

CONTEMPT

**This packet contains forms and information on
how to file a Petition for Citation of Contempt for
a case that is closed.**

NOTE: These instructions are for filing a Petition for Citation of Contempt on a final order in a case that has been closed by judgment or dismissed for more than 30 days. If you are filing a Contempt of a temporary order in an open, pending case, or a case that has been closed by judgment or dismissed for 30 days or less, you should use a different form called a Motion for Contempt. Consult with an attorney for further guidance.

Any post judgment proceeding filed more than 30 days after judgment or dismissal in an action shall be considered as a new case and shall be given a new case number by the clerk of the superior court.

Talk to an attorney to make sure you are following the correct procedure for your case. Check with the Clerk of Court to confirm the costs of filing.

It is advisable to have an attorney when filing legal papers to be sure that your rights are protected and that all the procedures are correctly followed. **Courthouse personnel are prohibited by state law O.C.G.A. § 15-19-51 from giving legal advice.** Different situations may require special procedures and courthouse personnel cannot advise you on how to proceed or what forms may be necessary in specific situations.