

MANDAMUS - Revised 12/15/10

The Superior Court may issue a writ of mandamus only to enforce a clear legal right where the person against whom the writ is directed is under a legal obligation to perform the act. ([C.G.S. Section 52-485 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes](#) and [Section 23-45 through Section 23-49 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#)).

To begin an action seeking Mandamus - Documents to be filed:

Note: This type of action must be filed electronically in accordance with the [E-Services Procedures and Technical Standards](#).

1. A writ of summons ([Section 23-46 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#))
2. A complaint containing a statement in the prayer for relief asking for an order in the nature of a mandamus ([Section 23-46 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#))

Note: The complaint must state that there is no adequate remedy at law.

3. An order to show cause
4. A recognizance of \$250, cash or surety bond ([Section 23-46 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#))
5. A Motion for Temporary Order of Mandamus, if such relief is requested

Note: This motion must be under oath, whether it is attached to the complaint or filed during the action. ([Section 23-48 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#))

6. A proposed order granting the temporary mandamus
7. A proposed bond with surety
8. A proposed order granting the requested relief
9. The entry fee is \$300.

APPLICATION FOR MANDAMUS IN AID OF A PENDING ACTION - DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED:

1. Application for an Order in the Nature of a Mandamus ([Section 23-47 of the Connecticut Practice Book](#))
2. An order to show cause

Note: No entry fee is required if the application for mandamus is filed in an existing action.