

Eviction Packet
for

FAILURE TO PAY RENT ONLY
(No back rent sought)

LANDLORD AND TENANT FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The attached forms are designed for your use in the event of common landlord/tenant disputes. They should be used only for residential leases. If you have a commercial, agricultural, or personal property lease, you should consult with an attorney. No form should be used until you have carefully reviewed and understand the instructions preceding the form and reviewed the referenced Florida Statute.

The residential landlord/tenant relationship is controlled by the terms of your lease and by Part II of Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes. The procedures for enforcing your rights under your lease and Part II of Chapter 83 are set forth in section 51.011, Florida Statutes. You are advised to carefully review these statutes before starting any legal proceeding concerning a residential lease. Copies of these statutes are usually available at the law library located at your county courthouse and at your public library.

Before you can start a lawsuit to end a residential lease or withhold rental payments, you must first give proper written notice. The form of the notice will depend on the landlord's or tenant's reason for terminating the lease or withholding rent. There are two common reasons for a landlord to terminate the lease and evict a tenant. Those reasons are:

1. The tenant has not paid his rent on time.
2. The tenant has not complied with the requirements of the lease or has violated Florida Statutes.

Forms 57 and 58 contain the notices the landlord will need to send to the tenant in order to terminate the lease and evict the tenant for those two reasons.

The tenant must give notice to the landlord for one of two reasons. First, a tenant will notify the landlord to end the lease when the landlord does not maintain the property as required by the lease or Florida Statutes. Second, the tenant may instead withhold rent payments. Forms 59 and 60 contain the notices which must be sent to the landlord in each of these circumstances.

After sending the notice, it may be necessary to file a suit. The landlord will, as a general rule, have a suit against the tenant not only to evict the tenant (have the tenant removed from the property), but also for damages for unpaid rent. Forms 61 and 61 A contain a complaint for either eviction or eviction and damages of unpaid rent. If the amount of damages exceeds \$15,000 you should not use this form. If the landlord wants to evict the tenant for breaches of the lease other than failure to pay rent, his suit may be for eviction only. Form 61 contains the complaint to evict a tenant for failure to comply with the lease other than the payment of rent.

At the time the complaint is filed, the landlord must ask the clerk of the court to issue summonses and deliver those summonses to the sheriff with a copy of the complaint for service on the tenant. A separate summons is necessary for an eviction and to recover damages for unpaid rent. If a landlord is suing the tenant both to evict him and for damages, he will need to have both summonses issued and delivered to the sheriff with the complaint. Form 63 contains the form of the summons for eviction and Form 64 is the additional summons to be used if unpaid rent is also sought.

If the court rules that the landlord is entitled to evict the tenant and/or recover damages for unpaid rent, the court will sign a judgment in the landlord's favor. Form 66 contains the form of a final judgment for eviction and Form 65 contains the form for a final judgment for damages. Once a landlord receive a final judgment for eviction, he must ask the clerk of the court to execute a Writ of Possession. The Writ of Possession should be delivered to the sheriff by the landlord for service on the tenant.

EVICTION INFORMATION

FILING FEES AND COSTS

\$185.00 + \$10.00 PER EACH DEFENDANT + \$2.50 EA > 5 DEFENDANTS

No personal checks accepted. We only accept cash, cashier's checks, credit cards, or money orders made payable to the Clerk of Courts. See sheriff's Department for service information *(copy of Sheriff's fees are attached)*

The following lists ALL of the items that MUST be provided to the clerk when filing your case:

FOR ONE TENANT ONLY

- 1 original and 3 copies of **Complaint for Eviction for failure to comply with lease** (form 61), front and back. (One copy will be returned to you with case number.)
- 3 copies of lease (if applicable)
- 3 copies of **Notice**
- 3 copies of Eviction Summons/Residential (form 63) front and back.
- ****MANDATORY**** 3 copies of French/Spanish (NOTIFICACION DE DESALOJO/RESIDENCIAL and CITATION D'EVICION/RESIDENTIELLE), front and back.
- 1 original **Certificate of Mailing**
- 1 envelope – with postage minimum of 2 stamps – addressed to each individual tenant – No return address.

****Please note that postage needs to be sufficient for 1 copy of Complaint, Lease, Notice, and Eviction Summons, (Spanish and French versions included).**

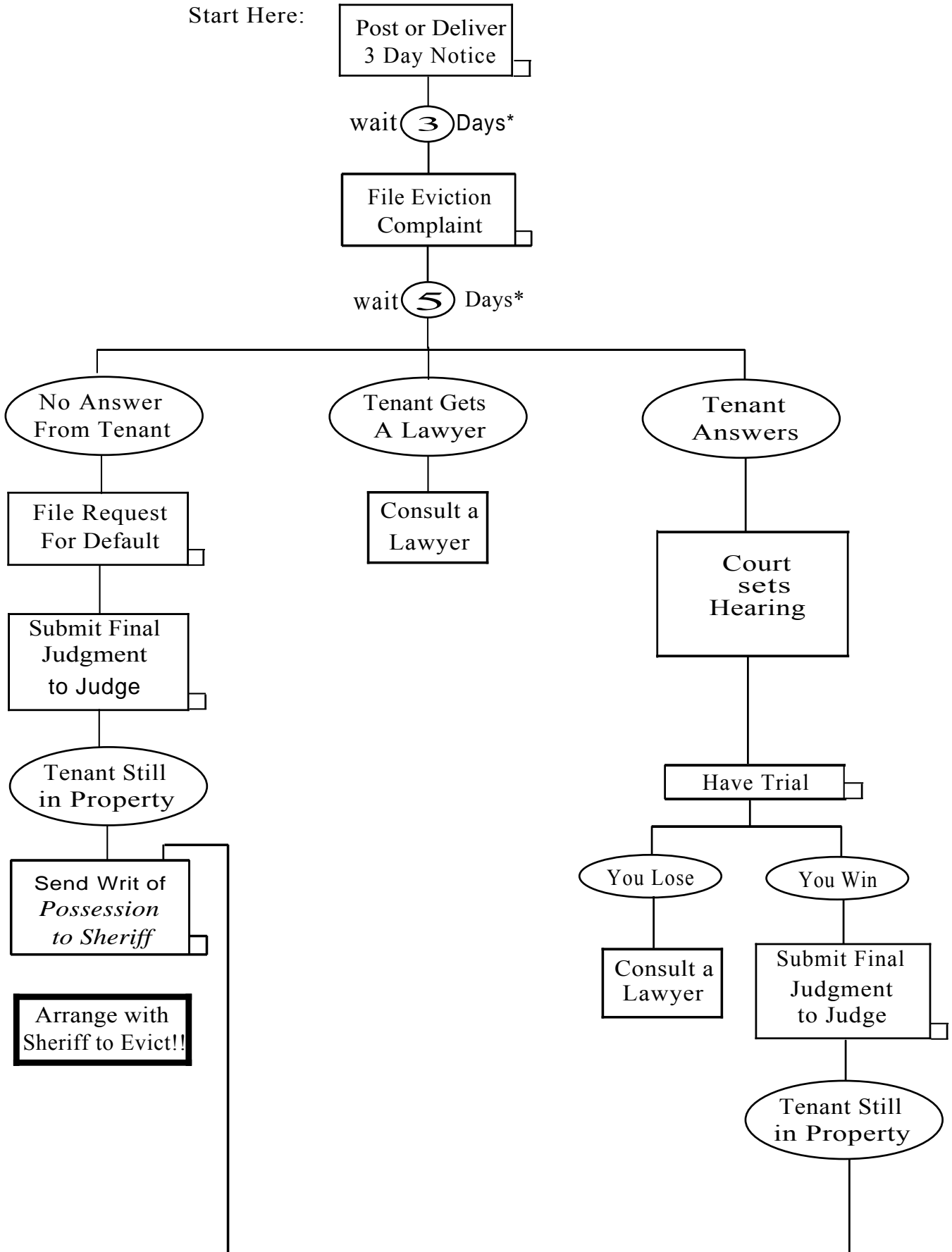
FOR TWO TENANTS

- 1 original and 6 copies of **Complaint for Eviction for Failure to Comply with Lease** (form 61), front and back, (One copy will be returned to you with case number.)
- 6 copies of lease (if applicable)
- 6 copies of **Notice**
- 6 copies of Eviction Summons/Residential (form 63), front and back.
- ****Mandatory**** 6 copies of French/Spanish (**NOTIFICACION DE DESALOJO/RESIDENCIAL and CITATION D'EVICION/RESIDENTIELLE**), front and back.
- 1 original **Certificate of Mailing**
- 2 envelopes – with postage minimum of 2 stamps – addressed to each individual tenant – No return address.

****Please note that postage needs to be sufficient for 1 copy of Complaint, Lease, Notice, and Eviction Summons, (Spanish and French versions included).**

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NOTICE FROM LANDLORD TO TENANT -- TERMINATION FOR FAILURE TO PAY
RENT
(Form 57)

This notice may be delivered by mail or by delivering a copy to the property.

This notice must be delivered, and the three day time period must run, before starting suit to evict the tenant or to recover past due rent.

SOURCE: Section 83.56(3), Florida Statutes (1990)

FORM 57

NOTICE FROM LANDLORD TO TENANT-TERMINATION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT

To: _____
Tenant's Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

From: _____

Date: _____

You are hereby notified that you are indebted to me in the sum of [insert amount owed by Tenant] \$_____ for the rent and use of the premises [insert address of leased premises] _____, Duval County, Florida, now occupied by you and that I demand payment of the rent or possession of the premises within three days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays) from the date of delivery of this notice to-wit: on or before the _____ day of _____, 20____ [insert the date which is three days from the delivery of this notice, excluding the date of delivery, Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays].

Signature

Name of Landlord/Property Manager
(Circle one)

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

NOTICE TO TENANT (15 DAYS)

DATE: _____
(Date served or posted)

TO: _____

(Tenant name(s) and address)

Pursuant to Chapter 83.57, Florida Statutes, you are hereby notified to vacate the premises located at _____
(Tenant address)
on or before _____ .
(Date to be vacated)

Owner

By: _____
Agent

(Form 61)

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

(insert name of Landlord)

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

(insert name of Tenant)

Defendant(s)

COMPLAINT FOR EVICTION

Plaintiff, _____, sues Defendant, _____
and alleges:

1. This is an action to evict a tenant from real property in Duval County, Florida.
2. Plaintiff owns the following described real property in said County: _____

(insert street description of rental property including unit number)

3. Defendant has possession of the property under (circle one) oral/written agreement to pay rent of \$ _____ payable _____
(insert rental amount) *(insert terms of rental payments, i.e., weekly, monthly, etc.)*
A copy of the written agreement, if applicable, is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

4. Defendant failed to pay the rent due _____
(insert date of payment tenant has failed to make)

5. Plaintiff served Defendant with a notice on _____ to pay the rent or
(insert date of notice)
deliver possession, but Defendant refuses to do either. A copy of the notice is attached as Exhibit
"B."

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment for possession of the property against
Defendant.

Signature

Name of Landlord/Property Manager
(Circle one)

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Phone Number

(Form 63)

**IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

(Insert name of Landlord)

Plaintiff(s)

VS.

(Insert name of Tenant)

Defendant(s)

EVICTION SUMMONS - RESIDENTIAL

TO: _____

(Insert name of tenant)

(Address)

(Phone number)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

You are being sued by _____ to require you to move out of the
(insert Landlord's name)

place where you are living for the reasons given in the attached complaint. You are entitled to a trial to decide whether you can be required to move, but you **MUST** do ALL of the things listed below. You must do them within 5 days (not including Saturday, Sunday or any legal holiday) after the date these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home.

THE THINGS YOU MUST DO ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Write down the reasons why you think you should not be forced to move. The written reasons must be given to the Court Clerk at Duval County, 501 West Adams Street, Room 1048, Jacksonville, Florida 32202, with signature, phone number and case number on reason.

2. Mail or take a copy of your written reasons to: *(insert Plaintiff's name and address)*

3. Pay to the clerk of the court the amount of rent that the attached complaint claims to be due and any rent that becomes due until the lawsuit is over*. If you believe that the amount claimed in the complaint is incorrect, you should file with the clerk of the court a motion to have the court determine the amount to be paid. If you file a motion, you must attach to the motion any documents supporting your position and mail or give a copy of the motion to the plaintiff/plaintiff's attorney. **Any payment into the registry of the Court must be tendered by cash, cashier's check or money order made payable to the clerk of court and must be accompanied by payment of the Clerk's registry fee of 3% of the first \$500.00 deposited and 1.5% of each subsequent \$100.00.**

4. **IF YOU DO NOT DO ALL OF THE THINGS SPECIFIED ABOVE WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS AFTER THE DATE THAT THESE PAPERS WERE GIVEN TO YOU OR TO A PERSON WHO LIVES WITH YOU OR WERE POSTED AT YOUR HOME, YOU MAY BE EVICTED WITHOUT A HEARING OR FURTHER NOTICE.**

5. If the attached complaint also contains a claim for money damages (such as unpaid rent), you must respond to that claim separately. You must write down the reasons why you believe that you do not owe the money claimed. The written reasons must be given to the clerk of the court at the address specified in paragraph (1) above, and you must mail or give a copy of your written reasons to the plaintiff/plaintiff's attorney at the address specified in paragraph (2) above. This must be done within 20 days after the date these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home. This obligation is separate from the requirement of answering the claim for eviction within 5 working days after these papers were given to you or to a person who lives with you or were posted at your home.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA:
TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE:

You are commanded to serve this Summons and a copy of the Complaint in this lawsuit on the above-named Defendant.

DATED on _____

RONNIE FUSSELL
CLERK OF THE COURT
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
As Deputy Clerk

CITATION D'EVICITION/RESIDENTIELLE

LISEZ ATTENTIVEMENT

Vous etes poursuivi par _____ pour exiger que vous evacuez les lieux de votre residence pour les raisons enumerees dans la plainte ci-dessous.

Vous avez droit a un proces pour determiner si vous devez demenager, mais vous devez, au prealable, suivre les instructions enumerees ci-dessous, pendant les 5 jours (non compris le samedi, le dimanche, ou un Jour ferie) a partir de la date ou ces documents ont ete donnes a vous ou a la personne vivant avec vous, ou ont ete affiches a votre residence.

LISTE DES INSTRUCTIONS A SUIVRE:

(1) Enumerer par ecrit les raisons pour lesquelles vous pensez ne pas avoir a demenager. Elles doivent etre remises au clerc du tribunal a Duval County Courthouse Jacksonville, Florida.

(2) Envoyer ou donner une copie au: Plaignant/Avocat du Plaignant

(3) Payer au clerc du tribunal le montant des loyers dus comme etabli dans la plainte et le montant des loyers dus jusqu'a la fin du proces. Si Vous pensez que le montant etabli dans la plainte est incorrect, vous devez presenter au clerc du tribunal une demande en justice pour determiner la somme a payer. Pour cela vous devez attacher a la demande tous les documents soutenant votre position et faire parvenir une copie de la demande au plaignant/avocat du plaignant.

(4) Si vous faites une demande en justice pour determiner la somme a payer au clerc du tribunal, vous devrez immediatement prevenir le bureau de juge qui presidera au proces pour fixer la date de l'audience qui decidera quelle somme doit etre payee au clerc du tribunal pendant que le proces est en cours.

SI VOUS NE SUIVEZ PAS CES INSTRUCTIONS A LA LETTRE DANS LES 5 JOURS QUE SUIVENT LA DATE OU CES DOCUMENTS ONT ETE REMIS A VOUS OU A LA PERSONNE HABITANT AVEC VOUS, OU ONT ETE AFFICHES A VOTRE RESIDENCE, VOUS POUVEZ ETRE EXPULSES SANS AUDIENCE OU SANS AVIS PREALABLE

(5) Si la plainte ci-dessus contient une demande pour dommages pecuniaires, tels des loyers arrieres, vous devez y repondre separement. Vous devez enumerer par ecrit les raisons pour lesquelles vous estimez ne pas devoir le montant demande. Ces raisons ecrites doivent etre donnees au clerc du tribunal a l'adresse specifiee dans le paragraphe (1) et une copie de ces raisons donnee ou envoyee au plaignant\avocat du plaignant a l'adresse specifuee dans le paragraphe (2). Cela doit etre fait dans les 20 jours suivant la date ou ces documents ont ete presentes a vous ou a la personne habitant avec vous, ou affiches a votre residence. Cette obligation ne fait pas partie des instructions a suivre en reponse au proces d'eviction dans les 5 jours suivant la date ou ces documents ont ete presentes a vous ou a la personne habitant avec vous, ou affiches a votre residence.

NOTIFICACION DE DESALOJO/RESIDENCIAL

SIRVASE LEER CON CUIDADO

Usted esta siendo demandado por _____ para exigirle que desaloje el lugar donde reside por los motivos que se expresan en la demanda adjunta.

Usted tiene derecho a ser sometido a juicio para determinar si se le puede exigir que se mude, pero ES(LOS) NECESARIO que haga TODO lo que se le pide a continuacion en un plazo de 5 dias (no incluidos los sabados, domingos, ni dias feriados) a partir de la fecha en que estos documentos se le entregaron a usted o a una persona que vive con usted, o se colocaron en su casa.

USTED DEBERA HACER LO SIGUIENTE:

(1) Escribir el (los) motivo(s) por el (los) cual(es) cree que no se le debe obligar a mudarse. El (Los) motivo(s) debera(n) entregarse por escrito al secretario del tribunal en el Edificio de los Tribunales de Condado de Jacksonville, Florida.

(2) Enviar por correo o darle su(s) motivo(s) por escrito a: Demandante/Abogado del Demandante

(3) Pagarle al secretario del tribunal el monto del alquiler que la demanda adjunta reclama como adeudado, asi como cualquier alquiler pagadero hasta que concluya el litigio. Si usted considera que el monto reclamado en la demanda es incorrecto, debera presentarle al secretario del tribunal una mocion para que el tribunal determine el monto que deba pagarse, Si usted presenta una mocion, debera adjuntarle a esta cualesquiera documentos que respalden su posicion, y enviar por correo o entregar una copia de la misma al demandante/abogado del demandante.

(4) Si usted presenta una mocion para que el tribunal determine el monto del alquiler que deba pagarse al secretario del tribunal, debera comunicarse de inmediato con la oficina del juez al que se le haya asignado el caso para que programe una audiencia con el fin de determinar el monto que deba pagarse al secretario del tribunal mientras el litigio este pendiente.

SI USTED NO LLEVA A CABO LAS ACCIONES QUE SE ESPECIFICAN ANTERIORMENTE EN UN PLAZO DE 5 DIAS LABORABLES A PARTIR DE LA FECHA EN QUE ESTOS DOCUMENTOS SE LE ENTREGARON A USTED O A UNA PERSONA QUE VIVE CON USTED, O SE COLOQUEN EN SU CASA, SE LE PODRA DESALOJAR SIN NECESIDAD DE CELEBRAR UNA AUDIENCIA NI CURSARSELE OTRO AVISO

(5) Si la demanda adjunta tambien incluye una reclamacion por danos y perjuicios pecunarios (tales como el incumplimiento de pago del alquiler), usted debera responder a dicha reclamacion por separado. Debera exponer por escrito los motivos por los cuales considera que usted no debe la suma. reclamada, y entregarlos al secretario del tribunal en la direccion clue se especifica en el parrafo (1) anterior, asi como enviar por correo o entregar una copia de los mismos al demandante/abogado del demandante en la direccion que se especifica en el parrafo (2) anterior. Esto debera llevarse a cabo en un plazo de 20 dias a partir de la fecha en que estos documentos se le entregaron a usted o a una persona que vive con usted, o se coloquen en su casa. Esta obligacion es aparte del requisito de responder a la demanda de desalojo en un plazo de 5 dias a partir de la fecha en que estos documentos se le entregaron a Usted o a una persona que vive con usted, o se coloquen en su casa.

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. _____

DIV. _____

Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, RONNIE FUSSELL, Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts, Duval County, Florida, do hereby
certify that a copy of the summons and complaint in this cause has been mailed by first class mail to
the defendant(s) _____

_____ at _____

_____ the address provided by the landlord, in accordance with Section 48.183 (2), Florida Statutes.

Witness my hand and seal at Jacksonville, Florida and dated this _____ day of

_____ 20 _____

Ronnie Fussell
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURTS
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

OBTAINING YOUR FINAL JUDGMENT FOR EVICTION

The tenant will have five (5) business days after service (this excludes the date of service, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) to file a written response to a complaint for eviction. If the tenant fails to file a written response, you are entitled to a judgment by default. File ALL of the following original documents with the clerk no sooner than the 6th business day after service:

- Form 76 - MOTION FOR CLERK'S DEFAULT - RESIDENTIAL EVICTION
- Form 78 - MOTION FOR DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT - RESIDENTIAL EVICTION
- Form 81 - NONMILITARY AFFIDAVIT (front and back). **Must be notarized.**
- Form 66 - FINAL JUDGMENT EVICTION (**MUST BE TYPED**) -File 1 original and 2 copies (based on one tenant). 1 additional copy required for each additional tenant.
- One self-addressed stamped envelope (no return address).
- One addressed stamped envelope for each tenant (no return address).

Once the judge has entered the Final Judgment, you may request the clerk to issue you a Writ of Possession for service on the tenant.

(Form 76)

**IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

(insert name of Landlord)

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

(Insert name of Tenant)

Defendant(s)

MOTION FOR CLERK'S DEFAULT-RESIDENTIAL EVICTION

Plaintiff asks the clerk to enter a default against _____
_____ Defendant(s), for failing to respond as
required by law to Plaintiff's complaint for residential eviction.

Plaintiff Signature

Name (print)

Address

Telephone

DEFAULT-RESIDENTIAL EVICTION

A default is entered in this action against the Defendant for eviction for failure to respond as required by law.

Date _____

RONNIE FUSSELL
CLERK OF THE COURT
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
As Deputy Clerk

cc: _____
(Insert name and address of tenant)

(Form 78)

**IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

(Insert name of Landlord)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

(Insert name of Tenant)
Defendant(s)

MOTION FOR DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT - RESIDENTIAL EVICTION

Plaintiff asks the court to enter a Default Final Judgment against _____
_____ Defendant(s), for residential eviction and says:

1. Plaintiff filed a complaint alleging grounds for residential eviction of Defendant.
2. A default was entered by the Clerk of this Court on _____
(Insert date)

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff asks this Court to enter a Final Judgment for Residential Eviction against the Defendant.

Plaintiff Signature

Name (print)

Address

Telephone

cc: _____
(Insert name and address of tenant)

(Form 81)

**IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

(Insert name of Landlord)

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

(Insert name of Tenant)

Defendant(s)

NON-MILITARY AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF DUVAL)

_____ being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury:
(Print name)

1. _____ That I know of my own personal knowledge that the respondent is not on active duty in the armed forces of the United States.
2. _____ That I have inquired of the armed forces of the United States and the US Public Health Service to determine whether the respondent, _____ is a member of the armed services and am attaching certificates stating that the respondent is not now in the armed forces.

Dated _____

Signature of Affiant
Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Acknowledged before me on _____ by _____, who _____ is personally known to me/ _____ produced _____ as identification, and who ___ did/ ___ did not take an oath.

Notary Public, State of Florida

Name: _____

Commission No.: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

I CERTIFY that I have mailed, telefaxed and mailed, or hand delivered a copy of this affidavit to Attorney for opposing party/Pro se party at the name and address, telefax number below:

Name(s)

Address

Telefax No.

Approved for use under rule 10-2. 1 (a) of the Rules Regulating The: Florida Bar

(Form 66)

**IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR
DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

CASE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

(Insert name of Landlord)

Plaintiff(s)

FINAL JUDGMENT EVICTION

vs.

(Insert name of Tenant)

Defendant(s)

THIS ACTION came before the Court upon Plaintiffs Complaint for eviction. On the evidence presented it is

ADJUDGED that the Plaintiff, _____ . recover from the
Defendant, _____, possession of the real property
described as follows: _____

(insert street description of rental premises including, if applicable, unit number)

and \$ _____ as court costs, for which let Writs of Possession and Execution now issue.

ORDERED in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida on this _____ day of _____

COUNTY JUDGE

cc: _____
(Landlord name)

(Address)

cc: _____
(Tenant name)

(Address)