What will happen if I do not abide by the order?

If you are in a default judgement and do not pay, the following may happen:

* Your income tax refund can be taken.

* The Office of Child Support Services can submit your name for license suspension.

* A lien or hold can be placed on your bank account or insurance settlements.

* Your name can be sent to the credit bureau.

* Your lottery winnings can be withheld

All enforcement actions happen AUTOMATICALLY!

More Questions?
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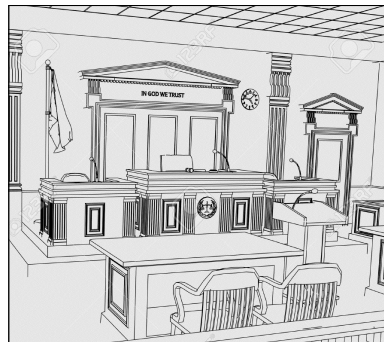## What you need to Know about Default Judgements

What is a default judgement?

A default judgement is a judgement entered by the court granting one party's request or motion do to the other party failing to appear.

Why am I getting a default judgement?

You received a default judgement for one of two reasons. The first is because you failed to appear at the court hearing after being served with a witness subpoena. The second reason could be that you did not answer the paternity complaint within the time you were supposed to answer it.
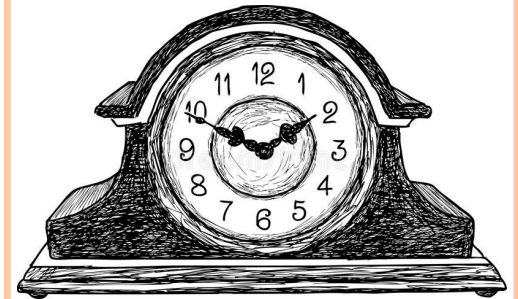
What does this mean?

This means that the court ruled in favor of what the state proposed in the motion . The court's judgement lists everything you are expected to do. It is important that you obey this order.

What should I do?

If you disagree with the court's judgement you MUST file a written motion asking the court to vacate or remove the default judgement. This motion must list the reason(s) for your request and is time sensitive so DO NOT DELAY!

What if the judgement is not vacated?

If the judgement is not vacated, then the original court order, the default judgement, still stands. You will be expected to abide by whatever was ordered.