

INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTEST A REGISTRATION

If you receive a “Notice of Registration Order—UIFSA case” and want to contest the registration of the out-of-state order, you can do it within 20 days in either of two ways:

- **By contacting your lawyer:** You have a right to a lawyer who may file a motion to contest the registration of the Foreign Order on your behalf. If you do not have a lawyer, the following offices may be able to provide you with information about receiving legal services to eligible persons at a reduced fee or no fee:

MidPenn Legal Services
315 N. Centre Street
Pottsville, PA 17901-2528
1-800-299-6599 (for client intake press #3)

Schuylkill County Bar Association
Law Library – Court House
401 N. Second Street
Pottsville, PA 17901-1756
570-628-1235

- **By filing a motion on your own behalf:** If you want to file a contest to the registration and are unable or do not wish to obtain a lawyer, you may file a motion on your own behalf by following the instructions below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A MOTION ON YOUR OWN TO CONTEST REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN SUPPORT ORDER

1. Fill out the pro se motion request form (“Motion to Contest Registration of Foreign Order”) including names, case number and docket number.
2. Explain the reason(s) why you are contesting the registration. (#1 through #4 on the motion). A party contesting the validity or enforcement of a registration has the burden of proving any of the following defenses:
 - The issuing state lacked personal jurisdiction over the contesting party.
 - The order was obtained by fraud.
 - The order has been vacated, suspended, or modified by a later order.
 - The issuing state has stayed the order pending appeal.
 - There is a defense to the remedy sought under the law of this state.
 - Full or partial payment has been made.
 - The statute of limitations under 23 Pa.C.S. §7604 (relating to choice of law) precludes enforcement of some or all of the arrearages.
3. Bring or mail the **completed motion form** to the Information section of Domestic Relations Office located in the basement of the Court House.
4. A filing fee of \$50.00 is required for each motion you file. You may pay by cash or money order.
5. Upon receipt of your properly filed motion, a hearing will be scheduled with the Judge. Notices will be sent to both parties.

**Return or mail the completed motion with the \$50.00 filing fee to:
Domestic Relations Section
401 N. Second Street**

**PO Box 1192
Pottsville, PA 17901**