

ALABAMA SMALL CLAIMS RULES

Rule B.

Definitions.

“Amendment” means making a change in a complaint, answer or counterclaim.

“Answer” means the paper filed by the party defending against the claim.

“Clerk” means the officer in charge of the court records.

“Complaint” means the paper filed by the party making the claim.

“Counterclaim” means a claim by a defendant against a plaintiff.

“Court” means the judge of the court.

“Default” means failure to defend such as failure to answer or appear for trial.

“Defendant” means the party defending against plaintiff’s claim.

“Execution” means enforcement of the judgment.

“Judgment” means the decision of the court on the case.

“Party” means a person or firm that is suing or being sued.

“Plaintiff” means the party beginning a case.

“Subpoena” means an order of the court requiring a witness to attend and to testify at a trial.

“Summons” means the paper issued by the clerk under the seal of the court which orders the defendant to admit or deny plaintiff’s claim.

“Working week day” means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday under state or federal law.