

## **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.**