FORM 8

SUMMONS--DAMAGES CLAIM

If a lawsuit is filed to evict the Tenant and recover back rent, both summonses, Forms 7 and 8, should be prepared and delivered to the Clerk of the Court at the time of filing the Complaint. If the Complaint seeks only to evict the Tenant, only Form 7 need be prepared and delivered to the Clerk with the Complaint. The summons or summonses should be attached to a copy of the Complaint and, after execution by the Clerk, delivered to the Sheriff or other authorized process server to be served upon the Tenant.

SOURCE: Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.070 (2007)

FORM NOTES ARE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND MAY NOT COMPLETELY DESCRIBE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA LAW. YOU SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY AS NEEDED.

IN THE COUNTY COURT, IN AND FOR

_____ COUNTY, FLORIDA
[insert County in which rental property is located]

_____
[insert name of Landlord]

               Plaintiff,

vs.

_____
[insert name of Tenant]

       Defendant.   /

CASE NO. _____
[insert case number assigned
by Clerk of the Court]

SUMMONS –
ACTION FOR BACK RENT AND DAMAGES

Each Defendant is further required to serve written defenses to the demand for back rent and all other damages to the premises contained in the Complaint upon the above-named _____ [insert Landlord's name] at the above-named address within 20 days after service of this Summons upon the Defendant, exclusive of the day of Service, and to file the original of the written defenses with the Clerk of the Court either before service on _____ [insert Landlord's name] or thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default will be entered against the Defendant for the relief demanded in that portion of the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court this___ day of _____, 20__.

(COURT SEAL)   Clerk of the Court

By: _____
                Deputy Clerk

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