

Litigation Basics for Nonprofits: What to Do When a Complaint or Subpoena Is Served and Other Tips and Strategies

> Thursday, September 13, 2012 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT

Venable LLP Nonprofit Organizations Practice Washington, DC

Moderator: Jeffrey S. Tenenbaum, Esq.

Panelists: Caroline Petro Gately, Esq. David L. Feinberg, Esq.





Upcoming Venable Nonprofit Legal Events

October 16, 2012 - <u>You're Not Covered for</u> <u>Everything: Making Sure that Your Nonprofit's</u> <u>Directors & Officers Insurance Coverage Matches</u> <u>Your Expectations</u>

November 13, 2012 – Top Ten Real Estate Leasing Issues for Nonprofits - Details Coming Soon



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Goals

- Become familiar with common types of legal actions, the actors and forum, and associated vocabulary
- Assess levels of threat and urgency
- Appreciate issues triggered by different types of legal actions
- Learn how to react
- Acquire tips to be prepared for legal action



The Actors

- Government
 - Federal Department of Justice, Agencies, FBI, Congress
 - State Attorney General, Agencies, Inspector General, State Legislature
- Private
 - □ Internal Employees, members
 - □ External Vendors, other litigants



The Forum

- Judicial Proceedings in federal and state courts
- Executive Federal and state administrative actions
- Legislative Committees of Congress or state legislatures



Third-Party Subpoena



- A command to appear and give testimony at a deposition or trial, issued at the request of a litigant
- If commanded to produce documents, it is a subpoena duces tecum
- Enforceable by contempt of court proceedings
- Concerns: time to object, time to appear or produce, scope, burden of search, electronically stored information, affiliate/subsidiary, confidentiality or other sensitivities
- What to Do: Note the date and means of service, identify contact in business unit, alert counsel

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) Civil Action No. 12-1234-WJZ
) (If the action is pending in another district, state where:
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SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: Jane Jones, President, National Trade Association, 1 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20000

Testimony: YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at a deposition to be taken in this civil action. If you are an organization that is *not* a party in this case, you must designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or designate other persons who consent to testify on your behalf about the following matters, or those set forth in an attachment:

Smith & Associates LLP	
Diagon Smith & Associates LLF	Date and Time:
Place: Smith & Associates LLP 1 Main Street	Date and Time.
Norfolk, VA 23501	09/18/2012 9:00 am
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The deposition will be recorded by this method: Video, audio, and stenography

Production: You, or your representatives, must also bring with you to the deposition the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and permit their inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

All documents relating to the subject matter of the complaint in this lawsuit.

The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena, and Rule 45 (d) and (e), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so, are attached.

Date: 09/13/2012

CLERK OF COURT

OR

John Smith

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party)

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:



AO 88B (Rev. 06/09) Subpoena to Produce Documents, Information, or Objects or to Permit Inspection of Premises in a Civil Action

UNITED STA	TES DISTRICT COURT
Dist	trict of Columbia
ABC Corporation	5
Plaintiff V. XYZ Corporation))) Civil Action No. 12-1234-WJZ
Defendant) (If the action is pending in another district, state where:))

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: Jane Jones, President, National Trade Assocation, 1 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20000

Production: YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and permit their inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

All documents related to the subject matter of this lawsuit.

Place: Smith & Associates LLP 1 Main Street	Date and Time:
Norfolk, VA 23501	09/18/2012 9:00 am

□ Inspection of Premises: YOU ARE COMMANDED to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:	Date and Time:

The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(c), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena, and Rule 45 (d) and (e), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so, are attached.

Date: 09/13/2012

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

John Smith

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) _____ABC Corporation

, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

John Smith Smith & Associates LLP 1 Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23501 (757) 123-4567

Summons and Complaint in a Civil Case



- A command to respond to a complaint in which the plaintiff seeks money damages, equitable relief (such as an injunction), or both against the defendant
- Civil liability, not criminal, at issue
- Typically served in person by a sheriff or private process server, although some may be served by mail
- Concerns: Short response time (21 to 30 days), public relations, notice to insurer, litigation hold
- What to Do: Note the date and means of service, promptly alert management and counsel

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action



To: (Defendant's name and address) XYZ Association 575 7th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20004

Serve: John Doe, Vice President

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Date: 09/13/2012

Clerk

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

JS 44 (Rev. 09/11)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (Jest INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THE FORM.)

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ABC Corporation			XYZ Association		
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VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:	Breach of contract CHECK IF THIS I UNDER F.R.C.P.	IS A CLASS ACTION	DEMAND \$ 200,000.00	CHECK YES only JURY DEMAND:	if demanded in complaint:
VIII. RELATED CASI IF ANY		JUDGE		DOCKET NUMBER	
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Writs



- Usually used to execute on court orders or judgments
- Examples: writ of garnishment, writ of replevin
- Served by a deputy marshal or sheriff
- Concerns: avoid double exposure to property owner, comply without interrupting business
- What to Do: Note date, time, and means of service; obtain contact information from serving official; alert counsel



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GARNISHMENT SUMMONS Commonwealth of Virginia	Case No	CL-2012-12.	34
Fairfax County			Circuit Cou
4110 Chain Bridge Road, F	airfax, Virginia 22030		
JUDGMENT CREDITOR: ABC Corporation v.	JUDGMENT DEBTOR: Ja	nnc Q. Employce	
1 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.	1	23 Prince Street	
Washington, DC 20000	Fa	urfax, VA 22030	
Telephone No. (202) 123-4567			
JUDGMENT CREDITOR'S ATTORNEY: John Smith	Soc. Sec. No	123-45-678	
Smith & Associates LLP		123 Main Street	
123 Queen Street, Fairfax, VA 22030	Fa	urfax, VA 22030	
Telephone No. (703) 123-4567 September 14, 2012 10:00 am HEARING DATE AND TIME	STATEMENT: Judgment Principal: Credits	\$	
This is a gamishment against (check only one) [X] the judgment debtor's wages, salary or other compensation.	Interest Judgment Costs		35.41 126.00
[] some other debt due or property of the judgment debtor, specifically, MAXIMUM PORTION OF DISPOSABLE EARNINGS	Attorney's Fee Gamishment Costs		
SUBJECT TO GARNISHMENT [] Support [] 50% [] 55% [] 60% [] 65%	TOTAL BALANCE I The garnishee shall re		1,232.16
(if not specified, then 50%) [] state taxes, 100%		May 25, 2012 DATE OF JUDGMENT	

If none of the above are checked, then § 34-29(a) (on reverse) applies.

TO ANY AUTHORIZED OFFICER: You are hereby commanded to serve this summons on the judgment debtor and the gamishee. TO THE GARNISHEE: You are hereby commanded to (1) file a written answer with this court, or (2) deliver payment to this court, or (3) appear before this court on the return date and time shown on this summons to answer the Suggestion for Summons in Garnishment of the judgment creditor that, by reason of the lien of writ of fieri facias, there is a liability as shown in the statement upon the garnishee.

As garnishee, you shall withhold from the judgment debtor any sums of money to which the judgment debtor is or may be entitled from you during the period between the date of service of this summons on you and the date for your appearance in court, subject to the following limitations: (1) The maximum amount which may be garnished is the "TOTAL BALANCE DUE" as shown on this summons. (2) You shall not be liable to the judgment creditor for any property not specified in this garnishment summons. (3) If the sums of money being garnished are earnings of the judgment debtor, then the provision of "MAXIMUM PORTION OF DISPOSABLE EARNINGS SUBJECT TO GARNISHMENT" shall apply.

If a garnishment summons is served on an employer having one thousand or more employees, then money to which the judgment debtor is or may be entitled from his or her employer shall be considered those wages, salaries, commission or other earnings which, following service on the garnishee-employer, are determined and are payable to the judgment debtor under the garnishee-employer's normal payroll procedure with a reasonable time allowance for making a timely return by mail to this court.

DATE OF ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS		, Clerk
	by	
DATE OF DELIVERY OF WRIT OF FIERI FACIAS TO SHERIFF IF DIFFERENT FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THIS SUMMONS	DEPUTY CLERK	
	You are commanded to execute this writ and to make from the intangi	

are further commanded to make your return to the clerk's office according to law. Homestead Exemption Waived? [] Yes [] No [] Cannot be demanded

by

, Clerk

DEPUTY CLERK

FORM CC-1486 (MASTER, PAGE 1 OF 2) 1/07 VA. CODE §§ 8.01-511, -512.3

DATE

Request for Information from the Government



- A broad term describing an official government request to aid in the exercise of the government's duties
- Examples: EEOC request for information; IRS request for information; request for information to individual members of regulated industries
- Concerns: <u>can</u> indicate government scrutiny; confidentiality or other sensitivities; legal consequences for failure to provide information; the logistics of producing information
- What to Do: treat as a subpoena; note the date and means of service, identify contact in business unit, and alert counsel; think about "<u>why</u>"



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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Dear

Enclosed is an Information Request ("Request") issued this date by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Region III, pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act ("Act"), as amended, 33 U.S.C. § 1318. Your responses to this Request must be accompanied by a certificate that is signed and dated by you or the person who is authorized by you to respond to the Request within fifteen (15) days unless otherwise stated. The certification must state that the response is complete and contains all information and documentation available to you pursuant to the Request. Section IV, Paragraph 31 provides a Statement of Certification for this purpose.

You should carefully read the contents of the Request, and communicate to each responsible official, agent or employee the actions which each such person must take to ensure compliance with its terms. Failure to comply with the Request may result in further enforcement actions being taken, including a civil suit for penalties and injunctive relief, or a criminal prosecution as appropriate.

If you require any information or assistance regarding this matter, please contact

Sincerely,

Enclosure (1)

cc:

O Printed on 100% recycled/recyclable paper with 100% post-consumer fiber and process chlorine free.

Government Subpoena



- A command to compel production of documents, testimony, or both, issued by a government agency, a committee of Congress, or a state legislature (as opposed to a court)
- Concerns: <u>likely</u> indicates government scrutiny; can implicate serious consequences, including criminal prosecution; confidentiality; consequences if failure to respond
- What to Do: note the date and means of service; alert management and counsel; think about "<u>why</u>"



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SUBPOENA AND INFORMATION REQUEST

I. STATUTORY AUTHORITY

This Subpoena and Information Request is issued pursuant to the authority vested in the EPA Administrator under Section 11(c) of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2610(c), Section 308 of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), 33 U.S.C. § 1318, and Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6927.

II. CERTIFICATION

The information provided shall be verified by, and submitted under an authorized signature by a responsible corporate officer,¹ with the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

III. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding the possibility that the information requested may be characterized as confidential information or trade secrets. Request for confidential treatment must be made when information or access to records is provided and in accordance with the instructions provided in Section V.O below.

IV. SUBMISSION OF YOUR RESPONSE TO THE INFORMATION REQUESTED

All submissions required by this request shall be provided by December 1, 2010, and addressed to:



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¹ The term "responsible corporate officer," as used herein, means a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation.

Agent Contact/Search Warrant/ Criminal Subpoena



- Criminal, not civil or administrative in nature
- Indicates a criminal investigation is underway
- Alert management; retain experienced counsel
- Examples
 - Employee reports that an agent requested an interview
 - $\hfill\square$ Employee reports he or she has been interviewed
 - Search warrant
 - Criminal subpoena requesting documents



Agent Contact



- A call or visit from a government agent, which very likely indicates government investigation of the contacted organization, a person within the organization, or another person or organization
- Concerns: risk of prosecution; risk of "add-on" allegations; details and logistics of producing information – e.g., document productions
- What to Do:
 - $\hfill\square$ For employee already interviewed, request debrief
 - For employee with pending request, inform employee of his or her rights
 - Consider alerting current and/or former employees of possible agent contact and requesting that they keep organization informed

Search Warrant



- Issued by a court at the request of the government upon proof of probable cause that a crime has occurred; authorizes search of specific locations and seizure of specific objects
- Concerns: limit search/seizure to the scope of the warrant
- What to Do:
 - Ask for agent's credentials and copy of warrant; review warrant for scope
 - Escort agents; choose the route; log the documents or property seized
 - Consider securing facility and dismissing non-essential employees



Criminal Subpoena



- A subpoena issued by a court, at the request of the government, commanding the recipient to appear before the court and give testimony, produce documents, or do both in aid of a government investigation, e.g., before a grand jury.
- Concerns: possibility of being examined by a prosecutor while sworn under oath; Fifth Amendment; risk of prosecution; risk of "add-on" allegations; need to negotiate scope of any document subpoena; details of production – document productions are critical to your credibility with the prosecutor
- What to Do: work with counsel to prepare for (or try to avoid) testimony; establish procedures for preserving documents, especially electronic documents; possibly retain individual counsel for employees; possibly conduct internal investigation



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,	DISTRICT OF	2006R00086/MJC
TO:	4	GJ-06/033
		POENA TO TESTIFY FORE GRAND JURY
	SUBPOENA FOR:	
		DOCUMENT(S) OR OBJEC
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appea the place, date, and time specified below.	r and testify before the Grand Ju	ury of the United States District Cou
PLACE		COURTROOM
U.S. District Court 100 N.E. Monroe Street Peoria Illinois		2
Peoria Illinois		DATE AND TIME March 16, 2006 9:00 a.m.
YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED to bring with		ar object(s);*
	you the following document(s)	or object(s);*
SI You are not to disclose the existence obstruct an ongoing federal criminal indicated above, you may comply with States Attorney Matthew J. Cannon, Illinois, 61201, <i>provided</i> you attach to custodians of records (or other person attached. Please note that the conten perjury.	EE ATTACHED of this request as any such of investigation. In lieu of ap th this subpoena by mailing U.S. Attorney's Office, 183 of the records a completed an swith Engyledge). A for	lisclosure could impede and pearing at the date, time and the records to Assistant Unite 0 2 nd Avenue, Rock Island, ad signed declaration for for signed adveluration for
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Indictment or Information



- Indictment grand jury has found probable cause to accuse of/charge with a crime, usually a felony
- Information government has found probable cause to accuse of/charge with a crime, sometimes a felony
- Concerns: indicates government's intent to prosecute; stigma and public relations challenges; collateral consequences, among them loss of business relationships and employee attrition; risk of "add-on" allegations
- What to Do: really it is what to <u>continue</u> doing (indictment or information is not often a surprise) and <u>how to best resolve the matter</u>



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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 2009 DEC -8 P 4: 43 FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL NO. JFM-09-0639 **Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud** : (18 U.S.C. 1349); Wire Fraud (18 U.S.C. 1343)

Defendants.

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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury for the District of Maryland charges:

COUNT ONE

1. At times material to this Indictment,

2. At times material to this Indictment,

3. From in and around April 2006 until in and around February 2009, in the State and

District of Maryland, the Defendants

did unlawfully, knowingly and willfully conspire and agree with each other and with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit offenses against the United States, that is: to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud individuals and lenders of money and property through materially false and fraudulent statements and misrepresentations, to be executed through the use of interstate wire transfers, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1343.



Being Prepared – Document Retention Policy

- Inadvertent destruction of documents can carry grave consequences
- Litigation hold can be disruptive of company business
- Inefficient document hunting can be expensive
- Know where and how documents (especially electronically stored information) are maintained in your organization
- Know when and how documents and information are destroyed in your organization
- Review your document management and retention policy, or consider working with legal counsel to develop one
- Quality document policies help make for quality document productions



Being Prepared – Insurance Policy Review

- Some insurance policies provide liability insurance
- Know what types of litigation and disputes your insurance policies cover are you comfortable?
- More broadly, do your policies cover the *risks* that you intend your policies to cover?
- Consider professional legal review of your policies and your risk management system – this itself is a form of risk management



Be Prepared – Who to Call Refresher

- Do you have and maintain an Emergency "Who to Call" List?
- Is there someone to handle litigation-based concerns on that list?
- For example, if you received a civil summons and complaint, who would you call?
- If you received word that an employee has been asked to meet with an agent about his employer, who would you call?





Closing Thoughts/Final Questions & Answers





Questions and Discussion

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