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**IN THE FAMILY COURT**

**HELD AT [Place]**

 **FAM-**

**{*Applicant’s full name*}**

**Applicant**

**{*Respondent’s full name*}**,

*[Full physical address*], [*Occupation*]

**Respondent**

**[*Delete if not required*]**

**[*Associated* *Respondent’s full name*]**

[*Full physical address*], [*Occupation*]

**Associated Respondent**

**[Note: Rules 310 and 311 of the Family Courts Rules 2002 permit the Applicant’s address to be omitted from the front page]**

**NOTICE OF DEFENCE**

**Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_**

 *(Rules 40(a) and 314 of the Family Court Rules 2002)*

**NOTICE OF DEFENCE**

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I, **[*Respondent’s or Associated Respondent’s full name*]** the Respondent {***OR*** Associated Respondent} give notice that I intend to defend the Application for [*describe application(s) being defended*].

I say in answer to the applicant,—

1. [*State whether the facts given in the application are accepted or rejected. If any facts are rejected, state reasons.*]
2. [*Set out sufficient information to inform the court of the facts relied on by the defence.*]
3. [*Set out any facts relating to the application or to the circumstances that have existed or exist between the parties that the court should be told about.*]

**Affidavit in Support**

I rely on the content of the affidavit dated [*date*] filed in support of this notice.

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Signature of Respondent {***OR*** Associated Respondent}

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Date

**TO**: The Registrar, Family Court, [place]

**AND TO**: The Applicant

 The Respondent

 The Associated Respondent

**THIS** Notice of Defence is filed by **[lawyer’s address for service details]**