

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Order Permitting Destruction of Court Records

Berkshire, ss.

The Superior Court

It is hereby ORDERED that, in accordance with the provisions of SJC Rule 1:11, as amended June 27, 2018 and effective October 1, 2018, and SJC Order Re: Sampling of Case Records Pursuant to Section 6 of [SJC] Rule 1:11, effective May 19, 2022, case papers and records may be destroyed in the following case files for the periods shown, for cases that have been or are deemed to be finally disposed of for ten years or more:

Criminal Cases from January 1, 1986 to December 31, 2014
Civil Cases from January 1, 1986 to December 31, 2014

with the following exceptions:

- **2% sample retained for cases ending in "00" or "50"**
- **Cases appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court**
- **For any criminal case in which the defendant was sentenced to more than 10 years of imprisonment, the court records are retained for as long as the defendant remains in the Commonwealth's custody or under parole or probation supervision concerning that case.**

Destruction of these records is to commence on or after 30 days from date that this order is published on the Superior Court's webpage under the title "Public Notice Regarding Destruction of Records," on Mass.gov. The Clerk hereby certifies that the dockets for any case records to be destroyed contain the following essential information: (1) entries indicating that a party was represented by counsel or waived counsel pursuant to SJC Rule 3:10, in cases where counsel is required; and (2) in civil cases, information sufficient to permit execution on a judgment within twenty years after the date of the judgment.

The public is invited to comment or object to this proposal within 30 days of this notice. Please direct any comments or objections concerning the proposed destruction of these records in writing to:

Clerk of Courts, Lisa Denault-Viale
Berkshire Superior Court
76 East Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Signature


Lisa Denault-Viale
Clerk of Courts

Date

2/27/26

Signature


Michael Ricciuti
Chief Justice of the Superior Court

Date

3/17/26

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