



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND JUDICIARY

SUPERIOR COURT

FOREIGN SUBPOENA - CIVIL

Plaintiff/Petitioner	Rhode Island Civil Action File Number
Defendant/Respondent	A certified subpoena from a foreign jurisdiction shall be attached to this form. G.L. 1956 § 9-18.1-1, et seq.

<input type="checkbox"/> Murray Judicial Complex Newport County 45 Washington Square Newport, Rhode Island 02840-2913 *(401) 841-8330	<input type="checkbox"/> Noel Judicial Complex Kent County 222 Quaker Lane Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-0107 *(401) 822-6900
<input type="checkbox"/> McGrath Judicial Complex Washington County 4800 Tower Hill Road Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879-2239 *(401) 782-4121	<input type="checkbox"/> Licht Judicial Complex Providence/Bristol County 250 Benefit Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903-2719 *(401) 222-3230

TO: _____
of _____.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear in the Superior Court listed above at the date, time, and courtroom specified below to testify in the above-entitled case and bring with you:

Courtroom	Date	Time

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 Superior Court Clerk's Office at the telephone number listed in the court location as soon as possible. TTY users can contact the Superior Court through Rhode Island Relay at 7-1-1 or 1-800-745-5555 (TTY) to voice number.



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YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear at the location, date, and time specified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above-entitled case.

Location of Deposition	Date	Time

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to produce and permit inspection and copying of the following documents or objects at location, date, and time specified below (list documents or objects):

Location	Date	Time

Any organization not a party to this suit that is subpoenaed for the taking of a deposition shall designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or other persons who consent to testify on its behalf and may set forth, for each person designated, the matters on which the person will testify. (Rule 30(b)(6) of the Superior Court Rule of Civil Procedure).

/s/ _____ Attorney for the <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant/Respondent or <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff/Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant/Respondent	Rhode Island Bar Number:
	Date:
Address:	
Telephone Number:	Email:

Issued by <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk or <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 9-18.1-3 (foreign subpoena only)	Date:
/s/ _____ Clerk	
_____ Name of Attorney (foreign subpoena only)	
_____ Signature of or Attorney (foreign subpoena only)	



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The following information is being provided pursuant to Rule 45(c), (d), and (e) of the Superior Court Rules of Civil Procedure.

(c) Protection of Persons Subject to Subpoenas.

- (1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.
- (2) (A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents, or tangible things or inspection of premises need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within fourteen (14) days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than fourteen (14) days after service, serve upon the self-represented litigant or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection or copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may, upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.
- (3) (A) On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it:
 - (i) Fails to allow reasonable time for compliance;
 - (ii) Requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exception or waiver applies; or
 - (iii) Subjects a person to undue burden.
(B) If a subpoena
 - (i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or
 - (ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party,the court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena or, if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

(d) Duties in Responding to Subpoena.

- (1) A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents shall produce them as they are kept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.
 - (2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.
- (e) **Contempt.** Failure by any person without adequate excuse to obey a subpoena served upon that person may be deemed a contempt of the court in which the action is pending.



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the date below I served a copy of this Subpoena and certified order from a foreign jurisdiction on _____ personally.

I hereby certify that I was unable to make service after the following reasonable attempts:

SERVICE DATE: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

SERVICE FEE \$ _____

Signature of SHERIFF or DEPUTY SHERIFF or CONSTABLE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON OTHER THAN A SHERIFF or DEPUTY SHERIFF or CONSTABLE MUST BE NOTARIZED.

Signature

State of _____

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____

personally known to me or proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was _____, to be the person who signed above in my presence, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful to the best of his or her knowledge.

Notary Public: _____

My commission expires: _____

Notary identification number: _____