## PACKET 7

Forms Associated with a

### Motion to Enforce

For example, to enforce a Final Judgment of Divorce, a Child Support Order, a Paternity Order, etc.



**EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** 

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### **WARNING**

IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION in your mind concerning these forms, the use of these forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that you obtain the services of an attorney. If you do not know an attorney, you may contact the Florida Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011. If you are filing for divorce in a case involving domestic violence and are financially unable to afford the services of an attorney, you may contact Three Rivers Legal Services at (352) 372-0519 or 1-800-372-0936 to see if you are eligible for their services.

DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE LAW, the forms and information contained in this packet may become outdated. Therefore, you should review and research statutes and rules of procedure referenced in the instructions to ensure that the forms are accurate and current.

IN NO EVENT will the Florida Supreme Court, the Florida Bar, the Eighth Judicial Circuit Office of the Court Administrator, the Clerk of the Court or anyone contributing to the production of these forms, commentary, instructions, and appendices be liable for any indirect or consequential damages resulting from the use of the packet.

Use these forms at your own risk. These forms may or may not be appropriate in your particular case. Any desired outcome from the use of these forms cannot be predicted or guaranteed. It is strongly recommended that you seek legal advice.

When the forms refer to: "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants)," the information is found at <a href="http://www.flcourts.org">http://www.flcourts.org</a> (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab).



### EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

# Resources for Litigants Filing a Family Law Action Without Legal Counsel

**Internet Access**- information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

http://www.circuit8.org/prose/index.html or http://www.flcourts.org (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab)

Internet access is available from the Levy County Public Library.

Three Rivers is available to assist pro se litigants in dissolution of marriage and paternity actions who qualify. Three Rivers can be reached at (352) 372-0519.

Legal information for litigants is available at the Alachua County Library Headquarters in Downtown Gainesville, which houses the J. H. Murphree Law Library Collection. Consult with a librarian for additional information. The web address for the library is <a href="http://www.aclib.us/">http://www.aclib.us/</a>.

# FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



### SERVING LEVY COUNTY A PROGRAM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

The Family Court Case Management Program staff is employed by the Court to assist the Family Law Judges by making sure that all cases in which the petitioner is not represented by an attorney have met procedural requirements.

As in all matters involving law, it is recommended that you obtain the services of a competent lawyer. It is important for you to understand that the Court and Program staff do not represent you. **YOU** represent yourself.

If you decide to proceed without a lawyer, the Family Court Case Management Program staff will:

- н explain procedures
- ь conduct an instructional seminar to explain how to file forms
- ь inform you about additional court requirements
- ь help you set a hearing with the judge

#### The staff will not:

- ь give legal advice or explain rights
- н represent you in court
- ь tell you what forms to file
- ь tell you how to present your case
- ь notify you that your case is ready to file

#### **PROCEDURES**

1. If you have decided to file a family law case without a lawyer, please follow these steps:

2. Download the forms from the Clerk's website

3. Complete the packet of forms - in ink or typed. Court staff cannot assist you in completing the forms.

- 4. Further instructions regarding filing and procedures are addressed in the packet. Procedural questions can be answered by calling Family Court.
- 5. Instructions regarding procedures after filing are addressed in the packet. Your case will be monitored for procedural requirements by the Family Court Case Manager.

#### OTHER SERVICES

In addition to the instructional seminar, the Family Court Case Management Program offers assistance to self-represented litigants in a variety of ways.

**Internet Access**- information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

### **Eighth Judicial Circuit Website:**

http://circuit8.org/self-help or

#### Florida Supreme Court Website:

<a href="http://www.flcourts.org">http://www.flcourts.org</a> (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab)

Internet access is available from the Levy County Public Library.





### EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

### NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED/DISCLAIMER

The personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court are not acting as your lawyer or providing legal advice to you.

Clerk of Court personnel are not acting on behalf of the court or any judge. The presiding judge in your case may require amendment of a form or substitution of a different form. The judge is not required to grant the relief requested in a form.

The personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court cannot tell you what your legal rights or remedies are, represent you in court, give legal advice or instructions on completing forms or tell you how to testify in court.

In all cases, it is best to consult with your own attorney, especially if your case presents significant issues regarding children, child support, alimony, retirement or pension benefits, assets, or liabilities.

| <br>I can read English (Go    | to signature line)              |  |
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| <br>I cannot read English, bu | t this notice was read to me by |  |
|                               | in                              |  |
| (Name)                        | (Language)                      |  |
|                               |                                 |  |
| YO                            | OUR SIGNATURE                   |  |

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

| CASE NO:  |
|---|
| DIVISION:   |
| Plaintiff/ Petitioner/State,  |
| V.  |
| , Defendant/ Respondent   |
| PERMISSION TO USE E-MAIL  |
| Provide your email address below to receive a copy of your Orders, Judgments Notice of Hearings or other written communications from the court or clerk of court and by electronic mail.* |
| By completing this form I am authorizing the Court and the Clerk, of Circuit Court to send copies of orders/judgments, notices or other written communications to me by e-mail.           |
| I will ensure the software filters have been removed from my computer, so it does not interfere with my ability to receive any of the above documents.                                    |
| I will file a written notice with the Clerk, if my current email address changes.   |
| Plaintiff/ Petitioner Name (print)  |
| Plaintiff/ Petitioner Name (signature)  |
| * email address (print <i>clearly</i> )   |
| Date  |

\*You will not need to provide a stamped self-envelope, if you provide your email address.

|      | Cover Sheet for Family  | Court Cases  |
|------|---|--|
| I.   | Case Style IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIG IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY   |  |
|      | Petitioner<br>and   | Case No.:  |
| II.  | Respondent  Type of Action/Proceeding. Place a check beside simultaneously filing more than one type of proceed modification and an enforcement proceeding, combeing filed. If you are reopening a case, choose one of  | ing against the same opposing party, such as a plete a separate cover sheet for each action  |
|      | <ul> <li>(A)Initial Action/Petition</li> <li>(B) X Reopening Case</li> <li>1Modification/Supplemental Petition</li> <li>2. X Motion for Civil Contempt/Enforcement</li> <li>3Other</li> </ul>   |  |
| III. | <ul> <li>(B)Dissolution of Marriage</li> <li>(C)Domestic Violence</li> <li>(D)Dating Violence</li> <li>(E)Repeat Violence</li> <li>(F)Sexual Violence</li> <li>(G)Stalking</li> <li>(H)Support IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)</li> <li>(I)Support Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)</li> <li>(J)UIFSA IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)</li> </ul> | ie, select the most definitive.  K)UIFSA Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)  L)Other Family Court  M)Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 63  N)Name Change  O)Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity  P)Juvenile Delinquency  Q)Petition for Dependency  R)Shelter Petition  S)Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out of Chapter 39  T)Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 39  U)CINS/FINS |
| IV.  | 7. Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires the Form 12.900(h), be filed with the initial pleading/pet litigant in order to notify the court of related cases. Sheet for Family Court Cases and initial pleading/petition. No, to the best of my knowledge, no related cases yes, all related cases are listed on Family Law Form  | ition by the filing attorney or self-represented Is Form 12.900(h) being filed with this Cover on?  exist.   |

### ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE L CERTIEV that the information L have provided in this co

| knowledge and belief.  | provided in this cover sneet is accurate to the best of my |
|--|--|
| Signature  | FL Bar No.:  |
| Attorney or party  | (Bar number, if attorney)                                  |
| (Type or print name)   | Date   |
| IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT TH  | IIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:            |
| [fill in <b>all</b> blanks]  |  |
| This form was prepared for the: {choose only This form was completed with the assistance |  |
| {name of individual}   |  |
| {name of business}   |  |
| {address}  |  |
| {city}, {state}  | , {telephone number}                                       |

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.960, MOTION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT/ENFORCEMENT (12/10)

#### When should this form be used?

You may use this form to ask the court to enforce a prior court order or final judgment.

#### What should I do next?

To initiate a civil contempt/enforcement proceeding against a <u>party</u> who is not complying with a prior court order, you must file a <u>motion</u> with the court explaining what the party has failed to do. This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign it before a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should then <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records. Fees maybe due at time of filing.

A copy of this form must be <u>personally served</u> by a sheriff or private process server or mailed\* **or** hand delivered to any other party(ies) in your case. \*Please note that if notice is mailed, the court in certain circumstances may not consider mailing to be adequate notice. If you want to be sure, you should have the motion personally served. This is a technical area of the law; if you have any questions about it, you should consult a lawyer. For more information on personal service, see the instructions for **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual,** Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a).

The court will then set a <a hreating</a>. You should check with the clerk of court, <a href="judicial assistant">judicial assistant</a>, or <a href="jamily law intake staff">family law intake staff</a> for information on the local procedure for scheduling a hearing. Once you know the time and date of the hearing, you will need to complete <a href="Notice of Hearing on Motion for Contempt/Enforcement">Notice of Hearing Child Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.961</a>, or, if applicable, <a href="Notice of Hearing (Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer">Notice of Hearing (Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer</a>), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.921, or <a href="Notice of Hearing Before">Notice of Hearing Before</a>] General Magistrate, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.920[(c)], which will specify a time and place for a hearing on the issue. A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party. Again, if notice is mailed, the court in certain circumstances may not consider mailing to be adequate notice. If you want to be sure, you should have the notice personally served. This is a technical area of the law; if you have any questions about it, you should consult a lawyer. For more information on personal service, see the instructions for Summons: Personal Service on an Individual, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a).

At the hearing, as in any other civil proceeding, you, as the moving party, will have the burden of proving the other party has not obeyed a prior court order. Once noncompliance is established, the other party will have an opportunity to show an inability to comply with the prior court order. If he or she is unable to do so, the judge may find the other party to be in contempt. If so, the judge may order appropriate sanctions to compel compliance by the other party, including jail, payment of attorneys' fees, suit money, or costs, and coercive or compensatory fines, and may order any other relief permitted by law.

#### Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. See also section 61.14, Florida Statutes and rule 12.615, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

|    | Case No.: Division:  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Petitioner,  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | and  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Respondent.  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | MOTION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT/ENFORCEMENT  |  |  |  |  |  |
| -  | etitioner ( ) Respondent requests that the Court enter an order of civil contempt/enforcement t ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent in this case because:          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. | A final judgment or order {title of final judgment or order}   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | in this case was entered on {date}, by {court, city, and state}  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Please indicate here if the judgment or order is not from this Court and attach a copy.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2  | This and an of the Count many ined the other marks in this case to do an out of the fallowing  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. | This order of the Court required the other party in this case to do or not do the following: {Explain what the other party was ordered to do or not do.}     |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | [Explain what the other party was ordered to do or not do.]  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Please indicate here if additional pages are attached.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. | The other party in this case has willfully failed to comply with this order of the Court: {Explain   |  |  |  |  |  |
| ٥. | what the other party has or has not done.}   |  |  |  |  |  |
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|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | Please indicate here if additional pages are attached.   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. | I respectfully request that the Court issue an order holding the above-named person in civi contempt, if appropriate, and/or providing the following relief: |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | aenforcing or compelling compliance with the prior order or judgment;  |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | bawarding a monetary judgment;   |  |  |  |  |  |
|    | c. if a monetary judgment was included in the prior order, issuing a writ of execution   |  |  |  |  |  |

|                |        | or garnishment or other appropriate process;   |
|----------------|--------|--|
|                |        | awarding prejudgment interest;   |
|                |        | requiring the other party to pay costs and fees in connection with this motion;                              |
|                |        | if the other party is found to be in civil contempt, ordering a compensatory fine;                           |
|                |        | if the other party is found to be in civil contempt, ordering a coercive fine;                               |
|                |        | if the other party is found to be in civil contempt, ordering incarceration of the other party with a purge; |
|                |        | party with a purge,<br>issuing a writ of possession for real property, writ for possession of personal       |
|                |        | property, or other appropriate writ;   |
|                |        | issuing a writ of bodily attachment if the other party fails to appear at the hearing                        |
|                |        | set on this motion;  |
|                | k.     | requiring the other party to make payments through the central governmental                                  |
|                |        | depository;  |
|                | l      | requiring the support payments to be automatically deducted from the other party's                           |
|                |        | income or funds;   |
|                |        | requiring the other party to seek employment;  |
|                | n.     | awarding make-up time-sharing with minor child(ren) as follows {explain}:                                    |
|                |        |  |
|                |        |  |
|                |        |  |
|                |        | ; and  |
|                | Ο.     | awarding other relief {explain}:   |
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|                |        | ·  |
| I certify that | t a co | opy of this document was: [Choose only one] ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( )                              |
|                |        | o the person(s) listed below on {date}   |
|                |        |  |
| Other party    | or h   | is/her attorney:   |
| Name:          |        |  |
|                |        |  |
| City, State, Z | Zip: _ |  |
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|                |        | tand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims                            |
|                |        | that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or                             |
| imprisonme     | ent.   |  |
| Data d.        |        |  |
| Dated:         |        |  |
|                |        |  |
|                |        | Signature of Party   |
|                |        | Printed Name:  |
|                |        | Address:   |
|                |        | City, State, Zip:  |
|                |        | Telephone Number:  |
|                |        | Fay Number   |

| by  |
|---|
| NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK                                 |
| [Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.] |
|   |
| FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in          |
| , {city}  |
| , helped {name}, respondent, fill out this form.              |
|   |

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(h), NOTICE OF RELATED CASES (11/13)

#### When should this form be used?

Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires the **petitioner** in a family law case to file with the court a notice of related cases, if any. Your circuit may also require this form to be filed even if there are no related cases. A case is considered related if:

- x it involves the same parties, children, or issues and is pending when the family law case is filed; or
- x it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; or
- x an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or
- x an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier case.

This form is used to provide the required notice to the court.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. It must be **filed** with the **clerk of the circuit court** with the initial pleading in the family law case.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of the form must be served on the presiding judges, either the chief judge or the family law administrative judge, and all parties in the related cases. You should also keep a copy for your records. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

#### Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d).

#### Special notes ...

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms **must** also put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

|  | ,  |
|--|--|
|  | Case No.:  |
|  | Division:  |
| Petitioner,  |  |
| and  |  |
|  |  |
| Respondent.  |  |
| ·  | ΓICE OF RELATED CASES  |
|  |  |
| 2.545(d). A related case may be an of juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency law case if it involves any of the same files a family case; if it affects the countries are supported to the countries of the same files are supported to the countries of the count | ted Cases as required by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration open or closed civil, criminal, guardianship, domestic violence ency, or domestic relations case. A case is "related" to this fan parties, children, or issues and it is pending at the time the parties jurisdiction to proceed; if an order in the related case naves in the new case; or if an order in the new case may confident |
| [check one only]  There are no related cases.  |  |
|  | s (add additional pages if necessary):   |
| <u> </u>   | , (a.a. a.a. p. 6.6. a.  |
| Related Case No. 1   |  |
| Case   | Name(s):   |
| Petitioner   | :  |
| Respondent :   |  |
| Case No.:  | Division:  |
| Type of Proceeding: [check all that app  | •-   |
| Dissolution of Marriage  | Paternity  |
| Custody  | Adoption   |
| Child Support  | Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings  |
| Juvenile Dependency  | Juvenile Delinquency   |
| Termination of Parental Rights   | Criminal   |
| Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat  |  |
| Violence or Stalking Injunctions   | Other {specify}  |
| State where case was decided or is pend  | ding:FloridaOther: {specify}   |
|  | or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County,  |
| Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if ar  | ny):   |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| Relationship of cases [check all that app  | ply]:  |
| pending case involves same parties,  | children, or issues;   |
| may affect court's jurisdiction:   |  |

| order in related case may conflict with a order in this case may conflict with previous  |   |
|--|---|
|  |   |
| Statement as to the relationship of the case:  | s:  |
|  |   |
| Related Case No. 2   |   |
| Case Name(s):  |   |
| Petitioner:  |   |
| Respondent :   |   |
| Case No.:  | Division:   |
| Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply]   |   |
| Dissolution of Marriage  | Paternity   |
| Custody  | Adoption  |
| Child Support  | Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings               |
| Juvenile Dependency  | Juvenile Delinquency  |
| Termination of Parental Rights   | Criminal  |
| Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat  | Mental Health   |
| Violence or Stalking Injunctions   | Other {specify}   |
| State where case was decided or is pending:  | FloridaOther: {specify}                                     |
| Florida):  | s pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, |
|  |   |
| Relationship of cases [check all that apply]:pending case involves same parties, childmay affect court's jurisdiction;order in related case may conflict with aorder in this case may conflict with previous | an order in this case;                                      |
| Statement as to the relationship of the cases  | s:  |
|  |   |
| Related Case No. 3   |   |
| Case   | Name(s):  |
| Petitioner   | :   |
| Respondent :   |   |
| Case No.:  | Division:   |
| Type of Proceeding: [check <b>all</b> that apply]  |   |
| Dissolution of Marriage  | Paternity   |
| Custody  | Adoption  |
| Child Support  | Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings               |
| Juvenile Dependency  | Juvenile Delinquency  |
| Termination of Parental Rights   | Criminal  |

\_\_\_\_\_Mental Health Violence or Stalking Injunctions \_\_\_\_\_Other {specify} \_\_\_\_Other {specify} \_\_\_\_\_ State where case was decided or is pending: \_\_\_\_\_ Florida \_\_\_\_ Other: {specify} \_\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): Relationship of cases [check **all** that apply]: pending case involves same parties, children, or issues; may affect court's jurisdiction; \_\_\_order in related case may conflict with an order in this case; \_\_\_order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case. Statement as to the relationship of the cases: 2. [check one only] I **do not** request coordination of litigation in any of the cases listed above. \_\_\_\_I **do** request coordination of the following cases: 3. [check all that apply] \_\_\_\_ Assignment to one judge \_\_\_\_ Coordination of existing cases will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of these cases 4. The Petitioner acknowledges a continuing duty to inform the court of any cases in this or any other state that could affect the current proceeding. Dated: Petitioner's Signature Printed Name: Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: Telephone Number: Fax Number: E-mail Address(es):

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

| I CERTIFY that I delivered a copy of Department or a certified process ( ) mailed, ( ) hand delivered, all that apply] ( ) judge assigned {name}, a  | server for service on the Res<br>a copy to {name}<br>I to new case, ( ) chief judg<br>, a party to the | e or family law administrate related case, ( ) {name | used]( )e-mailed<br>_, who is the [check<br>ative judge,( )<br>ne} |
|--|--|--|--|
|  | Signature of Petitio Printed   | ner/Attorney for Petition                            | ner<br>Name:   |
|  | Address:   |  |  |
|  | City,  | State,   | Zip:   |
|  | Telephone  |  | Number:  |
|  | Fax  |  | Number:  |
|  | E-mail   |  | Address(es):   |
|  | Florida Bar Number   | :  | <u> </u>   |
| IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU F [fill in all blanks] This form was pr This form was completed with the {name of individual} {name of business} {address} | repared for the: {choose only assistance of:   | one}( ) Petitioner( )                                | Respondent,  |
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### **RULE 12.287**

#### FINANCIAL AFFIDAVITS IN ENFORCEMENT AND CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

Any party in an enforcement or contempt proceeding may serve upon any other party a written request to file and serve a financial affidavit if the other party's financial circumstances are relevant in the proceeding. The party to whom the request is made shall file and serve the requested financial affidavit within 10 days after the service of the written request. The court may allow a shorter or longer time. The financial affidavit shall be in substantial conformity with the Florida Family Law Form 12.902(b) (Short Form), all sections of which shall be completed.

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.910(a), SUMMONS: PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL (09/12)

#### When should this form be used?

This form should be used to obtain <u>personal service</u> on the other <u>party</u> when you begin your lawsuit. <u>Service</u> is required for all documents filed in your case. Service means giving a copy of the required papers to the other party using the procedure that the law requires. Generally, there are two ways to make service: (1) personal service, or (2) service by e-mail, mail, or hand delivery. A third method for service is called <u>constructive service</u>; however, the relief a court may grant may be limited in a case where constructive service has been used.

The law requires that certain documents be served by **personal service** if personal service is possible. **Personal service** means that a summons (this form) and a copy of the forms you are filing with the court that must be personally served are delivered by a deputy sheriff or private process server

- directly to the other party, or
- to someone over the age of fifteen with whom the other party lives.

Personal service is required for **all <u>petitions</u>**, including petitions for modification. You cannot serve these papers on the other party yourself or by mail or hand delivery. Personal service must be made by the sheriff's department in the county where the other party lives or works or by a private process server certified in the county where the other party lives or works.

In many counties, there are private process servers who, for a fee, will personally serve the summons and other documents that require personal service. You should look under **process servers** in the yellow pages of the telephone book for a list of private process servers in your area. You may use a private process server to serve any paper required to be personally served in a family law case **except** a petition for injunction for protection against domestic or repeat violence.

#### How do I start?

When you begin your lawsuit, you need to complete this form (summons) and a **Process Service Memorandum**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b). The forms should be typed or printed legibly in black ink. Next, you will need to take these forms and, if you have not already done so, **file** your petition with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where you live. You should keep a copy of the forms for your records. The clerk will sign the summons, and then the summons, a copy of the papers to be served, and the process service memorandum must be delivered to the appropriate sheriff's office or to a private process server for service on the other party.

IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN THE COUNTY WHERE SUIT IS FILED: Ask the clerk in your county about any local procedures regarding service. Generally, if the other party lives in the county in which you are filing suit and you want the sheriff's department to serve the papers, you will file the summons along with a Process Service Memorandum, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), with the clerk and the clerk will forward those papers to the sheriff for service. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons. You may also need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you, after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. However, in some counties the sheriff may send the proof of service directly to the clerk. If you are instructed to supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope and you receive the proof of service, you should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

If you want a private process server to serve the other party, you should still bring the summons to the clerk's office and have the clerk sign it for you. You should deliver the summons, along with the copy of your initial petition and any other papers to be served, and a **Process Service Memorandum**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), to the private process server. The private process server will charge you a fee for serving the papers. After service is complete, proof of service by the private process server must be filed with the clerk. You should discuss how this will occur with the private process server.

IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN ANOTHER COUNTY: If the other party lives in another county, service needs to be made by a sheriff in the county where the other party lives or by a private process server certified in the county where the other party lives. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons as well as the Process Service Memorandum, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b). If you want the sheriff to serve the papers, the clerk may send your papers to that sheriff's office for you, or you may have to send the papers yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. Either way, you will need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you, after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. You should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

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If THE OTHER PARTY CANNOT BE LOCATED OR DOES NOT LIVE IN FLORIDA: If, after you have made a diligent effort to locate the other party, you absolutely cannot locate the other party, you may serve the other party by publication. Service by publication is also known as **constructive service**. You may also be able to use constructive service if the other party does not live in Florida. However, Florida courts have only limited jurisdiction over a party who is served by constructive service and may have only limited jurisdiction over a party living outside of Florida regardless of whether that party is served by constructive or personal service; that is, the judge's power to order the other party to do certain things may be limited. For example, the judge may be able to grant your request for a divorce, but the judge may not be able to address issues such as child support, spousal support (alimony), or division of property or debts.

| Regardless of the type of service used, if the other party once lived in Florida but is living outsid | e of |
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| Florida now, you should include in your petition a statement regarding the length of time the party l | ived |
| in Florida, if any, and when. For example: Respondent last lived in Florida from {date}               | to   |
| {date}  |      |

This area of the law is very complex and you may need to consult with an attorney regarding the proper type of service to be used in your case if the other party does not live in Florida or cannot be located.

#### What happens when the papers are served on the other party?

The date and hour of service are written on the original summons and on all copies of it by the person making the service. The person who delivers the summons and copies of the petition must file a proof of service with the clerk or provide a proof of service to you for filing with the court. It is your responsibility to make sure the proof of service has been returned to the clerk and placed in your case file.

#### Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. For further information regarding service of process, see chapters 48 and 49, Florida Statutes, and rule 1.070, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as the instructions for Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1), Notice of Action for Family Cases with Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), Affidavit of Diligent Service and Inquiry, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b), and Affidavit of Diligent Search, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(c).

#### Special notes...

If you have been unable to obtain proper service on the other party within **120 days** after filing your lawsuit, the court will dismiss your lawsuit against the other party unless you can show the court a good reason why service was not made within **120 days**. For this reason, if you had the local sheriff serve the papers, you should check with the clerk every couple of weeks after completing the service papers to see if service has been completed. You may need to supply the sheriff with a new or better address. If you had a private process server or a sheriff in another county serve the papers, you should be in

contact with that person or sheriff until you receive proof of service from that person or sheriff. You should then file the proof of service with the clerk immediately.

If the other party fails to respond, i.e., fails to file a written response with the court, within **20 days** after the service of the summons, you are entitled to request a <u>default</u>. See the instructions to **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922 (a), and **Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(b), for further information. You will need to file an **Affidavit of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b), before a default may be granted.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

| IN AND FOR  | 8th<br>LEVY  | JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY, FLORIDA  |
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If the party serving summons has designated e-mail address(es) for service or is represented by an attorney, you may designate e-mail address(es) for service by or on you. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents, upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be served at the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

#### **IMPORTANTE**

| Usted ha sido demandado legalmente. Tiene veinte (20) dias, contados a partir del recibo de esta notificacion, para contestar la demanda adjunta, por escrito, y presentarla ante este tribunal. Localizado en: Una llamada telefonica no lo protegera. Si usted desea   |
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| que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su respuesta por escrito, incluyendo el numero del caso y los nombres de las partes interesadas. Si usted no contesta la demanda a tiempo, pudiese perder el caso y podria ser despojado de sus ingresos y propiedades, o privado de sus derechos, sin previo aviso del tribunal. Existen otros requisitos legales. Si lo desea, usted puede consultar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a una de las oficinas de asistencia legal que aparecen en la guia telefonica. |
| Si desea responder a la demanda por su cuenta, al mismo tiempo en que presente su respuesta ante el tribunal, usted debe enviar por correo o entregar una copia de su respuesta a la persona denominada abajo.   |
| Si usted elige presentar personalmente una respuesta por escrito, en el mismo momento que usted presente su respuesta por escrito al Tribunal, usted debe enviar por correo o llevar una copia de su respuesta por escrito a la parte entregando esta orden de comparencencia a:   |
| Nombre y direccion de la parte que entrega la orden de comparencencia:   |
| Copias de todos los documentos judiciales de este caso, incluyendo las ordenes, estan disponibles en la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito *Clerk of the Circuit Court's office+. Estos documentos pueden ser revisados a su solicitud.  |
| Usted debe de manener informada a la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito de su direccion  |

ADVERTENCIA: Regla 12.285 (Rule 12.285), de las Reglas de Procedimiento de Ley de Familia de la Florida [Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure], requiere cierta revelacion automatica de documentos e informacion. El incumplimient, puede resultar en sanciones, incluyendo la desestimacion o anulacion de los alegatos.

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#### **IMPORTANT**

| Des poursuites judiciaries ont ete entreprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consecutifs a partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour deposer une reponse ecrite a la plainte ci-jointe aupres de ce tribunal. Qui se trouve a: {L'Adresse} Un simple coup de telephone est insuffisant pour vous proteger; vous etes obliges de deposer votre reponse ecrite, avec mention du numero de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommees ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende votre cause. Si vous ne deposez pas votre reponse ecrite dans le delai requis, vous risquez de perdre la cause ainsi que votre salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent etre saisis par la suite, sans aucun preavis ulterieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requerir les services immediats d'un avocat. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez telephoner a un |
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| service de reference d'avocats ou a un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant a l'annuaire de<br>telephones).   |
| Si vous choisissez de deposer vous-meme une reponse ecrite, il vous faudra egalement, en meme temps que cette formalite, faire parvenir ou expedier une copie au carbone ou une photocopie de votre reponse ecrite a la partie qui vous depose cette citation.   |
| Nom et adresse de la partie qui depose cette citation:   |
| Les photocopies de tous les documents tribunals de cette cause, y compris des arrets, sont disponible au bureau du greffier. Vous pouvez revue ces documents, sur demande.   |
| Il faut aviser le greffier de votre adresse actuelle. (Vous pouvez deposer Florida Supreme Court<br>Approved Family Law Form 12.915, Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address.) Les<br>documents de l'avenir de ce proces seront envoyer a l'adresse que vous donnez au bureau du greffier.   |
| ATTENTION: La regle 12.285 des regles de procedure du droit de la famille de la Floride exige que l'on remette certains renseignements et certains documents a la partie adverse. Tout refus de les fournir pourra donner lieu a des sanctions, y compris le rejet ou la suppression d'un ou de plusieurs actes de procedure.  |
| THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE: You are commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this lawsuit on the above-named person.  |
| DATED:   |
| CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT (SEAL)  |
| Ву:  |
| Deputy Clerk   |

# Requesting a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial in a Family Court Case in Alachua County, Florida

## DO NOT SUBMIT THE NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE Until:

- 1. All the appropriate forms or documents have been filed to include financial affidavits, child support worksheet, parenting stabilization course, etc.
- 2. You have filed Proof of Service of Process Or Proof of Publication AND the Clerk has entered a default.
- 3. Or the Respondent has filed a response or an Answer and Waiver.
- 4. AND Mediation (352) 491-4417 has been completed if necessary.

You will use the combined form titled "Notice that Action is at Issue and Request for a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial" to request a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial on your motion or petition. If you do so before the above has taken place a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial will **not** be scheduled.

### Fill in the following information:

- f Parties' names (Petitioner and Respondent)
- f Case number and Division
- f Your name (Comes Now
- f Amount of time you think necessary for the judge to hear all the issues in your case. If your case has no disputed issues, it may take only ten minutes.
- f Today's date
- f Your signature (no Notary needed)
- f The Respondent's name and address

### Make 2 copies of the original:

- f File the original with the clerk's office.
- f Mail or hand-deliver one copy to the Respondent.

Each party must bring a self-addressed, stamped/metered envelope to the hearing or provided a valid e-mail address for mailing/e-mailing the final judgment or other court orders. A party that fails to provide the necessary envelopes with postage or an e-mail address may retrieve a copy of the results of the hearing from the Clerk of the Court at the cost of \$1 per page.

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

|   | CASE NO.:             |                              |              |
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| Petitioner,                                   |                       | DIVISION:                    |              |
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| ssue and ready for a hearing/non-jury trial.  | The hearing/tria      | l is on the original action. | It is        |
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| requests the court schedule a hearing/non-jui | ry trial in this ac   | tion.                        |              |
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