

**§ 46-2.1. Summons.**

(a) In partition proceedings initiated under this Chapter, the period of time for answering a summons is provided in G.S. 1-394.

(b) Written notice shall be included in the petition in a manner reasonably calculated to make the respondent aware of the following:

- (1) That the respondent has the right to seek the advice of an attorney and that free legal services may be available to the respondent by contacting Legal Aid of North Carolina or other legal services organizations.
- (2) That pursuant to G.S. 6-21 the court has the authority, in its discretion, to order reasonable attorneys' fees to be paid as a part of the costs of the proceeding. (2009-362, s. 3.)