

**Rule 283. Form of Summons**

Summons in small claims shall require each defendant to appear on a day specified in the summons not less than 40 or more than 61 days after issuance of the summons (see Rule 181(b)) and shall be in the form provided for in Rule 101(b) in actions for money not in excess of \$50,000.

Amended effective August 3, 1970; amended December 3, 1996, effective immediately; [amended Apr. 20, 2023, eff. immediately.](#)

**Committee Comments**

This is derived from paragraph C of former Rule 9-1, effective January 1, 1964. The earliest return day is increased from 7 to 14. See also the comments to Rules 101(b) and 286, which deal with the right of the court to control the return day, manner of appearance, and related matters.