

**MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT SENTENCE  
BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY**

**NOTE:** If you have a sentence to be served in the future under a federal judgment which you wish to attack, you must file that motion in the federal court which entered the judgment.

*Check the Western District's web site at [www.nywd.uscourts.gov](http://www.nywd.uscourts.gov) for copies of many of the Court's forms and other useful information.*

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**INSTRUCTIONS - READ CAREFULLY**

- (1) This motion must be legibly handwritten or typewritten, and signed by the movant under penalty of perjury. **Any false statement of a material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution and conviction for perjury.** All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form.
- (2) Additional pages are **not** permitted except with respect to the facts which you rely upon to support your grounds for relief. No citation of authorities need be furnished. If briefs or arguments are submitted, they should be submitted in the form of a separate memorandum.
- (3) Upon receipt, your motion will be filed if it is in proper order. No fee is required with this motion.
- (4) If you do not have the necessary funds for transcripts, counsel, appeal, and other costs connected with a motion of this type, you may request permission to proceed *in forma pauperis*, in which event you must execute the Court's form motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, setting forth information establishing your inability to pay the costs. If you wish to proceed *in forma pauperis*, you must have an authorized officer at the penal institution complete the certificate as to the amount of money and securities on deposit to your credit in any account in the institution.
- (5) Only judgments entered by one court may be challenged in a single motion. If you seek to challenge judgments entered by different judges or divisions either in the same district or in different districts, you **must** file separate motions as to each such judgment.
- (6) **You must include all grounds for relief and all facts supporting such grounds for relief in the petition you file. You may not be permitted the opportunity to raise any claim in a second or successive habeas corpus application that was not presented in the original habeas corpus application.** 28 U.S.C. § 2255.
- (7) **A one-year statute of limitations applies to an application for a writ of habeas corpus; the limitations period runs from the latest of several different points in time, so you must check the statute to see which date applies to your petition.** 28 U.S.C. § 2255.
- (8) When the motion is fully completed, the original and at least two copies must be mailed to the Clerk of the United States District Court at one of the following addresses:

U.S. Courthouse	2120 U.S. Courthouse
2 Niagara Square	100 State Street
Buffalo, New York 14202	Rochester, New York 14614
(716) 551-1700	(585) 613-4000
- (9) Motions which do not conform to these instructions will be returned with a notation as to the deficiency.