PACKET 1

SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

This packet may be used if:

- Both parties agree
- NO Children/ NO Property/ NO Issues
- Both parties must attend final hearing

FEES:

- Filing Fee \$408.00
- Acknowledgement fee \$3.50 each signature
- Copies (day of filing) .15 page

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

• Cash/ check/ money orders payable to the Clerk of Court

• Credit card accepted there will be processing fee 3.5% We also offer payment plans upon request, additional \$25.00 fee will be added.

**Optional: it is suggested that you meet with the Pro Se Coordinator for help with procedural question 352-374-3665, leave a message.

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You may use these forms if all of the following are true:

- 1. At least one party has been a resident of Florida for six months;
- 2. The parties agree that the marriage cannot be saved;
- 3. The parties have no minor or dependent children and the wife is not pregnant;
- 4. The parties have agreed on how to divide property and debts;
- 5. Neither party is seeking future financial support;
- 6. Both parties are willing to give up the right to a trial and appeal.

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PROVING RESIDENCY

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You or your spouse may prove that you have been a resident of Florida for at least six months by doing one of the following:

- 1. Filing with the Clerk of Court a copy of a valid Florida driver's license or voter registration card issued at least six months ago;
- 2. Bringing a witness to your court hearing who can testify that you meet the requirement; or
- 3. Completing and filing with the Clerk of Court an Affidavit of Corroborating Witness on the form provided in this packet.

<u>WARNING</u>

IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION in your mind concerning these forms, the use of these forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that you obtain the services of an attorney. If you do not know an attorney, you may contact the Florida Lawyer Referral Service at 1–800–342–8011. If you are filing for divorce in a case involving domestic violence and are financially unable to afford the services of an attorney, you may contact Three Rivers Legal Services at (352) 372–0519 or 1–800–372–0936 to see if you are eligible for their services.

DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE LAW, the forms and information contained in this packet may become outdated. Therefore, you should review and research statutes and rules of procedure referenced in the instructions to ensure that the forms are accurate and current.

IN NO EVENT will the Florida Supreme Court, the Florida Bar, the Eighth Judicial Circuit Office of the Court Administrator, the Clerk of the Court or anyone contributing to the production of these forms, commentary, instructions, and appendices be liable for any indirect or consequential damages resulting from the use of the packet.

Use these forms at your own risk. These forms may or may not be appropriate in your particular case. Any desired outcome from the use of these forms cannot be predicted or guaranteed. It is strongly recommended that you seek legal advice.

When the forms refer to: "General Information for Self–Represented Litigants)," the information is found at <u>http:ffwww.flcourts.org</u> (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab).

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<u>Resources for Litigants Filing a Family Law Action</u> Without Legal Counsel

Internet Access- information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

<u>http:ffcircuit8.orgffamily-court</u> or <u>http:ffwww.flcourts.org</u> (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General PublicTab)

Internet access is available from the LEVY County Public Library.

Three Rivers is available to assist pro se litigants in dissolution of marriage and paternity actions who qualify. Three Rivers can be reached at (352)372–0519.

Legal information for litigants is available at the Alachua County Library Headquarters in Downtown Gainesville, which houses the J. H. Murphree Law Library Collection. Consult with a librarian for additional information. The web address for the library is <u>http:ffwww.aclib.usf</u>.

FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



SERVING LEVY COUNTY A PROGRAM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

The Family Court Case Management Program staff is employed by the Court to assist the Family Law Judges by making sure that all cases in which the petitioner is not represented by an attorney have met procedural requirements.

As in all matters involving law, it is recommended that you obtain the services of a competent lawyer. It is important for you to understand that the Court and Program staff do not represent you. **YOU** represent yourself.

If you decide to proceed without a lawyer, the Family Court Case Management Program staff will:

- > explain procedures
- > conduct an instructional seminar to explain how to file forms
- > inform you about additional court requirements
- > help you set a hearing with the judge

The staff will not:

- > give legal advice or explain rights
- > represent you in court
- > tell you what forms to file
- > tell you how to present your case
- > notify you that your case is ready to file

PROCEDURES

- 1. If you have decided to file a family law case without a lawyer, please follow these steps:
- 2. download the forms from the Clerk's website at www.levyclerk.com.
- 3. Complete the packet of forms in ink or typed. Court staff cannot assist you in completing the forms.
- 4. Further instructions regarding filing and procedures are addressed in the packet. Procedural questions can be answered by calling Family Court.
- 5. Instructions regarding procedures after filing are addressed in the packet. Your case will be monitored for procedural requirements by the Family Court Case Manager.

OTHER SERVICES

In addition to the instructional seminar, the Family Court Case Management Program offers assistance to self-represented litigants in a variety of ways.

Internet Access- information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

Eighth Judicial Circuit Website:

http:ffcircuit8.orgfservicesffamilycourt or

Florida Supreme Court Website:

http:ffwww.flcourts.org (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab)

Internet access is available from the Levy County Public Library.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.928 COVER SHEET FOR FAMILY COURT CASES (02/24)

When should this form be used?

The Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases and the information contained in it does not replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other documents as required by law. This form shall be filed by the petitioner/party opening or reopening a case for the use of the <u>clerk of the</u> <u>circuit court</u> for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. The petitioner must <u>file</u> this cover sheet with the first pleading or motion filed to open or reopen a case in all domestic and juvenile cases.

What should I do next?

Follow these instructions for completing the form:

- Case Style. Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original petition, the name of the judge assigned (if applicable), and the name (last, first, middle initial) of the petitioner(s) and respondent(s).
- II. Type of Action /Proceeding. Place a check beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are filing more than one type of proceeding, (such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding) against the same party at the same time, then you must complete a separate cover sheet for each action being filed.
 - (A) Initial Action/Petition
 - (B) Reopening Case. If you check "Reopening Case," indicate whether you are filing a modification or supplemental petition or an action for enforcement by placing a check beside the appropriate action/petition.
 - 1. Modification/Supplemental Petition
 - 2. Motion for Civil Contempt/ Enforcement
 - 3. Other All reopening actions not involving modification/supplemental petitions or petition enforcement.
- III. Type of Case. Place a check beside the appropriate case. If the case fits more than one category, select the most definitive. Definitions of the categories are provided below.
 - (A) Simplified Dissolution of Marriage- petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.105.
 - (B) Dissolution of Marriage petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Chapter

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- (C) 61, Florida Statutes, other than simplified dissolution.
- (D) Domestic Violence all matters relating to injunctions for protection against domestic violence pursuant to section 741.30, Florida Statutes.
- (E) Dating Violence all matters relating to injunctions for protection against dating violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.
- (F) Repeat Violence all matters relating to injunctions for protection against repeat violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.
- (G) Sexual Violence all matters relating to injunctions for protection against sexual violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.
- (H) Stalking-all matters relating to injunctions for protection against stalking pursuant to section 784.0485, Florida Statutes
- Support IV-D all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has been filed with the Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement under Title IV-D, Social Security Act, except for such matters relating to dissolution of marriage petitions (sections 409.2564, 409.2571, and 409.2597, Florida Statutes), paternity, or UIFSA.
- (J) Support-Non IV-D all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has **not** been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (K) UIFSA- IV-D all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (L) UIFSA Non IV-D all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has **not** been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (M) Support for Dependent Adult Children all matters related to support of a dependent adult child.
- (N) Other Family Court all matters involving time-sharing and/or parenting plans relating to minor child(ren), support unconnected with dissolution of marriage, annulment, delayed birth certificates pursuant to Florida Statutes section 382.0195, expedited affirmation of parental status pursuant to Florida Statutes section 742.16, termination of parental rights proceedings pursuant to Florida Statutes section 63.087, declaratory judgment actions related to premarital, marital, post-marital agreements, or other matters not included in the categories above.
- (O) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 63 all matters relating to adoption pursuant to Chapter 63, Florida Statutes, excluding any matters arising out of Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (P) Name Change all matters relating to name change, pursuant to section 68.07, Florida Statutes.
- (Q) Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity all matters relating to paternity pursuant to Chapter 742, Florida Statutes.
- (R) Juvenile Delinquency all matters relating to juvenile delinquency pursuant to Chapter 985, Florida Statutes.
- (S) Petition for Dependency all matters relating to petitions for dependency.

- (T) Shelter Petition all matters relating to shelter petitions pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (U) Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out Of Chapter 39 all matters relating to

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- (V) termination of parental rights pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (W) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 39 all matters relating to adoption pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (X) CINS/FINS all matters relating to children in need of services (and families in need of services) pursuant to Chapter 984, Florida Statutes.
- (Y) Petition for Temporary or Concurrent Custody by Extended Family-all matters relating to petitions for temporary or concurrent custody pursuant to Chapter 751.
- (Z) Emancipation of a Minor-all matters relating to emancipation of a minor pursuant to Chapter 743.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE. Sign the Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases. Print legibly the name of the person signing the Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases. Attorneys must include a Florida Bar number. Insert the date the Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases is signed. Signature is a certification that filer has provided accurate information on the Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases.

Nonlawyer Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

A copy of this form must be filed with the court and served on the other party or his or her attorney. The copy you are serving to the other party must be either mailed, e-mailed, or hand-delivered to the opposing party or his or her attorney on the same day indicated on the certificate of service. If it is mailed, it must be postmarked on the date indicated in the certificate of service.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so. If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration. If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you must Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.928, Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases (02/24)

review Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by email, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please CAREFULLY read the rules and instructions for: Certificate of Service (General), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see Rule 12.100, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

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COVER SHEET FOR FAMILY COURT CASES

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		Petitioner,				, V ,			
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	· · · ·	Respondent.	·						

- II. Type of Action/Proceeding. Place a check beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are filing more than one type of proceeding (such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding) against the same party at the same time, then you must complete a separate cover sheet for each action being filed. If you are reopening a case, choose one of the three options below it.
 - (A) X Initial Action/Petition
 - (B) Reopening Case
 - 1. ____ Modification/Supplemental Petition
 - 2. ____ Motion for Civil Contempt/Enforcement
 - 3. Other

III. Type of Case. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive.

- (A) X Simplified Dissolution of Marriage
- (B) Dissolution of Marriage
- (C) Domestic Violence
- (D) Dating Violence
- (E) Repeat Violence
- (F) Sexual Violence
- (G) Stalking
- (H) _____ Support IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- (I) Support Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- (J) UIFSA IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- (K) UIFSA Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- (L) _____ Support for Dependent Adult Children all matters related to support of a dependent adult child.
- (M) Other Family Court
- (N) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 63

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- (O) _____ Name Change
- (P) _____ Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity
- (Q) _____ Juvenile Delinquency
- (R) Petition for Dependency
- (S) _____ Shelter Petition
- (T) _____ Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out Of Chapter 39
- (U) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 39
- (V) CINS/FINS
- (W) _____ Petition for Temporary or Concurrent Custody by Extended Family
- (X) ____ Emancipation of a Minor
- IV. Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires that a Notice of Related Cases Form, Family Law Form 12.900(h), be filed with the initial pleading/petition by the filing attorney or self-represented litigant in order to notify the court of related cases. Is Form 12.900(h) being filed with this Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases and initial pleading/petition?

No, to the best of my knowledge, no related cases exist.

Yes, all related cases are listed on Family Law Form 12.900(h).

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _

Attorney or party

(E-mail Address(es))

(Bar number, if attorney)

FL Bar No.:

(Type or print name)							
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Date			•				

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]

This form was prepared for the: <i>{choose only one}</i> Petitioner Respondent						
This form was completed with the as	sistance of:					
{name of Individual}						
{name of business}			`			

{address}

{city} _____, {state} ____, {zip code} ____, {telephone number} ____

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FAMILY LAW FORMS, COMMENTARY, AND INSTRUCTIONS GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS (09/13)

You should read this General Information thoroughly before taking any other steps to file your case or represent yourself in court. Most of this information is not repeated in the attached forms. This information should provide you with an overview of the court system, its participants, and its processes. It should be useful whether you want to represent yourself in a pending matter or have a better understanding of the way family court works. This is not intended as a substitute for legal advice from an attorney. Each case has its own particular set of circumstances, and an attorney may advise you of what is best for you in your individual situation.

These instructions are not the only place that you can get information about how a family case works. You may want to look at other books for more help. The Florida Statutes, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and other legal information or books may be found at the public library or in a law library at your county courthouse or a law school in your area. If you are filing a petition for **Name Change** and for **Adoption**, these instructions may not apply.

If the word(s) is printed in **bold**, this means that the word is being emphasized. Throughout these instructions, you will also find words printed in **bold** and **underlined**. This means that the definitions of these words may be found in the glossary of common family law terms at the end of this general information section.

Commentary

1995 Adoption. To help the many people in family law court cases who do not have attorneys to represent them (pro se litigants), the Florida Supreme Court added these simplified forms and directions to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure. The directions refer to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure or the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Many of the forms were adapted from the forms accompanying the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Practitioners should refer to the committee notes for those forms for rule history.

The forms were adopted by the Court pursuant to Family Law Rules of Procedure, 667 So. 2d 202 (Fla. 1995); In re Petition for Approval of Forms Pursuant to Rule 10-1.1(b) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar—Stepparent Adoption Forms, 613 So. 2d 900 (Fla. 1992); Rules Regulating the Florida Bar—Approval of Forms, 581 So. 2d 902 (Fla. 1991).

Although the forms are part of these rules, they are not all inclusive and additional forms, as necessary, should be taken from the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure as provided in Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure. Also, the following notice has been included to strongly encourage individuals to seek the advice, when needed, of an attorney who is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar.

1997 Amendment. In 1997, the Florida Family Law Forms were completely revised to simplify and correct the forms. Additionally, the appendices were eliminated, the instructions contained in the appendices were incorporated into the forms, and the introduction following the Notice to Parties was created. Minor changes were also made to the Notice to Parties set forth below.

NOTICE TO PARTIES WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE FLORIDA BAR

If you have questions or concerns about these forms, instructions, commentary, the use of the forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that you talk to an attorney. If you do not know an attorney, you should call the lawyer referral service listed in the yellow pages of the telephone book

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under "Attorney." If you do not have the money to hire an attorney, you should call the legal aid office in your area.

Because the law does change, the forms and information about them may have become outdated. You should be aware that changes may have taken place in the law or court rules that would affect the accuracy of the forms or instructions.

In no event will the Florida Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, or anyone contributing to the production of these forms or instructions be liable for any direct, indirect, or consequential damages resulting from their use.

FAMILY LAW PROCEDURES

Communication with the court <u>Ex parte</u> communication is communication with the judge with only one party present. Judges are not allowed to engage in ex parte communication except in very limited circumstances, so, absent specific authorization to the contrary, you should not try to speak with or write to the judge in your case unless the other <u>party</u> is present or has been properly notified. If you have something you need to tell the judge, you must ask for a <u>hearing</u> and give notice to the other party or file a written statement in the court file and send a copy of the written statement to the other party.

Filing a case. A case begins with the filing of a **petition**. A petition is a written request to the court for some type of legal action. The person who originally asks for legal action is called the **petitioner** and remains the petitioner throughout the case.

A petition is given to the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u>, whose office is usually located in the county courthouse or a branch of the county courthouse. A case number is assigned and an official court file is opened. Delivering the petition to the clerk's office is called <u>filing</u> a case. A <u>filing fee</u> is usually required.

Once a case has been filed, a copy must be given to (served on) the respondent. The person against whom the original legal action is being requested is called the **respondent**, because he or she is expected to respond to the petition. The respondent remains the respondent throughout the case.

Service. When one party files a <u>petition</u>, <u>motion</u>, or other <u>pleading</u>, the other party must be "served" with a copy of the document. This means that the other party is given proper notice of the pending action(s) and any scheduled hearings. <u>Personal service</u> of the petition, standing order, and summons on the respondent by a deputy sheriff or private process server is required in all <u>original petitions</u> for dissolution of marriage. <u>Supplemental petitions</u>, unless <u>constructive service</u> is permitted by law, must also be served via personal service. Personal service may also be required in other actions by some judges. After initial service of the original or supplemental petition and summons by a deputy sheriff or private process server, service of most motions and other documents or papers filed in the case generally may be made by regular U.S. mail or hand delivery. However, service by <u>certified mail</u> is required at other times so you have proof that the other party actually received the papers. The instructions with each form will advise you of the type of <u>service</u> required for that form. If the other party is represented by an attorney, you should serve the attorney and send a copy to the other party, except for original or supplemental petitions, which must be personally served on the respondent.

Other than the initial original or supplemental petitions, anytime you file additional pleadings or motions in your case, you must provide a copy to the other party and include a <u>certificate of service</u>. Likewise, the other party must provide you with copies of everything that he or she files. Service of

additional documents is usually completed by U.S. mail. For more information, see the instructions for **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914.

Forms for service of process are included in the Florida Family Law Forms, along with more detailed instructions and information regarding service. The instructions to those forms should be read carefully to ensure that you have the other party properly served. **If proper service is not obtained, the court cannot hear your case.**

Note: If you absolutely do not know where the other party to your case lives or if the other party resides in another state, you may be able to use <u>constructive service</u>. However, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief. For more information on constructive service, see **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a), and **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). Additionally, if the other party is in the military service of the United States, additional steps for service may be required. See, for example, **Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a). In sum, the law regarding constructive service and service on an individual in the military service is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding these issues.

Default... After being served with a petition or **counterpetition**, the other party has 20 days to file a response. If a response to a petition is not filed, the petitioner may file a **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), with the clerk. This means that you may proceed with your case and set a **final hearing**, and a **judge** will make a decision, even if the other party will not cooperate. For more information, see rule 12.080(c), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

<u>Answer</u> and Counterpetition... After being served, the respondent has 20 days to file an answer admitting or denying each of the allegations contained in the petition. In addition to an answer, the respondent may also file a counterpetition. In a counterpetition, the respondent may request the same or some other relief or action not requested by the petitioner. If the respondent files a counterpetition, the petitioner should then file an **Answer to Counterpetition**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d), and either admit or deny the allegations in the respondent's counterpetition.

<u>Mandatory disclosure</u>... Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires each party in a <u>dissolution of marriage</u> to exchange certain information and documents, and file a Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). Failure to make this required disclosure within the time required by the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure may allow the court to dismiss the case or to refuse to consider the pleadings of the party failing to comply. This requirement also must be met in other family law cases, except adoptions, simplified dissolutions of marriage, enforcement proceedings, contempt proceedings, and proceedings for injunctions for domestic or repeat violence. The Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932, lists the documents that must be given to the other party. For more information see rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, and the instructions to the Certificate of Compliance Disclosure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932.

Parenting Plan. If your case involves minor or dependent child(ren), a Parenting Plan shall be approved or established by the court. Parenting Plan, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form, 12.995(a) or Safety-Focused Parenting Plan, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(b). The Parenting Plan shall be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by a court . If the parents cannot agree, or if the agreed Parenting Plan is not approved, the court must establish a Parenting Plan. The Parenting Plan shall contain a time-sharing schedule and should address the issues regarding the child(ren)'s education, health care, and physical, social, and emotional well-being.

Setting a <u>hearing</u> or <u>trial</u>. Generally, the court will have hearings on motions, final hearings on <u>uncontested</u> or <u>default</u> cases, and trials on contested cases. Before setting your case for <u>final hearing</u> or trial, certain requirements such as completing mandatory disclosure and filing certain papers and

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having them served on the other party must be met. These requirements vary depending on the type of case and the procedures in your particular jurisdiction. For further information, you should refer to the instructions for the type of form you are filing.

Next, you must obtain a hearing or trial date so that the court may consider your request. You should ask the clerk of court, or <u>family law intake staff</u> about the local procedure for setting a hearing or trial, which you should attend. These family law forms contain <u>orders</u> and <u>final judgments</u>, which the judge may use. You should ask the clerk of court or family law intake staff if you need to bring one of these forms with you to the hearing or trial. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

Below are explanations of symbols or parts of different family law forms...

{specify}; {date}, {name(s)}, {street}, {city}, {state}, {phone} Throughout these forms, you will find hints such as those above. These tell you what to put in the blank(s).

one only] [all that apply] These show how many choices you should check. Sometimes you may check only one, while other times you may check several choices. () This also shows an area where you must make a choice. Check the () in front of the choice that applies to you or your case.

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Line 2 Type or print your county name on line(2).

Dated:

- Line 3 If you are filing an initial petition or pleading, the Clerk of the Court will assign a case number after the case is filed. You should type or print this case number on all papers you file in this case.
- Line 4 The clerk of the court can tell you the name of the division in which your case is being filed, and you should type or print it here. Divisions vary from court to court. For example, your case may be filed in the civil division, the family division, or the juvenile division.
- Line 5 Type or print the legal name of the person who originally filed the case on line 5. This person is the petitioner because hefshe is the one who filed the original petition.
- Line 6 Type or print the other party's legal name on line 6. The other party is the respondent because hefshe is responding to the petition.

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Some forms require that your signature be witnessed. You must sign the form in the presence of a <u>notary public</u> or deputy clerk (employee of the clerk of the court's office). When signing the form, you must have a valid photo identification unless the notary knows you personally. You should completely fill in all lines (1 & 3–7) except 2 with the requested information, if applicable. Line 2, the signature line, must be signed in the presence of the <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>.

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DO NOT SIGN OR FILL IN THIS PART OF ANY FORM. This section of the form is to be completed by the notary public who is witnessing your signature.

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who is the petitioner, fill out this form.	

This section should be completed by anyone who helps you fill out these forms but is **not** an attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar, which means that he or she is not licensed to practice law in Florida.

Line 1 The <u>nonlawyer</u> who helps you should type or print his or her name on line 1.
 Lines 2–5 The nonlawyer's address and telephone number should be typed or printed on lines 2–5.
 Line 6 Your name should be typed or printed on line 6.

In addition, a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900 (a), should be completed if a nonlawyer assists you. The disclosure is available as a family law form and should be completed before the nonlawyer helps you. This is to be sure that you understand the role and limitations of a nonlawyer. You and the nonlawyer should keep a copy of this disclosure for your records.

FAMILY LAW GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Note: The following definitions are intended to be helpful, BUT they are not intended to constitute legal advice or address every possible meaning of the term(s) contained in this glossary.

Affidavit – a written statement in which the facts stated are sworn or affirmed to be true.

Answer – written response by a respondent that states whether he or she admits (agrees with) or denies (disagrees with) the allegations in the petition. Any allegations not specifically denied are considered to be admitted.

Appeal – asking a district court of appeal to review the decision in your case. There are strict procedural and time requirements for filing an appeal.

Asset – everything owned by you or your spouse, including property, cars, furniture, bank accounts, jewelry, life insurance policies, businesses, or retirement plans. An asset may be marital or nonmarital, but that distinction is for the court to determine if you and your spouse do not agree.

Attorney – a person with special education and training in the field of law who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and licensed to practice law in Florida. An attorney is the only person who is allowed to give you legal advice. An attorney may file your case and represent you in court, or just advise you of your rights before you file your own case. In addition to advising you of your rights, an attorney may tell you what to expect and help prepare you for court. In family law matters, you are not entitled to a court–appointed lawyer, like a public defender in a criminal case. However, legal assistance is often available for those who are unable to hire a private attorney. You may consult the yellow pages of the telephone directory for a listing of legal aid or lawyer referral services in your area, or ask your local clerk of court or family law intake staff what services are available in your area. You may also obtain information from the Florida Supreme Court's Internet site located at http:ffwww.flcourts.org.

Beneficiary Designation—Florida law provides that a beneficiary designation made by or on behalf of a party providing for the payment or transference of an asset or benefit upon his or her death to the other spouse is void when the final judgment dissolving or declaring a marriage invalid is signed, unless the final judgment specifically states otherwise. Federal law and other statutory provisions may also apply. This includes, but is not limited to, such assets as life insurance policies, annuities, employee benefit plans, individual retirement accounts, and payable–on–death accounts. Whether or not to continue a beneficiary designation is a complex area of the law and you may wish to consult with an attorney.

Bond – money paid to the clerk of court by one party in a case, to be held and paid to an enjoined party in the event that the first party causes loss or damage of property as a result of wrongfully enjoining the other party.

Central Governmental Depository – the office of the clerk of court that is responsible for collecting and disbursing court–ordered alimony and child support payments. The depository also keeps payment records and files judgments if support is not paid.

Certificate of Service – a document that must be filed whenever a form you are using does not contain a statement for you to fill in showing to whom you are sending copies of the form. Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914 is the certificate of service form and contains additional instructions.

Certified Copy – a copy of an order or final judgment, certified by the clerk of the circuit court to be an authentic copy.

Certified Mail - mail which requires the receiving party to sign as proof that they received it.

Child Support – money paid from one parent to the other for the benefit of their dependent or minor child(ren).

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Clerk of the Circuit Court – elected official in whose office papers are filed, a case number is assigned, and case files are maintained. The clerk's office usually is located in the county courthouse.

Constructive Service – notification of the other party by newspaper publication or posting of notice at designated places when the other party cannot be located for personal service. You may also be able to use constructive service when the other party lives in another state. Constructive service is also called "service by publication." However, when constructive service is used, the relief the Court may grant is limited. For more information on service, see the instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms 12.910(a) and 12.913(b) and Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a).

Contested Issues – any or all issues upon which the parties are unable to agree and which must be resolved by the judge at a hearing or trial.

Contingent Asset – an asset that you **may** receive or get later, such as income, tax refund, accrued vacation or sick leave, a bonus, or an inheritance.

Contingent Liability – a liability that you **may** owe later, such as payments for lawsuits, unpaid taxes, or debts that you have agreed or guaranteed to pay if someone else does not.

Counterpetition – a written request to the court for legal action, which is filed by a respondent after being served with a petition.

Custody Order – a judgment or order incorporating a Parenting Plan is a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980.

Default – a failure of a party to respond to the pleading of another party. This failure to respond may allow the court to decide the case without input from the party who did not appear or respond.

Delinquent - late.

Dependent Child(ren) – child(ren) who depend on their parent(s) for support either because they are under the age of 18, they have a mental or physical disability that prevents them from supporting themselves, or they are in high school while between the ages of 18 and 19 and are performing in good faith with reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

Deputy Clerk – an employee of the office of the clerk of court, which is usually located in the county courthouse or a branch of the county courthouse.

Dissolution of Marriage – divorce; a court action to end a marriage.

Electronic Communication – Contact, other than face-to-face contact, facilitated by tools such as telephones, electronic mail or e-mail, webcams, video-conferencing equipment and software or other wired or wireless technologies, or other means of communication to supplement fact-to face contact between a parent and that parent's minor child.

Enjoined – prohibited by the court from doing a specific act.

Ex Parte – communication with the judge by only one party. In order for a judge to speak with either party, the other party must have been properly notified and have an opportunity to be heard. If you have something you wish to tell the judge, you should ask for a hearing or file information in the clerk of court's office, with certification that a copy was sent to the other party.

Family Law Intake Staff – a court's employee(s) who is (are) available to assist you in filing a family law case. Family law intake staff are not attorneys and cannot give legal advice. They may only assist you with filling out the form(s). Your local clerk's office can tell you if your county has such assistance available.

Filing – delivering a petition, response, motion, or other pleading in a court case to the clerk of court's office.

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Filing Fee - an amount of money, set by law, that the petitioner must pay when filing a case.

Final Hearing – trial in your case.

Financial Affidavit – a sworn statement that contains information regarding your income, expenses, assets, and liabilities.

Final Judgment – a written document signed by a judge and recorded in the clerk of the circuit court's office that contains the judge's decision in your case.

Guardian ad Litem – a neutral person who may be appointed by the court to evaluate or investigate your child's situation, and file a report with the court about what is in the best interests of your child(ren). Guardians do not "work for" either party. The guardian may interview the parties, visit their homes, visit the child(ren)'s school(s) and speak with teachers, or use other resources to make their recommendation.

Hearing – a legal proceeding before a judge or designated officer (general magistrate or hearing officer) on a motion.

Health Insurance-coverage under a fee-for-service arrangement, health care maintenance organization, or preferred provider organization, and other types of coverage available to either parent, under which medical services could be provided to a minor or dependent child.

Judge – an elected official who is responsible for deciding matters on which you and the other parties in your case are unable to agree. A judge is a neutral person who is responsible for ensuring that your case is resolved in a manner which is fair, equitable, and legal. A judge is prohibited by law from giving you or the other party any legal advice, recommendations, or other assistance, and may not talk to either party unless both parties are present, represented, or at a properly scheduled hearing.

Judicial Assistant – the judge's personal staff assistant.

Liabilities – everything owed by you or your spouse, including mortgages, credit cards, or car loans. A liability may be marital or nonmarital, but that distinction is for the court to determine if you and your spouse do not agree.

Lump Sum Alimony – money ordered to be paid by one spouse to another in a limited number of payments, often a single payment.

Mandatory Disclosure – items that must be disclosed by both parties except those exempted from disclosure by Florida Family Law Rule 12.285.

Marital Asset – generally, anything that you andfor your spouse acquired or received (by gift or purchase) during the marriage. For example, something you owned before your marriage **may** be nonmarital. An asset may only be determined to be marital by agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Marital Liability – generally, any debt that you and for your spouse incurred during the marriage. A debt may only be determined to be nonmarital by agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Mediator – a person who is trained and certified to assist parties in reaching an agreement before going to court. Mediators do not take either party's side and are not allowed to give legal advice. They are only responsible for helping the parties reach an agreement and putting that agreement into writing. In some areas, mediation of certain family law cases may be required before going to court.

Modification – a change made by the court in an order or final judgment.

Motion – a request made to the court, other than a petition.

No Contact – a court order directing a party not speak to, call, send mail to, visit, or go near his or her spouse, ex-spouse, child(ren), or other family member.

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Nonlawyer – a person who is not a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.

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Nonmarital Asset – generally, anything owned separately by you or your spouse. An asset may only be determined to be nonmarital by either agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Nonmarital Liability – generally, any debt that you or your spouse incurred before your marriage or since your separation. A debt may only be determined to be nonmarital by either agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Nonparty – a person who is not the petitioner or respondent in a court case.

Notary Public – a person authorized to witness signatures on court related forms.

Obligee – a person to whom money, such as child support or alimony, is owed.

Obligor – a person who is ordered by the court to pay money, such as child support or alimony.

Order – a written decision signed by a judge and filed in the clerk of the circuit court's office, that contains the judge's decision on part of your case, usually on a motion.

Original Petition - see Petition.

Parenting Course – a class that teaches parents how to help their child(ren) cope with divorce and other family issues.

Parenting Plan – a document created to govern the relationship between the parents relating to the decisions that must be made regarding the minor child(ren). The Parenting Plan must contain a time-sharing schedule for the parents and child(ren) and shall address the issues concerning the minor child(ren). The issues concerning the minor child(ren) may include, but are not limited to, the child(ren)'s education, health care, physical, social, and emotional well-being. In creating the Plan, all circumstances between the parents, including their historic relationship, domestic violence, and other factors must be taken into consideration. The Parenting Plan must be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by the court. If the parents cannot agree to a Parenting Plan, or if the parents agreed to a plan that is not approved by the court, a parenting plan will be established by the court with or without the use of **parenting plan recommendations**.

Parenting Plan Recommendation – A nonbinding recommendation concerning one or more elements of a parenting plan made by a court–appointed mental health practitioner or other professional designated pursuant to either section 61.20 or 61.401, Florida Statutes, or Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.363.

Party – a person involved in a court case, either as a petitioner or respondent.

Paternity Action – A lawsuit used to determine whether a designated individual is the father of a specific child or children.

Payor - an employer or other person who provides income to an obligor.

Permanent Alimony – spousal support ordered to be paid at a specified, periodic rate until modified by a court order, the death of either party, or the remarriage of the Obligee, whichever occurs first.

Personal Service – when a summons and a copy of a petition (or other pleading) that has been filed with the court are delivered by a deputy sheriff or private process server to the other party. Personal service is required for all petitions and supplemental petitions.

Petition – a written request to the court for legal action, which begins a court case.

Petitioner – the person who files a petition that begins a court case.

Pleading – a formal written statement of exactly what a party wants the court to do in a lawsuit or court action.

Pro Se Litigant – a person who appears in court without the assistance of a lawyer.

Pro Se Coordinator - see Family Law Intake Staff.

Rehabilitative Alimony – spousal support ordered to be paid for a limited period of time to allow one of the parties an opportunity to complete a plan of education or training, according to a rehabilitative plan accepted by the court, so that he or she may better support himself or herself.

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Respondent – the person who is served with a petition requesting some legal action against him or her. **Scientific Paternity Testing** – a medical test to determine who is the father of a child.

Service – the delivery of legal documents to a party. This must be accomplished as directed by Florida Family Law Rules 12.070 and 12.080.

Shared Parental Responsibility – an arrangement under which both parents have full parental rights and responsibilities for their child(ren), and the parents make major decisions affecting the welfare of the child(ren) jointly. Shared Parental Responsibility is presumptive in Florida.

Sole Parental Responsibility – a parenting arrangement under which the responsibility for the minor child(ren) is given to one parent by the court, with or without rights of time-sharing to the other parent.

Supervised Time-Sharing – a parenting arrangement under which time-sharing_between a parent and his or her child(ren) is supervised by either a friend, family member, or a supervised visitation center.

Supplemental Petition – a petition that may be filed by either party after the judge has made a decision in a case and a final judgment or order has been entered. For example, a supplemental petition may be used to request that the court modify the previously entered final judgment or order.

Time-Sharing Schedule – a timetable that must be included in the Parenting Plan that specifies the time, including overnights and holidays, that a minor child or children will spend with each parent. The time–sharing schedule shall either be developed and agreed to by the parents of a minor child or children and approved by the court, or established by the court if the parents cannot agree, or if their agreed–upon schedule is not approved by the court.

Trial – the final hearing in a contested case.

Uncontested – any and all issues on which the parties are able to agree and which are part of a marital settlement agreement.

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When should this form be used?

This form must be used when anyone who is **not** a lawyer in good standing with The Florida Bar helps you complete any Florida Family Law Form. Attorneys who are licensed to practice in other states but not Florida, or who have been disbarred or suspended from the practice of law in Florida, are nonlawyers for the purposes of the Florida Family Law Forms and instructions.

The nonlawyer must complete this form and both of you are to sign it before the nonlawyer assists you in completing any Family Law Form.

In addition, on any other form with which a nonlawyer helps you, the nonlawyer shall complete the nonlawyer section located at the bottom of the form unless otherwise specified in the instructions to the form. This is to protect you and be sure that you are informed in advance of the nonlawyer's limitations.

What should I do next?

A copy of this disclosure, signed by both the nonlawyer and the person, must be given to the person to retain and the nonlawyer must keep a copy in the person's file. The nonlawyer shall also keep copies for at least 6 years of all forms given to the person being assisted.

Special Notes

This disclosure form does **NOT** act as or constitute a waiver, disclaimer, or limitation of liability

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.900(a), Disclosure from Nonlawyer (11f12)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Respondent.

DISCLOSURE FROM NONLAWYER

{*Name*}_____told me that hefshe is a nonlawyer and may not give legal advice, cannot tell me what my rights or remedies are, cannot tell me how to testify in court, and cannot represent me in court.

Rule 10–2.1(b) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar defines a paralegal as a person who works under the supervision of a member of The Florida Bar and who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a member of The Florida Bar is responsible. Only persons who meet the definition may call themselves paralegals. *{Name}*______, informed me that hefshe is not a paralegal as defined by the rule and cannot call himselffherself a paralegal.

{Name}________, told me that hefshe may only type the
factual information provided by me in writing into the blanks on the form. Except for typing, {name}_______
may not tell me what to put in the form and may not
complete the form for me. However, if using a form approved by the Supreme Court of Florida, {name}_______,
may ask me factual questions to fill in the blanks on
the form and may also tell me how to file the form.

[choose **one** only]

I can read English.

I cannot read English, but this disclosure was read to me [fill in **both** blanks] by {name}______in {language}_____,which | understand.

Dated:

Signature of Party

Signature of NONLAWYER

Printed Name: ______ Name of Business: ______

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Address:

Telephone Number:

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may ask me factual questions to fill in the blanks on

the form and may also tell me how to file the form.

[choose one only]

I can read English.

I cannot read English, but this disclosure was read to me [fill in **both** blanks] by {name} in {language} , which I understand.

Dated:

Signature of Party

Signature of NONLAWYER

Printed Name: ______ Name of Business:

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Address: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(i), AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS (11/15)

When should this form be used?

This form may be used to prove residency in a <u>dissolution of marriage</u> proceeding. To get a divorce in Florida, either the husband or the wife must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing the petition. Residency may be proved by a valid Florida's driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter's registration card (issue date of document must be at least 6 months before the date the case is actually filed with the clerk of the circuit court), or the testimony or affidavit of someone other than you or your spouse. This form is used to prove residency by <u>affidavit</u>. The person signing this form must know that you have lived in the State of Florida for at least 6 months before the date you filed your <u>petition</u> for dissolution of marriage.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink, and signed in the presence of a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for you records.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not <u>served</u> on him or her with your initial papers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of Judicial Administration. If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you must review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i), Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (11/15)

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12:900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i), Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (11/15)

	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE IN AND FOR	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY, FLORIDA
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AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS

I, {full legal name}	, being sworn, certify that the
following statements are true: I have known {name} _	
since {approximate date}	; to the best of my understanding the
petition in this action was filed on {date}	and know of my own personal
knowledge that this person has resided in the State of	Florida for at least 6 months immediately before
{date}	

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

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Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i), Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (11/15)

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IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} () Husband () Wife This form was completed with the assistance of: {name_of_individual}

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Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i), Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (11/15)

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E-MAIL ADDRESS:

The following is/are my e-mail address(es) for purposes of serving and receiving documents: Primary e-mail address:

Secondary e-mail address No.1:

Secondary e-mail address No. 2:

I understand that I must keep the clerk's office and the opposing party or parties notified of my current mailing and e-mail address(es) and that all future papers in this lawsuit will be served at the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

I certify that a copy of this document was [check all used] () e-mailed () mailed () faxed () hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date}_

Other party or his/her atto	orney:
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	
E-mail Address(es):	

I HAVE READ EVERY STATEMENT MADE IN THIS DOCUMENT AND EACH STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE BEING MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, PUNISHABLE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 837.02, FLORIDA STATUTES.

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City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
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Designated E-Mail Address(es)	

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one}	Petitioner	Respondent
This form was completed with the assistance of:		

{name of individual}	 	 	
{name of business}	 	 -	
{street}	 		

{city}

_____,{state} ____, {zip code}_____,{telephone number}_

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E-MAIL ADDRESS:

The following is/are my e-mail address(es) for purposes of serving and receiving documents: Primary e-mail address:

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I understand that I must keep the clerk's office and the opposing party or parties notified of my current mailing and e-mail address(es) and that all future papers in this lawsuit will be served at the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

I certify that a copy of this document was [check all used] () e-mailed () mailed () faxed () hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date}_____.

Other party or his/her attorney:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
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E-mail Address(es):	

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Signature of Petitioner	. •		
Printed Name:	· ,	•	
Address:	,		
City, State, Zip:		<u> </u>	
Telephone Number:			
Fax Number:			
Designated E-Mail Address	(es):		

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[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {cho	ose only one }	Petitioner	Respondent
This form was completed with the assistance of:			,
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{street}			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
{city}	,{state}	, {zip code}	{telephone number}	•	

FAMILY COURT STANDING ORDER

When should this form be used?

This form must be signed and filed by the petitioner in every <u>dissolution of marriage</u>, <u>annulment</u>, <u>or</u> <u>separate maintenance</u> case filed in this circuit, regardless of whether the case involves a minor child(ren) and/or property.

The signed Standing Family Court Order demonstrates that you have read the important information contained in that document. The Standing Family Court Order applies to you as soon as you have filed the petition. Pay careful attention to the Standing Order. If you do not comply with the requirements in the order, you could be held in contempt of court.

Because both parties to a simplified dissolution of marriage are considered to be petitioners, each of you must sign a copy of the standing order. After each of you signs the standing order form, you should <u>file</u> the originals with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records. The standing order applies to both of you immediately upon filing.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at http://www.flcourts.org (select Family Forms located under the tab for Representing Yourself).

You may access more information about the Standing Family Court Order on the Court's website at: <u>http://circuit8.org/administrative-orders/section5</u>.

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signature acknowledges receipt

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

STANDING FAMILY COURT ORDER

This Order applies to both parties in original actions for dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance, or annulment filed in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. It applies to the filing party upon filing of the action and it applies to the other party upon service of the summons and initial pleading or filing of a waiver and acceptance of service. This Order shall remain in effect during the pendency of the action until modified, terminated, or amended by order of the court. Accordingly, it is adjudged:

- Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove, or in any way dispose of any property (whether real, personal, or mixed in nature) jointly or individually owned by the parties, without the written consent of the other party, or without an order of the court unless the disposition is in the normal course of business, or for customary and usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.
- Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts. This includes but is not limited to, additional borrowing against credit lines secured by the family residence, additional encumbering of any marital asset, unreasonable use of any credit cards, or taking cash advances against credit limits of bank cards.
- 3. Neither party shall remove the minor child or children of the parties from the state of Florida without written consent of the other party, or an order of the court.
- 4. Neither party shall cause the other party or the children of the marriage to be removed from any medical, hospital, and for dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.
- Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, or other financial products <u>or accounts</u> containing a beneficiary designation. Each party shall maintain existing <u>life</u>, <u>auto</u>, <u>homeowner's or renter's</u> insurance policies in full force and effect.
- 6. If the parties have a child or children in common, any party vacating the marital residence shall provide the other party or the party's attorney, in writing, within 48 hours of moving, a physical address and telephone number where the relocated party can receive communications. This provision shall not apply if there is a conflicting court order.
- 7. If the parties have children in common and they live apart during the pendency of this action, they shall assist their children in having contact with both parties which is consistent with the previous contact habits of the family. Unless there is a conflicting court order, such contact shall be in-person, telephonic, electronic (ex. Skype), and for written.

Failure to comply with this Standing Order may be punishable by contempt of court. If you wish to modify the conditions of this order, you or your attorney must file an appropriate motion with the Clerk's Office in the county where the action is pending and schedule the matter for hearing with the judge assigned to your case.

ORDERED ON this 17th day of July, 2014.

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Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge

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ORDERED ON this 17th day of July, 2014.

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Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.901(a) PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (02/18)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when a husband and wife are filing for a simplified <u>dissolution of</u> <u>marriage</u>. You and/or your <u>spouse</u> must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing for a dissolution in Florida. You may file a simplified dissolution of marriage in Florida if **all** of the following are true:

- You and your spouse agree that the marriage cannot be saved.
- You and your spouse have no minor or dependent child(ren) together, the wife does not have any minor or dependent children born during the marriage, and the wife is not now pregnant.
- You and your spouse have worked out how the two of you will divide the things that you both own (your <u>assets</u>) and who will pay what part of the money you both owe (your **liabilities**), and you are both satisfied with this division.
- You are not seeking support (alimony) from your spouse, and vice versa.
- You are willing to give up your right to **trial** and **appeal**.
- You and your spouse are both willing to go into the clerk's office to sign the petition (not necessarily together).
- You and your spouse are both willing to go to the **<u>final hearing</u>** (at the same time).

If you do not meet the criteria above, you must file a regular **<u>petition</u>** for dissolution of marriage.

This petition should be typed or printed in black ink. Each of you must sign the petition.

What should I do next?

 After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> it with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records.

You may document your agreement by signing a **Marital Settlement Agreement,** Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(f)(3) and filing it with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> or you may agree that all of your assets (what you own) and liabilities (what you owe) have been disposed of by oral agreement.

2. You must prove to the court that the husband **and/or** wife has (have) lived in Florida for more than 6 months before filing the petition for dissolution of marriage. Residence can be proved by:

- a valid Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter registration card issued to one of you at least 6 months prior to filing for dissolution of marriage; or.
- the testimony of another person who knows that either you or your spouse has resided in Florida for more than 6 months and is available to testify in court; or
- an <u>affidavit</u>. To prove residence by affidavit, use an Affidavit of Corroborating Witness, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i). This form must be signed by a person who knows that either you or your spouse has lived in Florida for more than 6 months before the date that you filed the petition for dissolution of marriage. This affidavit may be signed in the presence of the clerk of the court or in the presence of a <u>notary public</u>, who must affix his or her seal at the proper place on the affidavit.
- 3. You must pay the appropriate <u>filing fees</u> to the clerk of the circuit court. If you and your spouse cannot afford to pay the filing fees, you may fill out an **Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status**, and file it with your petition for dissolution of marriage. You may obtain this form from the clerk and he or she will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees waived.
- **4.** You will need to complete a **Family Court Cover Sheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.928. The clerk's office can provide this form.
- 5. Depending on your jurisdiction, you may either obtain a date and time for a court appearance from the clerk of court, or a date and time will be provided to you by the court. On that date, you and your spouse must appear together before a judge. Depending on your jurisdiction, you will either complete a Final Judgment of Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.990(a), and bring it with you to the hearing, or the judge will prepare it at the hearing. At that time, if all of the papers are in order, the judge may grant a final judgment dissolving your marriage under simplified dissolution of marriage procedures by signing the final judgment.
- 6. If you fail to complete this procedure, the court may dismiss the case to clear its records.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.105, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida

Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (02/18)

Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (02/18)

	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE IN AND FOR	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
ln	re the Marriage of:	Case No :
		Case No.: Division:
—	Husband,	
	Husband,	
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	Wife.	
	PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED D	ISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
	We. {full legal name}	, Husband,
an		, wife,
be	ing sworn, certify that the following informatio	
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	We are both asking the Court for a dissolution	_
2.	Husband lives in {name} Cour	nty, {state}, and has lived
	there since <i>{date}</i> Wife lives i	in {name}
	County, {state}, and has live	d there since <i>{date}</i>
3.	We were married to each other on {date}	in the city of <i>{city}</i>
	in state of <i>{state}</i> , or country	/ of {country}
4.	Our marriage is irretrievably broken.	•
5.	We do not have any minor or dependent child	Iren together, the wife does not have any
	minor or dependent children born during the	marriage, and the wife is not pregnant.
6.	We have divided our assets (what we own) an	d our liabilities (what we owe) by agreement.
	We are satisfied with this agreement.	
	{Check one only}	
	() Our marital settlement agreement, Florid	a Family Law Rules of Procedure Form
	12.902(f)(3), is attached. This agreement was	
	and we intend to be bound by it.	<u> </u>

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (02/18)

() Our marital settlement agreement is not in writing. We prefer to keep our financial agreements private.

- {Check one only} () yes () no Wife wants to be known by her former name, which was
 {full legal name}_____.
- 8. We each certify that we have not been threatened or pressured into signing this petition. We each understand that the result of signing this petition may be a final judgment ending our marriage and allowing no further relief.
- 9. We each understand that **we both must come to the hearing** to testify about the things we are asking for in this petition.
- 10. We understand that we each may have legal rights as a result of our marriage and that by signing this petition we may be giving up those rights.
- 11. We ask the Court to end our marriage and approve our marital settlement agreement.

Under penalties of perjury, which can include fines and/or imprisonment, I declare that I have read this document and that the facts stated in it are true.

Signature of HUSBAND	
Printed Name:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Address:	· <u>-</u>
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	
E-mail Address(es):	

Under penalties of perjury, which can include fines and/or imprisonment, I declare that I have read this document and that the facts stated in it are true.

Dated:

Dated:

Signature of WIFE	
Printed Name:	·
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	
E-mail Address(es):	

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (02/18)

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FOR	M, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS
BELOW: [fill in all blanks]	
This form was prepared for: [choose one or both] ()Husband (🛛) Wife
This form was completed with the assistance of:	
{name of individual}	· · ·
{name of business}	·
{address}	
{city}, {state},	, {telephone number}
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Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (02/18)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(j), NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (06/18)

When should this form be used?

This form must be completed and filed by each party in all **<u>paternity</u>**, <u>child support</u></u>, and <u>dissolution of</u> <u>marriage</u> cases, regardless of whether the case involves a minor child(ren) and/or property.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Under Rule 2.420 of the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, Social Security Numbers are confidential; however, this information is required by the Florida Statutes. A Notice of Confidential Information within Court Filing must be filed with the Notice of Social Security Number. This Notice is an appendix to rule 2.420.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not **served** on him or her with your initial papers.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Rules of Judicial

Administration. If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you **must** review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, fax, or e-mail information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: ______ Division: ______

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

I, {full legal name} ______, certify that my social security number is ______, as required by the applicable section of the Florida Statutes. My date of birth is ______.

[Choose one only]

- This notice is being filed in a dissolution of marriage case in which the parties have no minor or dependent child(ren) in common.
- 2. This notice is being filed in a paternity or child support case, or in a dissolution of marriage in which the parties have minor or dependent children in common. The minor or dependent child(ren)'s name(s), date(s) of birth, and social security number(s) is/are:

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{Attach additional pages if necessary.}

Disclosure of social security numbers shall be limited to the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this notice and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

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Signature of Party
Printed Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
Designated E-mail Address(es):

STATE OF FLORIDA

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on by _____

Date:

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk]

Personally known

Produced identification

Type of identification produced

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:

[fill in all blanks] This for	orm was prepa	ared for the: {choose a	only one} Petitioner Res	pondent
This form was complet	ed with the as	sistance of:		
{name of individual}				,
{name of business}	·	·		
{address}		·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	`
{city}	, {state}	, {zip code}	, {telephone number}	-

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SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please **CAREFULLY** read the rules and instructions for: **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; **Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, fax, or e-mail information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: ______
Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

I, {full legal name} ______, certify that my social security number is _______, as required by the applicable section of the Florida Statutes. My date of birth is ______.

[Choose one only]

1. This notice is being filed in a dissolution of marriage case in which the parties have **no** minor or dependent child(ren) in common.

2. This notice is being filed in a paternity or child support case, or in a dissolution of marriage in which the parties have minor or dependent children in common. The minor or dependent child(ren)'s name(s), date(s) of birth, and social security number(s) is/are:

Name	Birth date	Social Security Number
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{Attach additional pages if necessary.}

Disclosure of social security numbers shall be limited to the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this notice and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:

Signature of Party	_
Printed Name:	
Address:	_
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Designated E-mail Address(es):	

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on by _____

Date:

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk]

Personally known

Produced identification

Type of identification produced

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST <u>FILL</u> IN THE BLANK<u>S B</u>ELOW:

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one}	Petitioner	📘 Respondent
This form was completed with the assistance of:		
{name of individual}		,
{name of business}		
{address}		,

{city} _____, {state} ____, {zip code} ____, {telephone number} _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(h), NOTICE OF RELATED CASES (02/24)

When should this form be used?

Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires the **petitioner** in a family law case to file with the court a notice of related cases, if any. Your circuit may also require this form to be filed even if there are no related cases. A case is considered related if:

- it involves the same parties, children, or issues and is pending when the family law case is filed; or
- it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; or
- an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or
- an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier case.

This form is used to provide the required notice to the court.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. It must be **filed** with the **clerk of the circuit court** with the initial pleading in the family law case.

What should I do next?

A copy of the form must be served on the presiding judge, either the chief judge or the family law administrative judge, and all parties in the related cases. You should also keep a copy for your records. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "<u>bold and underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d).

Special notes ...

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms **must** also put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ______ IN AND FOR

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: ______ Division: ______

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

1. Petitioner submits this Notice of Related Cases as required by Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d). A related case may be an open or closed civil, criminal, guardianship, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, or domestic relations case. A case is "related" to this family law case if it involves any of the same parties, children, or issues and it is pending at the time the party files a family case; if it affects the court's jurisdiction to proceed; if an order in the related case may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or if an order in the new case may conflict with an order in the earlier litigation.

[check **one** only]

_____ There are no related cases.

____ The following are the related cases (add additional pages if necessary):

Petitioner Respondent			
Case No.: Division:			
Type of Proceeding: [check all that ap	ply]		
Dissolution of Marriage	Paternity		
Custody	Adoption		
Child Support	Support for Dependent Adult Children		
Modification/Enforcement/Conte	empt Proceedings		
Juvenile Dependency	Juvenile Delinquency		
Termination of Parental Rights			
Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat	Mental Health		
Violence or Stalking Injunctions	Other {specify}		
State where case was decided or is per	nding: Florida Other: { <i>specify</i> }		

Relationship of cases check all that apply]:	
pending case involves same parties, chil	dren, or issues:
may affect court's jurisdiction;	
order in related case may conflict with a	an order in this case;
order in this case may conflict with prev	
Statement as to the relationship of the cases:	·
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Related Case No. 2	· · ·
Case Name(s):	
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Respondent	
Case No.:	Division:
Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply]	
	Paternity
Custody	Adoption
	Support for Dependent Adult Children
Modification/Enforcement/Contempt P	
	Juvenile Delinquency
Termination of Parental Rights	Criminal
	Mental Health
Violence or Stalking Injunctions	Other {specify}
State where case was decided or is pending:	Florida Other: { <i>specify</i> }
	pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion
County, Florida):	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any):	
Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any):	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
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order in related case may conflict with a	an order in this case;
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Statement as to the relationship of the cases:	
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Petitioner	<u></u>	
Respondent		
Case No.:		Division:
Type of Proceeding:	check all that apply]	
Dissolution of M	arriage	Paternity
Custody		Adoption
Child Support		Support for Dependent Adult Children
Modification/En	forcement/Contempt Proce	eedings
Juvenile Depend	ency	Juvenile Delinquency
Termination of I	Parental Rights	Criminal
Domestic/Sexua	I/Dating/Repeat	_ Mental Health
Violence or Stall	ing Injunctions	Other {specify}
State where case was	decided or is pending:	_ Florida Other: { <i>specify</i> }
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4. The Petitioner acknowledges a continuing duty to inform the court of any cases in this or any other state that could affect the current proceeding.

Dated:

Petitioner's Signature
Printed Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Telephone Number:
Fax Number:
E-mail Address(es):

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that I delivered a copy of this Notice of Relat	ed Cases to the County
Sheriff's Department or a certified process server for set () e-mailed () mailed () hand delivered, a copy t	ervice on the Respondent, and [check all used]
[check all that apply] () judge assigned to new case,	
judge, () {name}	a party to the related case, () <i>{name}</i>
a party to the relate	
	Signature of Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Numbér:
	E-mail Address(es):
	Florida Bar Number:
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, I	
[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the {choose	se only one}: Petitioner Respondent.
This form was completed with the assistance of:	
{name of individual}	••
{name of business}	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
{address}	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
{city}{{state}},	{telephone number}

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(f)(3) MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (10/21)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when a **Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), has been <u>filed</u> and the <u>parties</u> have reached an agreement on all of the issues at hand.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. **Both** parties must sign the agreement and have their signatures witnessed by a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. After completing this form, you should file this document with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the <u>petition</u> was filed and keep a copy for your records. You should then refer to the instructions for your petition, <u>answer</u>, or answer and <u>counterpetition</u> concerning the procedures for setting a hearing or <u>trial (final hearing)</u>.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be filed with the court and served on the other party or his or her attorney in your case. The copy you are serving to the other party must be either mailed, e-mailed, or hand-delivered to the opposing party or his or her attorney on the same day indicated on the certificate of service. If it is mailed, it must be postmarked on the date indicated in the certificate of service. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration. If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you must review Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial

Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO. If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by email, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please CAREFULLY read the rules and instructions for: Certificate of Service (General), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in <u>bold underline</u> in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes, and the instructions for the petition which was filed in this case.

Special notes

This form does not act to transfer title to the property. Such transfer must be done by deed or supplemental final judgment.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE IN AND FOR	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY, FLORIDA
In re: the Marriage of:	Case No.: Division:
in re. the Marnage of:	r.
Petitioner,	• •
and	
Respondent.	

MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

We, {Petitioner's full legal name}_____, and {Respondent's full legal name}_____, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

- We were married to each other on {date} _____
- 2. Because of irreconcilable differences in our marriage (no chance of staying together), we have made this agreement to settle once and for all what we owe to each other and what we can expect to receive from each other. Each of us states that nothing has been held back, that we have honestly included everything we could think of in listing our assets (everything we own and that is owed to us) and our debts (everything we owe), and that we believe the other has been open and honest in writing this agreement.
- 3. Each of us agrees to execute and exchange any documents that might be needed to complete this agreement, including deeds, title certificates, etc.

SECTION I. MARITAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

A. Division of Assets. We divide our assets (everything we own and that is owed to us) as follows: Any personal item(s) not listed below is the property of the party currently in possession of the item(s).
 1. Petitioner shall receive as his/her own and Respondent shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets:

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) PETITIONER SHALL RECEIVE To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. LIST ONLY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is in one spouse's name, or in both spouses' names.	Current Fair Market Value
Cash (on hand)	\$
Cash (in banks/credit unions)	
Stocks/Bonds	
Notes (money owed to you in writing)	
Money owed to you (not evidenced by a note)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Real estate: (Home)	
(Other)	
Business interests	
Automobiles	
Boats	· · ·
Other vehicles	· · · ·
Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Furniture & furnishings in home	
Furniture & furnishings elsewhere	
Collectibles	
Jewelry	

Life insurance (cash surrender value)	
Sporting and entertainment (T.V., stereo, etc.) equipment	
Other assets	
	-
Total Assets to Petitioner	\$

2. Respondent shall receive as his/her own and Petitioner shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets:

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) RESPONDENT SHALL RECEIVE To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. LIST ONLY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is in one spouse's name or in both spouses' names.	Current Fair Market Value
Cash (on hand)	\$
Cash (in banks/credit unions)	
Stocks/Bonds	
Notes (money owed to you in writing)	
Money owed to you (not evidenced by a note)	
Real estate: (Home)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
(Other)	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Business interests	
	,
Automobiles	
Boats	
Other vehicles	
Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)	
	· · · · ·
Furniture & furnishings in home	· · · · ·
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Furniture & furnishings elsewhere	···
Collectibles	
Jewelry	

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Life insurance (cash surrender value)	
Sporting and entertainment (T.V., stereo, etc.) equipment	
Other assets b	
Total Assets to Respondent	\$

- B. Division of Liabilities/Debts. We divide our liabilities (everything we owe) as follows:
 1. Petitioner shall pay as his/her own the following and will not at any time ask Respondent to pay these debts/bills:

LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY PETITIONER To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. LIST ONLY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note, or account described below is in one spouse's name or in both spouses' names.	Monthly Payment	Current Amount Owed
Mortgages on real estate: (Home)	\$	\$
(Other)		
Charge/credit card accounts		
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		-
Auto loan		
Auto loan	·	
Bank/credit union loans		
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Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)		
Judgments		
Other		
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Total Debts to Be Paid by Petitioner	\$	\$

2. Respondent shall pay as his/her own the following and will not at any time ask Petitioner to pay these debts/bills:

LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY RESPONDENT To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. LIST ONLY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note, or account described below is in one spouse's name or, or in both spouses' names.	Monthly Payment	Current Amount Owed
Mortgages on real estate: (Home)	\$	\$
(Other)		· · · ·
Charge/credit card accounts		
Auto loan		
Auto loan		
Bank/credit union loans		
Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)		
Judgments		
Other		
Total Debts to Be Paid by Respondent	\$	\$

C. Contingent Assets and Liabilities (listed in Section III of our Family Law Financial Affidavits) will be divided as follows:

SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY) Each of us forever gives up any right to spousal support (alimony) that we may have.

SECTION III. OTHER

I certify that I have been open and honest in entering into this settlement agreement. I am satisfied with this agreement and intend to be bound by it. Dated: _____ Signature of Petitioner Printed Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: ______ E-mail Address(es): _____ STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on ______ by _____ NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK *{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or* clerk.} Personally known Produced identification Type of identification produced IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the Petitioner. This form was completed with the assistance of: {name of individual} {name of business} _____ {address}_____, {state}____, {zip code}_____, {telephone number}_____,

I certify that I have been open and honest in entering into this settlement agreement. I am satisfied with this agreement and intend to be bound by it.

Dated:	
· · ·	Signature of Respondent
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by .
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.}
Personally known	or the second
Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	
Type of identification produced	•
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS F	ORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:
[fill in all blanks]	
This form was prepared for the Respondent.	
This form was completed with the assistance of	
{name of individual}	· · · · · ·
{name of business}	
{address}	and all (talantana aurahar)
{City}, {state}, {zip	code}, {telephone number}