

As a result of the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act of 1996, all payments for special assessment, fines and restitution are receipted by the U.S. District Court clerk's office. The applicable interest rates, penalties, etc. are based on the offense date and the applicable statute in effect. Payments should be mailed to the

U.S. District Court
Attn: Cashier
111 South Tenth Street, Suite 3.300
St. Louis, MO 63102

or presented in person to the cashier at the District Court clerk's office. Checks should be payable to Clerk, U.S. District Court.

Special assessment, fine and restitution when imposed are ordered on the J & C (Judgement and Commitment Order) at sentencing. All monetary penalties are recorded by the clerk's office as documented in the J & C. Special assessment is usually \$100 and payment is due immediately to the court. Fine and restitution is also generally due immediately, however, the judge often allows monthly payments when large amounts are involved. The fine and/or restitution is due based on the applicable statute and interest is accrued even if a payment schedule has been established once the interest start date has passed. Adherence to a payment schedule stops the imposition of the applicable penalties, delinquency and default provisions.

The United States District Court-Eastern District of Missouri accepts the following payment methods, many with restrictions on types of services/remittances they can be used for:

Cash and Cashier's Checks

Cash and Cashier's Checks are an accepted method of payment for all transactions receipted by the Court. Cashier's Checks are bank issued checks that must be issued to "Clerk, U.S. District Court". These checks are guaranteed by the financial institution to clear and a stop payment may not be issued on them.

Personal Checks, Business Checks, Money Orders

Checks and money orders are accepted forms of payment for all transactions except cash bail bonds in criminal matters. All checks and money orders should be made payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court". Personal and Business checks that are returned by the bank for "Insufficient Funds", "Stop Payments", etc. are subject to a \$45.00 NSF fee. Frequent return of checks for insufficient funds may result in placing the customer on a cash-only basis.

Credit and Debit Cards

The accepted credit cards are MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Diners Club, and American Express, as well as ATM Debit cards. Payments on credit/debit cards will not be accepted for criminal debt (fines, special assessments, and restitutions), criminal bonds, civil bonds, interpleaders, jury costs, etc. The following are the only acceptable transactions to be paid for by credit/debit cards:

Civil, Habeas Corpus and Miscellaneous filing fees
Notice of Appeal (both District Court and Magistrate Misdemeanor)
Copies, Certifications, Exemplifications and searches
Admission to the Bar and Pro Hac Vice
Certificate of Good Standing and Duplicate copy of Admission Certificate
Certificate of Judgement for Another District
Reproduction of Magnetic Tape recordings and microfiche copies
Retrieval of files from Federal Records Center
Returned check fees (but not the original service unless it falls in the categories listed above)