

# How to Prepare for a Wage Garnishment Exemption Hearing in Ohio

You only get one chance to present your case - prepare your documents, understand your rights, and make a clear argument.

## Pre-Hearing Checklist

- Completed Form 20 - Request for Hearing
- Recent federal tax returns showing dependents
- Proof of income (pay stubs from the past 30-60 days)
- Household bills: utilities, rent, food expenses
- Medical expenses (if relevant to dependents' care)
- Bank statements verifying financial activity
- Letters or affidavits from schools, doctors, or other support services

## Tips for Success in Court

- Be respectful and concise when explaining your situation.
- Stick to facts: focus on numbers, not emotions.
- Bring copies of everything in case the judge or opposing party requests them.
- Dress appropriately and show up early.