

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT _____ COUNTY	SUMMONS	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
Instructions ▼ Enter above the county name where the case was filed. Enter your name as Plaintiff/Petitioner. Enter the names of all people you are suing as Defendants/Respondents. Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk.	Plaintiff / Petitioner <i>(First, middle, last name)</i> v. Defendant / Respondent <i>(First, middle, last name)</i>	Case Number _____

In 1, if your lawsuit is for money, enter the amount of money you seek from the Defendant/Respondent.
In 2, enter your contact information. If more than 1 person is bringing this lawsuit, attach an <i>Additional Plaintiff/Petitioner Contact Information</i> form.
In 3, enter the name of the person you are suing and their address. If more than 1 person is being sued, attach an <i>Additional Defendant/Respondent Contact Information</i> form.

1. Information about the lawsuit:

Amount claimed: \$ _____

2. Contact information for the Plaintiff/Petitioner:

Name *(First, Middle, Last)*: _____

Street Address, Apt #: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

☐ See attached for additional Plaintiff/Petitioner contact information

3. Contact information for the Defendant/Respondent:

Name *(First, Middle, Last)*: _____

Street Address, Apt #: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

☐ See attached for additional Defendant/Respondent contact information

Important Information for the person receiving this form:

You have been sued.

Follow the instructions on the next page on how to appear/answer.

- If you do not appear/answer the court may decide the case without hearing from you and enter a judgment against you for what the plaintiff/petitioner is asking.
- Your written appearance/answer must be filed on time and in the proper form.
- Forms for a written appearance/answer are available here:
<http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/forms/approved/default.asp>

If you cannot afford to pay the fee for filing your appearance/answer, ask the circuit clerk for an *application for waiver of court fees*.

You should read all of the documents attached.

Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk: _____

In 4, the Circuit Clerk will give you the court date or appearance date, check any boxes that apply, and include the address of the court building and room where the Defendant/Respondent must file their response.

4. Instructions for person receiving this form (Defendant/Respondent):

To respond to this *Summons* you must:

- ☐ Go to court:
On this date: _____ at this time: _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.
Address: _____ Court Room: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
- ☐ File a written *Appearance* and *Answer/Response* with the court:
On or before this date: _____ at this time: _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____
- ☐ File a written *Appearance* and *Answer/Response* with the court within 30 days from the day you receive this *Summons* (listed below as the "Date of Service").
On this date: _____ at this time: _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP: _____

STOP!

The Circuit Clerk will fill in this section.

Witness this Date: _____

Seal of Court

Clerk of the Court: _____

STOP!

The officer or process server will fill in the Date of Service.

This *Summons* must be served within 30 days of its date, listed above.

Date of Service: _____

(Date to be entered by an officer or process server on the copy of this Summons left with the Defendant/Respondent or other person.)

Plaintiff/Petitioner:

To serve this *Summons*, you must hire the sheriff (or a private process server outside of Cook County) to deliver it and your Complaint/Petition to the Defendant/Respondent. If the sheriff (or private process server outside of Cook County) tries but can't serve the *Summons*, fill out another summons and repeat this process.

Attention:

E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.