{%p set answer\_title = “MOTION TO SHORTEN TIME FOR SERVICE AND HEARING” %}

{%p if opposing\_party\_consent %}

{%p set answer\_title\_full = "DEFENDANT'S CONSENT " +answer\_title %}

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{{ tenant\_doc\_name }} moves the Court to grant {{ tenant\_doc\_name }}’s request to shorten the time for service and hearing on the accompanying motions.

{% if opposing\_party\_consent %}The {{ landlord\_doc\_name }} consented to this motion. {% endif %}In support of this request, {{ tenant\_doc\_name }} states as follows:

Background

1. The case is set for trial on {{ trial\_date }} at {{ trial\_time }}.
2. Counsel for {{ tenant\_doc\_name }} was not retained until {{ date\_counsel\_retained }}, {{ days\_before\_trial }} trial.
3. {%p if may\_resolve\_case\_more\_efficiently %}
4. Issues contained in these motions if taken up by the court, may resolve the cases more efficiently. For example, if the case is continued, the overall time required for trial would likely be shortened, as issues could be narrowed.
5. {%p endif %}
6. {%p if no\_dilatory\_motive %}
7. There is no dilatory or unfair motive in the {{ tenant\_doc\_name }}’s request. The timeline of events illustrates the {{ tenant\_doc\_name }}’s counsel has had little time previously to submit any challenges to {{ landlord\_doc\_name }}'s petition.
8. {%p endif %}

Authority and Argument

1. The typical time for service and hearing on a motion is 5 days before the time specified for hearing. See Rule 44.01(d). However, this time can be altered “by order of the Court.” Id. The Court may even alter these time limits on an ex parte application upon a showing of good cause by the requesting party.

For the reasons stated herein, {{ tenant\_doc\_name }} requests the Court grant {{ tenant\_doc\_name }}’s Motion to Shorten Time for Service and Hearing on the {{ tenant\_doc\_name }}’s Motions set forth above and for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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