

# Pleading Paper

**The Court has rules about what form your papers have to be in before they can be filed.** This is so that the Court knows what file to put them in and the rules make it easier for you, the other party and the Judge to know where to find things on the form (for example, “please look at line 13, page 4...” or always knowing you can find the title of the form on the bottom of the page).

A blank pleading cover sheet and second page are attached for you to fill in.

The pages are generic so they can be filled in any number of ways.

**There are also rules about what to include on the form, depending on what you are asking the Court to do.**

At the Law Library they have books called “Practice Guides” and “Forms of Pleading and Practice” that have samples showing how to fill out pleading paper to ask the Court to do many different things.

**If you don’t understand what you are filling out, you should see an attorney.**

The Court’s Self Help Center has attorneys who may be able to help you.

You can also hire a private attorney through the Santa Clara County Bar Association (Low-cost, 30-minute consultation 408-971-6822)

Self-Help Center/Family Law Facilitator’s Office  
Superior Court, County of Santa Clara  
99 Notre Dame Avenue, San Jose, CA 95113  
(408) 882-2926

[www.scscourt.org](http://www.scscourt.org)  
Superior Court, County of Santa Clara

[www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)  
State of California Courts Self-Help



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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA  
CIVIL DIVISION

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**Defendant**

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