

**Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct a Sentence  
By a Person in Federal Custody**

**(Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255)**

**Instructions**

1. To use this form, you must be a person who is serving a sentence under a judgment against you in a federal court. You are asking for relief from the conviction or the sentence. This form is your motion for relief.
2. You must file the form in the United States district court that entered the judgment that you are challenging. If you want to challenge a federal judgment that imposed a sentence to be served in the future, you should file the motion in the federal court that entered that judgment.
3. Make sure the form is typed or neatly written.
4. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.
5. Answer all the questions. You do not need to cite law. You may submit additional pages if necessary. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or correct information. If you want to submit a brief or arguments, you must submit them in a separate memorandum.
6. In this motion, you may challenge the judgment entered by only one court. If you want to challenge a judgment entered by a different judge or division (either in the same district or in a different district), you must file a separate motion.
7. When you have completed the form, send the original and two copies to the Clerk of the United States District Court in the division in which you were convicted:

Cases to be filed in the Tallahassee Division: Clerk, U.S. District Court 111 N. Adams Street, Suite 322 Tallahassee, FL 32301-7730	Cases to be filed in the Gainesville Division: Clerk, U.S. District Court 401 SE First Avenue, Room 243 Gainesville, FL 32601-6895
Cases to be filed in the Pensacola Division: Clerk, U.S. District Court 1 North Palafox Street, Room 226 Pensacola, FL 32502-5658	Cases to be filed in the Panama City Division: Clerk, U.S. District Court 1 North Palafox Street, Room 226 Pensacola, FL 32502-5658

8. **CAUTION: You must include in this motion all the grounds for relief from the conviction or sentence that you challenge. And you must state the facts that support each ground. If you fail to set forth all the grounds in this motion, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds at a later date.**
9. **CAPITAL CASES: If you are under a sentence of death, you are entitled to the assistance of counsel and should request the appointment of counsel.**