

**STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY**  
**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT OF RIGHT AGAINST GARNISHMENT OF MONEY,**  
**INCLUDING WAGES, AND OTHER PROPERTY**

GEORGIA, DEKALB COUNTY

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Plaintiff (Name & Address)

VS

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Defendant (Name & Address)

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Garnishee (Name & Address)

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff's Attorney (Name, Address, Phone & Email)

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Bar Number \_\_\_\_\_

You received this notice because money, including wages and other property belonging to you have been garnished to pay a court judgment against you. However, you may be able to keep your money, including wages, or other property. **READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.** State and Federal law protects some money, including wages, from garnishment even if it is in a bank. Some common exemptions are benefits from social security, supplemental security income, unemployment, workers' compensation, the Veteran's Administration, state pension, retirement funds, and disability income. This list of exemptions does not include all possible exemptions. A more detailed list of exemptions is available at the Clerk of Court's office located at 556 North McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030, and on the website for the Attorney General ([www.law.ga.gov](http://www.law.ga.gov))

Garnishment of your earnings from your employment is limited to the lesser of 25 percent of your disposable earnings for a week or the amount by which your disposable earnings for a week exceed \$217.00. More than 25 percent of your disposable earnings may be taken from your earnings for the payment of child support or alimony or if Chapter 13 bankruptcy allows a higher amount. **TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY, INCLUDING WAGES, AND OTHER PROPERTY FROM BEING GARNISHED, YOU MUST:** Complete the Defendant's Claim Form as set forth below and file this completed claim for with the Clerk of Court's Office located at 556 North McDonough Street, Decatur, GA 30030.

**FILE YOUR COMPLETED CLAIM FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** You may lose your right to claim an exemption if you do not file your claim form within 20 days after the Garnishee's Answer is filed or if you do not mail or deliver a copy of your completed claim form to the Plaintiff and the Garnishee at the addresses listed on this notice. The Court will schedule a hearing within ten days from when it receives your claim form. The Court will mail you the time and date of the hearing at the address that you provide on your claim form. You may go to the hearing with or without an attorney. You will need to give the Court documents or other proof that your money is exempt.

The Clerk of Court cannot give legal advice. **IF YOU NEED LEGAL ADVICE ASSISTANCE, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY.** If you cannot afford a private attorney, legal services may be available.

