

Fill-in-the-blanks script

When you hear your last name and the other person’s last name called out, go to the front of the room where the microphones are.

The microphones only record – they don’t actually make your voice louder – be sure to speak loudly so the judge can hear you.

Bow and begin:

1. Your Honour,
2. My name is _____
(first name, last name)

Say your full name and then spell your last name.

The judge will also briefly talk to the other person (“the opposing party”). If they don’t show up or if they haven’t filed a response, the judge will now ask you about serving the documents to them.

If you’re asking for an order “without notice” for safety reasons (so the other person doesn’t know you’re in court), this is when you’ll have to explain why it would be unsafe to tell the other party.

If children are involved:

3. I am the _____
of the child(ren): *(biological mother/father/aunt, etc.)*

(name and age)

(name and age)

(name and age)

(name and age)
4. The child(ren) live _____
(with me/with the opposing party)

(all the time/part of the time)

5. The opposing party and I _____
(were married/have been married/lived together)
for _____
(month/years)
We separated _____ ago.
(months/years)

If you identify as Aboriginal, add any of the following:

My Aboriginal name is _____
I am from/a member of _____
(community/Nation/band)
The child is/children are
from/members of the _____
(community/Nation/band)

Use sections 6,7, and 8 as needed. Delete any parts that don't apply to you.

You can now give the judge any additional document you've brought to court such as the list of the orders you want or the parenting schedule you want.

Remember to stick to the facts. Don't include any negative comments or opinions about the other person.

6. I am here to get an order for:
- a) **Child support for my child(ren).**
The opposing party earns \$_____ per year.
According to the child support guidelines, the opposing party should pay
\$_____ per month.
- The opposing party has paid \$_____ in child support since _____ (date).
- The opposing party hasn't paid any child support since _____ (date).

6. b) **Parenting time.** I want the following schedule:

"OP" is opposing party

week 1

Monday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Tuesday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Wednesday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Thursday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Friday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Saturday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Sunday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____

week 2 (if different)

Monday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Tuesday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Wednesday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Thursday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Friday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Saturday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____
Sunday	Me:	_____	OP:	_____

Notes: _____

6. c) **Spousal support** in the amount of \$_____ per month.

The opposing party makes \$_____ per year.

- I calculated this amount using the Spousal Support Calculator.
- Duty counsel helped me calculate this number using DivorceMate.

I need this order because: _____

6. d) **A protection order** because I fear for my safety and the safety of my children _____.
(first names)

I fear for my safety because:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____

6. e) **Exclusive occupancy of the home.** I need this order because:

Optional:

7. I need the order(s) for _____ and _____
and _____ **today and it is urgent.**

I can't wait for the Family Case Conference or a hearing because:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____
- iv. _____

To support my request for an urgent order, I have brought with me / attached to my affidavit the following:

Optional:

8. I also need an order that the opposing party has to file a complete financial statement in 30 days.

The judge will now give you a chance to say anything you may have left out by mistake. Take time to look over your script and make sure you've said everything you wanted to say.

The judge will then tell you what they'll do for you and/or what they want you to do.

Write down everything (in the space below) that the judge says.

Now take a minute to read it to yourself, and then you may double-check it by repeating it back to the judge.

Don't be shy – repeating it back to the judge is fine.
Make sure you ask what happens next if this isn't clear to you.

- If the judge made an order, you can ask the judge now if the registry will draft it and send it to you.*
- Ask the clerk for a copy of the order that they typed up as the judge was speaking.*

OR

- If the judge won't make an urgent order for you, ask now for **an urgent hearing** before a family case conference.*

9. Thank you, Your Honour.
Bow before you turn to leave.