

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

_____))
Plaintiff/Petitioner,)
vs.) Gen. No. _____)
_____))
Defendant/Respondent)

PETITION AND ORDER TO SUE OR DEFEND AS AN INDIGENT PERSON

_____, filing a Petition to Sue or Defend as an Indigent Person, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 298 and Section 5/5-105 of the Code of Civil Procedure on oath states:

1. I am an indigent person under one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. I am a recipient of assistance under any of the following benefit programs:
 - Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD) Food Stamps General Assistance
 - State Children and Family Assistance State Transitional Assistance
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - b. My available income is 125% or less of the current poverty level as established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
 - c. I am eligible to receive civil legal services as defined by 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
 - d. I am unable to proceed in an action without payment of fees, costs, and charges and my payment of those fees, costs, and charges would result in substantial hardship to myself or my family.
2. I provide the support for _____ child(ren) and/or dependents who live in my household.
3. The nature and value of property owned by me is:
Real: _____ **Personal:** _____
4. a. My employment status is as follows: **(Check as applies)** unemployed employed, and my current income is \$ _____ per _____.
b. **(If married)** The employment status of my spouse with whom I do / do not live with is as follows:
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5. I am receiving paying child support in the following amount: \$ _____ per _____.
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(Attach additional pages as needed) **Total \$**

7. I believe, in good faith, I have a meritorious claim or defense.
WHEREFORE, petitioner prays this Court to grant leave to sue or defend as an indigent person.

VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.

Petitioner

IF YOUR PETITION IS GRANTED, THE COURT MAY ORDER YOU TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FEES, COSTS OR CHARGES WAIVED OUT OF MONIES RECOVERED BY YOU PURSUANT TO ANY SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT RESULTING IN THIS CASE.

ORDER

Permission is hereby (granted) (denied) petitioner to sue or defend without payment of fees, costs, or charges.
The Sheriff of Lake County (is) (is not) ordered to serve process upon defendant without fee.
The County of Lake (is) (is not) ordered to pay costs of service by publication.

Other: _____

If Petition is denied, reason(s) for denial: _____

Dated: _____ Enter: _____
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