

Important Changes July 1, 2016

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THE DEFENDANT’S CASE

(person being sued)

How do I answer the claim?

2. If you think that the plaintiff owes you money, you may file a “counterclaim” against the plaintiff. If you file a counterclaim, you must pay a filing fee of \$95.00 to the clerk’s office. The filing fee will be added to the amount of your judgment against the plaintiff if you win. Do not add the filing fee to the amount you claim the plaintiff owes you.

Be clear about the amount of money you are asking for and the reasons for your counterclaim. If the amount of the counterclaim is more than the amount that can be sued for in small claims, see **Transfer of Cases to the Regular Docket** on page 12 for more information on moving your case to the regular Superior Court.

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Fees Payable to the Clerk in Small Claims Cases

<i>Filing (entry) fee</i>	\$95.00*
<i>Filing of a Counterclaim</i>	\$95.00*
<i>Motion to Transfer to the Regular Docket</i>	\$125.00
<i>Application for Execution</i>	\$105.00*
<i>Jury Claim Fee</i>	\$440.00*
<i>Motion to Open Judgment</i>	\$75.00
<i>Photocopies (per page)</i>	\$1.00
<i>Certification of Document</i>	\$2.00

**Fees that changed July 1, 2016*