

## **2.00 Commencement of Action, Service of Process, and Scheduling of Cases**

**2.03 Process, Attachment, Trustee Process, Arrest.** The summons, Small Claims Notice of Suit, Language Assistance Notice, and all other required documents shall be served together. The most current version of the forms are located on the Judiciary's website at [www.courts.ri.gov](http://www.courts.ri.gov) under the heading of Public Resources, Forms. The cost assessed to a defendant shall not exceed the cost established by G.L. § 9-29-9. For purposes of service of process upon corporations and on persons outside of the State of Rhode Island, subsections (D)(3) and (E), respectively, shall apply.

(F) *Service Outside the State in Certain Actions.* Where service cannot with due diligence be made personally within the state, service of the summons, Small Claims Notice of Suit, Language Assistance Notice, and all other required documents may be made outside the state in the manner provided by subdivision (E) of this rule in the following cases:

- (1) Where an interest of a person in property or credits within the state has been brought before the court by attachment or trustee process; or
- (2) Where a pleading demands a judgment that a person be excluded from a vested or contingent interest in or lien upon specific real or personal property within the state; or that such an interest or lien of any party be enforced, regulated, defined, determined, or limited.