


STATE OF TENNESSEE 30th JUDICIAL DISTRICT CHANCERY/CIRCUIT COURT	DIVORCE SUMMONS**	DOCKET NUMBER _____
Plaintiff _____	Defendant _____	
TO: (NAME AND ADDRESS OF DEFENDANT) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____		Method of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Shelby County Sheriff <input type="checkbox"/> Private Process Server <input type="checkbox"/> Out of County Sheriff* <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary of State* <input type="checkbox"/> Comm. Of Insurance* <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Other *Attach Required Fees
You are summoned to defend a civil action filed against you in the Chancery/Circuit Court of Shelby County, Tennessee. Your defense to this action must be made within thirty (30) days from the date this summons is served upon you. You must file your defense with the Clerk of the Court and send a copy to the Plaintiff/ Plaintiff's attorney at the address listed below. If you fail to defend this action within thirty (30) days of service, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint. Questions regarding this summons and the attached documents should be addressed to the Attorney/Plaintiff listed below.		
Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff if filing Pro Se: (Name, address & telephone number) _____ _____ _____ _____	ISSUED _____ of _____, 20 _____ <div style="text-align: center;"> W. AARON HALL, Clerk and Master Temika D. Gipson, Clerk By: _____ Deputy Clerk 140 Adams Memphis, TN 38103 </div>	
TO THE SHERIFF: _____ _____	Came to hand _____ day of _____, 20 _____ Sheriff	
CERTIFICATION (IF APPLICABLE)		
I, W. AARON HALL, Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court/Temika D. Gipson, Clerk of Circuit Court in the State of Tennessee, Shelby County, do certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original summons issued in this case.	W. AARON HALL, Clerk & Master/Temika D. Gipson, Clerk By: _____ Deputy Clerk	

**Submit one original and one copy for each defendant to be served.

 **If you need accommodations because of a disability, please call the ADA Coordinator at (901)222-2357.**
For questions regarding scheduling or filing, please contact the court.

Notice of Personal Property Exemption:

TO THE DEFENDANT(S):

Tennessee law provides a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000.00) 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 yourself 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. Please state docket number on list.

RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

I hereby certify that I **HAVE** served the within summons:

By delivering on the _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____ am/pm a copy of the summons and a copy of the Complaint to the following Defendant _____ at _____

Signature of person accepting service _____ By: _____ Sheriff or other authorized person to serve process

RETURN OF NON-SERVICE OF SUMMONS

I hereby certify that I **HAVE NOT** served the within summons:

To the named defendant _____ because _____ is (are) not to be found in this county after diligent search and inquiry for the following reason(s): _____.

This _____ day of _____, 20____. By: _____ Sheriff or other authorized person to serve process

RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL

I hereby certify and return that on the _____ day of _____, 20____, 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 _____, 20____, I received the return receipt, which had been signed by _____ on the _____ day of _____, 20____. The return receipt is attached to this original summons to be filed by the Clerk.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____.
Signature of _____ Notary Public or _____ Deputy Court Clerk:

My Commission Expires:

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

ATTACH RETURN
RECEIPT HERE
(IF APPLICABLE)