

Court Service Center

New Hampshire Circuit Courts

PETITION FOR CONTEMPT

Items needed to bring your case forward

- Petition for Contempt (NHJB-2199-F)
- Personal Data Sheet (NHJB-2077-F)

How much does this cost?

- \$250.00

Mediation

- The court may require parties to participate in mediation prior to scheduling a hearing.
- The court may schedule a hearing and require parties meet with a mediator prior to that hearing.
- How do we find a mediator? The Family Division website has a list of court contracted divorce/parenting mediators www.courts.state.nh.us/adrp

Service of Petition

- You will need to have an address for the other party.
- Sheriff's Service: Orders of Notice will be prepared for in hand service by the Sheriff or his/her deputy. The court will send you the Orders of Notice (with instructions attached to follow) to take to the Sheriff's office in the county where the other party resides. There will be a fee for the Sheriff's service which you would pay directly to the sheriff.
- If the address is unknown, you may be required to notify the other party by publication or alternative service.

Child Support Issues

- If child support is the issue or one of the issues and it is payable through the Bureau of Child Support Services a copy of your petition must be sent to that agency.
- If child support is the issue bring a completed financial affidavit (NHJB-2065-F) to the next court hearing.

Court Hearing

- Arrive on time. It is best to plan on being at courthouse a few minutes early.
- Be prepared for your court hearing.
- If you have children there are no provisions for childcare at the courthouse. Children are not allowed in the court hearing. Arrange to have someone watch your children.

Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Circuit Court
Additional information can be found at:
www.courts.state.nh.us