

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
SUMMONS**

**CHANCERY COURT**

AT  
(KINGSPORT) (BLOUNTVILLE) (BRISTOL)  
TENNESSEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(     )

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon \_\_\_\_\_,  
Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you within thirty (30) days  
after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the  
relief demanded in the complaint.

Filed, tested, and issued this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

**KATHERINE PRIESTER**  
*Clerk & Master*

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Deputy Clerk & Master*

Received this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Sheriff

**RETURN**

I, certify and return that I:

Served this summons together with the complaint as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Failed to serve this summons within ninety (90) days after its issuance because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Deputy Sheriff*

**ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept service of process in this case as fully and in all  
respects, as though I had been personally served by a Deputy Sheriff of Sullivan County, and I acknowledge that I received a copy of the summons  
and complaint in this case.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

*Witness*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Defendant*

**NOTICE**

**TO THE DEFENDANT(S):**

Tennessee law provides a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) personal property exemption from execution or seizure to satisfy a judgment. If a judgment should be entered  
against you in this action and you wish to claim property as exempt, you must file a written list, under oath, of the items you wish to claim as exempt with the clerk of  
the court. The list may be filed at any time and may be changed by you thereafter as necessary; however, *unless it is filed before the judgment becomes final, it will not  
be effective as to any execution or garnishment issued prior to the filing of the list.* Certain items are automatically exempt by law and do not need to be listed; these  
include items of necessary wearing apparel (clothing) for yourself and your family and trunks or other receptacles necessary to contain such apparel, family portraits,  
the family Bible, and school books. Should any of these items be seized you would have the right to recover them. If you do not understand your exemption right or  
how to exercise it, you may wish to seek the counsel of a lawyer.