

## FORM SUMMARY

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**Name of Form:** Decision and Order for Contempt

**Form Number** FA-4176V

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**Statutory Reference:** §767.78, Wisconsin Statutes

**Benchbook Reference:**

**Purpose of Form:** This form is used to make a written version of the decision of the judge following a hearing to find another person in contempt of court and to order sanctions for past violations of a current family court order.

**Who Completes It:** The court official who heard the matter will sign the document. The court official may complete the document personally or may direct one of the parties to complete the document and submit it to the court official for signing.

**Who Signs It:** **BY THE COURT:** Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner. Ratification and Confirmation.

**Distribution of Form:** Court; copies to other parties. If the court official orders a term of incarceration in the county jail or house of correction as a remedial sanction, a certified copy would be provided to the appropriate incarceration facility.

**Accompanying Forms:**

**New Form/Modification:** Modification; last update 09/24.

**Modifications:** Removed checkbox for arrest and commitment order; removed “For Law Enforcement” information box.

**Comments:** This form is generally intended to be used in conjunction with a hearing brought by a *pro se* (self-represented) litigant by use of Form FA-4172VA, Declaration for Finding of Contempt, and Form FA-4172VB, Order to Show Cause for Finding of Contempt. However, this form may be used in any family court contempt matter, whether *pro se* or not.

**About this Form:** This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court’s Office and a mandate of the Wisconsin Judicial Conference.

**As a *pro se* form, its use is NOT mandatory but it is required to be accepted and distributed by the circuit courts of the State of Wisconsin.**

**If you have additional information that does not change the meaning of the form, attach it on a separate page. The form itself shall not be altered.**