

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Plaintiff

"X" the court for filing:

Superior Court District Court

County: _____

Location (Town): _____

Docket No.: _____

V.

Defendant

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT, POST-JUDGMENT MOTION,
OR NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT**

M.R. Civ. P. 4(c)(1)

Please sign the acknowledgment below and return this form to the sender in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope so the sender will get it within 20 days from the day it was mailed to you. If you do not do this, you may be required by the Court to pay for the cost of having the sheriff serve the Summons and Complaint, or Post-Judgment Motion, or Notice of Registration of Foreign Judgment on you.

(If you are the party **sending** this document to serve the opposing party, **keep a copy of this form and a copy of the documents you are serving for your records.**)

STATEMENT

By signing, dating and returning this form, I state that I received a copy of the Summons and Complaint, the Post-Judgment Motion, or Notice of Registration of Foreign Judgment with accompanying documents and that I understand the applicable statements below.

AS TO CIVIL CASES, I understand that if I do not file an answer to the Complaint or an objection to the Motion within the time limits established by statute or court rule and appear at all court conferences and hearings, then a judgment may be entered against me in my absence, and Plaintiff or the moving party may request that other orders be entered against me.

AS TO INTITIAL FAMILY MATTERS (DIVORCE, PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PARENTAGE, GRANDPARENTS' VISITATION RIGHTS, JUDICIAL SEPARATION, ANNULMENT, AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS UNDER 19-A M.R.S. § 1658) AND POST-JUDGMENT MOTIONS ARISING FROM THOSE ACTIONS, I understand that:

- If I was served with a complaint or petition, I may file an answer, counterclaim, or response (forms FM-186, FM-187, FM-229, or FM-225 are available for this at the clerk's office or at www.courts.maine.gov) within 21 days of being served. If I am filing response to a petition for grandparent visitation rights or a complaint for de facto parentage, I must file an affidavit with my response;

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- If I was served with a post-judgment motion, I understand that I may file a cross-motion or objection within 21 days of being served, except that I may file a response to a motion to modify only child support within 30 days after being served;
- If I do not want to file an answer, counterclaim, response, cross-motion, or objection, but I do want to be heard on issues applicable to my case including parental rights and responsibilities, child support, spousal support, attorney fees, and the division of marital and non-marital property, I must (1) appear at all court conferences and hearings, and (2) file an Entry of Appearance (form FM-020) if I am not represented by an attorney; and
- If I do not enter an appearance or appear at court, judgment may be entered against me in my absence, and the plaintiff or petitioner may request that other orders be entered against me.

AS TO NOTICES OF REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT, I have read the Notice of Registration (form CV-FM-110) and understand that if I want to contest the validity of the registered foreign judgment, I must request a hearing within the time specified on the Notice of Registration using the Request for Hearing Form (form CV-FM-203). I understand that if I do not contest the validity or enforcement of the registered foreign judgment, the court will confirm and enforce the judgment, including any alleged arrearages, and I will not be able to contest the judgment later.

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

▶ _____
Signature

Printed Name: _____

Attorney for: _____

Bar No. (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

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