

PETITION TO DOMESTICATE A FOREIGN JUDGMENT

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO EXISTING FORMS FOR USE WHEN FILING FOR A DOMESTICATION OF A FOREIGN JUDGMENT. YOU MAY DEVELOP YOUR OWN PETITION BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW

First, include the legal heading (Seventh Judicial, St. Johns County, Petitioner, Respondent and Case Number) and title your petition as follows: Petition to Domesticate a Foreign Judgment.

- Explain in petition that you are requesting to domesticate a foreign judgment and give the reasons for this request. Sign Petition in presence of notary or court clerk and date it. Sample/Guides available at www.flcourts.org Self Help-Family Law Forms
- Attach a **CERTIFIED** copy of the foreign judgment to your petition.
- File with Clerk's office
- Request a Summons
- Sheriff for service. If service is out of state, bring with you the address of the Sheriff of the county where other party resides and include Sheriff's service fee.
- With Petition, include four (4) Self-Addressed Stamped Envelopes, two (2) addressed to you and 2 to other party.
- File a **Motion for Hearing** when the party answers. (If other party does not respond by the 20th day, file a Motion for Default and Default 12.922 (a) & (b) **with** a Motion for Hearing.

Also required at time of filing are the following forms (available at www.flcourts.org - Self-Help - Family Law Forms)

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| 12.928 | Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases |
| 12.900 (h) | Notice of Related Cases |
| 12.902 (d) | Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act (if out of state order has to do with minor child(ren)) |