

THE EVICTION PROCESS

INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANTS

1. Refer to Local Form IS-001 for General Information.
2. All paperwork must be *typed or legibly printed in black or blue-black ink*.
3. All paperwork must be completely filled out, signed and dated by all defendants who are responding.
4. The court will keep the original answer and original proof of service. Please supply an adequate number of copies for the clerk to conform.
5. Your answer must be submitted with the correct filing fees or completed fee waiver documents, or it will not be accepted. You must have a separate fee waiver for each person who is filing an answer. If your fee waiver is denied, and you fail to pay the filing fees or follow other orders of the court, your answer could be stricken.

Please Note:

If you need legal advice, or if you need assistance completing your forms, you should contact an attorney. If you qualify, you may receive assistance from one of the following groups. You must contact the group to determine qualification guidelines:

Shasta Trinity Bar Association	(530) 224-0770
Senior Legal Services	(800) 222-1753
Legal Services of Northern California	(530) 241-3565

Additional Resources:

Self-help information and forms may be available at the following websites:

www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp, www.icandocs.org/ca.

An informational booklet, *California Tenants – a Guide to Residential Tenants’ and Landlords’ Rights and Responsibilities*, can be viewed/downloaded at:

www.dca.ca.gov/publications/landlordbook/index.shtml

The Law Library, located in the basement of the courthouse, is open to the public.

Government Code Section 68082 precludes the clerks and deputies from practicing law or giving legal advice.