

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
20th JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
CHANCERY COURT

# SUMMONS

CASE FILE NUMBER

PLAINTIFF

DEFENDANT

vs.

TO: (NAME & ADDRESS OF DEFENDANT)

List each defendant on a separate summons.

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO DEFEND A CIVIL ACTION FILED AGAINST YOU IN CHANCERY COURT, DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE. YOUR DEFENSE MUST BE MADE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS SUMMONS IS SERVED UPON YOU. YOU ARE 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. IF YOU FAIL TO DEFEND THIS ACTION BY THE ABOVE DATE, JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT CAN BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE COMPLAINT.**

Attorney for plaintiff:  
(Name, address & telephone number)

FILED, ISSUED & ATTESTED

**CLAUDIA C. BONNYMAN, Clerk & Master**  
By: #2 Metro Courthouse  
Nashville, Tn. 37201

Deputy Clerk & Master

## NOTICE OF DISPOSITION DATE

The disposition date of this case is twelve months from date of filing. The case must be resolved or set for trial by this date, or it will be dismissed by the Court for failure to prosecute pursuant to T.R.C.P. 41.02 and Local Rule 37.

If you think the case will require more than one year to resolve or set for trial, you must send a letter to the Clerk and Master at the earliest practicable date asking for an extension of the disposition date and stating your reasons. Extensions will be granted only when exceptional circumstances exist.

TO THE SHERIFF:

Please execute this summons and make your return within thirty days of issuance as provided by law.

DATE RECEIVED

Sheriff

Submit two copies: service copy & defendant copy

**RETURN ON PERSONAL SERVICE OF SUMMONS**

I hereby certify and return that I served this summons together with the complaint as follows:

DATE OF PERSONAL SERVICE:

By: Sheriff

**RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL**

I hereby certify and return that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, 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 case# \_\_\_\_\_ to the defendant \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, I received the return receipt, which had been signed by \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_. The return receipt is attached to this original summons to be filed by the Chancery Court Clerk & Master.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Signature of  Notary Public or  Deputy Clerk

Signature of plaintiff, plaintiff's attorney or other person authorized by statute to serve process.

My Commission Expires:

**NOTICE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION**

TO THE DEFENDANT(S):  
Tennessee law provides a four thousand dollar (\$4,000.00) 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 your self 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)

Mail list to: Clerk & Master  
#2 Metro Courthouse  
Nashville, TN 37201

Please state file number on list.

**CERTIFICATION (IF APPLICABLE)**

I, Claudia Bonnyman, Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court in the State of Tennessee, Davidson County, do certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original summons issued in this case.

CLAUDIA BONNYMAN, Clerk & Master  
By: