



# MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE COURTS

If you want to file a...

# CIVIL COUNTERCLAIM



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A counterclaim is a claim made by the defendant against the plaintiff. If the defendant files a counterclaim, you (the plaintiff, counterdefendant) have **TWENTY (20) calendar days** from the date received in which to file a **Reply to Counterclaim**. There is no fee to file the Reply to Counterclaim.

**There is no fee to file a counterclaim.**

## **A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED FOR FAILURE TO ANSWER THE COUNTERCLAIM**

### **Please STOP...**

If you have not received a counterclaim.

If your time to answer has expired and there has already been a judgment rendered.

### **Please PROCEED...**

If you are within the time allowed for filing a Reply to Counterclaim.

### **FORMS Needed:**

Reply to Counterclaim

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Complete the form and make copies. The court will require an original and you may wish to keep a copy; additionally each named defendant will need a copy of your answer.
- 2) File (or mail) the original form with the court clerk
- 3) Mail copies to the defendant(s).

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL PARTIES KEEP THE COURT APPRISED OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS A NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS** form must be filed with the court when a party changes their address.

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# Maricopa County Justice Courts, Arizona

CASE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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Plaintiff(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Defendant(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

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Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

Attorney for Defendant(s) Name / Address / Email / Phone

## COUNTERCLAIM JCRCP Rule 117

Defendant / Counterclaimant, having filed an answer to the plaintiff's / Counter-Defendant's complaint, now counterclaims against the following named plaintiff(s) / Counter-Defendant(s) , as follows:

This is what the Plaintiff / Counter-Defendant has done to cause the damages I am claiming: (state wrongful acts)

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I am asking the court to award me a judgment against the Plaintiff(s) / Counter-Defendant(s) in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(state claimed damages)

I am also asking for reimbursement of my court costs and interest at the legal rate from the date of judgment.

I state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant / Counterclaimant

Please inform court staff if interpreter services are required.  
 Yes, I need interpreter services. Language: \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY that a copy of this document has been or will be mailed on \_\_\_\_\_ to:  
 Plaintiff at the above address     Plaintiff's attorney     Defendant at the above address     Defendant's attorney  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*To Plaintiff(s): You have twenty (20) days to respond this Counterclaim by filing a Written Reply. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief sought by the party filing the Counterclaim.*