

U.S. Department of Justice
United States Marshals Service

Sample

PROCESS RECEIPT AND RETURN

See ["Instructions for Service of Process by U.S. Marshal"](#)

PLAINTIFF Plaintiff's Name	COURT CASE NUMBER Your Case Number
DEFENDANT First Defendant's Name (add 'et al.' if more than one defendant)	TYPE OF PROCESS Summons/Complaint/Order

SERVE AT { NAME OF INDIVIDUAL, COMPANY, CORPORATION, ETC. TO SERVE OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO SEIZE OR CONDEMN

Name of Defendant to be served (list only one defendant)

ADDRESS (Street or RFD, Apartment No., City, State and ZIP Code)

Complete address of defendant to be served (where defendant lives or works)

SEND NOTICE OF SERVICE COPY TO REQUESTER AT NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; min-height: 100px;"> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Plaintiff's Complete Address</p> </div>	Number of process to be served with this Form 285	1
	Number of parties to be served in this case	Number of Defendant(s)
	Check for service on U.S.A.	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT WILL ASSIST IN EXPEDITING SERVICE (Include Business and Alternate Addresses, All Telephone Numbers, and Estimated Times Available for Service):

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Signature of Attorney other Originator requesting service on behalf of: Sign your name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLAINTIFF <input type="checkbox"/> DEFENDANT	TELEPHONE NUMBER	DATE Date Signed
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SPACE BELOW FOR USE OF U.S. MARSHAL ONLY-- DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

I acknowledge receipt for the total number of process indicated. <i>(Sign only for USM 285 if more than one USM 285 is submitted)</i>	Total Process _____	District of Origin No. _____	District to Serve No. _____	Signature of Authorized USMS Deputy or Clerk _____	Date _____
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I hereby certify and return that I have personally served, have legal evidence of service, have executed as shown in "Remarks", the process described on the individual, company, corporation, etc., at the address shown above on the on the individual, company, corporation, etc. shown at the address inserted below.

I hereby certify and return that I am unable to locate the individual, company, corporation, etc. named above (*See remarks below*)

Name and title of individual served (<i>if not shown above</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> A person of suitable age and discretion then residing in defendant's usual place of abode
Address (<i>complete only different than shown above</i>)	Date _____ Time _____ <input type="checkbox"/> am <input type="checkbox"/> pm
Signature of U.S. Marshal or Deputy _____	

Service Fee	Total Mileage Charges including endeavors	Forwarding Fee	Total Charges	Advance Deposits	Amount owed to U.S. Marshal* or (Amount of Refund*)
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REMARKS:

PRIOR EDITIONS MAY BE USED

Sample

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of Arizona

Plaintiff's Name

Plaintiff

First Defendant Name^{v.}
(add 'et al.' if more than one Defendant)

Defendant

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Civil Action No. **Your Case Number**

NOTICE OF A LAWSUIT AND REQUEST TO WAIVE SERVICE OF A SUMMONS

To: **Name of Defendant to be served (list only one defendant)**

(Name of the defendant or - if the defendant is a corporation, partnership, or association - an officer or agent authorized to receive service)

Why are you getting this?

A lawsuit has been filed against you, or the entity you represent, in this court under the number shown above. A copy of the complaint is attached.

This is not a summons, or an official notice from the court. It is a request that, to avoid expenses, you waive formal service of a summons by signing and returning the enclosed waiver. To avoid these expenses, you must return the signed waiver within _____ days (*give at least 30 days, or at least 60 days if the defendant is outside any judicial district of the United States*) from the date shown below, which is the date this notice was sent. Two copies of the waiver form are enclosed, along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope or other prepaid means for returning one copy. You may keep the other copy.

What happens next?

If you return the signed waiver, I will file it with the court. The action will then proceed as if you had been served on the date the waiver is filed, but no summons will be served on you and you will have 60 days from the date this notice is sent (see the date below) to answer the complaint (or 90 days if this notice is sent to you outside any judicial district of the United States).

If you do not return the signed waiver within the time indicated, I will arrange to have the summons and complaint served on you. And I will ask the court to require you, or the entity you represent, to pay the expenses of making service.

Please read the enclosed statement about the duty to avoid unnecessary expenses.

I certify that this request is being sent to you on the date below.

Date: **Date Signed** _____

Sign your name

Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party

Printed name

Address

E-mail address

Telephone number

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for the

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