

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF**

In re the Custody of:

Child(ren),

NO.

Petitioner(s),

**SUMMONS FOR NONPARENTAL
CUSTODY PROCEEDING
(SM)**

and

Respondent(s).

TO:

1. An action has been started against you in the above court requesting that the petitioner be granted custody of the following children:

Additional requests, if any, are stated in the petition, a copy of which is served upon you with this summons.

2. You must respond to this summons and petition by filing a written response with the clerk of the court and by serving a copy of your response on the person signing this summons. You must also complete the Washington Child Support Schedule Worksheets served with this summons. The completed worksheets must be filed and served with your written response.
3. Your written response to the summons and petition must be on form WPF CU 01.0300, Response to Nonparental Custody Petition. Information about how to get this form may be obtained by contacting the clerk of the court, by contacting the Administrative Office of the Courts at (360) 705-5328, or from the Internet at the Washington State Courts homepage:

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms>

4. If you do not file and serve your written response within 20 days (60 days if you are served outside of the state of Washington) after the date this summons was served on you, exclusive of the date of service, the court may, without further notice to you, enter a default judgment against you ordering the relief requested in the petition. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before an order of default may be entered.
5. You may demand that the other party file this action with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this summons. Within 14 days after you serve the demand, the other party must file this action with the court, or the service of this summons and petition will be void.
6. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time. Copies of these papers have not been served upon your attorney.
7. One method of serving your written response and completed worksheets is to send them by certified mail with return receipt requested.

This summons is issued pursuant to Superior Court Civil Rule 4.1 of the state of Washington.

Dated: _____

Signature of Lawyer or Petitioner

Print or Type Name

FILE ORIGINAL OF YOUR RESPONSE
WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT AT:

SERVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE ON:

Petitioner [You may list an address that is not your residential address where you agree to accept legal documents.]

Petitioner's Lawyer

[Name of Court]

[Name]

[Address]

[Address]
