

Sample Retirement Benefits Court Order

NOTE: A retirement benefits court order must meet the requirements found at 5 U.S.C. §§ 8435(c), 8467, and 5 C.F.R. part 1653, subpart A. The Thrift Savings Plan will honor any court order or court-approved property settlement agreement that meets these requirements. Use of the format below is not required.

[court name]

In re the Marriage of:)
)
Petitioner)
 and)
Respondent)

RETIREMENT BENEFITS COURT ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before the court on motion, and the court, after reviewing the motion and being otherwise fully advised of the matter:

(Any ONE of the following examples would qualify to require payment from the TSP, although ambiguous or conflicting language used elsewhere could cause the order to be rejected.)

ORDERED: [payee's name, Social Security number, and address] is awarded \$_____ from the Thrift Savings Plan account of [participant's name, Social Security number, and address] as of [date].

- OR -

ORDERED: [payee's name, Social Security number, and address] is awarded _____% of the Thrift Savings Plan account of [participant's name, Social Security number, and address] as of [date].

- OR -

ORDERED: [payee's name, Social Security number, and address] is awarded [fraction] of the Thrift Savings Plan account of [participant's name, Social Security number, and address] as of [date].

FURTHER ORDERED: Earnings will be paid on the amount of the entitlement under this **ORDER** until payment is made. *(This optional language can be used in conjunction with any of the above examples.)*

Signed this _____ day of _____, year.

BY THE COURT:

Judge