

## **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](http://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.
- 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](http://www.flcourts.org) - Self-Help - Family Law Forms) or purchase from the clerk's customer service window at the Richard O Watson Judicial Center.

- 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))