SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT

MOTION AND ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This form is intended for litigants who:

 Have a hearing or other matter set before the court, commissioner and/or hearing officer and wish to have that matter continued until a future date.

Information you will need:

1. The docket number of the case for which you are requesting a continuance.
2. The date and location of your currently scheduled hearing.
3. Evidence (if possible) in support of your request for a continuance.
4. The exact name and address of the opposing party or the opposing party’s counsel.

Instructions:

These instructions are meant to guide you through the process of requesting a continuance. Note that courts take scheduled dates seriously, and a continuance should be asked for only as a last option. Filing a Motion for Continuance does not automatically mean you will be granted a continuance. If the court does not grant it, the case will move forward according to the already scheduled date. Motions to Continue hearing officer conferences are discouraged.

If the Motion for Continuance is contested by the opposing party, you should ask for a hearing so that you can explain to the court in person why the motion should be granted.

This packet of forms is not legal advice and cannot take the place of the advice that a lawyer can give you. It is always best to speak with a lawyer before taking any legal action. When you represent yourself in court, you must follow all the proper procedures and the law. It is your responsibility to see your case through the whole process.

1. Be sure you have the correct form.
2. Read all instructions before you begin.
3. Fill in the blanks with 100% accurate information – any false statement made in court or written in a court document may constitute perjury.
4. Check all options that pertain to your situation.
5. Attach any supporting documentation (i.e. a doctor’s note) related to your request.
6. If you have trouble reading, writing, or understanding what is in this motion, seek help.

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(Petitioner)

VERSUS DOCKET NO: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PARISH, LOUISIANA

(Defendant)

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

NOW INTO COURT, comes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the □ Plaintiff / □

Defendant, appearing in “proper person” in the above entitled and numbered cause, who

respectfully provides that:

1.

There is presently a □ Rule for Custody / □ Child Support / □ Visitation / □ other pleading, **(check applicable ones)** scheduled for hearing as follows:

Before the Hearing Officer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (month), 20\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

**and / or (circle one)**

Before Judge \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(month), 20\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

2.

 That the mover seeks a continuance of the hearing(s) for the following reasons:

1. □ He / She was served with the Rule on \_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, and that additional time is needed to prepare and/or seek and retain counsel not necessarily limited to Legal Aid;
2. □ That he / she has a doctor appointment or other important prior engagement that cannot be rescheduled without great disruption **(provide proof if available)**; and/or
3. Other **(please explain)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.

That the □ opposing party / □ counsel □ has / □ has not been contacted and

does / □ does not have an objection to the continuance of this matter **(check that which**

**applies)**; Notwithstanding this, it is requested that this hearing be reset on the next available

hearing date(s) in order to allow mover to have meaningful “access to justice”.

The name and telephone number of opposing party or counsel is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Telephone Number)

 WHEREFORE, the undersigned party moves this court to grant a continunance of the hearing(s) presently scheduled above and further that this matter be reset for the next available hearing dates.

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of mover)

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Address)

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 (Telephone number)

**ORDER**

Considering the above and foregoing Motion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the hearing(s) presently scheduled above, is / are hereby continued and reset as follows:

 Before the Hearing Officer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

 **and / or** **(circle one)**

Before the Commissioner (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

 **and / or** **(circle one)**

Before Judge (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

 **OR: THE MOTION IS DENIED** and set for a hearing on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a.m. / p.m.

 **THUS, READ AND SIGNED** in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing pleading was served upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(name of adverse or opposing counsel)**, by placing a copy of the same in the U.S. mail, postage prepaid and properly address this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by me, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(name of mover)**.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of mover)