



State of Rhode Island Judiciary

District Court

Notice and Motion to Attach Wages

Plaintiff/Creditor	Civil Action File Number
Defendant/Debtor	Attorney for the Plaintiff/Creditor or the Plaintiff/Creditor
Address of the Defendant/Debtor	Address of the Plaintiff/Creditor's Attorney or the Plaintiff/Creditor

<input type="checkbox"/> Murray Judicial Complex 2 nd Division District Court 45 Washington Square Newport, Rhode Island 02840-2913 *(401) 841-8350	<input type="checkbox"/> Noel Judicial Complex 3 rd Division District Court 222 Quaker Lane Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-0107 *(401) 822-6750
<input type="checkbox"/> McGrath Judicial Complex 4 th Division District Court 4800 Tower Hill Road Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879-2239 *(401) 782-4131	<input type="checkbox"/> Garrahy Judicial Complex 6 th Division District Court One Dorrance Plaza Providence, Rhode Island 02903-2719 *(401) 458-5400

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If you do not file an objection, there will be no hearing and the motion will be granted.	

The above-named Plaintiff/Creditor has obtained a judgment against the Defendant/Debtor and now requests permission from the court to attach your wages.

Some or all of your wages may be exempt from attachment under federal or state law. For example, a state exemption provides that wages cannot be attached if you received public assistance within the last year, nor can any wages be attached if you are now receiving any form of public assistance. You have a right to be heard in court if you claim to have been on public assistance within the last year or claim any other exemption.

A federal exemption provides that you must receive from your disposable weekly earnings an amount equal to at least thirty (30) times the federal minimum hourly wage. Also, if your disposable weekly earnings are less than forty (40) times the minimum hourly wage, only the amount greater than



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thirty (30) times the minimum hourly wage can be attached. If your disposable weekly earnings are greater than forty (40) times the minimum wage, the first seventy-five (75%) is exempt. The term “disposable earnings” means that part of your earnings remaining after the deduction from those earnings of any amounts required by law to be withheld, such as Social Security, federal and state income taxes, and unemployment and temporary disability insurance contributions.

The federal exemption is automatically granted without the necessity of a court appearance by you. However, you must file an objection and appear in court to claim all other exemptions.

To the Defendant/Debtor: How to Object to a Wage Attachment

If you claim an exemption, you must complete the attached Defendant/Debtor’s Objection to Wage Attachment and file the form with the clerk on or before the Objection Date (listed above). You are also required to mail a copy of your objection to the Plaintiff/Creditor’s attorney or to the Plaintiff/Creditor directly if self-represented. If you file a timely objection, you will receive a notice to appear in court. If you do not file an objection, the Plaintiff/Creditor will be allowed to attach your wages to the extent permitted by law without further notice to you.

If you need language assistance, please contact the Office of Court Interpreters at (401) 222-8710 or by email at interpreterfeedback@courts.ri.gov before your court appearance.

* If an accommodation for a disability is necessary, please contact the District Court Clerk’s Office at the telephone number listed in the court location above as soon as possible. TTY users can contact the District Court through Rhode Island Relay at 7-1-1 or 1-800-745-5555 (TTY) to voice number.

Failure to file an objection by the assigned objection date may result in the continued attachment of your property.

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that, on the _____ day of _____, 20____:

☐ I filed and served this document through the electronic filing system on the following:

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☐ I mailed or ☐ hand-delivered this document to the attorney for the opposing party and/or the opposing party if self-represented, whose name is _____
at the following address _____.

/s/

Name



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Defendant/Debtor's Objection to Wage Attachment

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Listed below are several possible defenses to the motion to attach your wages which the Plaintiff/Creditor has filed against you. If one (1) or more of these defenses apply to your case, check the appropriate box(es) below and sign the form. There may be other defenses not listed here. You may consult an attorney and seek representation before filling out this Objection.

Defendant/Debtor's Objection

- ☐ I am presently receiving some form of public assistance in addition to my wages.
- ☐ I received some form of public assistance within the last year.
- ☐ I am presently not working and have no wages to attach.
- ☐ I am presently receiving unemployment benefits.
- ☐ I have other defenses as follows: _____



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Because of the defense(s) indicated above, I ask that the court deny the Plaintiff/Creditor's motion and not order that my wages be attached.

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at the following address _____.

/s/ _____
Signature of the Defendant/Debtor's Attorney or the Defendant/Debtor

To Defendant/Debtor: Note the Following

1. This Objection is your response to the Plaintiff/Creditor's attempt to attach your wages.
2. **On** or **Before** the above Objection Date, the court and the Plaintiff/Creditor's attorney or the Plaintiff/Creditor must receive your Objection.
3. If you file an Objection, you will receive a notice for a date to appear in court. You must appear on this date. If you do not appear your wages will be attached.
4. If you do not file an Objection and appear, your wages will be attached.

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