# FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CONFERENCE LAW TRACK

IN RE: HAROLD A OCONNELL

**GREEN VALLEY AR 85614** 

Case No. CL-2012-0013064

To:

ANTHONY MINER OCONNELL DEFENDANT 439 S VISTA DEL RIO

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Sun, Nov 4, 2012 at 6:09 PM

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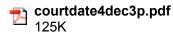
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To: Anthony OConnell <a href="mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com">anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com</a>

Tue, Nov 6, 2012 at 6:33 AM

Dear Mr. O'Connell,

I did not issue the Notice of Scheduling Conference. It was issued by the Fairfax County Circuit Court, as is customary under their procedures for civil cases.

Regards,

Elizabeth Morrogh

Elizabeth ("Betty Van") Chichester Morrogh

Partner



Blankingship & Keith, PC 4020 University Drive, Suite 300 Fairfax, VA 22030 tel-(703)-691-1235 fax-(703)-691-3913

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Sent: Sunday, November 04, 2012 8:10 PM

**To:** Betty Van Morrogh

**Subject:** What is the purpose of your "Notice of Scheduling Conference" stating that I am to appear in Court on

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To: Elizabeth Chichester Morrogh <br/>
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Wed, Nov 7, 2012 at 5:56 AM

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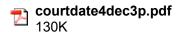
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Sincerely, Anthony O'Connell, Trustee

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To: Anthony OConnell <anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com>

Cc: Sarah Hall <shall@bklawva.com>

Wed, Nov 7, 2012 at 6:31 AM

Dear Mr. O'Connell.

In response to your question, I can only tell you generally that the purpose of the scheduling conference is to set a trial date for the case and to enter a "Scheduling Order." I am unable to provide you with any advice or guidance about your rights and responsibilities in connection with the notice from the court. I urge you to find out more about the court procedures on your own, either through the court's website or other sources.

## Regards,

#### Elizabeth ("Betty Van") Chichester Morrogh

Partner



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From: Anthony OConnell [mailto:anthonymineroconnell@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2012 7:57 AM

**To:** Betty Van Morrogh

Subject: Court appearance for summons CL-2012-0013064?

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# Contact for answers about Court appearance for summons CL-2012-0013064

1 message

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To: Elizabeth Chichester Morrogh <br/>
<a href="mailto:bvmorrogh@bklawva.com">bvmorrogh@bklawva.com</a>>

Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 9:03 AM

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Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 9:25 AM

Dear Mr. O'Connell.

If I knew of a particular person to whom you could address your questions, I could not provide you with an email address because, to the best of my knowledge, such information is not made available to the public. My recommendation would be to contact Judges' Chambers for the Circuit Court, since the law clerks preside over the scheduling conferences, rather than the judges.

Regards,

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Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 1:36 PM

Dear Elizabeth Morrogh,

Your summons CL-20120013064, item 18 says:

"18. Since 2009, Anthony has failed to pay the real estate taxes for the Property as required by the Lhd Trust Agreement. Currently, the amount of real estate tax owed, including interest and penalties, is approximately \$27,738.00.".

Please show me how you arrived at the figure of \$27,738.00.

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Thu, Nov 8, 2012 at 1:39 PM

Mr. O'Connell:

That amount was reported to us by the collection agency for the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration.

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Fri, Nov 9, 2012 at 4:30 AM

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(Press 3, Press 1)

IN RE: Harold A OConnell

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TO: Anthony Miner OConnell
439 S Vista Del Rio
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## **SUMMONS - CIVIL ACTION**

The party, upon whom this summons and the attached complaint are served, is hereby notified that unless within 21 days after such service, response is made by filing in the Clerk's office of this Court a pleading in writing, in proper legal form, the allegations and charges may be taken as admitted and the court may enter an order, judgment or decree against such party either by default or after hearing evidence.

APPEARANCE IN PERSON IS NOT REQUIRED BY THIS SUMMONS.

Done in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, on Tuesday, September 04, 2012.

JOHN T. FREY, CLERK

// Deputy Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney Elizabeth Chichester Morrogh

SERVED: 9-8-12 3:00 PM.