



MINOR'S

BLOCKED ACCOUNT

A Minor's Blocked Account is a special bank account used to hold settlement funds for a minor until they turn 18. The funds in this account can only be accessed with approval from the California Superior Court, ensuring the money is protected for the child's future.

Step 1: Contact the Bank

Call the Bank Listed in Your Order to Deposit Funds:

- Reach out to the specific bank mentioned in your court order and schedule an appointment to open a Court-Ordered Minor's Blocked Account.

Step 2: Prepare Required Documents

- Order Approving Compromise of Claim** (Form MC-351): This form is the court's approval of the settlement.
- Order to Deposit Funds in Blocked Account** (Form MC-355): This form instructs the bank to block the account so that funds cannot be withdrawn without court approval.
- Acknowledgment of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account** (Form MC-356): This form is to be signed by the banker after the account is opened and funds are deposited.

*These documents will be provided to you by your attorney.

Step 3: Visit the Bank

- **Present the Required Documents:** When you arrive at the bank, provide the banker with the three forms listed above. The banker will use these to open the blocked account.
- **Ensure the Banker Completes Form MC-356:** The banker must fill out and sign the Acknowledgment of Receipt of Order and Funds for Deposit in Blocked Account (Form MC-356). This form confirms that the funds have been properly deposited into the blocked account.

Step 4: Deposit the Settlement Funds

- Deposit the Funds:** The settlement funds should be deposited directly into the blocked account. Keep the deposit receipt for your records and provide a copy to your attorney.

Step 5: Notify Your Attorney

- Forward the Completed Acknowledgment and Proof of Funds:** Once the funds are deposited and the banker has completed Form MC-356, send these documents to your attorney immediately.
 - Notify the Court:** Your attorney has 15 days to notify the court that the funds have been deposited into the blocked account. This step is crucial to comply with court requirements.
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