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

_____
PRINT PLAINTIFF'S NAME

PLAINTIFF, DR _____

v.

_____ Judge _____
PRINT DEFENDANT'S NAME

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

_____
STREET ADDRESS

_____
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

_____
TELEPHONE NUMBER

☐ SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS: CHECK BOX IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER 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,	:	**Case No: _____**
v.	:	**Judge: _____**
_____,	:	
Defendant.	:	

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

_____