

The court fills in all of the information on the first page. Then gives or mails the summons to the plaintiff. The plaintiff gives this summons and the complaint to a constable or deputy sheriff to "serve" on the defendant. The summons is a notice **from** the court **to** the Defendant.

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| <b>DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUMMONS</b>   | Docket No.<br><i>PL09W1525WD</i>   | <b>Commonwealth of Massachusetts<br/>The Trial Court<br/>Probate and Family Court</b> |
| <i>Pat M. O'Brian (the plaintiff)</i>   |  | <i>Gerry K. Jones (the defendant)</i>   |
| To the above named Defendant:   | Plymouth Probate and Family Court<br>52 Obery Street<br>Plymouth, MA 0236<br>(508)747-6204 |   |
| You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:   |  |   |
| Robert Emmet Dinsmore ( <i>plaintiff's attorney</i> )<br>118 Willard Street<br>Quincy, MA 02169   |  |   |
| <div style="border: 2px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p style="color: blue; margin: 0;">If you are the defendant:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If you are going to "answer" the complaint</li> <li>2. You need to give a copy of your answer to the plaintiff's lawyer or the plaintiff – whoever is listed here.</li> <li>3. You need to file your answer at the court on this page, and</li> <li>4. You have 20 days after you get this summons to do these things.</li> <li>5. If you do not answer, the court will not wait for you. There will still be a hearing and decision.</li> </ol> </div> |  |   |
| <p>a copy of your answer to the complaint for <b>Support</b> which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this court at the above named court, either before service upon Plaintiff or Plaintiff's attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.</p>  |  |   |

**WITNESS, Hon. Catherine P Sabaitis, First Justice of this Court.**

Date: April 16, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_ Register of Probate

**ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE**

I, Defendant's name the above named Defendant hereby accept service of this summons and understand that judgment may be rendered against me in accordance with the complaint, a copy of which I have received this day.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Defendant \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTARIZATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ ss Date \_\_\_\_\_

Then personally appeared the above named \_\_\_\_\_ who made oath that the foregoing acceptance was his free act and deed.

Signature of Notary \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

If a deputy sheriff or constable serves the defendant, the deputy sheriff or constable fills in this section and gives the Proof of Service back to the plaintiff. Then the plaintiff gives the Proof of Service to the court.

## DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUMMONS

Docket No.  
PLO9W1525WD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

### PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify and return that on \_\_\_\_\_ I served a copy of within summons,  
(date)  
together with a copy of the complaint in this action upon the within named defendant by:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(method of service)

Signed under the penalties of perjury

Date of service: \_\_\_\_\_

The date the sheriff signs the proof of service.

This is the date the deputy sheriff or constable serves the defendant. The same date goes in both places.

**Method of service** – how the deputy sheriff or constable “served” the defendant, like certified mail, or registered mail. If given to the defendant in person, this will say “by hand.”

Deputy sheriff’s or constable’s signature goes here.