UNLAWFUL DETAINER: INSTRUCTIONS

Example: You own or rent a house. You allowed another person (e.g., adult family member; boyfriend/girlfriend) to move in, and s/he has been living there for several months. S/he is not paying rent and is not obligated to pay rent. You would now like this person to move out, but s/he refuses.

<u>Note</u>: It is highly recommended that at least a few days prior to filing a complaint, you provide the person you are seeking to remove a letter directing that person to vacate the premises. This way, your intent will be clear. S/he may then leave, making a lawsuit unnecessary.

The UNLAWFUL DETAINER packet contains these instructions plus the following forms:

- > Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address
- > Complaint for Unlawful Detainer
- > Summons for Unlawful Detainer
- > Notice of Hearing
- > Final Judgment for Unlawful Detainer
- Writ of Possession
- > Motion for Clerk's Default
- Non-Military Affidavit
- > Motion for Default Final Judgment
- Notice of Voluntary Dismissal

The following form is available for Defendants on the Clerk's website and is separate from the packet:

> Answer

READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORMS AND SUBMITTING THEM FOR FILING.

DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRE A NOTARY OR DEPUTY CLERK SIGNATURE UNTIL YOU ARE IN FRONT OF THE NOTARY OR DEPUTY CLERK.

RETAIN COPIES OF ALL FORMS FILED FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.

DOCUMENTS MUST BE LEGIBLE. TYPE OR WRITE CLEARLY IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.

FEES PAID TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE:

- > Filing fee: \$300.00
- > Summons issuance fee: \$10.00 per summons issued

Copying fees (if necessary)

- > Copying fee for any documents not yet filed: \$0.15 per page
- > Copying fee for any documents already filed: \$1.00 per page

Note: Payments to the <u>Brevard County Clerk of Court</u> may be made by cash, personal check, cashier's check, money order, or credit card.

FEES PAID TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (ONLY IF A PRIVATE PROCESS SERVER IS NOT USED):

- ➤ Sheriff's fees for summons: \$40.00 per summons issued.

 Note: A Private Process Server may be used to issue the summons instead of the Sheriff's Office. A listing of Private Process Servers can be found at this site:
- http://brevardclerk.us/list-of-process
 (click on PDF link at the top of page)
 Sheriff's fees for a Writ of Possession: \$90.00.

(Note: Payments to the <u>Brevard County Sheriff's Office</u> may be made by cash, cashier's check, certified check, money order, or credit card. <u>Personal checks are</u> not accepted.)

UNLAWFUL DETAINER FILING PROCESS

Step 1: Does Defendant have a residential rental agreement?

If the answer to the question above is yes, an Unlawful Detainer complaint may <u>not</u> be filed. An Eviction complaint should instead be filed.

Step 2: File Case with Clerk's Office

Complete and file the following forms with the Clerk's Office:

FORM: Complaint for Unlawful Detainer

The original is filed with the Clerk's Office. Retain a copy for yourself. Copies are served on each Defendant by the Sheriff's Office or by a private process server.

FORM: Summons for Unlawful Detainer

The original is filed with the Clerk's Office. Copies are served on each Defendant. If the service cannot obtain personal or substitute service on the Defendant, the Sheriff may post the same pursuant to section 82.05(2), Florida Statutes. You must provide the Clerk two (2) additional copies of the summons and complaint and two (2)

pre-stamped envelopes addressed for each defendant for the Clerk to mail. The Clerk will then file a certificate of mailing notating the mailing of the summons and complaint to the Defendant(s).

FORM: Non-Attorney Designation of E-Mail Address

• Complete this form and file the original with the Clerk's Office if you want to elect to serve and receive documents by e-mail.

Step 3: Obtain Judgment

IF RESPONSE BY THE DEFENDANT(S):

If the Defendant(s) file(s) an Answer to your Complaint within five (5) days of the Defendant(s) being served (not including Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays), contact the Judicial Assistant (JA) for the Judge assigned to your case to obtain a hearing date. Once you have that information, complete and file the following forms:

FORM: Notice of Hearing

• File the original with the Clerk's Office, retain a copy for yourself, and mail or deliver copies to the Defendant(s).

FORM: Final Judgment for Unlawful Detainer

If the Final Judgment for Unlawful Detainer is signed by the Judge, the original will be filed with the Clerk's Office. You must provide pre-addressed stamped envelopes so that copies of the Final Judgment can be delivered to the Defendant(s) and yourself. If you have elected to receive documents by e-mail service, you should receive the signed Final Judgment via e-mail.

FORM: Writ of Possession

IF NO RESPONSE BY THE DEFENDANT(S) BUT THE DEFENDANT(S) HAS/HAVE VACATED THE PREMISES:

If the Defendant(s) has/have not filed a response to your complaint within five (5) days of the Defendant(s) being served (not including Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays), and the Defendant(s) has/have permanently vacated, you may complete and file the following form:

FORM: Notice of Voluntary Dismissal

IF NO RESPONSE BY THE DEFENDANT(S) AND THE DEFENDANT(S) HAS/HAVE NOT VACATED THE PREMISES:

If the Defendant(s) has/have not filed a response to your complaint within five (5) days of the Defendant(s) being served (not including Saturday, Sunday or legal holidays), but the Defendant(s) has/have not vacated, complete and file the following forms:

FORM: Motion for Clerk's Default FORM: Non-Military Affidavit

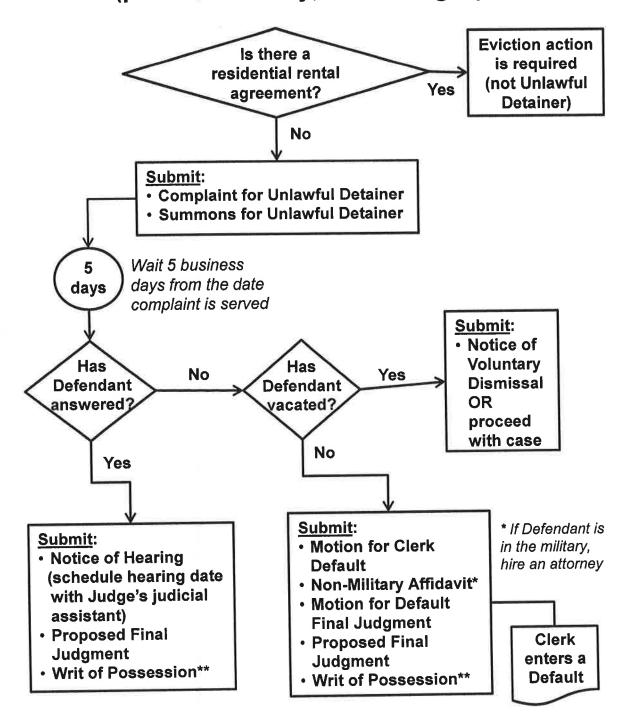
FORM: Motion for Default Final Judgment FORM: Final Judgment for Unlawful Detainer

If the Final Judgment for Unlawful Detainer is signed by the Judge, the original will be filed with the Clerk's Office. You must provide pre-addressed stamped envelopes so that copies of the Final Judgment can be delivered to the Defendant(s) and yourself. If you have elected to receive documents by e-mail service, you should receive the signed Final Judgment via e-mail.

Note regarding the Writ of Possession

If a Writ of Possession is presented to the Sheriff's Office (after being signed by the Clerk's Office), the Defendant must vacate the property within 24 hours of notice provided by the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office charges the Plaintiff \$90.00 for this service. However, the Plaintiff is not obligated to use this service. Sometimes a Defendant will simply vacate upon receipt of a copy of the Final Judgment for Unlawful Detainer. The Plaintiff can always present the Writ of Possession to the Sheriff's Office if the Defendant does not vacate promptly.

UNLAWFUL DETAINER FLOWCHART (possession only; not damages)



^{**} If judgment is for the plaintiff, it is up to the plaintiff to decide whether or not to provide the Writ of Possession to the Sheriff's Office.

IN THE _____ COURT FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

CA	ASE NO.: 05 XXX-XX
Petitioner/Plaintiff,	
vs	
Respondent/Defendant,	
NON-ATTORNEY DESIGN	NATION OF EMAIL ADDRESS
Pursuant to Florida Rules of Judicial Additional Additi	dministration 2.516, I,email address(es) for electronic service of all
Primary email address:	
Secondary email address:	
Secondary email address:	
I certify that a copy of the foregoing has been address listed:	furnished, if applicable, to the following at the
By (US Mail (Email (Hand deli	very
Dated this day of	, 20
Signature	Address
Printed Name	City/State/Zip Code
	Telephone Number (please provide telephone number if court notifications may be provided by text)

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DIVIS	ION: CIVIL	CASE NUMBER:	05-	3 = : =6	-XXXX-XX
PLAINTIFF(S)			CLOC	K IN	
DEFE	NDANT(S)				
	COMPLAI	NT FOR UNLAWFUI	L DET A	AINER	
:	Plaintiff(s),	, statin			sue(s) Defendant(s)
1.	This is a cause of action for	unlawful detainer pursu	ant to (Chapter 82	2, Florida Statutes.
2.	Plaintiff(s) is/are entitled to description):	possession of the follow			
3.	Plaintiff(s) is/are entitled to	possession of the real p			
4.	With the consent of Plaintif property described in Parag		pied or	otherwise	made use of the
5.	On or about (date)informed Defendant(s) of the premises.	his revocation, and dem	, Plai	ntiff(s) rev hat Defen	voked this consent, dant(s) vacate the

COMPLAINT FOR UNLAWFUL DETAINER

CASE NUMBER: 05- - - - - -XXXX-XX

- 6. Defendant(s), however, has/have refused to vacate the premises.
- 7. There is no residential rental agreement between Plaintiff(s) and Defendant(s).
- 8. In accordance with section 82.04(1), Florida Statutes, Plaintiff(s) is/are entitled to summary procedure under section 51.011, Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) respectfully request(s) that the Court (1) find that Defendant(s) wrongfully hold(s) possession of the subject property; (2) grant final judgment in favor of Plaintiff(s) and against Defendant(s); (3) order the issuance of a Writ of Possession in accordance with section 82.091, Florida Statutes; and (4) grant to the Plaintiff(s) such other relief as is justified by the circumstances in this case.

Date:	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Signature of Plaintiff(s)
	Printed name(s) of Plaintiff(s)
	Address, City, State, Zip Code of Plaintiff(s)
	Telephone Number(s) of Plaintiff(s)
	Email address

DIVISION: CIVIL	CASE NUMBER: 05-		-XXXX-XX
PLAINTIFF(S)			
DEFENDANT(S)			
(5 Day Summ	NS FOR UNLAWFUL DETA tons: Claim for Possession of		
TO: {Defendant(s)} Name(s):			(4)
Address(es):			72. 2
City, State, Zip:Phone number(s):			- ====================================
PI	LEASE READ CAREFULLY		
You are being sued by {Pla	intiff(s)}		
to re	equire you to move out of the p	property locate	ed at
the attached complaint.			
You are entitled to a trial to do BOTH of the things listed below Sunday or legal holidays) after the with you (excluding the Plaintiff(s	date these papers were given to	DAYS (not in to you or to a p	ncluding Saturday,

SUMMONS FOR UNLAWFUL DETAINER

CASE NUMBER: 05-

-XXXX-XX

THE THINGS YOU MUST DO TO CHALLENGE THE UNLAWFUL DETAINER COMPLAINT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Write down the reason(s) why you think you should not be forced to move. The written reason(s) must be given (mailed or hand-delivered) to the Clerk of Court at one of the following locations:

MAILING ADDRESS

CLERK OF COURT P.O. BOX 219, TITUSVILLE, FL 32781-0219

PHYSICAL ADDRESSES

MOORE JUSTICE CENTER, 2825 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY, MELBOURNE, FL 32940; Telephone: (321) 637-5413, Fax: (321) 617-7311

TITUSVILLE – 400 SOUTH STREET, 2ND FLOOR, TITUSVILLE, FL 32780 Telephone: (321) 637-5413, Fax: (321) 637-6557

MELBOURNE – 51 S. NIEMAN AVENUE, MELBOURNE, FL 32901 Telephone: (321) 637-5413, Fax: (321) 637-6549

MERRITT ISLAND – 2575 N. COURTENAY PKWY, MERRITT ISLAND, FL 32953 Telephone: (321) 637-5413, Fax: (321) 637-6525

PALM BAY – 450 COGAN DRIVE S.E., PALM BAY, FL 32909 Telephone: (321) 637-5413, Fax: (321) 637-6526

2.	Mail or deliver a copy of your written reason(s) to:
	{name(s) of Plaintiff(s) and address(es)}

IF YOU DO NOT DO THESE TWO THINGS WITHIN 5 DAYS (NOT INCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR YOUR COURTHOUSE), A JUDGMENT TO REMOVE YOU FROM THE PREMISES MAY BE ENTERED WITHOUT A HEARING OR FURTHER NOTICE.

SUMMONS FOR UNLAWFUL DETAINER

	CASE NUMBER: 05-	XXXX-XX
THE STATE OF FLORIDA: TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE S	ГАТЕ:	
You are commanded to so on the above-named Defendant(s	erve this Summons and a copy of the Con).	aplaint in this lawsuit
DATED on the day of	, 20	
{SEAL}	Rachel M. Sadoff, Clerk of the Circu BREVARD COUNTY, Florida BY	
CERTIFICATE OF MA	ILING	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a co by first class mail to the premise section 82.05(2), Florida Statute	py of the SUMMONS and COMPLAINT es involved in the proceeding to the Deferes.	in this cause was sent ndant(s) as required by
WITNESS my hand and Official Brevard County, Florida.	al Seal on the day of	, 20, in
	BY Deputy Clerk:	

DIVISION: CIVIL	CASE NUMBE	R: 05-	*	-XXXX-XX
PLAINTIFF(S)		CLOC	CK IN	
DEFENDANT(S)				
	NOTICE OF HEA	RING		
TO: Defendant(s)				
There will be a hearing before				
	at {time}	a.m./p.m.	at {courth	nouse and address}
		s hearing v	vill be on	the following issue(s):
hour(s)/ minu	ites have been reserv	ved for this	s hearing.	
If this matter is resolved, the to cancel the hearing.	ne party who sought	the hearin	g shall co	ntact the Judge's office
<u>C</u>	ERTIFICATE OF	SERVICI	<u>C</u>	
I certify that a copy of this	Notice of Hearing v	vas		
e-mailed mailed ha	nd-delivered to the p	person(s) 1	isted belo	w on the day of
, 20				

Defendant(s) or attorney(s) for	or Defendant(s):
Name(s):	
City, State, Zip:	
Date:	Signature of Plaintiff(s)
	Printed name(s)
	Address, City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number(s)
	Email address

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at Brevard Court Administration, at the Moore Justice Center, 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, 3rd Floor, Viera, Florida 32940-8006, (321) 633-2171, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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It is Defendant(s	therefore ORDE	RED by th	ne Court th	at a judgme	nt be a	nd is	hereby	entered against
	Plaintiff(s) recovered County,			· / -		of the	follow	ring real property
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FINAL JUDGMENT FOR UNLAWFUL DETAINER

	CASE NUMBER: 05-	-	-	-XXXX-XX
DONE AND ORDERED in 1	Brevard County, Florida this		_day of	
	County Cour	t Judg	e	 ;
Copies:				
Plaintiff(s)				
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Defendant(s)				
				

DIVISION: CIVIL	CASE NUMBER: 05 -		-3	XXXX-XX
PLAINTIFF	CLOC	KIN		
		Ä		
DEFENDANT				
V	WRIT OF POSSESSION			
THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO: The Sheriff of Brevard County	, Florida:			
YOU ARE COMMANDED to remo	ove all persons from the follower	owing descr	ibed prop	perty in
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and put the below named Plaintiff(s) at AM PM on _	, or	as soon ther	reafter as	h =
practicable; upon twenty four hours and address(es) of the Plaintiff(s)/pa	notice conspicuously posted arty(ies) to be put in possess	ion the prei ion is/are:	nises. 11	ne name(s)
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WITNESS my hand and Official Se Brevard County, Florida	al on the day of		20	, in
	Ву			
	Deputy Clerk:			
Contact Information for Writ:	Brevard County C	lerk of Cour	ts	

DIVISION: CIVIL	CASE NUM	BER: 05-		-XXXX-XX
PLAINTIFF(S)				
DEFENDANT(S)				
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Plaintiff(s) ask(s) the Clerk t	o enter a defau	ılt against De	efendant(s)	
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law to the Complaint for Unlawful I Defendant had five (5) days (not incomplaint.	Detainer. Purs luding Saturda	suant to secti y, Sunday o	on 51.011, l r legal holid	Florida Statutes, lays) to answer the
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I certify that a copy of this M				
emailed mailed hand of, 20	d-delivered to	the person(s)	listed belo	w on the day
Defendant(s) or attorney(s) for De	fendant(s):			
Name:				
Address(es):				
City, State, Zip:				
Email address:				

MOTION FOR CLERK'S DEFAULT

	CASE NUMBER: 05XXXX-XX
Date:	Signature of Plaintiff(s)
	Printed name(s)
	Address, City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number(s)
	Email address

	DIVISION: CIVIL CASE NUMBER: 05 XXXX-XX			
	PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER			
	DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT			
	AFFIDAVIT OF MILITARY SERVICE			
	I, am the Plaintiff/Petitioner in this			
I,, am the Plaintiff/Petitioner in this case. To support my application for a default judgment against Defendant(s),				
	and to comply with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) (formerly known as Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940), I swear or affirm that the following information is true: {Please choose only one}			
1.	I know of my own personal knowledge that the Defendant/Respondent IS on active duty in the military service of the United States.			
2.	I know of my own personal knowledge that Defendant/Respondent IS NOT now on active duty in the military service of the United States, nor has the Defendant/Respondent been on active military service of the United States within a period of thirty (30) days immediately before this date. "Active Service" includes reserve members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines who have been ordered to report for active duty and members of the Florida National Guard who have been ordered to report to active duty for a period of more than thirty (30) days.			
3.	I have contacted the military services of the United States and the U.S. Public Health Service and have obtained certificates showing that the Defendant/Respondent IS NOT on active duty status. These certificates are attached.			
4.	I have attempted to determine the military status of the Defendant/Respondent, but do not have sufficient information. I have no reason to believe that s/he is on active duty at this time. This is what I have done to determine whether or not Defendant/Respondent is on active duty in the United States military (must include details):			

AFFIDAVIT OF MILITARY SERVICE

	CASE NUMBER: 05XXXX-XX
5. I am unable to deter	rmine the military status of the Defendant/Respondent.
I understand that I am swearin made in this affidavit and that t includes fines and/or imprisonn	g or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims the punishment for knowingly making a false statement nent.
Dated:	
	Signature of Plaintiff/Petitioner
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
	Designated E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF BREVARD	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed l	before me on by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or
E.	clerk.]
Personally known	
Produced identification	
Type of identification prod	luced

DIVISION: CIVIL	CASE NUMBER: 05XXXX-XX	
PLAINTIFF(S)		
DEFENDANT(S)		
	FOR DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT UNLAWFUL DETAINER)	
Plaintiff(s) ask(s) this Coununlawful detainer, stating as follow	t to enter a Default Final Judgment against Defendant(s) for vs:	
	nt for Unlawful Detainer against the Defendant(s). ly file an answer, and a default has been entered by the Clerl	ζ.
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(Detainer against the Defendant(s).	s) ask(s) this Court to enter a Final Judgment for Unlawful	
I certify that a copy of this	ERTIFICATE OF SERVICE Motion for Default Final Judgment was and-delivered to the person(s) listed below on the day	у
Defendant(s) or attorney(s) for I	Defendant(s):	
Name:		
Address(es):		
Email address:		

MOTION FOR DEFAULT FINAL JUDGMENT (UNLAWFUL DETAINER)

	CASE NUMBER: 05XXXX-X
Date:	Signature of Plaintiff(s)
	Printed name(s)
	Address, City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number(s)
	Email address

DIVISION: CIVIL	CASE NUMBER: 05XXXX-XX
PLAINTIFF(S)	CLOCK IN
DEFENDANT(S)	
	 ;
	TICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL
Plaintiff(s),	green, give(s) notice
that this action is voluntarily di	ismissed.
	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I certify that a copy of to the person(s) listed below or	this document was emailed mailed hand-delivered to the day of, 20
Defendant(s) or attorney(s) f Name(s):	or Defendant(s):
Address(es):	
Email address:	
Date:	Signature of Plaintiff(s)
	Printed name(s)
*	Address, City, State, Zip Code
	Telephone Number(s)
	Email address