

**60-706. Attachment order.** (a) *Issuance and contents.* The order of attachment shall be delivered to the sheriff of any county or other officer authorized by law to serve the same, and shall command such sheriff or officer to attach the property of the defendant or so much thereof as will be sufficient to satisfy the plaintiff's claim, as sworn to, with interest and costs, or such specific property as shall be directed in writing by the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney, and to summon as garnishees all persons in whose possession any personal property or money of the defendant may be, or who may be named by the plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney as garnishees. An order of attachment shall be deemed sufficient if in substantial compliance with the form set forth by the judicial council.

(b) *Manner of serving order.* The attachment order shall be served as follows:

(1) *Service of attachment.* In addition to the process required under article 3 of this chapter, the order of attachment shall be served upon the defendant, if the defendant can be found, in the same manner as an ordinary summons, and a return made thereof.

(2) *Manner of executing order, inventory.* The order of attachment shall be executed by the officer without delay. The officer shall go to the place where the defendant's property may be found and declare that by virtue of said order such officer attaches said property. In attaching personal property, the officer and two disinterested appraisers who are residents of the county shall make a true inventory and appraisal of the same under oath and said inventory and appraisal shall be signed by the officer and the appraisers and returned with the order. Compensation for the two persons assisting with the appraisal and inventory shall be fixed by the court and assessed as additional court costs.

(3) *Possession of attached property.* If the property is tangible personal property, the officer shall take the same into possession if the officer can reasonably do so. If the officer does not take into possession any tangible personal property which is in the possession of some person other than the defendant, the officer shall declare to the person in possession thereof that such officer attaches the same and shall summon such person as garnishee by serving upon the person a copy of the order of attachment.

(4) *Execution of order against realty.* When the property attached is real property, the officer shall leave with the occupant thereof, or if there be no occupant, in a conspicuous place thereon, a copy of the order. The officer shall include in his or her return the name of such occupant, if any.

(5) *Attaching credits.* When the credits of the defendant are to be attached, the officer shall declare to the debtor of the defendant that the officer attaches all debts due from such debtor to the defendant, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the debt and interest, or damages and costs, and summon such debtor as garnishee by serving upon the debtor a copy of the order of attachment.

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