

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT

MOTION & ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

This form is intended for litigants who:

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

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.

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 at the 14th Judicial District Court on 1001 Lakeshore Drive in Lake Charles.

(Petitioner)

14TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

VERSUS

DOCKET NUMBER: _____

(Defendant)

CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA

FILED: _____

DEPUTY CLERK _____

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NOW INTO COURT, comes _____, the Respondent, 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 / _____, (*circle applicable ones*) scheduled for hearings as follows:

- (a). Before the Hearing Officer on the _____ day of _____, 200____, at _____ a.m./p.m. and/or;
- (b). Before Judge _____ on the _____ day of _____, 200____, at _____ a.m./p.m.

2.

That the Respondent seeks a continuance of the hearings for the following reasons: (*circle applicable one(s)*).

- (a). 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;
- (b). That he /she has a doctors appointment or other important prior engagement that can not be rescheduled without great disruption (*provide proof if available*).

3.

That the opposing party/counsel has/has not been contacted and does/does not have objection to the continuance of this matter (*circle that which applies*); Notwithstanding this, it is requested that this hearing be re-set on the next available hearing date(s) in order to allow mover to have meaningful "access to justice".

Name and telephone number of opposing party or counsel:
