



How to Ask for an Attorney in a Civil Case When Charged with Contempt

If you have been served with contempt of court papers, you have a right to a court-appointed attorney if you are not able to afford an attorney.



When do I have to ask for a court-appointed attorney?

Some courts require you to ask for a court-appointed attorney within a certain number of days from when you get the contempt of court papers. The way to ask for a court-appointed attorney and the time limit for asking for a court-appointed attorney should be on the paperwork you got.



The papers I got from court do not tell me how to ask for a court-appointed attorney. What can I do?

If you want to request counsel and believe you are unable to afford an attorney, you can use the attached form motion to ask for a court-appointed attorney.

The court may ask you to provide proof of your income. Be prepared to provide it if requested.

The information on this flyer is not legal advice.
If you are seeking representation or legal advice, please contact SEOLS.
An attorney-client relationship does not exist between you and SEOLS.

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
_____ COUNTY, OHIO
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Name as it appears on your papers

Plaintiff

vs.

Name as it appears on your papers

Defendant

Case No. _____

Case Number from your papers

JUDGE _____

*Name of Judge on your papers, leave
blank if there is no Judge listed*

**MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
COUNSEL IN CONTEMPT ACTION**

1. I am the (Plaintiff or Defendant) in this action.
Circle the one that applies to you
2. I am unable to afford the hiring of an attorney to represent me in this matter.
3. My only source of income is _____ and
List where your income is from - Social Security, SSI, employment
I receive _____ per month to support my household of _____.
Write in how much you get *# of people you support*
4. I request the court appoint me counsel to defend me against the contempt alleged.

Respectfully submitted,

(Your Signature)

Print Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Where You Can Be Reached

PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was served upon _____,

(Name of other party's Attorney or other party if not represented)

at _____, by regular U.S.

(Address of other party's Attorney or other party if not represented)

mail this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Date)

(Month)

(Your Signature)