

Notice and Order to Appear (Contempt)

Form 7

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The following numbers on these instructions correspond with the numbers in the boxes on the Order and Notice form.

- Box 1: Print the county in which you are filing your contempt petition. This is the same county where your custody order is filed.
- Box 2: Print the name of the plaintiff (the person who initiated the original action) exactly as it appears on all other forms in this action.
- Box 3: Print the case number that has been assigned to your case (this can be found on your custody complaint or order).
- Box 4: Print the name of the defendant (the person against whom the original action was filed) exactly as it appears on all other forms in this action.
- Box 5: **EACH COUNTY HAS PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A DATE FOR CONFERENCES OR HEARINGS. CHECK COUNTY RULES OR CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.**
- Box 6: **EACH COUNTY HAS DESIGNATED AN AGENCY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT LEGAL SERVICES. CHECK COUNTY RULES OR CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.**
- Box 7: Leave blank.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF _____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff

v

Defendant

NO. _____

IN CUSTODY

NOTICE AND ORDER TO APPEAR

Legal proceedings have been brought against you alleging you have willfully disobeyed an order of court for custody.

If you wish to defend against the claim set forth in the following pages, you may but are not required to file in writing with the court your defenses or objections.

Whether or not you file in writing with the court your defenses or objections, you must appear in person in court on _____ (day and date) at _____ (time) in Courtroom _____, _____ (address).

IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR IN PERSON, THE COURT MAY ISSUE A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.

If the court finds that you have willfully failed to comply with its order for legal custody or physical custody, you may be found to be in contempt of court and committed to jail, fined or both.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

(Name)

(Address)

(Telephone Number)

BY THE COURT

Date: _____

J.

