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**Civil Law Key Term Quiz**

**Match the correct term with the appropriate definition.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_Alternative Service
2. \_\_\_\_\_Answer
3. \_\_\_\_\_Applicant
4. \_\_\_\_\_Attachment
5. \_\_\_\_\_Citation
6. \_\_\_\_\_Civil Law
7. \_\_\_\_\_Civil subpoena
8. \_\_\_\_\_Contempt
9. \_\_\_\_\_Default judgment
10. \_\_\_\_\_Diligent effort
11. \_\_\_\_\_Ex Parte
12. \_\_\_\_\_Execution of judgment
13. \_\_\_\_\_Garnishment
14. \_\_\_\_\_Habeas Corpus
15. \_\_\_\_\_Injunction
16. \_\_\_\_\_Instanter
17. \_\_\_\_\_Judgment
18. \_\_\_\_\_Jurisdiction
19. \_\_\_\_\_Orders
20. \_\_\_\_\_Petition
21. \_\_\_\_\_Plaintiff
22. \_\_\_\_\_Possession
23. \_\_\_\_\_Process
24. \_\_\_\_\_Respondent
25. \_\_\_\_\_Restraining Order
26. \_\_\_\_\_Return
27. \_\_\_\_\_Sequestration
28. \_\_\_\_\_Service
29. \_\_\_\_\_Show cause
30. \_\_\_\_\_Style or format
31. \_\_\_\_\_Subpoena Duces Tecum
32. \_\_\_\_\_Tort
33. \_\_\_\_\_Writ

**Definitions:**

1. Proceedings held to determine whether a person has violated a lawful court order and to set punishment if a violation is found
2. A notice to the defendant to either appear in court or prepare a written answer to show cause for failing to respond to a previous order of the court (a.k.a. Notice)
3. The directions of a court or judge; a mandate or command
4. Defendant in a civil suit
5. A party in a civil suit; mainly the one who initiates the suit by filing a petition
6. Persistent activity, prudence, or care that is properly expected from a reasonable and prudent person under the particular circumstances
7. A method of delivering to an uncooperative defendant
8. The final order of a court in a civil suit which settles all disputed issues, determines the rights of the parties with regard to the subject matter of the suit, and which is subject to being enforced by a writ
9. Can result when there is a failure to perform some action required by law within the specified time. May be rendered against a party who has failed to answer or appear as directed
10. A document filed by the plaintiff with the clerk of the court which outlines the basis of the complaint against the defendant and the relief being sought from the court
11. All writs and official documents issued by courts in connection with pending suits
12. Any one of various legally recognized private injuries or wrongs; a civil action
13. The delivery of a writ, notice or injunction, etc. by an authorized person, to a person who is thereby officially notified of some proceeding concerning him or her
14. A defendant’s written reply to a plaintiff’s petition
15. An order directing the sheriff or constable to take into his possession certain property of which another person has possession until the suit can be decided or as the court directs
16. A legal order issued by the court, in the name of the state, to compel a person to do something specifically ordered
17. A party making application to the court or petitioning for some action
18. An official notice from a court of competent jurisdiction, issued to a defendant after a plaintiff’s petition is filed; the citation commands the defendant to answer and appear in court at a specific time
19. A procedure or writ which may be used to bring a person or property into the custody of the court
20. A portion of the law which defines the personal and property rights of individuals, the rights of an individual to seek redress or to prevent a wrong, and any action other than criminal proceedings
21. A writ employed to enforce a judgment to recover possession of real or personal property (used in the eviction process)
22. A command to appear at a certain time and place to give testimony upon a certain matter
23. Any proceeding which is held for the benefit of, or on application of only one party; in the absence of one party
24. A writ and process directed to one who has money or property in his possession belonging to the defendant, ordering the third person not to deliver or pay it to the defendant, but to deliver or hold it for the plaintiff or as directed by the court
25. A writ which orders that a person be brought before the court in order to test the legality of his detention by the person to whom the writ is directed
26. A writ issued by a court that demands or prohibits specified actions
27. The process by which a court, at the direction of a party, commands a witness who has in his possession or control some document or paper that is pertinent to the issues of a pending controversy, to produce it at the trial
28. Most common writ, issued to seize property to satisfy a judgment
29. The endorsement made by a constable or sheriff upon process; a writ or notice stating what has been accomplished, and the time and mode of service
30. Immediate; now or instantly
31. The power of a court to lawfully act with regard to persons and property
32. An order to the defendant prohibiting him or her from performing an act prohibited in the order until a formal hearing can be conducted
33. The prescribed structure for the clerks of the court to use in developing the process