

TUESDAY'S TIP #1

Welcome to a new feature on our listserv – Tuesday's Tip. Each Tuesday, our office will share a tip that you can apply to your cases right now. I encourage you to save each tip in a folder so that if you're faced with the same situation in a future case, you have this handy resource available to you. These will also be available on our website as a counsel resource.

Situation: The order takes FOREVER to be drawn up.

The Problem: No one is exactly sure what the judge ordered. Your client does not have an order to provide to service providers detailing what they need. It also prevents your client from appealing.

Law: Orders are to be entered within 30 days. NCGS § 7B-[807\(b\)](#); [905\(a\)](#); [-906.1\(h\)](#); [-1109\(e\)](#); [-1110\(a\)](#).

Action Steps:

1. Ask the clerk whether they are putting these matters back on the calendar for entry of judgment after 30 days. (Some counties do this automatically at the end of the hearing, others only notice it if you request it.)
2. An order is supposed to be entered within 10 days from that entry of judgment hearing.
3. If there is still no order entered and/or still no hearing, you schedule it for entry of judgment. (Use [AOC-J-141](#), check #12. Other: Entry of Judgment)
4. If there is still no order within 60 days, contact [Annick](#) for further help.

Conclusion:

Don't let orders sit in outer space! Have them written up and filed so that your client (and everyone else) is on the same page as to what has been ordered!

Is this something that you can implement? Feel free to email me directly with requests/suggestions for future Tuesday's Tip!