

Sample Statement of Decision

Judgment is awarded to the [plaintiff/defendant] [*name*] in the amount of \$_____ [plus interest in the amount of \$_____] plus court costs in the amount of \$_____. The main reason(s) for my decision [is/are] _____ [*state the general legal principles or social policy on which the decision is based*].

[Optional: Installment payments]

[Plaintiff/Defendant] [*name*] is ordered to pay this judgment in monthly payments of \$____, which are due on the _____ of each month beginning [*date*]. If any payment is not paid within 10 (ten) days of the date it is due, the entire judgment becomes immediately due and payable. [Plaintiff/Defendant] [*name*] is also ordered to pay interest at the rate of _____ percent on the unpaid balance.]

Sample Statement for Taking a Case Under Submission

I have heard all the evidence. I think the matter requires further consideration so I will take the case under submission and send you my decision. Until you receive my decision, it is important that you do not contact the court or try to give me any new information because it would be unfair to the other party for me to hear evidence without giving the other party a chance to respond. You will receive my decision by mail in approximately _____ [*length of time*].