

Rule 240. In Forma Pauperis

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(h) The affidavit in support of a petition for leave to proceed in forma pauperis shall be substantially in the following form:

(Caption)

1. I am the (plaintiff) (defendant) in the above matter and because of my financial condition am unable to pay the fees and costs of prosecuting or defending the action or proceeding.

2. I am unable to obtain funds from anyone, including my family and associates, to pay the costs of litigation.

3. I represent that the information below relating to my ability to pay the fees and costs is true and correct:

(a) Name: _____

Address: _____

[Social Security Number: _____]

(b) Employment

If you are presently employed, state

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Salary or wages per month: _____

Type of work: _____

If you are presently unemployed, state

Date of last employment: _____

Salary or wages per month: _____

Type of work: _____

(c) Other income within the past twelve months

Business or profession: _____

Other self-employment: _____

Interest: _____

Dividends: _____

Pension and annuities: _____

Social security benefits: _____

Support payments: _____

Disability payments: _____

Unemployment compensation and supplemental benefits: _____

[Workman's] Workers' compensation: _____

Public assistance: _____

Other: _____

(d) Other contributions to household support

(Wife) (Husband) Name: _____

If your (wife) (husband) is employed, state

Employer: _____

Salary or wages per month: _____

Type of work: _____

Contributions from children: _____

Contributions from parents: _____

Other contributions: _____

(e) Property owned

Cash: _____

Checking account: _____

Savings account: _____

Certificates of deposit: _____

Real estate (including home): _____

Motor vehicle: Make _____, Year _____,

Cost _____, Amount Owed \$ _____

Stocks[;] and bonds: _____

Other: _____

(f) Debts and Obligations

Mortgage: _____

Rent: _____

Loans: _____

Other: _____

(g) Persons dependent upon you for support

(Wife) (Husband) Name: _____

Children, if any:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Other Persons:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

4. I understand that I have a continuing obligation to inform the court of improvement in my financial circumstances which would permit me to pay the costs incurred herein.

5. I verify that the statements made in this affidavit are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Date: _____

Petitioner

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Explanatory Comment

There has been an increase in the concern about the use of social security numbers in court paper records. Consequently, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has amended Rule 240(h) governing the form for the petition to proceed *in forma pauperis* by deleting the requirement for a petitioner to supply his or her social security number.