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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. What are Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law?

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are a detailed explanation of the facts and law supporting the magistrate's decision. After your trial, the magistrate will file a written **Decision**. The magistrate may include **Findings of Fact** and **Conclusions of Law** in the decision. The Clerk of Court will mail copies of the decision to the parties or their attorneys.

If **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law** are not included in the Decision, any party may request that the magistrate provide them. This request must be made within seven (7) calendar days of the filing of the magistrate's decision. Forms for requesting findings of fact and conclusions of law are available at the Small Claims Division and for download at the [Court Forms](#) section of the Small Claims website.

When you file the **Request for Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law**, you must complete the **Certificate of Service** at the bottom of the form and mail a copy of the Request to all parties or their attorneys.

2. Do I need to request Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law?

If you want to object to a magistrate's decision then you must request that the magistrate include Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the written decision.