#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

### **CUSTODY CONTEMPT**

### I. CONTENTS

- 1. "Petition for Contempt of Order of Custody"
- 2. "Entry of Appearance as Self-Represented Party". (This form must be filed if you have no attorney, and are representing yourself).

## II. INSTRUCTIONS

- This packet does not constitute legal advice. If you have any questions, you should seek
  the advice of an attorney. Employees and staff at the Courthouse are not able to
  provide legal advice. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact an
  attorney.
- 2. The caption always remains the same as the original Custody Complaint, regardless of which party is filing subsequent petitions. (If you were originally the Plaintiff, you will always be listed as Plaintiff; If you were originally the Defendant, you will always be listed as Defendant.)
- 3. Documents must be fully completed. Every paragraph needs filled out. Do not leave any information blank. Paragraph #5 should specify information describing the violation that is believed based upon the Order of Court for Custody. (References to numbers/paragraphs in the Order of Court should be made).
- 4. Circle the appropriate reference of (Plaintiff)/(Defendant) and (Mother/Father).
- 5. Fill out the forms completely and in detail and file with the Prothonotary's Office.
- 6. After you file the forms with the Prothonotary's Office, the forms will be delivered to the Court Administrator's Office for the Judge to review, approved and sign the Orders of Court.
- 7. After having been signed by the Judge, the Prothonotary will mail copies to the Plaintiff and Defendant with the date of the Custody Contempt Hearing on the Order of Court.
- 8. As indicated above, please complete the necessary forms in detail. You must sign all forms filed with the Prothonotary. Please sign where indicated.

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