## Land Registration Act Directive

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**Re:** Statutory Declarations Regarding Judgments

As of March 24, 2003, all statutory declarations regarding judgments **must** be filed in the Judgment Roll. They are no longer viewable in the Grantor Grantee Index. This is a province-wide change that affects all Registries of Deeds and Land Registration Offices. This change is prescribed by subsection 18(6) of the *Land Registration Act Administration Regulations*.

When conducting a search in the Judgment Roll, statutory declarations are noted by "STAT DEC" in the Location Field. Statutory declarations regarding judgments do not expire and do not need to be renewed every five years. The Judgment Roll search application (GG Search) in registry vaults reflects this - there are no expiry dates for statutory declarations listed in the Judgment Roll.

Section 7 of the *Land Registration General Regulations* and subsection 4(a) of Appendix 1 to those regulations establishes that there is no charge for recording a statutory declaration relating to judgments. Judgment-related issues include information to clarify similar names as well as other information which could affect the judgment (e.g. bankruptcy etc.) There is a fee of \$70 for recording a non-judgment statutory declaration.

Lawyers are advised that they **must** prepare a separate statutory declaration for any information that does not relate to judgments. Inclusion of non-judgment related information in a statutory declaration being submitted for recording in the judgment roll will result in the declaration being rejected by registry staff. A combined declaration will also not be accepted for recording in the GGI or the parcel register, even if a \$70 filing fee is submitted with the statutory declaration.

The table below sets out the requirements and procedures related to each type of statutory declaration:

Declaration Type	Permitted Information	Where recorded?	Recording Fee
Judgment declaration	Information about the judgment debtor, creditor, including information to clarify names, current status of judgment etc.	Judgment roll	\$0
Non-judgment declaration	Any information that does not relate to judgments in any way.	GGI or parcel register	\$70
Combined declaration	Combining judgment and non-judgment information in one declaration is <b>not permitted</b> .	Rejected by staff	N/A

If you have any questions regarding this directive, please call 1-866-518-4640 (toll free within Nova Scotia) or 1-902-424-5619.

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