# EX PARTE MOTION FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS

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### **EX PARTE MOTION FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS**

### PACKET E-4

#### Use this packet only if <u>all</u> of the following statements are true:

You have filed a complaint/petition in the Second Judicial District Court.

You have been unable to serve the documents on the other party.

You have been unable to find the other party.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS**

Carefully read all instructions before starting to fill out any of the forms. Use **black or blue ink only**. Neatly print the information requested. Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. Ex Parte Motion for Publication of Summons and Declaration of Due Diligence in Support of Publication
- 2. Request for Submission
- 3. Order for Publication
- 4. Proof of Mailing
- 5. Proof of Publication
- 6. Request for Submission

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1**

## Complete the Ex Parte Motion for Publication of Summons and Declaration of Due Diligence in Support of Publication as Shown:



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2**

#### Complete the Request for Submission as Shown:

You will attach the Order to the Request for Submission using the Index of Exhibits and Exhibit Cover Page. When you upload your documents to eFlex you will upload the Request for Submission and Index of Exhibits as one PDF.



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3**

#### **Complete the Order for Publication as Shown:**

You will attach the Order to the Request for Submission using the Index of Exhibits and Exhibit Cover Page. When you upload your documents to eFlex you will upload the Exhibit Cover Page and Order for Publication as one PDF.



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4**

#### **Electronically Filing the Documents**

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at <u>https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/</u>, in the Law Library and the Resource Center.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Ex Parte Motion;
- Request for Submission and Exhibit Index; and
- Exhibit Cover Page and Order for Publication (as an exhibit \*\*continuation to the Request for Submission).

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. Filestamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available at the Law Library and the Resource Center.

There is no filing fee charged when you file these documents.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5**

#### Wait

After you file the Ex Parte Motion and Request for Submission, the documents will be sent to the judge to determine whether you have shown that a serious attempt to locate the other party has been made. If you have, the judge will issue an Order for Publication that will detail where you will need to publish. If you have not, the judge will issue an order denying the request for publication and detailing why it was denied.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6**

## Skip this step, if the Order from the judge **does not** direct you to send a copy to the other party.

#### **Complete the Proof of Mailing as Shown:**

If the judge issues an Order directing you to mail a copy of the Summons and complaint or petition; you must mail a copy to the last-known address of the other party.

If you send the documents by certified mail, return receipt requested, you must attach to the Proof of Mailing the return receipt given to you by the post office. You will attach the return receipt to this document using the Index of Exhibits and Exhibit Cover Page. When you upload your documents to eFlex you will upload the Proof of Mailing and Index of Exhibits as one PDF.



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7**

#### **Publishing the Summons**

After you receive the Order for Publication, you will need to bring to the newspaper/periodical of general circulation ordered by the court a copy of 1) the file-stamped Summons and 2) the Order for Publication. The publication must be done once a week for a period of four weeks.

#### The Affidavit of Publication

The newspaper/periodical will send you a document that you will file with the court to prove that you completed the publication. This document is the Affidavit of Publication; it should include an image of the publication. Contact the newspaper/periodical if it does not.

#### INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8 Complete the Proof of Publication as Shown:



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 9**

Complete the Request for Submission as Shown:



#### **INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 10**

#### **Electronically Filling the Documents**

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- Proof of Mailing;
- Proof of Publication and Index of Exhibits;
- Exhibit Cover Page and Affidavit of Publication (as an Exhibit \*\*continuation of Proof of Publication); and
- Request for Submission.

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**INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 11** 

#### Wait

The other party has 21 days to file a response with the court. Start counting the 21 days four weeks after the first day of publication. If you mailed a copy of the documents to the last-known address of the other party *after* publication; the 21 days begins the day after mailing.

- If they do not file a response in that time period, you can request a default decree be entered. To do that you will need to fill out a default packet. The packet is available at the Resource Center, the Law Library, or online at <u>www.washoecourts.com</u>.
- If they do respond, the case is put on a "trial track". You can seek help and guidance from a private attorney or procedural information from the Resource Center or the Law Library for the next step in your case.

#### ATTENTION

A decree is not automatically granted at the end of the time for the answer to be filed.

You must follow-up on your case and file the default packet if the other party does not file an answer or your case may be dismissed.

#### Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. **The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice** but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

#### LAWYER IN THE LIBRARY

Sign up on our website: <u>https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary</u> For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

#### NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV 89501 775-284-3491 – leave a message, if necessary https://nevadalegalservices.org

#### NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary <u>https://nnlegalaid.org</u>

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