

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTIES SEEKING DEFAULT UNDER THE SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

- You filed an application with the court to default the opposing party in a lawsuit. The court determined that the opposing party is an active member of the military and appointed an attorney for them as required by the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).
- The purpose of the SCRA is to enable servicemembers to devote their full energy to the defense needs of the United States, and to temporarily suspend legal proceedings that may affect their civil rights during their military service.
- The duties of the appointed attorney are limited and do not include preparation of a defense on the merits of the lawsuit or representation of the opposing party at trial. Enclosed is a copy of the order explaining the duties of the appointed attorney.
- You are required to pay the appointed attorney's fees pursuant to Administrative Rule 12(e)(2). If you cannot afford to pay for the appointed attorney, you may ask the court to appoint an attorney at public expense. You may make your request by filing a completed TF-920, *Request for Exemption from Payment of Fees*, available from the court clerk or online at <https://public.courts.alaska.gov/web/forms/docs/tf-920.pdf>.
- You may seek reimbursement of SCRA attorney fees by filing a motion with the court. A blank motion form is available from the court clerk or online at <https://public.courts.alaska.gov/web/forms/docs/civ-805.pdf>. You may seek reimbursement of costs by filing a cost bill. A blank cost bill is available from the court clerk or online at <https://public.courts.alaska.gov/web/forms/docs/civ-410.pdf>.