

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Decision & Order for Contempt

Form Number: FA-4176V

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.

Distribution of Form: Original to court file, 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 10/06.

Modification: Reworked the payments paragraph and added the final judgment/order (by a Circuit Court Judge) language. (Wamboldt)

Comments: Although this form was created for and is generally intended to be used in conjunction with a hearing brought by a *pro se* litigant by use of FA-4172, Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Finding of Contempt, there is no reason it could not 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.**

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.