

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CUSTODY SPECIAL RELIEF

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1. This packet does not constitute legal advice. If you have any questions, you should seek the advice of an attorney. Employees and staff at the Courthouse are not able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact an attorney.
2. The caption always remains the same as the original Custody Complaint, regardless of which party is filing subsequent petitions. (If you were originally the Plaintiff, you will always be listed as Plaintiff; If you were originally the Defendant, you will always be listed as Defendant.)
3. Documents must be fully completed. Every paragraph needs filled out. Do not leave any information blank. Paragraph #5 should specify information describing the special relief requested, specifying details.
4. Circle the appropriate reference of (Plaintiff)/(Defendant) and (Mother/Father).
5. Fill out the forms completely and in detail and file with the Prothonotary's Office.
6. After you file the forms with the Prothonotary's Office, the forms will be delivered to the Court Administrator's Office for the Judge to review, approved and sign the Orders of Court.
7. After having been signed by the Judge, the Prothonotary will mail copies to the Plaintiff and Defendant with the date of the Custody Contempt Hearing on the Order of Court.
8. As indicated above, please complete the necessary forms in detail. You must sign all forms filed with the Prothonotary. Please sign where indicated.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff(s)

Vs

No. _____ of _____ C.A.

Defendant(s)

EMERGENCY PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF

AND NOW, (Plaintiff)/(Defendant), _____ files this

Emergency Petition for Special Relief and avers as follows:

1. Plaintiff is _____ (Mother)/(Father) who currently resides at _____.
2. Defendant is _____ (Mother)/(Father) who currently resides at _____.
3. The parties hereto are the parents of the following minor child/children, who currently reside at _____.
4. On _____, 20 _____, the Honorable Judge _____, entered an Order of Custody in the Court of Common Pleas of Lawrence County, Pennsylvania. A true and correct copy of said Order of Court is marked Exhibit "A" attached and made a part hereof.
5. Pursuant to said Order of Court, the following special relief is requested by (Plaintiff)/(Defendant). **Specifically, set forth the special relief requested, specify details here:**

WHEREFORE, (Plaintiff)/(Defendant) respectfully requests that this Honorable Court order (Plaintiff)/(Defendant) to grant the relief requested in this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff(s)

Vs

No. _____ of _____ C.A.

ORDER

AND NOW, this _____ of _____, 20 _____, upon consideration of (Plaintiff's)/(Defendant's) Petition for Special Relief and avers as follows:

You, _____, (Plaintiff)/(Defendant), have been sued in court.

You are ordered to appear in person at the Lawrence County Government Center, 430 Court Street, New Castle, PA 16101, and Courtroom # _____ on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____ at _____ o'clock _____ .m. for

- a conciliation or mediation conference
- a pretrial conference
- a hearing before the court

If you fail to appear as provided by this order, an order for custody, partial custody or visitation may be entered against you or the court may issue a warrant for your arrest.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER (OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE), GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW (TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP). THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER, IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

LAWYER REFERRAL
LAWRENCE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
430 COURT STREET
NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA 16101
(724) 656-1921

Date: _____

BY THE COURT: _____ J.