

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DAVIDSON COUNTY  
20<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

- First
- Alias
- Pluries

CIVIL ACTION  
DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Service:

- Davidson Co. Sheriff
- Out of County Sheriff
- Secretary of State
- Certified Mail
- Personal Service

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\_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff

**Vs.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

You are summoned to appear and defend a civil action  Complaint of Divorce  Petition filed against you in the Circuit Court, 1 Public Square, Room 302, P.O. Box 196303, Nashville, TN 37219-6303, and your defense must be made within thirty (30) days from the date this summons is served upon you. You are further directed to file your defense with the Clerk of the Court and send a copy to the Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below. Also, you are summoned to appear at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and show cause \_\_\_\_\_

In case of your failure to defend this action by the above date, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**RICHARD R. ROOKER**

Circuit Court Clerk  
Davidson County, Tennessee

ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

or

PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS

Address

TO THE SHERIFF:

Please execute this summons and make your return hereon as provided by law.

**RICHARD R. ROOKER**

Circuit Court Clerk

Received this summons for service this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SHERIFF**



To request an ADA accommodation, please contact Dart Gore at (615) 880-3309.

**RETURN ON PERSONAL SERVICE OF SUMMONS**

I hereby certify and return that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I:

served this summons and complaint/petition on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in the following manner:

failed to serve this summons within 90 days after its issuance because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff/Process Server

**RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL**

I hereby certify and return, that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ I sent, postage prepaid by registered return receipt mail or certified return receipt mail, a certified copy of the summons and a copy of the complaint in Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_ to the defendant, \_\_\_\_\_. On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I received the return receipt for said registered or certified mail, which had been signed by \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Said return receipt is attached to this original summons and both documents are being sent herewith to the Circuit Court Clerk for filing.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS  
\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PLAINTIFF, PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR OTHER PERSON  
AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE TO SERVE PROCESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC or \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY CLERK

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE**

TO THE DEFENDANT(S):

Tennessee law provides a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) debtor's equity interest personal property exemption from execution or seizure to satisfy a judgment. If a judgment should be entered against you in this action and you wish to claim property as exempt, you must file a written list, under oath, of the items you wish to claim as exempt with the clerk of the court. The list may be filed at any time and may be changed by you thereafter as necessary; however, unless it is filed before the judgment becomes final, it will not be effective as to any execution or garnishment issued prior to the filing of the list. Certain items are automatically exempt by law and do not need to be listed; these include items of necessary wearing apparel (clothing) for yourself and your family and trunks or other receptacles necessary to contain such apparel, family portraits, the family Bible, and school books. Should any of these items be seized, you would have the right to recover them. If you do not understand your exemption right or how to exercise it, you may wish to seek the counsel of a lawyer.

ATTACH  
RETURN  
RECEIPT  
HERE  
(IF APPLICABLE)

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

I, Richard R. Rooker, Clerk of the Circuit Court in the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original summons issued in this case.

RICHARD R. ROOKER, CLERK

(To be completed only if  
copy certification required.)

By: \_\_\_\_\_ D.C.