

Additional Notice of Consumer Credit Action

§ 208.6(h) Additional Mailing of Notice on an Action Arising from a Consumer Credit Transaction (Uniform Civil Rules for the New York City Civil Court)

(a) Additional mailing of notice on an action arising from a consumer credit transaction.

(1) At the time of filing with the clerk the proof of service of the summons and complaint in an action arising from a consumer credit transaction, or at any time thereafter, the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk a **stamped unsealed** envelope addressed to the defendant together with a written notice, in both English and Spanish, containing the following language:

CIVIL COURT. CITY OF NEW YORK. _____

COUNTY OF _____ INDEX NO. _____

Plaintiff _____ Defendant _____

ATTENTION: A lawsuit has been filed against you claiming that you owe money for an unpaid consumer debt. You should go to the court clerk's office at the address listed on the face of the envelope as soon as possible to respond to the lawsuit by filing an "answer." You may wish to contact an attorney. If you do not respond to the lawsuit, the court may enter a money judgment against you. Once entered, a judgment is good and can be used against you for twenty years, and your personal property and money, including a portion of your paycheck and/or bank account, may be taken from you. Also, a judgment will affect your credit score and can affect your ability to rent a home, find a job, or take out a loan. You cannot be arrested or sent to jail for owing a debt.

It is important that you go to the court clerk's office listed above as soon as possible. You should bring this notice and any legal papers you may have received. Additional information can be found on the court system's website at: www.nycourts.gov