

Forms and Document Assembly Programs

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SANPSHOT OF DOCUMENT ASSEMBLY SYSTEMS IN NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA PROBATE SYSTEM V

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Nebraska Probate System V was developed in 2005-2006 in cooperation with Basha Systems, LLC. We created a comprehensive document assembly system out of our probate form book and provided a tool for twenty-first century lawyers who have come to appreciate document assembly for its efficiency, its ability to track and store information electronically, and its ease of use.

BASICS

At its most basic, a document assembly system provides a series of **templates**, coupled with a **document assembly software**, such as Hotdocs, to drive the delivery of the client information to the template, which is then output as a **Word document**. Probate System V was originally built on Ghostfill software, but we have switched to Hotdocs as the underlying assembly engine.

Document Assembly software assembles documents based on the client information provided in the master information file or interview. Hotdocs allows us to create interviews that guide the user through the creation of probate filings and related documents. Once the questions have been answered, Hotdocs inserts your answers into the selected form and assembles a final document.

NSBA Probate System V consists of several applications which lie like skins over the Hotdocs platform and contain the **interviews** and **templates**. Having the Hotdocs software on your computer will not interfere with any other program on your system including other Hotdocs applications like West's Drafting Wills & Trust Agreements ("DWTA") and AIA Contract Forms. If you have any questions, you can always contact Basha Systems.

Customization: Each user of Probate System V can set up his or her law firm profile the first time they use the system. Once that profile is created, the system will insert all appropriate firm / attorney information in appropriate places in any document generated. Likewise, the system allows you to work with one or multiple offices, different lawyers, paralegals, etc. Each Estate File must be assigned to an attorney (and/or co-counsel). Attorney Profiles must be created for each attorney who will or may be drafting documents using the system. Profiles can be created for as many attorneys in your Firm as you wish. However, if they never do any drafting (or signing) or documents, there is no need to enter them. Additional customization at the level of firm letterhead and stylesheets is also possible.

GENERATING DOCUMENTS – WHAT IS A MILI ANYWAY? (Answer: Master Information List).

People learning to use Probate System V find that they need to learn how to fill out the interview that collects the client information or “MILI” and ensure that the “fill-points” - those parts of the document to be generated where client information is provided, get filled in.

In training, the first question usually asked is "What is an unanswered fill-point and how does it affect the probate documents?" In short, fill-points are the points in a document where the interview answers are inserted. Different documents require different answers and not all answers in the probate file will be used in all documents.

There may be an instance or instances in which you, the user, do not know all of the answers necessary to complete a document. In that case, the user can enter the information he or she has, generate a document, save it, and fill in the rest of the information at a later date.

Users can also exercise the option in a form interview to print a “blank” version of the probate document. In that instance, all of the unanswered fill-points in the blank document will appear as blank spots, but the boilerplate text of the document will appear.

CREATING A NEW PROBATE FILE

The basic Probate System V software comes with four client file units (Please see appendix for an overview of the unit pricing structure). New units are purchased as needed. Each time you start a file for a new probate client, you use a new unit. All the documents created for that client are tracked and are a part of that unit. The unit stays open until you finally close your file.

Once you have opened a file from an unused unit in your unit manager, or you have clicked on the prompt to purchase a file, you will open the file and enter information to the file, including assigning a name to the file, the primary attorney and any other staff who will work on the file.

Once all this information is entered, you can close this part of the system and move on to the interested party interviews. This is where you will input client information into the MILI that will flow into your documents as you need them.

WHEN SHOULD I PURCHASE A NEW UNIT (PROBATE FILE)?

After you have purchased and created a probate file, you can open and use that file as much as

you want. In fact, the more you open and use the probate files in PSV, the more value the system will have for you.

This brings up the question – “When should I purchase a probate file?” When Seth Rowland trains people to use PSV, he always says “About one minute after the decedent’s daughter has informed your office that her dad has died and they need to probate the will.” In other words, from the very beginning of the Probate. The ideal use of PSV would be something like this:

- Retrieve the will from the safe, open the PSV Probate File and enter all the information necessary from the Will.
- Get the EIN from the IRS, open your PSV Probate File and enter it in the EIN line.
- Get the financial papers from the daughter, open the Assets dialog and enter them.
- Get the list of parties, open the interested parties dialog and enter their information.
- Open the PSV file to get the phone numbers of two of your interested parties.
- Create the Probate petition.

In other words, your PSV Probate File can act as a far more efficient substitute for your old redweld system. No more shuffling through papers looking for a social security number! The bottom line is the bottom line – every time you open a PSV Probate File, you’ve spent \$50.00. It’s the same \$50.00 if you use it every day of the “life” of the Probate or use it for a couple of petitions.

Using the File Manager to Review Documents

One of the nice features of a document assembly system is that it allows you to keep track of what you have produced in regard to a given case. All documents created by the system, by default, are placed into a documents folder with the same name as the name of the estate file. Once you access the estate file, you can see a list of all documents that have been generated for that estate.

CONTACT MANAGER AND INTERESTED PARTIES

Contact Manager: The contact information entered in the Contact Manager can be used program-wide for all units and should be populated with those contacts, such as newspapers or bank employees, and other attorneys which your firm uses as contacts over and over.

Interested Parties: The Interested Parties interviews are specific to each ESTATE FILE and do not copy across the system. They are those persons and companies who have a specific interest in an estate proceeding. An Interested Party record should be created for any person or entity (other than the Decedent) appearing in your probate proceeding. This would include the personal representative(s), spouses, ex-spouses, children, heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, trustees, trustors, grantors, grantees, etc. The system allows you to enter contact information, identify relationships to the decedent, and identify the individual’s interest in the estate.

Because of the system’s ability to track documents and information about interested parties, it can function as a simple case management system, allowing you to keep track of everything going on in a particular estate matter.

DOCUMENT ABSTRACTS

Legal Secretary and Attorney. The Document Abstracts tool that comes with PSV gives the user a way to both itemize and summarize the key terms of the testamentary documents. It contains a way to make sense of complex legal instruments and turn them into a catalog of key provisions, organized by category and interested party who may be affected by such provision. Over time, it may be this tool, above all, that you make the most use of.

Particularly, when the Probate first comes into the office, you will want to make an inventory of the key legal documents which will be governing the scope and direction of the probate proceedings. You will want to list the documents, identify the witness, take notes on the status, and inventory where such documents are stored.

The next and more vital step is to actually review those documents, preparing an abstract of each of the key provisions. Here, the system gives you a tool that includes a dynamic list of documents (from which the provisions are abstracted), a list of key categories, and a dynamic list of interested parties who are affected by the provisions. From this, you are given a comprehensive report of provisions, organized by document, by category, and by affected person.

You can access document abstracts from the estate file itself or from the template list.

00.020 Master Information List
00.022 Testamentary Documents Abstracts
00.023 Parties – Contact List
00.024 Parties – Contact Detail

MORE ON THE MASTER INFORMATION LIST

The Master Information List is a key part of the system, since this is where you enter all the client information that will flow into any document you generate through PS V document assembly.

The Master Information List or "MIL" (also known as the "MILLIE") is similar to the one you are accustomed to using with the printed probate manual. The main difference is that the MIL is now interactive and can be used to complete probate documents. The MIL is also broken into two distinct parts:

- **Basic Information** concerns information about the decedent, the decedent's family, the court proceedings and appointments, and the probate estate.
- **Taxes and Expenses** concerns the expenses of the estate and various itemized deductions and allowance that are included in the Nebraska Tax Inheritance Worksheet.

When one is beginning a probate, it is not necessary to fill out all of the MIL dialogs but the user must be sure to fill out at least the first four (**Decedent** details, **Will** details, **Estate Valuation for Bond** and **Estate & Court** details) in order to begin creating probate documents.

Entering Details About the Decedent

The first step you (or your staff) will take, when completing the MILI is to enter basic information about the decedent, such as names, titles, dates of birth and death, other names decedent may have used, domicile at time of death, etc. You will also be able to enter details about the decedent's occupation and whether he

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You will also be able to enter **details about the death of decedent**, including place, details about illness or hospital, attending physicians, etc.

Will and Codicil Details

The **Wills and Codicils** interview asks the user to make some confirming statements necessary for programmatic use. It also allows the user to check that sufficient prior information has been entered and to return and create new interview profiles, where necessary. It allows you to enter information about the will, about any codicils that may exist, about whether a personal representative has been named in the will, and if the will has been previously probated.

[Screenshot]

Estate Valuation for Bond

If a bond is required for the probate, this dialogue provides for a rough evaluation of the estate for the purposes of determining the amount of the bond. If a bond is not required, you can check that no bond is required and skip this menu.

If a bond is NOT required

- Choose **No Bond Required**.

- Then **Specify reason why no bond is required**. This is a sentence fragment that finishes the sentence, "No bond is required because ... "

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If a bond is required

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Information can be entered about the estimated value of real and personal property as well as income for the next twelve months

Designating Personal Representative(s) or a Special Administrator

These parts of the MILI allow you to indicate who has been named as a Personal Representative or a Special Administrator. This is critical information, since it will flow into many of the documents generated by the system.

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Publication and Public Notice

This section allows you to indicate the date(s) of publication as well as the publication. The value of being able to track these details in your system should be apparent.

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Ancillary Proceeding Interview

If decedent owned property outside of the state, you can indicate information about any ancillary proceedings. [Screenshot needed]

Safety Deposit Box Interview

This interview allows you to enter the bank(s) where decedent had safety deposit boxes and also indicate whether or not the contents have been inventoried. [Screenshot needed]

Insurance Interview

This interview allows you to document whatever insurance policies were held by decedent and indicate to whom the benefits will be paid if not to the estate. [Screenshot needed]

Taxes And Expenses

Here you would list the relevant transfers before death, such as taxable gifts and events that may have occurred during decedent's life that could have tax consequences

Cataloguing funeral expenses and adjusting for social security death benefits

Listing the expenses of the final illness

Entering allowances and deductions

- Allowances and exempt property w
- Attorney fees and expenses – t
- Other administration expense
- Non-probate expenses
- Other deductions

Listing Unsecured Debts of Decedent

Documenting Charitable Devises or Pledges

Listing Relevant Transfers Before Death

Cataloguing Funeral Expenses

Itemizing Funeral Expenses

Adjusting for Social Security Death Benefits

Doctor, Hospital and Other Bills

Closing the Estate File

Once all the work is complete in the opening, administration, and closing of an estate, you may or may not wish to close the estate file in PSV in the computer. Your computer estate file is the electronic equivalent of a file folder in your file drawer. Closing out the file would be the equivalent of pulling the redweld out of a file drawer, marking it for the warehouse and sending it out to storage. In other words, it's totally inactive for future use. If you're the type of office that likes to close out your files and keep everything tidy, feel free to check **CHECK to close Estate File** at the end of your Probate. Otherwise, don't bother and just leave the file open so that you can keep using it. Of course, if you do lots and lots of estates and your **File Manager** list is getting too long, you might decide to close out some of your older ones that you are certain will not require any future activity.

This is a brief overview of how a document assembly system can streamline the practice of law in such document-intensive areas such as probate.

NEBRASKA DOCS

The Nebraska State Bar Association entered into a cooperative arrangement with the Iowa State Bar Association to develop a document assembly system that would operate with a library of general civil and criminal pleadings and documents. This system continues to be developed and is available for practitioners to purchase as a CD with an underlying operating system of HotDocs.

Operationally, like Probate System V, NebDocs provides interviews that will populate the templates and allow the system to generate documents.

A general collection of pleadings was used and is being added to on a regular basis. At this point, the Nebraska version of this system (IowaDocs has been in use for a number of years) is most appropriate as a tool for newer lawyers or solo-small firm lawyers who may not have developed extensive form libraries.

One difference between the Nebraska and Iowa forms systems, is that Iowa has a set of civil practice forms called “bordered forms” wherein the text of the form cannot be altered, but only the client information variables. Nebraska does not have an equivalent system, and all of our pleadings can be adjusted as local practice or custom determines.

The software and forms are sold as an annual subscription and are provided on a CD.

For more information on NebDocs, please see the appendix.



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NSBA Probate System V - Features

MANAGEMENT OF CLIENT DATA: Probate System V excels at managing your client-specific data with a comprehensive and easy-to-use interface. The system is organized around the "probate" or "estate" file. Once you open a new file and assign it to an attorney, assisting attorney and paralegal, you then enter information about:

- the decedent and other information currently gathered on the Master Information List checklist
- interested parties
- testamentary documents, including the will, codicils and any separate writings having a bearing on the estate
- estate assets and distributions. This information need only be entered once. However, you can change or update this information at any time

COMPREHENSIVE SET OF FORMS: Probate System V includes over 225 forms and checklists. Each form interview includes the complete reference text for such form found in the Probate IV manual. Forms can be assembled in blank or with client-specific data gathered during the file interview and document-specific interviews. You can access forms either by chapter and section of the manual or by form number.

CUSTOMIZATION: Probate System V goes beyond the typical document assembly system. With Probate System V you have extensive customization options. You can customize the pleading captions and signature blocks. You can add electronic letterhead. Each form itself can be customized so that your firm's version of a particular form is used in lieu of the shipping form. In addition, you can create your own custom pleadings, letters and memos using the information in the client's estate file.

PRACTITIONER TOOLS: Along with the forms come extensive practitioner tools to help you manage your estate file. The system ships with a handy tool for summarizing the provisions of your client's will. As you review your client's documents (the will, codicils, trusts and separate writings), you can take notes on each provision which will require action, note the type of provision, the section of the document, the text of provision, and the affected persons. You can then print out a complete report organized by document, type of provision and affected person. The system also lets you inventory the assets of the estate and track distributions of those assets. While estate tax forms and estate accounting are not currently supported, the data gathered in the assets and distributions table can be used to simplify the estate tax preparation process.

PRICING: The product will be licensed on the basis of number of opened estate files. The software will be free. Updates will be free. Technical support will be free. The initial purchase price of \$200 will include free remote installation and configuration of the software for your practice and four estate files. Additional estate files can be purchased for \$50 per file, with the price dropping to \$25 per file for prepaid purchases of 100 or more estate files for your firm.

There is no limit on the time you have to use the software or the number of documents you can create for a given estate file. There is no limit to the number of machines on which you can install the GhostFill client software, so long as the templates are on a shared network drive. There will be no annual update or maintenance fees. The only charges will be for additional estate files or for consulting services in connection with customization of the shipping forms or creation of additional forms.

SUPPORT: Support for the system will be provided both by NSBA and Basha Systems. Initial calls should go to NSBA. Email support will be provided by Basha Systems along with remote desktop assistance where required. In addition, we will be establishing an electronic discussion forum for discussion of revisions to the forms and support issues. You will receive notifications of any replies to your posts. We will also be scheduling period web-training classes on the use of the product conducted by Basha Systems.

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NSBA Probate System V - Pricing

Nebraska Probate System V is a "pay per drink" model. Clients are not charged annual fees, maintenance, upgrade fees or the like. There is an initial charge to purchase the system (which includes 4 licences) and from that point forward, clients are charged per matter. To purchase Probate System V, or purchase additional licences, please [click here](#) to visit our online store.

Description	Licence Count	Price
<p>Probate Systems V</p> <p>NSBA's Probate System V includes GhostFill software, application license, complete electronic manual and automated forms, and four (4) estate files.</p>	4	\$200.00
<p>Quick Order</p> <p>Need to open a new estate file and wish to pay as you go.</p>	1	\$50.00
<p>Bulk Purchase</p> <p>Plan ahead. Purchase five estate files. Be prepared when the next probate case comes in.</p>	5	\$250.00
<p>Active Practice</p> <p>Take advantage of volume discounts. Save 10% over single file purchase price.</p>	10	\$450.00
<p>Busy Practice</p> <p>For an active probate practice. Save 20% over single file purchase price.</p>	25	\$1,000.00
<p>Multi-Lawyer Practice</p> <p>If you practice with other attorneys, you should consider purchasing 50 files for your office, saving 30% over the single file purchase price.</p>	50	\$1,750.00
<p>Large Firm Practice</p> <p>If you are working in a large firm with a high-volume of probate actions, consider purchasing 100 files at a discount of 50% off the single file purchase price.</p>	100	\$2,500.00

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Nebraska Bar Probate System V & Online Support

While working with the Nebraska Bar's Probate System ("PSV") product and revolutionizing it with the power of GhostFill document assembly, Basha Systems also embarked upon a web campaign to ensure that PSV was as solidly supported as possible. To see what we mean by "solid support", read on.

Probate Announcements & Support

The [PSV Website](#) delivers regular updates to subscribers, as well as breaking news, and advices as to upcoming features in the PSV product.

Probate Forums

A complete set of forums & message board can be found [here](#), with specific forums dedicated to FAQ's, general member chat and support requests.

Probate Store

Why bother spending time on the phone to order some more probate files? By visiting our [PSV Online Store](#), you can purchase new units and be good to go within minutes, at any time or the day.

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What is Document Automation/Assembly?

“Document automation/assembly, at the most basic level, is the creation of new, complete documents from the combination of new, and existing information.”

Document Automation or Document Assembly saves time, effort and money in the production of repetitive documents and forms. A document assembly/automation system is a computer program that is used to create templates. When launched these templates ask questions and automatically create customized documents based on the answers given.

Document assembly overcomes the problems in ordinary work processing, such as cutting, pasting, and reformatting. You get a customized document with all the blanks filled in, all the pronouns and verbs grammatically in place, all the paragraphs properly placed and numbered -everything complete and correct, in a fraction of the time it would take you using a word processor.

With a document assembly system, once templates are created you can increase your productivity many times, while improving the quality of client services.

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What is NebDocs?

NebDocs™ takes document assembly to the next level. Not only does this program provide you the benefits of document assembly described above, it provides you with Nebraska State Bar Association templates that can be implemented in your practice out of the box. The documents provided in NebDocs™ have been created by the various substantive law sections of the Nebraska State Bar Association and will be reviewed periodically by these sections to ensure they are compliant with current Nebraska law.

Why use NebDocs™?

“Research indicates that creating documents from within a document assembly system is 50% to 80% quicker than standard creation”

Increased productivity and lower cost

NebDocs™ templates prompt users to provide required information in a logical sequence. The template then automatically marries answers to format and assembles the document. **NebDocs™** lets you use the word processing programs your staff is comfortable with – Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect. You may also save assembled documents as universally accepted PDF files.

Minimize errors

- § Since each new document starts from a template it retains the properties of the template and doesn't allow the human error factor caused by repetitive typing to be introduced.
- § Search and replace is not needed to update verb tenses, gender references, dates/numbers and much more.

Improve document consistency

- Since each new document starts from a template each finished legal document contains consistent language.

Share knowledge

- **NebDocs™ allows** experienced colleagues to share knowledge with new colleagues enabling them to come up to speed quicker.
- Help messages and interview questions are built into templates to assist end users with document completion.



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Technical Support:

Technical Support is available to help you use NebDocs . If you are having difficulties installing or using the software contact us at the following:

Internet	www.nebdocs.net
Email Support	support@NebDocs.net
Support Phone	(877) 243-3179

Support is available from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday. To expedite your call, please be at your computer on which the program is running.


Assembling an NebDocs Form:

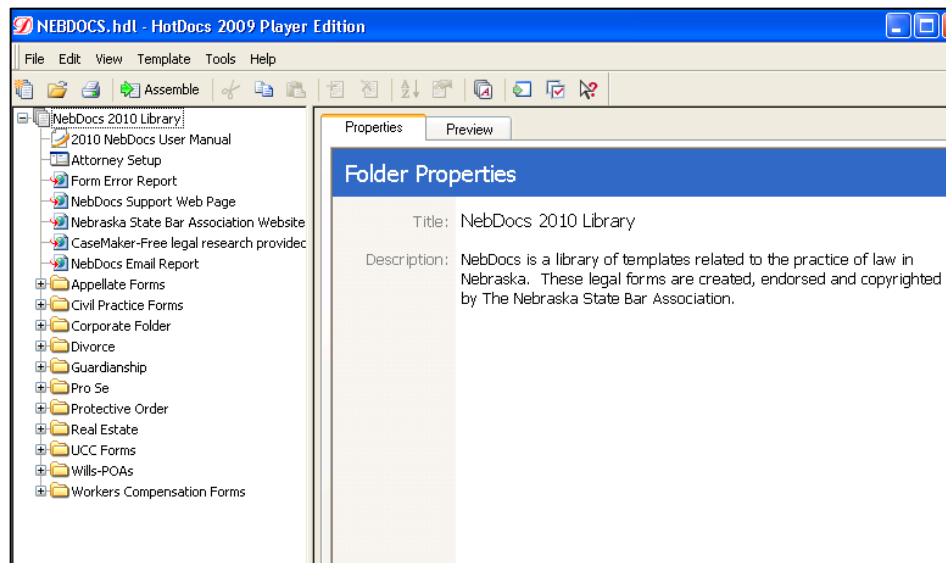
Display the Library

Double-click on the NebDocs shortcut on the desktop – OR -

Choose **HotDocs 2009 Player** > **NebDocs** at the **Start/Programs menu**. The NebDocs library window appears.

To Assemble/Fill a document

1. At the NebDocs library window, select a template (Note: see “Finding a Form” below).
2. Click **Assemble**. The **Answer File** dialog box appears.
3. Select the type of answer file needed, then click **OK**.
4. If this is a new answer file then it is recommended that you save your answer file first. Go to File/Save Answers or click on the  Save



Answers icon in the toolbar. To save often, simply click the icon or Ctrl+S.

(Note: see “About Answer Files” section for more information Answer Files)

5. Answer the dialog questions in the “Interview Tab”, then click **Next** to advance to each new dialog.
6. After the final dialog, the **End of Interview** dialog identifies how many questions haven't been answered. This dialog also provides options for working with the assembled document. For RTF forms you will send the document to your word processor where you can edit, save and print your form.

Finding a Form

You can use the “Find” feature in order to find a form in the library. All forms have a title which can be used to find forms. You can also search on form descriptions, also.

1. To use the find feature, have the NebDocs Library window open.
2. At the bottom left of the library screen, locate the Find dialog box, type in your text (i.e. deed)
3. A list will populate with forms that have that criteria.
4. During this search, the checkbox will be checked. To go back to the library window, uncheck this box.

Saving and Printing an NebDocs Form:

Saving a RTF Form:

Once NebDocs displays an assembled document in your word processor, the document is a normal word processing document. You can manipulate this document just like any other word processing document. You may change your answer or standard document text. Any changes to your answers will not be saved in the answer file that you saved during the interview dialog, nor will any standard document text change within the template that you selected from the library listing in NebDocs.

Printing a RTF Form:

Once NebDocs displays an assembled document in your word processor, the document is a normal word processing document. You can print as you normally would print a word processing file.

Saving a HPT* Form:

Once you have completed the form interview the “End of Interview” options are a different than if the form was a word processing type of form. Once you save this type of form it can be edited with HotDocs Filler. Any changes made will not be saved in the answer file.

Printing a HPT* Form:

To print this type of form you can either print using the “Form Document” tab after the interview is completed. Or you can send (or open at a later time) the form in HotDocs Filler to print. Once you select Print you will see a typical print dialog box as you would in any other type of application that you would print from.

** An HPT form is a graphical form that usually is a pre-formatted form. State and Federal forms are generally classified as a HPT forms because the state or federal government dictates the format and content of these forms. These forms cannot be saved or used as a word processing type form. In order to manipulate these forms you would need to use an answer file to recreate the form or use HotDocs Filler to open the form for editing purposes. Only answer fields can be changed on these forms*




About Answer Files

When you assemble a document or fill a form, you can save the information you entered for the document or form (the "answers") in a HotDocs answer file. The answer file stores each answer along with the name of the variable that uses that answer. The answer file can be used again later to produce the same document or form without the need to answer the same questions again. You can also use the answer file to assemble documents and fill forms from other templates that use the same variables.

IMPORTANT: Answer files serve three main purposes: 1) they provide an efficient way to assemble multiple, similar forms quickly, 2) you can ‘share’ the answers for multiple users to access so others do not need to type the same information for a client, and 3) they provide a backup in case of computer or user malfunction.

The best way to organize your answer files depends largely on your type of practice. Some users create one answer file per client. Others create one answer file per matter. (This method is especially good when you have multiple matters per client that use the same forms, because it prevents the answers from the current matter from overwriting the answers from a different matter and the answers from a previous matter from getting used accidentally in the current matter.) Still other users combine the two methods, creating a pattern answer file for each client that contains basic client information, and then using the pattern file to copy the answers into a new file every time they start a new matter for the client.

Answer files have the filename extension .ANS (or .ANX) and are stored by default in the default answer file directory (<user>\My Documents\HotDocs\Answers). You can specify a different directory (shared or on a network to share answer files with others) when you create an answer file.


 Form #1	 Form #2	 Form #3
Attorney Info	Attorney Info	Attorney Info
Last Name	Last Name	Last Name
First Name	First Name	First Name
Phone #	*Street Address	Spouse
Spouse	*City	*Children
	*State	Phone #
	*Zip Code	
* = New fields for the answer file		

NOTE: All 3 of the above forms are using the same answer file.

Using an Existing Answer File

You can use an existing answer file to assemble a document or fill a form. You can save any changes you make to the answers in the file, or you can use the answer file but not save your changes.

To use an existing answer file

1. Open the template you would like to use.
2. At the Answer File dialog box, click on the Select Answer File button ()
3. Find the Answer File you want to use. Click on Open
4. Assemble the document or fill the form.

Tip

To reopen the last answer file you used, click on the drop down menu to select the previous answer files you have used.

You can select an answer file so that it can be used for all documents you assemble and forms you fill until you select another answer file. Check the “Remember Selected Answer File” box.

Save an Answer File During Assembly

You can save an answer file at any time while you are assembling a document.

To save an answer file during assembly

1. Go to the **File menu** and select **Save Answers As...** (use Save Answers if you have already saved the answers once before)
2. Give your answer file a file name (i.e. client last name, first name)
3. Hit your tab key – this will take you to the Title field – this will automatically put in your file name for you.
4. Click on **OK**

If you are using a new answer file, HotDocs opens an empty, untitled answer file. Give the answer file a name. If you are using an existing answer file, HotDocs saves the answers you have entered to that file.

Updating NebDocs

Notification of Template Updates

Automatic notification of updates via the internet. Your computer must be connected to the internet to receive updates. Note some network installations might not work correctly, please contact technical support for assistance.

(NOTE: this is done by having a HCAT File on your computer basically talk to our server for updates. The HCAT File is automatically installed on your computer. If you don't get a notice of updates and believe there are please visit www.nebdocs.net for more information on getting this file installed correctly)

1. Launch NebDocs.
2. Double-click on the flashing yellow icon in the lower right. If you do not see a flashing icon then there are no updates currently available.
3. List of updates will display.
4. Select the updates needed.
5. Click on “Continue”.
6. Select “Overwrite All” (if prompted).
7. Click “Ok” at the successful screen

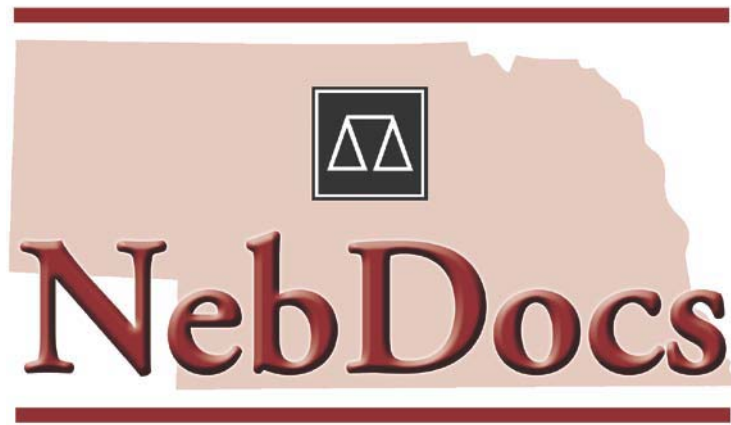
Keyboard Shortcuts and Keystroke for Symbols

Keyboard Shortcuts

Open	Ctrl+O
Close	Ctrl+F4
Save	Ctrl+S
Exit	Alt+F4
Undo	Ctrl+Z
Redo	Ctrl+Y
Cut	Ctrl+X or Shift+Delete
Copy	Ctrl+C or Ctrl+Insert
Paste	Ctrl+V or Shift + Insert
Delete	Del
Select All	Ctrl+A
Previous Page	Alt+PgUp
Next Page	Alt+PgDn
Go To Page	Ctrl+G
Fit Page to Width	Ctrl+H
Zoom In	F10
Zoom Out	F9

Keystrokes for Symbols

°	Alt+0186
¢	Alt+0162
£	Alt+0163
§	Alt+0167
©	Alt+0169
®	Alt+0174
¶	Alt+0182
¼	Alt+0188
½	Alt+0189
¾	Alt+0190
™	Alt+0153
‰	Alt+0137



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- 30 Day Extension of Brief Motion
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- Stipulation for Extension of Brief

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Instructions for Your Divorce Hearing
Proceeding Without Payment of Fees Instructions
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Voluntary Appearance

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- Conservator's Joint Tenancy Deed
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Closing

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Writ of Restitution, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 76-1401 et seq.

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- Durable General POA Short Form
- Durable POA with Living Will Provisions
- Living Will
- Personal Property Memo
- POA - Children
- POA Long Form

Revocation
Sample Will
Temporary POA - Children

Workers Compensation Forms

Workers Compensation 101
Sample Plaintiff Exhibit "List Only"
Application for Review
Certificate of Service
Certificate of Service - Interrogatories
Order for Change of Venue
Petition
Plaintiffs WC Interrogatories
Sample Letter - Request for Medical Information
Sample Letter - Request for Records
Stipulation for Change of Venue



System Requirements

Hardware

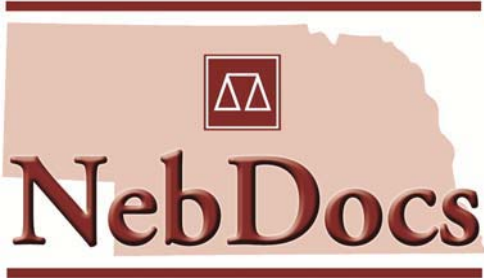
- 900 MHz processor (2GHz, recommended)
- 1 GB RAM (2 GB, recommended)
- 25 MB hard disk storage
- HP LaserJet printer (for printing graphical forms)
(For the most reliable results, use a PCL-based printer with at least 8 MB RAM. Other types of printers may or may not print as expected. Click [here](#) for details.)

Software

- Microsoft Windows Vista or Windows XP
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or later
- Microsoft Word 2007*, 2003*, XP*, 2000*; or Corel WordPerfect X4*, X3*, 12*, 11, 10, 9, or 8
(WordPerfect X3 SP2 or WordPerfect X4 are the only versions of WordPerfect supported for use on Windows Vista.)

* Recommended Word Processors for NebDocs

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