

489.119 Service of process, notice, or demand.

1. A limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company may be served with any process, notice, or demand required or permitted by law by serving its registered agent.

2. If a limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company ceases to have a registered agent, or if its registered agent cannot with reasonable diligence be served, the limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company may be served by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by similar commercial delivery service, addressed to the limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company at its principal office. The address of the principal office must be as shown on the limited liability company's or registered foreign limited liability company's most recent biennial report filed with the secretary of state pursuant to [section 489.211A](#). Service is effected under [this subsection](#) on the earliest of any of the following:

a. The date the limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company receives the mail or delivery by the commercial delivery service.

b. The date shown on the return receipt, if signed by the limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company.

c. Five days after its deposit with the United States postal service or with the commercial delivery service, if correctly addressed and with sufficient postage or payment.

3. If process, notice, or demand cannot be served on a limited liability company or registered foreign limited liability company pursuant to [subsection 1 or 2](#), service may be made by handing a copy to the individual in charge of any regular place of business or activity of the limited liability company or registered foreign company if the individual served is not a plaintiff in the action.

4. Service of process, notice, or demand on a registered agent must be in a written record.

5. Service of process, notice, or demand may be made by other means under law other than [this chapter](#), including as provided in [sections 617.3 through 617.6](#) unless specifically provided for by another provision of law.

[2008 Acts, ch 1162, §16, 155](#)

[C2009, §489.116](#)

[2010 Acts, ch 1100, §5; 2010 Acts, ch 1193, §56; 2023 Acts, ch 152, §16, 143, 161](#)

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