

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT _____ COUNTY	COMPLAINT <i>(Damages of \$10,000 - \$50,000)</i>	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
Instructions ▼ Directly above, enter the name of the county where you are filing the case.	_____ Plaintiff <i>(First, middle, last name)</i> v. Defendants <i>(First, middle, last name or business name):</i> _____ _____ _____	_____ Case Number
Enter your name as Plaintiff.		
Enter the names of all people or businesses you are suing as Defendants.		
The Circuit Clerk will add a Case Number.		

In 1, enter your name.

In 2, enter the name and address of each Defendant.

If you are suing more than 2 Defendants, use the *Additional Defendants (Small Claims Complaint)* form and attach it.

In 3, enter the amount of money that is owed to you. Do not include court costs. Check **3a**, **3b**, or **3c**. If you have a written agreement, attach that contract or other document as proof of your agreement to this *Small Claims Complaint*, or explain why you cannot.

In 4, check the box if it applies.

- 1.** I, _____, am the Plaintiff.

First, Middle, Last
- 2.** Defendant's name and address is: _____

First, Middle, Last

Street, Unit # City State ZIP

Defendant #2's name and address is: _____

First, Middle, Last

Street, Unit # City State ZIP

I have listed additional Defendants on the attached *Additional Defendants (Small Claims Complaint)* form.
- 3.** Defendants owe me \$ _____ and (*check one*):

a. I have no written agreement with Defendants.

b. I have a written agreement with Defendants and it is attached.

c. I have a written agreement with Defendants but I have not attached it because:

- 4.** I have demanded payment of the amount listed in Section 3 and Defendants have failed to pay in full.

Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk: _____

In 5, enter the reasons why Defendant owes this money to you.

If you need more space, complete the *Additional Reasons (Small Claims Complaint)* form and check the box.

5. Defendants owe me this amount of money _____

Multiple horizontal lines for writing reasons.

I have attached an "Additional Reasons" form.

Under [Illinois Supreme Court Rule 137](#), your signature means that you have read the document, that to the best of your belief, it is true and correct and that you are not filing it for an improper purpose, such as to cause delay.

If you are completing this form on a computer, sign your name by typing it. If you are completing it by hand, sign and print your name.

Enter your complete address, telephone number and email address, if you have one.

 /s/
Your Signature

Print Your Name

Street Address

City, State, ZIP

Telephone

Email Address

Attorney # (if any)

GETTING COURT DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL: You should use an email account that you do not share with anyone else and that you check every day. If you do not check your email every day, you may miss important information, notice of court dates, or documents from other parties.

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. Below “Defendants/ Respondents,” enter the names of all people you are suing. Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk.	_____ Plaintiff / Petitioner (<i>First, middle, last name</i>) v. Defendants / Respondents (<i>First, middle, last name</i>) _____ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Alias Summons (<i>Check this box if this is not the 1st Summons issued for this Defendant.</i>)	_____ Case Number

IMPORTANT: You have been sued.

- Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an “Appearance” and a document called an “Answer/Response.” If you do not file an *Appearance* and *Answer/Response* on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case.
- All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk’s office or website.
- After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail.
- You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees.
- It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk’s office or visit the Court’s website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this.
- Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk’s office or website.
- ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

Plaintiff/Petitioner:

Do not use this form in these types of cases:

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| • All criminal cases | • Order of protection | • Adult guardianship |
| • Eviction | • Paternity | • Detinue |
| • Small Claims | • Stalking no contact orders | • Foreclosure |
| • Divorce | • Civil no contact orders | • Administrative review cases |

For eviction, small claims, divorce, and orders of protection, use the forms available at ilcourts.info/forms. If your case is a detinue, visit illinoislegalaid.org for help.

If you are suing more than 1 Defendant/Respondent, attach an *Additional Defendant/Respondent Address and Service Information* form for **each** additional Defendant/Respondent.

In **1a**, enter the name and address of the first Defendant/ Respondent you are serving. If you are serving a Registered Agent, include the Registered Agent's name and address here.

In **1b**, enter a second address for the first Defendant/ Respondent, if you have one.

In **1c**, check how you are sending your documents to this Defendant/ Respondent.

1. Defendant/Respondent's address and service information:

- a. Defendant/Respondent's primary address/information for service:
 Name (*First, Middle, Last*): _____
 Registered Agent's name, if any: _____
 Street Address, Unit #: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
- b. If you have more than one address where Defendant/Respondent might be found, list that here:
 Name (*First, Middle, Last*): _____
 Street Address, Unit #: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____
- c. Method of service on Defendant/Respondent:
 Sheriff Sheriff outside Illinois: _____
County & State
 Special process server Licensed private detective

Check here if you are serving more than 1 Defendant/ Respondent. Attach an *Additional Defendant/ Respondent Address and Service Information* form for each additional Defendant/Respondent and write the number of forms you attached.

In **2a**, enter the amount of money owed to you. Check **2b** if you are asking for the return of tangible personal property.

In **3**, enter your complete address, telephone number, and email address, if you have one.

- I am serving more than 1 Defendant/Respondent.**
 I have attached _____ *Additional Defendant/Respondent Address and Service Information* forms.
Number

2. Information about the lawsuit:

- a. Amount claimed: \$ _____
- b. I am asking for the return of tangible personal property (items in the Defendant/Respondent's possession).

3. Contact information for the Plaintiff/Petitioner:

Name (*First, Middle, Last*): _____
 Street Address, Unit #: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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Important information for the person getting this form

You have been sued. Read all of the documents attached to this *Summons*. To participate in the case, you must follow the instructions listed below. If you do not, the court may decide the case without hearing from you and you could lose the case. *Appearance* and *Answer/Response* forms can be found at: ilcourts.info/forms.

Check **4a** or **4b**. If Defendant/Respondent only needs to file an *Appearance* and *Answer/Response* within 30 days, check box **4a**. Otherwise, if the clerk gives you a court date, check box **4b**.

4. Instructions for person receiving this Summons (Defendant):

- a. To respond to this *Summons*, you must file *Appearance* and *Answer/Response* forms with the court within 30 days after you have been served (*not counting the day of service*) by e-filing or at:
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____

In 4a, fill out the address of the court building where the Defendant may file or e-file their Appearance and Answer/ Response.

In 4b, fill out:
•The court date and time the clerk gave you.
•The courtroom and address of the court building.
•The call-in or video information for remote appearances (if applicable).
•The clerk’s phone number and website.
All of this information is available from the Circuit Clerk.

b. Attend court:
On: _____ at _____ a.m. p.m. in _____
Date Time Courtroom

In-person at:

Courthouse Address City State ZIP

OR

Remotely (You may be able to attend this court date by phone or video conference.

This is called a “Remote Appearance”):

By telephone: _____
Call-in number for telephone remote appearance

By video conference: _____
Video conference website

Video conference log-in information (meeting ID, password, etc.)

Call the Circuit Clerk at: _____ or visit their website
Circuit Clerk’s phone number

at: _____ to find out more about how to do this.
Website

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

Note to officer or process server:

- If 4a is checked, this Summons must be served within 30 days of the witness date.
• If 4b is checked, this Summons must be served at least 21 days before the court date, unless 2b is also checked.
o If 4b and 2b are checked, the Summons must be served at least 3 days before the court date.

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

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****Stop. Do not complete the form. The sheriff or special process server will fill in the form. Give them one copy of this blank Proof of Service form for each Defendant/Respondent.****

My name is _____ **and I state** _____
First, Middle, Last

I served the Summons and Complaint/Petition on the Defendant/Respondent

_____ **as follows:**
First, Middle, Last

Personally on the Defendant/Respondent:

Male Female Non-Binary Approx. Age: _____ Race: _____
 On this date: _____ at this time: _____ a.m. p.m.
 Address, Unit#: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____

On someone else at the Defendant/Respondent's home who is at least 13 years old and is a family member or lives there:

On this date: _____ at this time: _____ a.m. p.m.
 Address, Unit#: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 And left it with: _____

First, Middle, Last

Male Female Non-Binary Approx. Age: _____ Race: _____
 and by sending a copy to this defendant in a postage-paid, sealed envelope to the above address on this date: _____

On the Corporation's agent, _____
First, Middle, Last

Male Female Non-Binary Approx. Age: _____ Race: _____
 On this date: _____ at this time: _____ a.m. p.m.
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____

I was not able to serve the *Summons* and Complaint/Petition on Defendant/Respondent:

First, Middle, Last

I made the following attempts to serve the *Summons* and Complaint/Petition on the Defendant/Respondent:

1. On this date: _____ at this time: _____ a.m. p.m.
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Other information about service attempt: _____

2. On this date: _____ at this time: _____ a.m. p.m.
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Other information about service attempt: _____

3. On this date: _____ at this time: _____ a.m. p.m.
 Address: _____
 City, State, ZIP: _____
 Other information about service attempt: _____

DO NOT complete this section. The sheriff or private process server will complete it.

If you are a special process server, sheriff outside Illinois, or licensed private detective, your signature certifies that everything on the *Proof of Service of Summons* is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You understand that making a false statement on this form could be perjury.

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#), making a statement on this form that you know to be false is perjury, a Class 3 Felony.

By: _____
Signature by: Sheriff
 Sheriff outside Illinois:

County and State
 Special process server
 Licensed private detective

FEES
 Service and Return: \$ _____
 Miles _____ \$ _____
 Total _____ \$ _____

Print Name

If *Summons* is served by licensed private detective or private detective agency:
 License Number: _____