

CONTEMPT
Instructions for Packet 19
(For Responding Parties)

Notice about these instructions and forms.

These instructions are not a complete statement of the law. They cover basic procedure for uncomplicated family law cases. For legal information, please talk to a lawyer or visit your local law library.

The instructions may refer to some forms not included in this packet. If you have a question about a form you cannot locate, you should consult your local court which may have the form available.

IMPORTANT: Check with your local court or your court's family law facilitator to make sure you have followed the procedures and used the correct forms for your court. Many courts have their own forms and rules. Information about how to contact your local court may be found at the Oregon Judicial Department website: <http://www.courts.oregon.gov>.

STEP ONE - Filling Out the Response

- Fill out the form called "PETITIONER'S /RESPONDENT'S AFFIDAVIT RESPONDING TO EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: CONTEMPT (RESPONSE).
- If you AGREE with all or part of the requested relief, complete Paragraph 1. If you agree with only part of the requested relief, explain what you disagree with in the portion of Paragraph 1 that begins: "□ except as follows: _____." Do NOT complete Paragraph 2.
- If you DO NOT AGREE with the requested relief, complete Paragraph 2 by marking the same boxes that appear in the other party's MOTION and explaining why you disagree with each request.
- If you were unable to comply with the court's order or judgment, explain why in Paragraph 3.
- Make two copies of your forms. One is for your records and the other is to send to the other party. Sign the copies for the other party where it says "I certify this is a true copy."

STEP 2 - Filing and Mailing the Forms

- File your response with the circuit court. Mail a copy of your RESPONSE to the other party, or his/her attorney. Fill out the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING form and file it with the court.

STEP 3 - The Court's Ruling on the Motion

- **Show up and attend the hearing at the time it is scheduled.** During the hearing, the judge may issue a judgment or order of further appearance. **IMPORTANT: If you do not attend the hearing, the court may issue a warrant to compel your appearance.** The judge will either grant or deny the relief requested in whole or in part.