

1 **Rule 7A. Motion to enforce order and for sanctions.**

2 **(a) Motion.** To enforce a court order or to obtain a sanctions order for violation of an
3 order, including in supplemental proceedings under Rule 64, a party must file an ex
4 parte motion to enforce order and for sanctions (if requested), pursuant to this rule
5 and [Rule 7](#). The motion must be filed in the same case in which that order was entered.
6 The timeframes set forth in this rule, rather than those set forth in [Rule 7](#), govern
7 motions to enforce orders and for sanctions.

8 **(b) Affidavit Verification.** The motion must state the title and date of entry of the order
9 that the moving party seeks to enforce. The motion must be verified, or must be
10 accompanied by at least one supporting affidavit or declaration that is based on
11 personal knowledge and shows that the affiant or declarant is competent to testify on
12 the matters set forth. The verified motion, affidavit, or declaration must set forth facts
13 that would be admissible in evidence and that would support a finding that the party
14 has violated the order.

15 **(c) Proposed order.** The motion must be accompanied by a request to submit for
16 decision and a proposed order to attend hearing, which must:

17 (1) state the title and date of entry of the order that the motion seeks to enforce;

18 (2) state the relief sought in the motion;

19 (3) state whether the motion is requesting that the other party be held in contempt
20 and, if so, state that the penalties for contempt may include, but are not limited to, a
21 fine of up to \$1000 and confinement in jail for up to 30 days;

22 (4) order the other party to appear personally or through counsel at a specific place
23 (the court's address) and date and time (left blank for the court clerk to fill in) to
24 explain whether the nonmoving party has violated the order; and

25 (5) state that no written response to the motion is required but is permitted if filed
26 within 14 days of service of the order, unless the court sets a different time, and that
27 any written response must follow the requirements of [Rule 7](#).

28 **(d) Service of the order.** If the court issues an order to attend a hearing, the moving
29 party must have the order, motion, and all supporting ~~affidavits~~[documents](#) served on
30 the nonmoving party at least 28 days before the hearing. Service must be in a manner
31 provided in Rule 4 if the nonmoving party is not represented by counsel in the case. If
32 the nonmoving party is represented by counsel in the case, service must be made on the
33 nonmoving party's counsel of record in a manner provided in [Rule 5](#). For purposes of
34 this rule, a party is represented by counsel if, within the last 120 days, counsel for that

35 party has served or filed any documents in the case and has not withdrawn. The court
36 may shorten the 28 day period if:

37 (1) the motion requests an earlier date; and

38 (2) it clearly appears from specific verified facts ~~shown by affidavit~~ that immediate
39 and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to the moving party if the hearing
40 is not held sooner.

41 **(e) Opposition.** A written opposition is not required, but if filed, must be filed within 14
42 days of service of the order, unless the court sets a different time, and must follow the
43 requirements of Rule 7.

44 **(f) Reply.** If the nonmoving party files a written opposition, the moving party may file a
45 reply within seven⁷ days of the filing of the opposition to the motion, unless the court
46 sets a different time. Any reply must follow the requirements of Rule 7.

47 **(g) Hearing.** At the hearing the court may receive evidence, hear argument, and rule
48 upon the motion, or may request additional briefing or hearings. The moving party
49 bears the burden of proof on all claims made in the motion. At the court's discretion, the
50 court may convene a telephone conference before the hearing to preliminarily address
51 any issues related to the motion, including whether the court would like to order a
52 briefing schedule other than as set forth in this rule.

53 **(h) Limitations.**

54 (1) This rule does not apply to:

55 (A) proceedings instituted by the court on its own initiative to enforce an order;

56 (B) ~~This rule does not apply in~~ criminal cases; or

57 (C) motions for sanctions filed under Rule 37(b).

58 (2) Nothing in this rule is intended to limit or alter the inherent power of the court to
59 initiate order to show cause proceedings to assess whether cases should be dismissed
60 for failure to prosecute or to otherwise manage the court's docket, or to limit the
61 authority of the court to hold a party in contempt for failure to appear pursuant to a
62 court order.

63 **(i) Orders to show cause.** The process set forth in this rule replaces and supersedes the
64 prior order to show cause procedure. An order to attend hearing serves as an order to
65 show cause as that term is used in Utah law.

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