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## FREQUENTLY ASKED ^ QUESTIONS

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**Q Our upper court search has returned a Child Support Judgment against our seller which is more than 20 years old. What should I do?**

**A** Take an exception or require acceptable proof to omit.

Child support judgments are unique. They are not for a sum certain so the amount due on them may vary from time to time. In addition, they may by their own terms extend for a longer period of time than the 20 years afforded to traditional Superior Court judgments. For example, a child support judgment entered as part of a divorce when the child is 1 year old may provide that the non-custodial parent is to pay child support through college or perhaps until the child reaches a certain age which is more than 20 years in the future. Such a judgment could extend beyond 20 years.

Accordingly, when such a judgment is turned up in an upper court search, it cannot be omitted on time alone. The judgment must be set up in the commitment and may be removed upon production of proof that the obligation has expired (such as an order of emancipation) or proof that it is current.

As always, feel free to address any questions to a member of our underwriting staff.