

PETITION FOR RULE TO SHOW CAUSE AND INTRUCTIONS

Purpose

This information is meant for parties who want to enforce any provisions of a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage or Order that was previously entered by a judge. For this Petition for Rule to Show Cause to Apply, there must be a specific act that the other party was ordered to do by a judge, and that party failed to comply with his/her obligation. For example, if your ex-spouse is not making child support payments even though he/she was ordered to do so by a judge in your Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage, you may file a Petition for Rule to Show Cause with the court. By filing the Petition for Rule to Show Cause with the court, you are saying that you have tried (and failed) to work things out with your ex-spouse. You are also asking the court to make your ex-spouse appear in court and to explain why he/she did not comply with the order. You cannot use this form if all you want to do is change or modify a provision of the Judgment or the Order.

How to File the Petition at Court

To file the Petition for Rule to Show Cause at court:

- 1) Make three copies of the Petition for Rule to Show Cause.
- 2) Make three copies of your Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage, or the order you are trying to enforce.
- 3) If the order was entered as part of your divorce case, go to Room 802 of the Richard J. Daley Center at Clark and Randolph Streets in Chicago. If your order was entered as part of your paternity case, then go to Room 200 at 28 North Clark Street.
- 4) Go to the Motion Counter and get a Motion Slip. Write the name of your case, the case number, and the title of your petition in the spaces on the motion slip.
- 5) If at the Daley Center: Give the motion slip to the clerk at the Motion Counter. The clerk will tell you who your judge is and your court date. Then go to the Filing Counter and give your petition to the filing clerk. They will keep the original and give you back stamped copies.
- 6) If at 28 N. Clark: Give the clerk your motion slip and Petition. The clerk will tell you who your judge is and your court date. The clerk will keep your original Petition and give you back stamped copies.

How to Complete the Form

You have two choices. You can fill in the form on your computer and then print the form. Or, you can print the form from your computer and fill in the form with a pen or typewriter.

To use your computer to fill in the form, move your mouse over the lines you need to fill in and start typing your information. If you want to erase all of the

information you have typed in the form, click on the “form reset” button on the last page of the form.

Please note that you cannot type in the spaces where your signature is required.

Each numbered instruction corresponds to the same number on the Petition for Rule to Show Cause Form.

Note: to say that your ex-spouse’s action have been “willful, contumacious and without just cause,” means that your ex-spouse had no good reason for not paying child support.

- 1) Insert your name.
- 2) Insert the case number that was on your Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage. Or, if you are trying to enforce an order from the court, attach a copy of the order to this petition.
- 3) Insert the name of your ex-spouse.
- 4) Insert your name.
- 5) Insert the name of your ex-spouse.
- 6) Insert “he” is your ex-spouse is male. Insert “she” is your ex-spouse is female.
- 7) Insert “he” is your ex-spouse is male. Insert “she” is your ex-spouse is female.
- 8) Insert the date on your Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage, or the date of the Order that you are trying to enforce.
- 9) Insert the date on your Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage, or the date of the Order that you are trying to enforce.
- 10) Insert the part of the Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage (or Order) that is being violated by the other party.
- 11) Insert the name of your ex-spouse.
- 12) List the dates that your ex-spouse violated the Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage (or Order) and how he/she violated it. For example, “child support was not paid on March 3, 2003 and May 3, 2003.”
- 13) Insert the name of your ex-spouse.
- 14) Insert your name.
- 15) Insert the name of your ex-spouse.
- 16) Insert “he” is your ex-spouse is male. Insert “she” is your ex-spouse is female.
- 17) Insert “he” is your ex-spouse is male. Insert “she” is your ex-spouse is female.
- 18) Insert “he” is your ex-spouse is male. Insert “she” is your ex-spouse is female.
- 19) Insert “him” is your ex-spouse is a male; insert “her” is your ex-spouse is a female.
- 20) Sign the form here.

- 21) Sign and date the form here. This oath swears that everything you stated in the petition is true.
- 22) Insert your name.
- 23) Insert your address.
- 24) Insert your phone number.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

(1) _____,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
AND)	No.(2) _____
)	
(3) _____,)	
Respondent.)	

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(4) _____, petitions this Honorable Court, pursuant to Statute, to enter a Rule requiring (5) _____ to Show Cause, if any (6) _____ has, why (7) _____ should not be held in contempt of this Court for violating its Order of (8) _____, and states that the following is true and correct.

1. That I am the Petitioner in this cause.
2. That a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage (or order) was entered on (9) _____ which awarded the following: (10)

_____.
3. That (11) _____ violated that Order as follows:
(12) _____

_____.
4. That I have tried numerous times, without success to remedy the situation.
5. That (13) _____ actions are willful, contumacious and without just cause.
6. A copy of the Judgment (or court order) is attached to this Petition for Rule to Show Cause.

WHEREFORE, (14) _____ seeks the following relief:

A. That this Court issue a rule requiring (15) _____ To appear and show cause, if any (16) _____ has, Why (17) _____ should not be held in contempt of this Court, and if (18) _____ is found to be in contempt that the Court punish (19) _____ by fine or imprisonment.

B. That this Court award any further and additional relief it deems just.

(20) _____
Signature

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS.
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Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that she/he verily believes the same to be true.

(21) _____
Signature Date

(22) _____

Pro Se

(23) _____

(24) _____