

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF _____

_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

 (Plaintiff))
)
 PLAINTIFF,)
 Vs)
)
 _____)
 (Defendant))
)
 DEFENDANT.)
)

Case No. _____

ANSWER BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO
MOTION FOR DEFAULT PARENTING
RESPONSIBILITY JUDGMENT

Comes now, Defendant, _____ (name),

and submits this Answer Brief in Opposition to Motion for Default Parenting Responsibility Judgment.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The above-captioned civil case, is a domestic relations action to establish parenting responsibility.

2. **Service of Summons and Complaint** (choose one):

Defendant was served on _____, 20____ (date) with the Summons and Complaint for this parenting responsibility action.

Defendant disputes service of the Summons and Complaint for this parenting responsibility action because (explain):

3. (Choose one):

Defendant served an answer to the Summons and Complaint on the Plaintiff within the 21 day answer deadline based on the following facts (*describe in detail*):

Defendant **did not** serve an answer to the Summons and Complaint on the Plaintiff within the 21 day answer deadline because (*explain*):

4. After Defendant became aware of the parenting responsibility case, Defendant contacted or attempted to contact the Plaintiff as follows (*describe in detail*):

5. (*Choose one*):

Defendant's Answer to the Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint to establish parenting responsibility and proof of service within the 21 day answer deadline is filed with the court.

Defendant's Answer to the Plaintiff's Summons and Complaint to establish parenting responsibility is filed with this Answer Brief in Opposition to Motion for Default Parenting Responsibility Judgment.

LAW AND ARGUMENT

6. I request that court DENY the Plaintiff's motion for a default parenting responsibility judgment because (*explain*):

(Paragraph 6 continues on the next page.)

CONCLUSION

7. For the reasons stated above, Defendant respectfully requests the court:
- a. DENY the Plaintiff’s motion for a default parenting responsibility judgment.
 - b. Allow Plaintiff and Defendant to litigate this parenting responsibility action on the merits.
 - c. Refer Plaintiff and Defendant to the Family Mediation Program in hopes of reaching an agreement on residential responsibility and parenting time of the minor child(ren).
 - d. For such further and additional relief that the court may deem just and proper.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

(Signature of Opposing Party)

(Opposing Party Printed Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

(Telephone Number)