



# 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:

*(Note: 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 (SSN), and address] is awarded \$\_\_\_\_\_ from the [civilian or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account\* of [participant's name, SSN, and address].

**-OR-**

**ORDERED:** [payee's name, SSN, and address] is awarded \_\_\_\_\_% of the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account[s]\* of [participant's name, SSN, and address] as of [date].

**-OR-**

**ORDERED:** [payee's name, SSN, and address] is awarded [fraction] of the [civilian and/or uniformed services] Thrift Savings Plan account[s]\* of [participant's name, SSN, and address] as of [date].

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\*If the participant has both a civilian TSP account and a uniformed services TSP account, the court order must expressly identify the account to which it relates.

*(Note: The following optional language can be used in conjunction with any of the above examples.)*

**FURTHER ORDERED:** Earnings will be paid on the amount of the entitlement under this ORDER until payment is made.

Signed this [day] day of [month], [year].

**BY THE COURT:**

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Judge

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