

<b>STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT</b>  <b>COUNTY</b>		<b>SMALL CLAIMS SUMMONS</b>	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
<b>Instructions ▾</b>  Directly above, enter the name of the county where you are filing the case.  Enter your name as Plaintiff.  Enter the names of all people or businesses you are suing as Defendants.  Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk and the amount Defendants owe to you.		<b>Plaintiff</b> ( <i>First, middle, last name</i> )  v.  <b>Defendants</b> ( <i>First, middle, last name or business name</i> ):  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alias Summons</b> ( <i>Check this box if this is not the 1<sup>st</sup> Summons issued for this Defendant.</i> )	<b>Case Number</b>  <b>Amount Owed:</b> \$ _____ Enter amount of money owed to you as entered in section 3 of your complaint.

## **IMPORTANT: You have been sued.**

- Read all documents attached to this *Summons*.
- You MUST attend court on the date in this *Summons*. If you do not, the judge may decide the case without hearing from you. This is called “default.” As a result, you could lose the case.
- You may have to file a document called an *Appearance* that officially informs the court that you would like to participate in the case. If you do not file required court documents on time, the judge may decide the case without hearing from you. This is called “default.” As a result, you could lose the case.
- You do not have to file a document called an *Answer/Response* in a small claims case unless ordered to by the judge.
- All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://illinoislegalaid.org). All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://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](http://ilcourthelp.gov) para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

**Plaintiff:** *If you are suing more than 1 Defendant, fill out a Small Claims Summons form for each Defendant.*

In 1a, enter the name and address of a Defendant. If you are serving a Registered Agent, include the Registered Agent’s name and address here.

**1. Defendant's address and service information:**

- a. Defendant's primary address/information for service:

Name (*First, Middle, Last*): \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Agent's name, if \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In 1b, enter a second address for Defendant if you have one.

- b. If you have more than one address where Defendant might be found, list that here:

Name (*First, Middle, Last*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address, Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

In 1c, check how you are sending your documents to that Defendant.

- c. Method of service on Defendant

certified copy by certified or registered mail     sheriff    OR  
 special process server

In 2, enter your contact information.

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

**2. Contact information for the Plaintiff:**

Name (*First, Middle, Last*): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address, Apt #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**Important information for the person receiving this *Small Claims Summons* (Defendant):**

You have been sued. Read all the documents attached to this *Small Claims Summons*.

You must attend court on the court date below. The judge may want to have a trial on that day. If you do not attend, you could lose the case. If you are not ready for trial on your court date, you may ask the judge for more time. The judge does not have to give you more time.

In 3, the plaintiff should enter:

- The court date and time (this will be a date 40-61 days from filing).
- The address of the courthouse.
- The call-in or video conference information for remote appearances (if applicable).
- The clerk's phone number and website.

All of this information is available from the Circuit Clerk.

For more information about how to complete 3, see *How to File & Serve a Small Claims Complaint* at [ilcourts.info/forms](http://ilcourts.info/forms).

**STOP!**

The Circuit Clerk will fill in this section.

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The officer or process server will fill in the Date of Service.

**3. Instructions for the person receiving this *Small Claims Summons* (Defendant):**

You must attend court on the date below:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  a.m.  p.m. in \_\_\_\_\_ 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.  
*Circuit Clerk's website*

**Witness this Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ *Seal of Court*

**Clerk of the Court:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date of \_\_\_\_\_

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