

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY COURT  
Domestic Relations Branch**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT PLAINTIFF'S NAME

PLAINTIFF, \_\_\_\_\_ DRB \_\_\_\_\_  
v.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT DEFENDANT'S NAME

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

DEFENDANT.

**MOTION FOR CONTEMPT**  
**Does the Other Party Consent to this Motion?** ☐ yes ☐ no

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the ☐ PLAINTIFF ☐ DEFENDANT in this case.  
PRINT YOUR NAME

1. This Court has the authority to decide my request for a finding of contempt.
2. An Order was entered in this case on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF ORDER
3. The other party has violated the following part of the Order: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
  - ☐ Legal Custody
  - ☐ Physical Custody
  - ☐ Visitation
  - ☐ Alimony
  - ☐ Distribution of marital property
  - ☐ Distribution of marital debt
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. This is how the other party violated the Order:

## Request for Relief

**I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that** [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- ☐ The Court grant my Motion for Contempt and enter appropriate sanctions.
- ☐ The Court issue a Notice of Motion at the time I file this Motion for Contempt.  
[CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE FILING THIS MOTION **60 DAYS OR MORE AFTER THE FINAL ORDER** IN THIS CASE]
- ☐ The Court issue a Notice of Hearing and Order Directing Appearance (NHODA).  
[CHECK THIS BOX ONLY **IF YOU WANT THE COURT TO HAVE THE POWER TO ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT** IF THE OTHER PARTY DOES NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING ON THIS MOTION]

**I ALSO REQUEST that the Court award any other relief it considers fair and proper.**

I ☐ Do ☐ Do NOT request an oral hearing in front of the judge on this motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE (mm/dd/yyyy)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS

☐ **SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS:** CHECK BOX IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS BECAUSE YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly swear or affirm under criminal penalties for the making of a false statement that I have read the foregoing Motion for Contempt and that the factual statements made in it are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT YOUR NAME

## **POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR CONTEMPT**

In support of this Motion, I refer to:

1. Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 4(a)(1), 7(b)(1)(A), and 70.
2. D.C. Code §§ 11-944, 15-320, 16-911(a) and 16-916(d).
3. The record in this case.
4. The attached supporting document(s), if any.

[LIST ANY DOCUMENTS THAT YOU ARE ATTACHING]

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
for Motions for Contempt of Court**

HOW YOU SERVE THIS MOTION FOR CONTEMPT ON THE OTHER PARTY DEPENDS ON WHETHER YOU REQUESTED AND RECEIVED A NOTICE OF MOTION OR NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER DIRECTING APPEARANCE (NHODA) WHEN YOU FILED YOUR MOTION FOR CONTEMPT.

**“Notice of Motion” Service:  
How to Serve if the Final Order in this Case Was Issued 60 or More Days Ago**

IF YOU REQUESTED AND RECEIVED A NOTICE OF MOTION WHEN YOU FILED THIS MOTION FOR CONTEMPT, YOU MUST SERVE THE NOTICE OF MOTION ON THE OTHER PARTY WITH A COPY OF THIS MOTION.

YOU MUST SERVE THE OTHER PARTY BEFORE THE HEARING ON YOUR MOTION.

AFTER YOU SERVE THE OTHER PARTY, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PORTION FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NOTICE OF MOTION AND FILE IT WITH THE FAMILY COURT CENTRAL INTAKE CENTER.

**“NHODA” Service:  
How to Serve if You Want the Court to Be Able to Issue a Bench Warrant**

IF YOU REQUESTED AND RECEIVED A NHODA WHEN YOU FILED THIS MOTION FOR CONTEMPT, YOU MUST PERSONALLY SERVE THE NHODA ON THE OTHER PARTY WITH A COPY OF THIS MOTION.

YOU MUST SERVE THE OTHER PARTY BEFORE THE HEARING ON YOUR MOTION.

AFTER YOU SERVE THE OTHER PARTY, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PORTION FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NHODA AND FILE IT WITH THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS CLERK’S OFFICE.

**“Rule 5” Service:  
How to Serve if Your Case is Still Open and  
You Do Not Care if the Court is Able to Issue a Bench Warrant**

I certify that I served a copy of my Motion for Contempt to the other party or the other party's attorney on \_\_\_\_\_.  
PRINT DATE OF SERVICE

The papers were delivered [CHECK ONE]

☐ by handing it to the other party

☐ by first class mail to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

☐ by fax to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
FAX NUMBER

☐ by leaving a copy at the other party's workplace with a clerk or person in charge, or because there was no one in charge, by leaving it in a conspicuous place:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

☐ by leaving a copy at the other party's home with a person of suitable age and discretion who lives there:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME OF PERSON SERVED WITH PAPERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGN YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY COURT**

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

\_\_\_\_\_ ,

**Defendant.**

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**Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of the Motion to \_\_\_\_\_ filed by the  
Plaintiff/Defendant and any opposition thereto, it is, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_\_, HEREBY

ORDERED, that the Motion is granted; and it is further

ORDERED, that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE

cc:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff's address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's address