



## 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:** Kentucky

- Take your name change Forms to a registered notary and get them signed.
- Go to your county's local circuit court and file your Petition for Name Change. **This costs a small fee (around \$30.00).**
- Wait for your court hearing. You'll be notified whether or not you must appear in court.
- Receive a Court order for your name change in the mail, **OR** appear in court. You'll receive the court order at the end of the hearing.

*Note: You may be required to show additional documents during this process. Bring your Driver's License, Birth Certificate or Passport, and copies of bills showing your current address to any 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](#)
- [Kentucky Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

