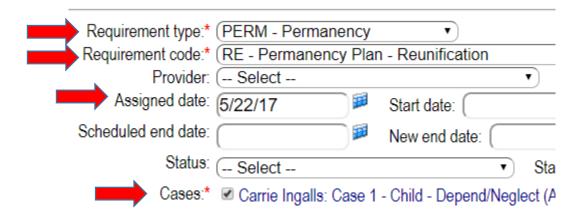
#### To add Permanency Requirements



- Requirements	Тор			Add
Assigned	Requirement	Start	Status	Status date
7/9/2018	Permanency Plan - Relative Placement	7/9/2018 25 days		
5/22/2017	Permanency Plan - Reunification	5/22/2017	Permanency Plan Modified	7/9/2018

When a Permanency Plan is ratified by the Court, it is added as a Permanency Requirement. You may have more than one permanency plan ratified, you can add them all. As plans get modified, you can close the ones that are no longer valid. By the end of the case, when permanency has been reached, all plans should say modified but the one that was achieved, it should say "Permanency Finalized."

One of the statistics that we keep is how long from the filing of the D&N Petition until Permanency is achieved. We compare the date the case is opened to the date of the requirement status that says "Permanency Finalized."



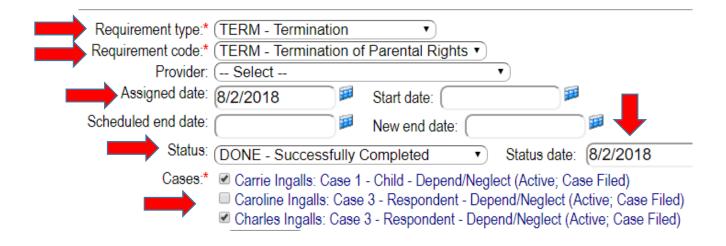
- **Requirement Type** Permanency
- **Requirement Code** Choose the appropriate permanency code.
- Assigned date Date the permanency plan was ratified by the Court.
- Scheduled end date the anticipated end date, if applicable.
- Cases Click the child for whom this permanency plan applies. Best practice add one requirement per child.

#### To add Termination Requirements



- Requirements	Тор					Options
Name		Assigned	Requirement	Start	Status	Status date
Carrie Ingalls Charles Ingalls		8/2/2018	Termination of Parental Rights	8/2/2018	Successfully Completed	8/2/2018

Termination Requirements are added to the D&N case when parental rights have been terminated.



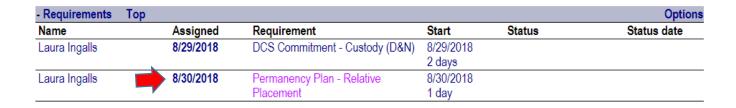
- Requirement Type Termination
- Requirement Code Termination of Parental Rights
- Assigned date Date rights were terminated
- Scheduled end date not applicable.
- Status Choose successfully completed
- **Status Date** Date rights were terminated.
- Cases Click the child and the parent(s) whose rights were terminated. If mom and dad are terminated on different dates, you will add a requirement for child and dad with one date and add another requirement for child and mom with the date mom's rights were terminated.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

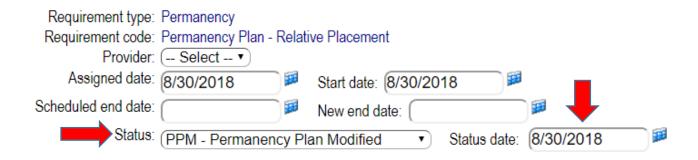
Remember, when parental rights are terminated go to the Relative section, change Mother to Terminated Rights Mother and change the custody status to Parental Rights Terminated.

- Relatives Top	
Name	Туре
Caroline Ingalls (3 - Parental rights terminated)	Term Rts Mother
,	No financial info
Charles Ingalls (4 - Parental rights terminated)	Term Rts Father
	No financial info

# To Update a Requirement



To update a requirement, click on the Assigned **Date** link. You can update a requirement to add a note or to show that it was completed or modified.



- Status if this requirement has been completed, choose the appropriate status.
- **Status date** choose the date of the status, such as the day they successfully completed.
- Notes you can add notes about this requirement if you wish.

# **Events (hearings)**



- Last 20 Events Top			Add
Event date/time	Event type	Court	Disposition
7/19/2018 1:00 PM	Permanency Hearing	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge
10/16/2017 9:12 AM	Motion Hearing	Judge Bussart	Cancelled
6/19/2017 9:00 AM	Permanency Hearing	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge
1/23/2017 9:00 AM	Ratification Hearing on Permanency Plan	Judge Bussart	Resch By Court
12/19/2016 9:00 AM	Dispositional Hearing	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge
11/21/2016 9:00 AM	Dispositional Hearing	Judge Bussart	Completed
8/11/2016 1:00 PM	Ratification Hearing on Permanency Plan	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge
8/11/2016 1:00 PM	Adjudicatory Hearing	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge
6/30/2016 1:00 PM	Preliminary Hearing	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge
4/26/2016 9:00 AM	Preliminary Hearing	Judge Bussart	Heard by Judge

Events are all the hearings or appointments for this case. To add a new event, click the **Add** link at the end of the line. To edit or dispose of an event, click on the **event date/time** link.

#### To add an event



- Event date/time The date and time of the hearing. You can type the date/time as shown above or you can click the blue calendar at the end of that field to select the date and time.
- Event type Select the type of hearing you are scheduling.
- Court Select the court that will be hearing this.
- **Cases** Select the children this hearing is about.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

Read more about Events

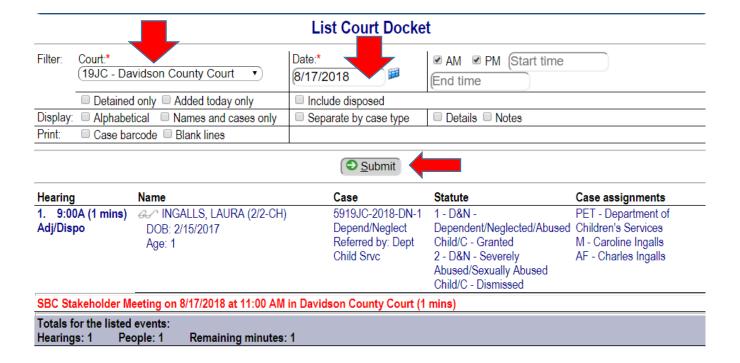
#### Timelines of D&N hearings

- 1. **Preliminary hearing** (PREM) (aka "temporary custody hearing", "72-hour hearing"): Within 72 hours of removal date
- 2. Adjudication hearing (ADJU): Within 30 days (TN standards) of removal date
- 3. **Disposition hearing** (DISP): Within 15 days (TN standards) of adjudication hearing date
  - a. If the Adjudicatory and Disposition happen at the same hearing, change the event type to Adjudicatory/Dispositional Hearing (ADJD).
- 4. Ratification Hearing on Permanency Plan (RATH): Within 60 days of custody
  - a. If a Ratification and a Permanency Hearing take place change the event type to Ratification / Permanency Hearing (RAT)
- 5. **Review Hearing** (REV): 1st review is w/in 90 days of custody; subsequent reviews are w/in 6 months of previous review. These often occur more frequently.
- 6. **Permanency hearing** (PERM): Within 12 months of removal, and every 12 months thereafter, though they may occur more frequently.

#### **The Court Docket**

The Court Docket is where you can see everything that is scheduled for a specific court on a specific date.

#### Menu | Court | Court Docket



- Court Select the court whose calendar you wish to view.
- **Date** Enter the date you wish to view.
- For best results unclick all other options.

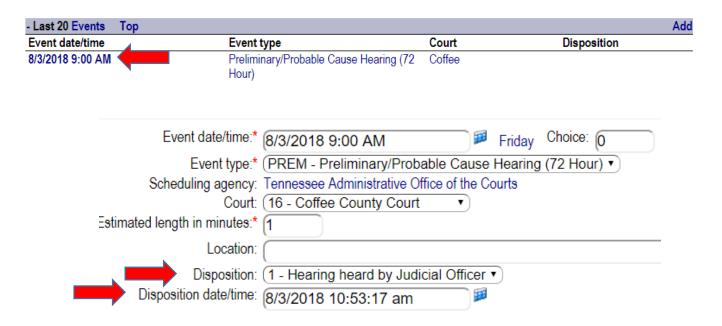
Click the **Submit** button to view the results.

Read more about Court Docket

#### To dispose of an event

If you have a typo or a piece of incorrect information, you can edit the event, or if a hearing is being rescheduled, cancelled, or heard you can dispose of it. To dispose of an event means that the event has been taken care of, it is no longer pending.

Click on the event date/time of the hearing you wish to edit or dispose.



- **Disposition** Select the appropriate "disposition" of this hearing. Either Heard by Judicial Officer, Rescheduled, etc., whichever applies.
- Disposition date/time this is the date and time the hearing was disposed. if you
  leave this empty it will put in the current date and time. If that isn't accurate you can
  type in the correct date/time.

Click the **Update** button to save your work.

Events that are past and have not been disposed will appear in red.

- Last 20 Events	Тор		Add
Event date/time	Event type	Court	Disposition
7/3/2018 9:00 AM	Preliminary/Probable Cause Hearing (72 Hour)	Coffee	

#### **Documents**



- Documents/docket entries View CCS Top	Add docket entry	Add document
(View) 7/2/2018 2:53:36 PM - Scanned Affidavit of Indigency/Thomas Beard		
(View) 6/29/2018 11:20:25 AM - Preliminary Hearing Order		
(View) 6/27/2018 8:54:20 AM - Subpoena/Custodian of Records/Anita Brown		
(View) 6/19/2018 3:25:46 PM - Order Appointing Guardian Ad Litem (Approved - 6/19	<u>/2018)</u>	
(View) 6/18/2018 10:35:57 AM - Scanned - CPS Referral		
(View)		_
(View)		
(View) 6/15/2018 9:05:09 AM - Scanned Petition - Dependency & Neglect		

Documents can be filings that are scanned into Quest or they can be documents created in Quest. An example of a document you will create in Quest is the "D&N Return from Court" document. Documents not only pull information FROM Quest, they can add information INTO Quest.

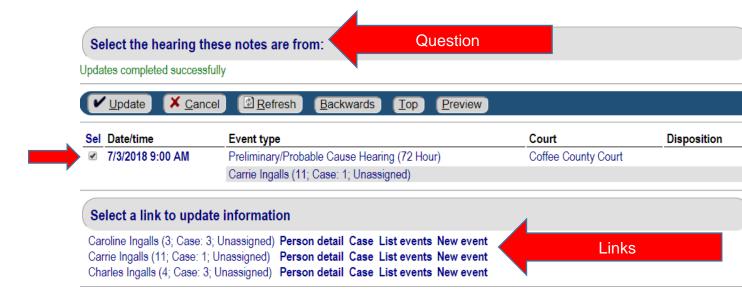
To add a new document, click the **Add** link at the end of the line. To edit a document, click on the name of the document.

#### To add a document



- **List templates containing** Type in a partial word of the document you wish to create, in this example "return". Press the TAB button on your keyboard. This will narrow the list of templates to only those that contain the word return.
  - Choose the template you want from the drop-down options.
- The line below the drop down shows the name of the document. You can customize
  this line and have it say anything you want.

All documents work the same way. There is a question across the top, followed by a row of buttons, followed by options. Sometimes there are links at the bottom of the box.



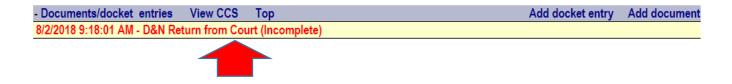
- Update: Moves you forward through the questions and saves your answers.
- Cancel: Will take you out of the document, leaving it incomplete for you to work on later.
- Refresh: Will erase everything you have typed or clicked on the screen.
- **Backward**: Moves you backwards through the questions.
- **Top**: Takes you to the very top of the document questions or the very first question.
- Preview: Allows you to view the document to see what you have so far. It is HIGHLY
  recommended that if you are in a large document you preview frequently. If you have
  many questions and you don't preview and you get to the end and find you have a typo
  or error on a question near the top, you will have to press the BACKWARD button many
  times to get back to that question to fix the problem, then UPDATE forward to get back
  to where you were.
- Finish: The finish button appears when you have reached the end of the document.
   Once you hit the finish button, the document is completed and you may not be able to edit it.

Keep answering the questions until you come to the end of the document.

Read more about Documents

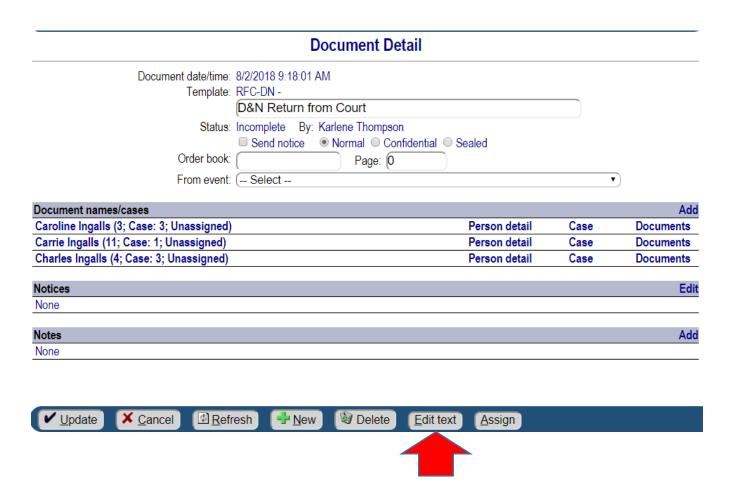
# To edit an incomplete document

If you had to cancel to get out of a document before you were able to finish it, you can continue working on it by clicking on the name of the incomplete document.



This will take you into the Document Detail screen.

Click the Edit Text button to get back into the document and continue working on it.



You will get a message once a week about documents that have not been "finished" warning you that this document will be deleted if not completed. Incomplete documents will be deleted after 30 days. Do something with the document, then delete the message.

The following document will be deleted on 9/2/2018 if it is not completed: **D&N Return from Court --Select--**--> Added by Karlene Thompson on 8/2/2018 9:37:35 AM

#### To add a scanned document

We can add scanned documents, such as D&N Petitions and Court Orders, to cases as well as create them. Please put your scanner on the smallest image size possible. Scan your document. Documents can be saved as a .pdf or a .tif. Save the scanned document on your computer somewhere where you can find it.



To add a scanned document, click the **Add Document** link at the end of the line.

# **Document Detail**



Click the **Update** button to save and continue.

Answer the questions.



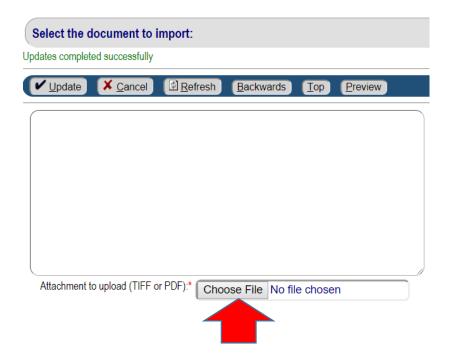
If you answer Yes, it will walk you through more questions, allowing you to update the filed statute disposition, add requirements, add next court date, add a case status, etc.



Click the **Choose File** button to Find your saved scanned Document and pull it into Quest.

Click the **Update** button to save and continue.

Click the **Finish** button. You can then click the **Cancel** button to return to the case detail screen.



#### **Cheat Sheets**

#### Adding a D&N Case

- 1. Add a case to the child in the child's Person Detail screen.
- 2. Inside the Case Detail screen, add the case number.
- 3. Add a document called: **Add Existing D&N Case**. Answer all the questions, FINISH the document. This document will do the following:
  - a. Add the children, petitioner and respondent to the Names Associated.
  - b. Add DCS as the petitioner if selected
  - c. Add Names Assigned to the case if selected
  - d. Add the Filed Statutes for the children.
  - e. Add the Commitment and Custody Requirements.
  - f. Add the next event if selected.
- 4. If this is a new D&N case, you can add a document called: Scanned Petition D&N. It will walk you through a series of questions and update the case based on your responses.

# **Updating a D&N Case after Court:**

- 1. Add a document called: **D&N Return from Court**. Answer all the questions, FINISH the document. This document will do the following:
  - a. Add a Filed Statute Disposition.
  - b. Add Requirements.
  - c. Add a Case Status.
  - d. Prompt you to add the next hearing date.
  - e. Remind you to change the custody status of relatives, if applicable, and verify addresses.

# Closing a D&N Case:

- 1. Make sure all requirements are closed by adding a requirement status and status date to each.
- 2. Add a case status of Closed.

Link to D&N Return from Court Cheatsheet