

## **MANDAMUS - Revised 07/01/2018**

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. (See [Section 52-485 et seq. of the Connecticut General Statutes](#) and [Sections 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 23-45 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 23-45 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. No bond or recognizance is required unless otherwise ordered by the Court ([Section 8-3A 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 current entry fee is \$360.

### **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.