Rule 137. Enforcement Of Money Judgments

Subdivision 1. Cases Originating in the District Courts. Upon transmittal as provided by Rule 136.03, money judgments entered in the appellate courts are enforceable in the district court action as though originally entered in that court.

Subd. 2. Cases Not Originating in the District Courts. Appellate court judgments in cases not originating in the district courts are enforceable in the manner provided by the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act.

(Amended effective January 1, 1999.)

Advisory Committee Comment - 1998 Amendments

This rule is amended to improve and clarify the procedures for enforcement of money judgments following appeal. Non-money judgments from the appellate courts are enforced by the district court on remand according to the direction of the appellate court, while money judgments are enforced by execution. The change essentially takes the appellate courts out of the business of issuing process for the enforcement of money judgments, and provides for the performance of those tasks by the district courts. A money judgment from the appellate courts, whether for costs, damages or any other form of relief, is treated like any other judgment in the district court and transmittal as provided for by Rule 136.03 acts as its entry. As with any other district court judgment, an affidavit of identification of judgment debtor and docketing are required prior to enforcement.

Subdivision 2 of the rule is intended to obviate any confusion over the status of appellate court judgments entered in original or other proceedings not originating in the district courts. Enforcement of those judgments is available in the manner provided by the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, Minnesota Statutes 1996, sections 548.26 to 548.33.