

What Happens Now?

Lauren here! Congrats on getting your name change forms all buttoned-up and ready to go. But we can't celebrate quite yet: just having your forms in hand is but one part of the process. You'll need to take care of the rest of this stuff outside of my office...

But, don't sweat: I've prepped this handy checklist for you to take with you, free of charge! So feel free to save a copy, print it out, write all over it – whatever helps you the most!

Your To-Do List:

State: Oregon

- Head to your local circuit court and file your Name Change Form. The filing fee is around \$124, but it depends on the county.
- You may receive a hearing date to appear before a judge. You must attend this.
- After this hearing, you'll receive your court order if the judge has no objections.
 - I recommend you pay the extra \$5 or so per copy for the court order and order 2-3 copies!
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Remember! If the court asks you why you want to change your name, the following is perfectly acceptable: "I want a name that more accurately reflects my gender identity."



Note: You may be required to show additional documents during this process. Bring your <u>Driver's License</u>, <u>Birth Certificate or Passport</u>, <u>and copies of bills showing your current address</u> to any notary or court visit you make!

After that – congratulations! You've got a bona-fide court order in hand, and your new name is – legally speaking – rightfully yours!

Next, you'll want to get started updating your name with other government agencies:

- Social Security Administration (do this first!)
- Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (You can also change your gender marker while filing out this form, too!)

By the way, thanks again for coming by my office! While we have these forms in-hand now, It'd be remiss of me if I didn't also mention that Oregon's Judicial Branch actually lets you **file for a name change directly on their website!** Nifty, huh? So, if you wanna go ahead and do that, **check this out:** OJD Guide & File

Don't worry, you won't hurt my feelings! I'm just glad you get to be the real you. <3