



# MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE COURTS

If you want to file a...

# SMALL CLAIMS REPLY TO 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 **20** calendar days from the date received in which to file a Reply to Counterclaim.

There is no fee to file a Reply to Counterclaim.

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

If the defendant files a counterclaim for an amount exceeding **\$3,500.00**, the court shall transfer the case to the Civil Division of the Justice Court.

If the amount of the counterclaim exceeds **\$10,000.00** the case will be transferred to the Superior Court.

### **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:**

Small Claims 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 reply.
- 2) Provide the original form to the court.

It is important that all parties keep the court informed of any changes to their contact information. A Contact Information Update form must be filed with the court.

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