

11. If access cannot be obtained to the property on which it is to be served, the writ may be served by showing it to any person appearing to be in charge of such property, and by leaving with him a copy of the writ.

12. In an action *in personam*, the writ of summons shall be served by showing it to the Defendant, and by leaving with him a copy of the writ.

13. A writ of summons against a firm may be served upon any member of the firm, or upon any person appearing at the time of service to have the management of the business of the firm.

14. A writ of summons against a corporation may be served upon the mayor, or other head officer, or upon the town clerk, clerk, treasurer or secretary of the corporation and a writ of summons against a public company may be served upon the secretary of the company, or may be left at the office of the company.

15. A writ of summons against a corporation or a public company may be served in any other mode provided by law for service of any other writ or legal process upon such corporation or company.

16. If the person to be served is under disability, or if for any cause personal service cannot, or cannot promptly, be effected, or if in any action, whether *in rem* or *in personam*, there is any doubt or difficulty as to the person to be served, or as to the mode of service, the judge may order upon whom, or in what manner service is to be made, or may order notice to be given in lieu of service.

17. The writ of summons, whether *in rem* or *in personam*, may be served by the Plaintiff or his agent within *twelve months* from the date thereof, and shall, after service, be filed with an affidavit of such service.

18. The affidavit shall state the date and mode of service and shall be signed by the person who served the writ. A form of affidavit of service will be found in the Appendix hereto, No. 11.

19. No service of a writ or warrant shall be required when the Defendant by his solicitor undertakes in writing to accept service thereof and enter an appearance thereto, or to put in bail, or to pay money into court in lieu of bail; and any solicitor not entering an appearance or putting in bail or paying money into court in lieu of bail in pursuance of his written undertaking so to do, shall be liable to attachment.