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Subpoena

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Definition

A subpoena is a document that commands the appearance or response of an individual. The subpoena requires one to appear at a certain time and place to give testimony upon a certain matter. There are two kinds of subpoenas: subpoena ad

testificandum, which requires the individual to testify, and subpoena duces tecum, which commands to provide evidence. There are three options in response to a subpoena. The first is to comply, the second is to request a motion to quash and convince the court why you should not comply, and the last is to refuse to comply. If one refuses to comply, the court may hold the individual in contempt.

References and Readings

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subpoena>