

## Script for Plaintiff's Testimony

### Child Support Increase

Before you present your case, you will be sworn in. If the Judge indicates you should come forward, you should take a seat in the witness chair. The witness chair is usually beside the Judge. If the Judge allows you to stay at the table in front of the Judge, you should stand.

In accordance with the SC Rules of Civil Procedure, if you have any papers that you want the Judge to see, bring three copies to the hearing. Hand the original and a copy to the Deputy Sheriff who will give the original to the Judge and a copy to the Defendant. Be sure to keep another copy for yourself in case the Judge or the Defendant asks you questions about it.

After you are sworn in, you should ask

- "Your Honor, may I begin?"
  - My name is \_\_\_\_\_
  - My address is: \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Defendant lives in \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_
  - This court has jurisdiction over this case because of the prior child support order.
  - Defendant is ordered to pay child support of \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of child(ren) in this case).
  - My income per month is: \_\_\_\_\_. I make \_\_\_\_\_ per hour and I work \_\_\_\_\_ hours each week.
  - I have other income from \_\_\_\_\_. That income is \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
  - I pay day care of \_\_\_\_\_ per week.
  - I pay health insurance of \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for the child(ren).
  - I have filed a Financial Declaration with the Court that I ask the Court to review.
  - My circumstances have substantially changed. I need an increase in child support because  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- Your honor, that is all of my testimony. I will be happy to answer any questions that you or the Defendant may have.

Listen carefully to any questions that you are asked and answer truthfully.