

**Rule 506. Fees; Affidavit in Lieu of Fees**

Except as otherwise provided by law, the parties must pay to the court administrator a filing fee in the amount established by law and the law library fee when the first document for that party is filed in any conciliation court action. If any party who is a natural person signs and files with the court administrator an affidavit claiming an inability to pay the applicable fees, no fees are required. If the affiant prevails on a claim or counterclaim, the amount of the fees which would have been payable by the affiant must be included in the order for judgment and paid to the administrator of conciliation court by the affiant out of any money recovered by the affiant on the judgment.

(Amended effective July 1, 2015; amended effective November 22, 2023; amended effective July 1, 2026.)

***Advisory Committee Comment - 2023 Amendments***

*Rule 506 is modified in 2023 to accommodate fee waivers including statutory fee waivers under Minnesota Statutes, sections 169A.63, subdivision 8, paragraph (e), and 609.5314, subdivision 3, paragraph (a).*

***Advisory Committee Comment - 2026 Amendments***

*Rule 506 is amended to eliminate the possibility of a party paying initial filing fees more than once.*