

**\*\*Important Information Acknowledgement\*\***  
**on Motions for Civil Contempt**

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

Filing a Motion for Civil Contempt in the Circuit Civil Family Division is not the proper procedure when you are attempting to force the other party in your case to pay a marital debt or to turn over marital property awarded to you in a marital settlement agreement. There are other remedies for these areas of concern. You may want to seek the advice of an attorney.

At your hearing, as in any civil proceeding, you, as the moving party, will have the burden of proving the other party has not obeyed a prior court order. Once noncompliance has been established, the other party will have the opportunity to show an inability to comply with the prior court order. If he or she is unable to do so, the judge may find the other party in contempt. If so, the judge may order sanctions to compel compliance by the other party, including jail, payment of attorney's fees, suit money, or costs and coercive or compensatory fines, and may order any other relief permitted by law.

Before you come to court, **BE PREPARED**. You must know how to legally present testimony and evidence. You must be able to examine and cross-examine witnesses. You must know the Rules of Evidence. Please be advised that the judge cannot give you legal advice. If you cannot legally present your case, the Judge will have to dismiss your motion.

After you have read this information, please sign below and have the deputy clerk place in your file.

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Party's Signature

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Date signed