



# GARNISHMENT

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## Forms

Form 1	Application for Writ of Garnishment	Form 11	First Answer to Writ of Garnishment for Continuing Lien on Earnings
Form 2	Writ of Garnishment (Debts Other Than Earnings)	Form 12	Second Answer to Writ of Garnishment for Continuing Lien on Earnings
Form 3	Writ of Garnishment for Continuing Lien on Earnings	Form 13	Motion/Order Discharging Garnishee
Form 4	Certification of Mailing (Garnishment)	Form 14	Satisfaction of Judgment Against Defendant(s)
Form 5	Notice of Garnishment and Your Rights	Form 15	Partial Satisfaction of Judgment Against Defendant(s)
Form 6	Return of Service (Garnishment)	Form 16	Declaration
Form 7	Notice to Federal Government Garnishee	Form 17	Application for Judgment on Answer and Order to Pay
Form 8	Exemption Claim – Fin. Institution	Form 18	Judgment on Answer and Order to Pay
Form 9	Exemption Claim - Earnings	Form 19	Notice of Court Date – Seattle
Form 10	Answer to Writ of Garnishment (Debts Other than Earnings)	Form 20	Notice of Court Date – Kent

***Depending on your situation, you may not need to use all the forms listed above. Please read all instructions carefully to determine what forms you will need.***

**Copies for Your Records:** Make sure that you have an extra set of every pleading with you at the time you submit your documents for filing. The clerk will keep the original pleadings for the Court's file. You will "conform" your copies by stamping them with your case number, the date filed, and sometimes other information. The conformed copies will be your personal file copies. You will later make additional copies as needed.

## Glossary of Terms

**Consumer Debt** – any obligation or alleged obligation of a consumer to pay money arising out of a transaction in which the money, property, insurance, or services which are the subject to the transaction are primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. Consumer debt includes medical debt.

**Defendant** – the person who owes the judgment (the debtor)

**Exemption** – Certain types of income or money that, by law, cannot be garnished to pay off a debt

**Ex parte** – appearing before the court when the other side is not present

**Garnishee** – the person who you are garnishing to get funds. They are the ones that you think have money that belongs to the defendant, such as the defendant's employer or a bank.

**Garnishor** – the person doing the garnishment, to whom the money is owed. (you)

**Judgment Creditor** – the person to whom the judgment is owed. (you)

**Judgment Debtor** – the person who lost the initial case and owes you money.

**Plaintiff** – the person doing the garnishment (you)