

UPPER KITTITAS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Craig Juris, Judge

Diana M. MacKenzie, Administrator

PREPARING A NOTICE OF SMALL CLAIM

- ⇒ PRINT or TYPE the Notice of Small Claim.
- \Rightarrow You are the **PLAINTIFF**.
- ⇒ The person(s) you are filing against is/are the DEFENDANT(S).
- ⇒ Prepare the Notice of Small Claim Form
 - ⇒ Fill in the Plaintiff and Defendant information. It is you responsibility to accurately identify the defendant, provide a proper address, and if possible, provide a phone number.
 - ⇒ Fill in the Statement of Claim section.
- ⇒ Sign, date the claim and attach a \$50.00 check or money order, made payable to Upper Kittitas County District Court, to:

Upper Kittitas County District Court 700 East First Street Cle Elum, WA 98922

- ⇒ Upon receipt the Court Clerk will
 - ⇒ File and assign a Claim Number,
 - ⇒ Schedule and enter a Small Claim Pre-Trial Mediation date,
 - ⇒ Return the filed Plaintiff's and Defendant's copies to you.
- ⇒ Once you receive the filed claim back, it is your responsibility to have the defendant served. You must bring return of service with you to your court date.
- \Rightarrow Retain a copy for your records.

COURT CLERKS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE OR ATTEMPT TO PREDICT HOW THE JUDGE MIGHT RULE IN A GIVEN SITUATION.

Additional information is available in the pamphlet "An introduction to Small Claims Court".

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