

IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR
WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: _____

Defendant.

State of Florida:
Notice to Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s):

TO: _____

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that you are required to appear in person or by attorney at the Wakulla County Courthouse in Courtroom #B, located at 3056 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida, on _____ at _____ a.m., for a **PRETRIAL CONFERENCE** before a Judge of this Court.

**IMPORTANT- READ CAREFULLY
THE CASE WILL NOT BE TRIED AT THAT TIME.
DO NOT BRING WITNESSES-APPEAR IN PERSON OR BY ATTORNEY**

The defendant(s) must appear in court on the date specified in order to avoid a default judgment. The plaintiff(s) must appear to avoid having the case dismissed for lack of prosecution. A written **MOTION** or **ANSWER** to the court by the plaintiff(s) or the defendant(s) shall not excuse the personal appearance of a party or its attorney in the **PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**. The date and time of the Pretrial Conference **CANNOT** be rescheduled without good cause and prior court approval.

The purpose of the Pretrial Conference is to record your appearance, to determine if you admit all or part of the claim, to enable the court to determine the nature of the case, and to set the case for trial if the case cannot be resolved at the Pretrial Conference. You and your attorney should be prepared to confer with the court and to explain briefly the nature of your dispute, state what efforts have been made to settle the dispute, exhibit any documents necessary to prove the case, state the names and addresses of your witnesses, stipulate to the facts that will require no proof and will expedite the trial and estimate how long it will take to try the case.

If you admit the claim, but desire additional time to pay, you must come and state the circumstances to the court. The court may or may not approve a payment plan and withhold judgment or execution or levy.

RIGHT TO VENUE. The law gives the person or company who has sued you the right to file in any one of several places as listed below. However, if you have been sued in any place other than one of these places, you, as the defendant(s), have the right to request that the case be moved to a proper location or venue. A proper location or venue may be one of the following: (1) where the contract was entered into; (2) if the suit is on an unsecured promissory note, where the note is signed or where the maker resides; (3) if the suit is to recover property or to foreclose a lien, where the property is located; (4) where the event giving rise to the suit occurred; (5) where any one or more of the defendants sued reside; (6) any location agreed to in a contract; (7) in an action for money due, if there is no agreement as to where suit may be filed, where payment is to be made.

If you, as the defendant(s), believe the plaintiff(s) has/have not sued in one of these correct places, you must appear on your court date and orally request a transfer, or you must file a WRITTEN request for transfer in affidavit form (sworn to under oath) with the court seven (7) days prior to your first court date and send a copy to the plaintiff(s) or plaintiff(s') attorney, if any.

A copy of the statement of claim shall be served with this summons.

Dated at Crawfordville, Wakulla County, Florida, on_____.

BRENT X. THURMOND
Clerk of the Court

By: _____
Deputy Clerk