

PACKET 2

Forms Associated with Florida Supreme Court Forms for Filing a

Regular Dissolution of Marriage WITHOUT Children



EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

FILING FEES DUE AT FILING

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~~Case File # 197-0044~~



HELPFUL HINTS TO FILE A DIVORCE

Filing Fee: **\$408.00**

Sheriff's Fee (No personal checks): \$40.00

Issuance Summons: \$10.00

1. All documents must be completed and notarized, if the Clerk notarizes there is a fee for each document that is notarized. (\$3.50 per document)
2. When you file, you must provide the clerk with a copies of all documents that are being filed or the clerk will charge you to make copies. (.15 that day of filing)
3. You must also provide 6 self-address stamped envelopes (3 **for each party.**)
4. It is suggested that you meet with the Pro Se Coordinator for help with procedural questions **352-374-3665**, leave message and she will return your call to set up an appointment.
5. If the person you are serving does **NOT** live in Levy County it is your responsibility to take the documents to be served to the County, State where they live.
6. Please notify the Clerk **in writing** if your case has settled before your scheduled court date so we may cancel you hearing and have the case dismissed.
7. Payment plans are available upon request, additional \$25.00 fee.

WARNING

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DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE LAW, the forms and information contained in this packet may become outdated.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 <http://www.flcourts.org> (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab).



EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Resources for Litigants Filing a Family Law Action 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:

<http://circuit8.org/family-court> or <http://www.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.

Three Rivers is available to assist pro se litigants who qualify in dissolution of marriage and paternity actions. 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 <http://www.aclib.us/>.

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT CHILD(REN) PACKET INFORMATION

This packet is divided into sections A, B, and C. Use Section A when the parties are in agreement with all issues to include the division of property and liabilities. The petitioner will fill out and file Section A with the Clerk's office at the Family/Civil Justice Center. Use the forms in sections B and A if you decide to have your spouse served through the Sheriff's office. If you do not know the location of your spouse then you will need the forms in sections C and A.

SECTION A

Section A includes the following forms:

PETITIONER'S FORMS:

- Notice of Limited Service
- Civil Cover Sheet
- Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (proof of residency can be established by filing a copy of your Florida driver license or Florida identification card)
- Petition for Dissolution of Marriage
- Standing Family Court Order
- Financial Affidavit (short form)
- Notice of Social Security Number
- Affidavit of Children Born/Not Born During the Marriage
- Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure
- Marital Settlement Agreement (if needed to divide property and debts)

After filling out the forms and having them notarized you should make two copies, one for yourself and one for your spouse. File the original forms with the Clerk's office at the Family/Civil Justice Center and provide your spouse with a copy. Your spouse, known as the respondent, in turn will have to file the following forms:

RESPONDENT'S FORMS:

- Answer and Waiver
- Financial Affidavit

Once both parties have filed their required forms you can proceed to schedule a hearing. To do so fill in the "Notice That Action is at Issue and Motion for Hearing/Non-Jury Trial" and follow the instructions provided. **Do not file the request for a hearing until all of the above have been completed.** The forms in sections B and C will not be needed at this point.



**EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED/DISCLAIMER

The personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court are not acting as your lawyer or providing legal advice to you.

Clerk of Court personnel are not acting on behalf of the court or any judge. The presiding judge in your case may require amendment of a form or substitution of a different form. The judge is not required to grant the relief requested in a form.

The personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court cannot tell you what your legal rights or remedies are, represent you in court, give legal advice or instructions on completing forms or tell you how to testify in court.

In all cases, it is best to consult with your own attorney, especially if your case presents significant issues regarding children, child support, alimony, retirement or pension benefits, assets, or liabilities.

_____ I can read English. - (Go to signature line)

_____ I cannot read English, but this notice was read to me by

_____ in _____
(Name) (Language)

YOUR SIGNATURE

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

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

Plaintiff/ Petitioner/State

v.

Defendant/ Respondent

PERMISSION TO USE E-MAIL

Provide your email address below to receive a copy of your Orders, Judgments Notice of Hearings or other written communications from the court or clerk of court and by electronic mail.*

By completing this form I am authorizing the Court and the Clerk, of Circuit Court to send copies of orders/judgments, notices or other written communications to me by e-mail.

I will ensure the software filters have been removed from my computer, so it does not interfere with my ability to receive any of the above documents.

I will file a written notice with the Clerk, if my current email address changes.

Plaintiff/ Petitioner Name (print)

Plaintiff/ Petitioner Name (signature)

* email address (print *clearly*)

Date

***You will not need to provide a stamped self-envelope, if you provide your email address.**

Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases

I. Case Style

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

Petitioner
and

Respondent

Case No.: _____

II. Type of Action/Proceeding. Place a check beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are simultaneously filing more than one type of proceeding against the same opposing party, such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding, 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) ☒ 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Dissolution of Marriage | (K) <input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) |
| (B) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | (L) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Court |
| (C) <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence | (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 63 |
| (D) <input type="checkbox"/> Dating Violence | (N) <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change |
| (E) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Violence | (O) <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity |
| (F) <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Violence | (P) <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency |
| (G) <input type="checkbox"/> Stalking | (Q) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Dependency |
| (H) <input type="checkbox"/> Support IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) | (R) <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Petition |
| (I) <input type="checkbox"/> Support Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) | (S) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out of Chapter 39 |
| (J) <input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) | (T) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 39 |
| | (U) <input type="checkbox"/> CINS/FINS |

IV. Rule of 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 _____ FL Bar No.: _____
Attorney or party (Bar number, if attorney)

(Type or print name) 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: {choose 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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW
FORM 12.901(b)(2)
PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH PROPERTY BUT NO
DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)
(02/18)**

When should this form be used?

This form may be used when you are filing for a dissolution of marriage, and you and your spouse have marital assets and/or marital liabilities, but you do not have any minor or dependent children and neither of you is pregnant. You or your spouse must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing for a dissolution in Florida. If you and your spouse agree on all issues and both can attend the hearing, you may want to file a Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a); however, you cannot file a Petition for a Simplified Dissolution of Marriage if any of the following are true:

- You disagree about property, debts, or other matters and wish to have a judge settle them for you.
- Either you or your spouse is seeking spousal support (alimony).
- You would like to ask questions and get documents concerning your spouse's income, expenses, assets, debts, or other matters before having a trial or settlement.
- You would like to reserve your rights to have any matters reconsidered or appeal the judge's decision.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a notary public or deputy clerk. You should file the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records. Because you are filing the petition in this proceeding, you may also be referred to as the petitioner and your spouse as the respondent.

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?

For your case to proceed, you must properly notify your spouse of the petition. If you know where he or she lives, you should use personal service. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use constructive service. You may also be able to use constructive service if your spouse resides in another state or country; however, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief which cannot include spousal support (alimony). For more information on constructive service, see Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1), and Affidavit of Diligent Search and

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.901(b)(2), Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (02/18)

Inquiry, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). If your spouse 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)** and **Affidavit of Military Service, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b)**. 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.

If personal service is used, your spouse has 20 days to answer after being served with your petition. Your case will then generally proceed in one of the following three ways:

DEFAULT. If after 20 days, your spouse has not filed an answer, you may file a **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), with the clerk of court. Then, if you have filed all of the required papers, you may contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a **final hearing**. You must notify your spouse of the hearing by using a Notice of Hearing (General), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

UNCONTESTED. If your spouse files an answer that agrees with everything in your petition or an answer and waiver, and you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers, you may contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. You must notify your spouse of the hearing by using a Notice of Hearing (General), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

CONTESTED. If your spouse files an answer or an answer and counterpetition, which disagrees with or denies anything in your petition, and you are unable to settle the disputed issues, you should file a **Notice for Trial**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, after you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers. Some circuits may require the completion of mediation before a final hearing may be set. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for instructions on how to set your case for trial (final hearing). If your spouse files an answer and counterpetition, you should answer the counterpetition within 20 days using an **Answer to Counterpetition**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d).

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.

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 12.901(b)(2), Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (02/18)

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.

Special notes...

If you do not have the money to pay the filing fee, you may obtain an Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status from the clerk, fill it out, and the clerk will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees deferred.

If you want to keep your address confidential because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax 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(h).

With this form, you must also file the following:

- **Affidavit of Corroborating Witness**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i) OR photocopy of current Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter's registration card (issue date of copied document must be at least six months before date case is actually filed with the clerk of the circuit court).
- **Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2), if you and your spouse have reached an agreement on any or all of the issues.
- **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j).
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the petition.)
- **Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the petition, unless you and your spouse have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

Alimony. Alimony may be awarded to a spouse if the judge finds that one spouse has an actual need for it and also finds that the other spouse has the ability to pay. **If you want alimony, you must request it in writing in the original petition. If you do not request alimony in writing before the final hearing, it is waived (you may not request it later).** You may request permanent alimony, bridge-the-gap alimony, durational alimony, and/or rehabilitative alimony. If alimony is awarded, the judge may order periodic payments, payments in lump sum, or both.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.901(b)(2), Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (02/18)

Marital/Nonmarital Assets and Liabilities. Florida law requires an **equitable distribution of marital assets and marital liabilities**. "Equitable" does not necessarily mean "equal." Many factors, including alimony awards, may lead the court to make an unequal (but still equitable) distribution of assets and liabilities. **Nonmarital assets and nonmarital liabilities** are those assets and liabilities which the parties agree or the court determines belong to, or are the responsibility of, only one of the parties. If the parties agree or the court finds an asset or liability to be nonmarital, the judge will not consider it when distributing marital assets and liabilities.

Temporary Relief. If you need temporary relief regarding temporary use of assets, temporary responsibility for liabilities, or temporary alimony, you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(c). For more information, see the instructions for that form.

Marital Settlement Agreement. If you and your spouse are able to reach an agreement on any or all of the issues, you should file a **Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Property But No Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2). Both spouses must sign this agreement before a **notary public or deputy clerk**. Any issues on which you are unable to agree will be considered **contested** and settled by the judge at the final hearing.

Final Judgment Forms. These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(c)(2), which the judge may use if your case is contested. If you and your spouse reach an agreement on all of the issues, the judge may use a **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(2). You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring a final judgment with you to the hearing. 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.

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 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

In re: The Marriage of:

Case No: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

**PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH PROPERTY
BUT NO DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

I, {full legal name} _____, the
Petitioner, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

1. JURISDICTION/RESIDENCE

☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Both has (have) lived in Florida for at least 6 months before
the filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

2. Petitioner ☐ is or ☐ is not a member of the military service.
Respondent ☐ is or ☐ is not a member of the military service.

3. MARRIAGE HISTORY

Date of marriage: {month, day, year} _____

Date of separation: {month, day, year} _____ { ☐ Indicate if approximate }

Place of marriage: {county, state, country} _____

4. THERE ARE NO MINOR (under 18) OR DEPENDENT CHILD(REN) COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES AND
NEITHER SPOUSE IS PREGNANT.

5. A completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form
12.902(j), is filed with this petition.

6. THIS PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SHOULD BE GRANTED BECAUSE:

☐ The marriage is irretrievably broken.

OR

☐ One of the parties has been adjudged mentally incapacitated for a period of 3 years before the
filing of this petition. A copy of the Judgment of Incapacity is attached.

SECTION I. MARITAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

1. ☐ There are no marital assets or liabilities.

OR

2. ☐ There are marital assets or liabilities. All marital and nonmarital assets and liabilities are (or will be) listed in the financial affidavits, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), to be filed in this case. *{Indicate all that apply}*

a. ☐ All marital assets and debts have been divided by a written agreement between the parties, which is attached to be incorporated into the final judgment of dissolution of marriage. (The parties may use Marital Settlement Agreement for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(f)(3) or Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2)).

b. ☐ The Court should determine how the assets and liabilities of this marriage are to be distributed, under section 61.075, Florida Statutes.

c. Petitioner should be awarded an interest in _____ the other spouse's property because: _____

SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY)

1. ☐ Petitioner forever gives up any right to spousal support (alimony) from the other spouse.

OR

2. ☐ Petitioner requests that the Court order the other spouse to pay the following spousal support (alimony) and claims that he or she has an actual need for the support that he or she is requesting and that the other spouse has the ability to pay that support. Spousal support (alimony) is requested in the amount of \$ _____ every ☐ week ☐ other week ☐ month, beginning {date} _____ and continuing until {date or event} _____

Explain why the Court should order the other spouse to pay and any specific request(s) for type of alimony (temporary, permanent, bridge-the-gap, durational, rehabilitative, and/or lump sum):

3. ☐ Other provisions relating to alimony including any tax treatment and consequences: _____

4. ☐ Petitioner requests life insurance on the other spouse's life, provided by that spouse, to secure such support.

SECTION III. OTHER

☐ Petitioner requests to be known by the following former legal name, which was {former legal name} _____.

Other relief {specify}:

SECTION IV. REQUEST

{This section summarizes what you are asking the Court to include in the final judgment of dissolution of marriage.}

☐ Petitioner requests that the Court enter an order dissolving the marriage and:
[Indicate all that apply]

- ☐ distributing marital assets and liabilities as requested in Section I of this petition;
- ☐ awarding spousal support (alimony) as requested in Section II of this petition;
- ☐ restoring Petitioner's former name as requested in Section III of this petition;
- ☐ awarding other relief as requested in Section III of this petition; and any other terms the Court deems necessary.

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

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner _____
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 _____

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or
deputy 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} _____
{city} _____, {state} _____ {zip code} _____, {telephone number} _____

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FAMILY COURT STANDING ORDER**

When should this form be used?

This form must be signed and filed by the petitioner in every dissolution of marriage, annulment, or separate maintenance 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.

After signing this form, you should file the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form **must be served** on the other party in your case, along with your initial papers. The Standing Order applies to the other party as soon as they have been served with it.

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: <http://circuit8.org/administrative-orders/section5>.

Petitioner's 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:

1. 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.
2. 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/or dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.
5. Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, or other financial products or accounts containing a beneficiary designation. Each party shall maintain existing life, auto, homeowner's or renter's 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/or 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.

/s/
Robert E. Roundtree, Jr., Chief Judge

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(b), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM) (01/15)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are involved in a family law case which requires a financial affidavit and your individual gross income is **UNDER \$50,000 per year** unless:

- (1) You are filing a simplified dissolution of marriage under rule 12.105 and both parties have waived the filing of a financial affidavit;
- (2) You have no minor children, no support issues, and have filed a written settlement agreement disposing of all financial issues; or
- (3) The court lacks jurisdiction to determine any financial issues.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a notary public or deputy clerk. You should file the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be served on the other party in your case within 45 days of being served with the petition, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. **Service** must be in accordance with 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 Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285.

Special notes...

If you want to keep your address confidential because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

The affidavit must be completed using **monthly** income and expense amounts. If you are paid or your bills are due on a schedule which is not monthly, you must convert those amounts. Hints are provided below for making these conversions.

Instructions to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b), Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short Form)
(01/15)

Hourly - If you are paid by the hour, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Hourly amount	x	Hours worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	x	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Daily - If you are paid by the day, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Daily amount	x	Days worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	x	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Weekly - If you are paid by the week, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Weekly amount	x	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Bi-weekly - If you are paid every two weeks, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Bi-weekly amount	x	26	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount

Semi-monthly - If you are paid twice per month, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Semi-monthly amount	x	2	=	Monthly Amount
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Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

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:

FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)

(Under \$50,000 Individual Gross Annual Income)

I, {full legal name} _____, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

My Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

Business Address: _____

Pay rate: \$ _____ ☐ every week ☐ every other week ☐ twice a month ☐ monthly
☐ other: _____

☐ Check here if unemployed and explain on a separate sheet your efforts to find employment.

SECTION I. PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME:

All amounts must be MONTHLY. See the instructions with this form to figure out money amounts for anything that is NOT paid monthly. Attach more paper, if needed. Items included under "other" should be listed separately with separate dollar amounts.

1. \$ _____ Monthly gross salary or wages
2. _____ Monthly bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips, and similar payments
3. _____ Monthly business income from sources such as self-employment, partnerships, close corporations, and/or independent contracts (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income) (Attach sheet itemizing such income and expenses.)
4. _____ Monthly disability benefits/SSI
5. _____ Monthly Workers' Compensation
6. _____ Monthly Unemployment Compensation
7. _____ Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments
8. _____ Monthly Social Security benefits
9. _____ Monthly alimony actually received (Add 9a and 9b)
 - 9a. From this case: \$ _____
 - 9b. From other case(s): _____
10. _____ Monthly interest and dividends
11. _____ Monthly rental income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses)

required to produce income) (Attach sheet itemizing such income and expense items.)

12. _____ Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates
13. _____ Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they reduce personal living expenses
14. _____ Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring gains)
15. _____ Any other income of a recurring nature (list source) _____
16. _____
17. \$ _____ **TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME** (Add lines 1-16)

PRESENT MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:

18. \$ _____ Monthly federal, state, and local income tax (corrected for filing status and allowable dependents and income tax liabilities)
- a. Filing Status _____
- b. Number of dependents claimed _____
19. _____ Monthly FICA or self-employment taxes
20. _____ Monthly Medicare payments
21. _____ Monthly mandatory union dues
22. _____ Monthly mandatory retirement payments
23. _____ Monthly health insurance payments (including dental insurance), excluding portion paid for any minor children of this relationship
24. _____ Monthly court-ordered child support actually paid for children from another relationship
25. _____ Monthly court-ordered alimony actually paid (Add 25a and 25b)
- 25a. from this case: \$ _____
- 25b. from other case(s): \$ _____
26. \$ _____ **TOTAL DEDUCTIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER SECTION 61.30, FLORIDA STATUTES**
(Add lines 18 through 25).
27. \$ _____ **PRESENT NET MONTHLY INCOME** (Subtract line 26 from line 17)

SECTION II. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES

Proposed/Estimated Expenses. If this is a dissolution of marriage case and your expenses as listed below do not reflect what you actually pay currently, you should write "estimate" next to each amount that is estimated.

A. HOUSEHOLD:

Mortgage or rent \$ _____
Property taxes \$ _____
Utilities \$ _____
Telephone \$ _____
Food \$ _____
Meals outside home \$ _____
Maintenance/Repairs \$ _____
Other: _____ \$ _____

B. AUTOMOBILE

Gasoline \$ _____
Repairs \$ _____
Insurance \$ _____

C. CHILD(REN)'S EXPENSES

Day care \$ _____
Lunch money \$ _____
Clothing \$ _____
Grooming \$ _____
Gifts for holidays \$ _____
Medical/Dental (uninsured) \$ _____
Other: _____ \$ _____

D. INSURANCE

Medical/Dental (if not listed on
lines 23 or 45) \$ _____
Child(ren)'s medical/dental \$ _____
Life \$ _____
Other: _____ \$ _____

E. OTHER EXPENSES NOT LISTED ABOVE

Clothing \$ _____
Medical/Dental (uninsured) \$ _____
Grooming \$ _____
Entertainment \$ _____
Gifts \$ _____
Religious organizations \$ _____
Miscellaneous \$ _____
Other: _____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

F. PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS

CREDITOR:	MONTHLY PAYMENT
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

28. \$ _____ TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (add ALL monthly amounts in A through F above)

SUMMARY

29. \$ _____ TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY NET INCOME (from line 27 of SECTION I. INCOME)

30. \$ _____ TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (from line 28 above)

31. \$ _____ SURPLUS (If line 29 is more than line 30, subtract line 30 from line 29. This is the amount of your surplus. Enter that amount here.)

32. (\$ _____) (DEFICIT) (If line 30 is more than line 29, subtract line 29 from line 30. This is the amount of your deficit. Enter that amount here.)

SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Use the nonmarital column only if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage and you believe an item is "nonmarital," meaning it belongs to only one of you and should not be divided. You should indicate to whom you believe the item(s) or debt belongs. (Typically, you will only use this column if property/debt was owned/owed by one spouse before the marriage. See the "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms and section 61.075(1), Florida Statutes, for definitions of "marital" and "nonmarital" assets and liabilities.)

A. ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.		Current Fair Market Value	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
			husband	wife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash (on hand)	\$		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash (in banks or credit unions)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Stocks, Bonds, Notes			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Real estate: (Home)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	(Other)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automobiles			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other personal property			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other			
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Assets (add next column)		\$		

B. LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate debt owed by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.		Current Amount Owed	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
			husband	wife
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Second mortgage on home			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other mortgages			
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Auto loans			
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charge/credit card accounts			
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other			
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add next column)		\$		

C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have any **POSSIBLE assets** (income potential, accrued vacation or sick leave, bonus, inheritance, etc.) or **POSSIBLE liabilities** (possible lawsuits, future unpaid taxes, contingent tax liabilities, debts assumed by another), you must list them here.

Contingent Assets		Possible Value	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
Check the line next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.			husband	wife
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$		
<input type="checkbox"/>				
Total Contingent Assets		\$		

Contingent Liabilities		Possible Amount Owed	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
Check the line next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.			husband	wife
<input type="checkbox"/>		\$		
<input type="checkbox"/>				
Total Contingent Liabilities		\$		

SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

(Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, **MUST** be filed with the court at or prior to a hearing to establish or modify child support. This requirement cannot be waived by the parties.)

[Check **one** only]

☐ **A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS or WILL BE filed in this case.** This case involves the establishment or modification of child support.

☐ **A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS NOT being filed in this case.** The establishment or modification of child support is not an issue in this case.

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: _____
Fax Number: _____
E-mail Address(es): _____

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.

Dated: _____

Signature of Party
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
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 deputy 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: {choose 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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW
FORM 12.901(b)(3)
PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH
NO DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN) OR PROPERTY
(02/18)**

When should this form be used?

This form may be used when you are filing for a dissolution of marriage, and you and your spouse have no marital assets or marital liabilities, no minor or dependent children, neither spouse is seeking spousal support (alimony), and neither spouse is pregnant. You or your spouse must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing for a dissolution in Florida. If you and your spouse agree on all issues and both can attend the hearing, you may want to file a Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a); however, you cannot file a Petition for a Simplified Dissolution of Marriage if any of the following are true:

- Either you or your spouse is seeking spousal support (alimony).
- You would like to ask questions and get documents concerning your spouse's income, expenses, assets, debts, or other matters before having a trial or settlement.
- You would like to reserve your rights to have any matters reconsidered or appeal the judge's decision.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a notary public or deputy clerk. You should file the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records. Because you are filing the petition in this proceeding, you may also be referred to as the petitioner and your spouse as the respondent.

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?

For your case to proceed, you must properly notify your spouse of the petition. If you know where he or she lives, you should use personal service. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use constructive service. You may also be able to use constructive service if your spouse resides in

another state or country. However, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief, which cannot include spousal support (alimony). For more information on constructive service, see **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1), and **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). If your spouse 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) and **Affidavit of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b). 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.

If personal service is used, your spouse has 20 days to answer after being served with your petition. Your case will then generally proceed in one of the following three ways:

DEFAULT. If after 20 days, your spouse has not filed an answer, you may file a **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), with the clerk of court. Then, if you have filed all of the required papers, you may contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. You must notify your spouse of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

UNCONTESTED. If your spouse files an answer that agrees with everything in your petition or an answer and waiver, and you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers, you may contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. You must notify your spouse of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

CONTESTED. If your spouse files an answer or an answer and counterpetition, which disagrees with or denies anything in your petition, and you are unable to settle the disputed issues, you should file a **Notice for Trial**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, after you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers. Some circuits may require the completion of mediation before a final hearing may be set. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for instructions on how to set your case for trial (final hearing). If your spouse files an answer and counterpetition, you should answer the counterpetition within 20 days using an **Answer to Counterpetition**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d).

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.

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

Instructions to Florida Supreme Court Approved Law Form 12.901(b)(3), Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) or Property (02/18)

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.

Special notes...

If you do not have the money to pay the filing fee, you may obtain an Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status from the clerk, fill it out, and the clerk will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees deferred.

If you want to keep your address confidential because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax 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(h).

With this form, you must also file the following:

- **Affidavit of Corroborating Witness**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i) **OR** photocopy of current Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter's registration card (issue date of copied document must be at least six months before date case is actually filed with the clerk of the circuit court).
- **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j).
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the petition.)
- **Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the petition, unless you and your spouse have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

Final Judgment Form. These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with No Property or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(3). You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring a final judgment with you to the hearing. 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.

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 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 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

In re: The Marriage of:

Case No: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,
and

Respondent.

**PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH NO DEPENDENT
OR MINOR CHILD(REN) OR PROPERTY**

I, {full legal name} _____, the
Petitioner, certify that the following statements are true:

1. JURISDICTION/RESIDENCE

☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent ☐ Both has (have) lived in Florida for at least 6 months
before the filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

2. Petitioner ☐ is or ☐ is not a member of the military service.
Respondent ☐ is or ☐ is not a member of the military service.

3. MARRIAGE HISTORY

Date of marriage: {month, day, year} _____
Place of marriage: {county, state, country} _____

4. THERE ARE NO MINOR (under 18) OR DEPENDENT CHILD(REN) COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES AND
NEITHER SPOUSE IS PREGNANT.

5. A completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form
12.902(j), is filed with this petition.

6. THIS PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE SHOULD BE GRANTED BECAUSE:

a. ☐ The marriage is irretrievably broken.

OR

- b. ☐ One of the parties has been adjudged mentally incapacitated for a period of 3 years before the filing of this petition. A copy of the Judgment of Incapacity is attached.

7. THERE ARE NO MARITAL ASSETS OR LIABILITIES.

8. PETITIONER FOREVER GIVES UP ANY RIGHTS TO SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY) FROM THE OTHER SPOUSE.

9. ☐ Petitioner requests to be known by the following former legal name, which was *{former legal name}* _____.

10. Other relief *{specify}*: _____

REQUEST

{This section summarizes what you are asking the Court to include in the final judgment of dissolution of marriage.}

☐ Petitioner requests that the Court enter an order dissolving the marriage and:
{Indicate all that apply}

1. ☐ restoring Petitioner's former name as specified in paragraph 9 of this petition;
2. ☐ awarding other relief as specified in paragraph 10 of this petition; and any other terms the Court deems necessary.

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

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner
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 _____.

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or
deputy 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} _____
{city} _____, {state} _____, {zip code} _____, {telephone number} _____

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

{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 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} _____

{address} _____

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

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

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO.: _____
DIVISION: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF CHILDREN BORN/NOT BORN DURING THE MARRIAGE

I, _____ certify that the following statements are true (check all that apply):

- ____ a. No children were born during the marriage.
- ____ b. The following children are of Husband and Wife:
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
- ____ c. The following children were born to the Wife during the marriage but are **not** the biological children of the Husband:
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
- ____ d. There is/are an ongoing case(s) involving the children listed in paragraph b or c:
____ County Case No. _____
____ County Case No. _____

Note: A Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (UCCJA) Affidavit must be filed as to each child to which a custody determination must be made.

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

Date: _____

Signature of Party
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____ Sworn to or affirmed and signed before
me on _____ by _____ Type of identification: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or deputy clerk

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM
12.932, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE
(09/12)**

When should this form be used?

Mandatory disclosure requires each **party** in a **dissolution of marriage** case to provide the other party with certain financial information and documents. These documents must be served on the other party within 45 days of **service** of the petition for **dissolution of marriage** or supplemental petition for modification on the **respondent**. The mandatory disclosure rule applies to all original and **supplemental** dissolution of marriage cases, except simplified dissolution of marriage cases and cases where the respondent is served by **constructive service** and does not answer. You should use this form to notify the court and the other party that you have complied with the mandatory disclosure rule.

Each party must provide the other party with the documents listed in section 2 of this form if the relief being sought is permanent regardless of whether it is an initial or supplemental proceeding. **ONLY THE ORIGINAL OF THE COMPLETED FORM IS FILED WITH THE COURT. EXCEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT AND CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET, NO DOCUMENTS SHALL BE FILED IN THE COURT FILE WITHOUT A PRIOR COURT ORDER. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED ON THE FORM ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE OTHER PARTY.** If your individual gross annual income is under \$50,000, you should complete the Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short Form), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b). If your individual gross annual income is \$50,000 or more, you should complete the Family Law Financial Affidavit (Long Form), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c).

In addition, there are separate mandatory disclosure requirements that apply to temporary financial hearings, which are listed in section 1 of this form. The party seeking temporary financial relief must serve these documents on the other party with the notice of temporary financial hearing. The responding party must serve the required documents on the party seeking temporary relief. Service by e-mail or mail shall be at least 7 days before the temporary financial relief hearing. Service by delivery shall be no later than 5:00 p.m., 2 business days before the hearing. Any documents that have already been served under the requirements for temporary or initial proceedings do not need to be reserved again in the same proceeding. If a supplemental petition is filed, seeking modification, then the mandatory disclosure requirements begin again.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records. A copy of this form must be served on any other party in your case. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

What should I do next?

After you have provided the other party all of the financial information and documents and have filed this form certifying that you have complied with this rule, you are under a continuing duty to promptly give the other party any information or documents that change your financial status or that make the information already provided inaccurate. You should not file with the clerk any of the documents listed in the certificate of compliance other than the financial affidavit and the child support guidelines worksheet. Refer to the instructions regarding the petition in your case to determine how you should proceed after filing this form.

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 Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285.

Special notes...

You may provide copies of required documents; however, the originals must be produced for inspection if the other party requests to see them.

Although the financial affidavits are based on individual gross income, either party may ask the other party to complete the **Family Law Financial Affidavit (Long Form)**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c), by serving the appropriate interrogatory form. (See **Standard Family Law Interrogatories**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.930(b) (original proceedings) or (c) (modification proceedings)).

Any portion of the mandatory disclosure rule may be modified by order of the judge or agreement of the parties. Therefore, you and your spouse may agree that you will not require each other to produce the documents required under the mandatory disclosure rule. This exception does not apply to the **Financial Affidavit**, Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), which is required in all cases and cannot be waived.

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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

**ONLY THE ORIGINAL OF THIS COMPLETED FORM IS FILED WITH THE COURT.
EXCEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT AND CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES
WORKSHEET, NO DOCUMENTS SHALL BE FILED IN THE COURT FILE WITHOUT A
PRIOR COURT ORDER. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED BELOW ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE
OTHER PARTY.**

I, *(full legal name)* _____, certify that I have complied
with the mandatory disclosure required by Florida Family Law Rule 12.285 as follows:

1. FOR TEMPORARY FINANCIAL RELIEF, ONLY:

The date the following documents were served: _____

[Check all that apply]

- a. ☐ Financial Affidavit
 - ☐ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) (short form)
 - ☐ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c) (long form)
- b. ☐ All personal (1040) federal tax, gift tax, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding year; or
 - ☐ Transcript of tax return as provided by IRS form 4506-T; or
 - ☐ IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for the past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared.
- c. ☐ Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.

2. FOR INITIAL, SUPPLEMENTAL, AND PERMANENT FINANCIAL RELIEF:

The date the following documents were served: _____

[Check all that apply]

- a. ☐ Financial Affidavit
 - ☐ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) (short form)
 - ☐ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c) (long form)
- b. ☐ All personal (1040) federal and state income tax returns, gift tax returns, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding 3 years;
 - ☐ IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for the past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared.

- c. ☐ Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.
- d. ☐ A statement identifying the source and amount of all income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit, if not reflected on the pay stubs produced.
- e. ☐ All loan applications and financial statements prepared for any purpose or used for any purpose within the 12 months preceding the service of the financial affidavit.
- f. ☐ All deeds to real estate in which I presently own or owned an interest within the past 3 years. All promissory notes in which I presently own or owned an interest within the last 12 months. All present leases in which I own an interest.
- g. ☐ All periodic statements for the last 3 months for all checking accounts and for the last year for all savings accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, etc.
- h. ☐ All brokerage account statements for the last 12 months.
- i. ☐ Most recent statement for any pension, profit sharing, deferred compensation, or retirement plan (for example, IRA, 401(k), 403(b), SEP, KEOGH, etc.) and summary plan description for any such plan in which I am a participant or alternate payee.
- j. ☐ The declaration page, the last periodic statement, and the certificate for any group insurance for all life insurance policies insuring my life or the life of me or my spouse.
- k. ☐ All health and dental insurance cards covering either me or my spouse and/or our dependent child(ren).
- l. ☐ Corporate, partnership, and trust tax returns for the last 3 tax years, in which I have an ownership or interest greater than or equal to 30%.
- m. ☐ All credit card and charge account statements and other records showing my (our) indebtedness as of the date of the filing of this action and for the prior 3 months. All promissory notes on which I presently owe or owned within the past year. All lease agreements I presently owe.
- n. ☐ All premarital and marital agreements between the parties to this case.
- o. ☐ If a modification proceeding, all written agreements entered into between the parties at any time since the order to be modified was entered.
- p. ☐ All documents and tangible evidence relating to claims for an unequal distribution of marital property, enhancement or appreciation in nonmarital property, or nonmarital status of an asset or debt.
- q. ☐ Any court order directing that I pay or receive spousal support (alimony) or child support.

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: _____
 Fax Number: _____
 E-mail Address(es): _____

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the accuracy of my compliance with the mandatory disclosure requirements of Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285 and that, unless otherwise indicated with specificity, this disclosure is complete. I further understand that the

punishment for knowingly making a false statement or incomplete disclosure includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated: _____

Signature of Party
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: {choose 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 12.900(h), NOTICE OF RELATED CASES (11/13)

When should this form be used?

Florida Rule of 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 judges, 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 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 Florida Rule of 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 _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ 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 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):

Related Case No. 1

Case Name(s): _____

Petitioner _____

Respondent _____

Case No.: _____ Division: _____

Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply]

☐ Dissolution of Marriage

☐ Custody

☐ Child Support

☐ Juvenile Dependency

☐ Termination of Parental Rights

☐ Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat
Violence or Stalking Injunctions

☐ Paternity

☐ Adoption

☐ Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings

☐ Juvenile Delinquency

☐ Criminal

☐ Mental Health

☐ Other {specify} _____

State where case was decided or is pending: ____ Florida ____ Other: {specify} _____

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): _____

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): _____

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): _____

Relationship of cases check **all** that apply]:

- ☐ pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;
☐ may affect court's jurisdiction;
☐ order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;
☐ order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: _____

Related Case No. 2

Case Name(s): _____

Petitioner _____

Respondent _____

Case No.: _____ Division: _____

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat
Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____ |

State where case was decided or is pending: ____ Florida ____ Other: {specify} _____

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): _____

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): _____

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): _____

Relationship of cases check **all** that apply]:

- ☐ pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;

- ☐ may affect court's jurisdiction;
☐ order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;
☐ order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: _____

Related Case No. 3

Case Name(s): _____

Petitioner _____

Respondent _____

Case No.: _____ Division: _____

Type of Proceeding: [check **all** that apply]

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Dependency | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat
Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____ |

State where case was decided or is pending: _____ Florida _____ Other: {specify} _____

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): _____

Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): _____

Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): _____

Relationship of cases check all that apply]:

- ☐ pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;
☐ may affect court's jurisdiction;
☐ order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;
☐ order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: _____

2. [check **one** only]

- ☐ I **do not** request coordination of litigation in any of the cases listed above.

☐ I do request coordination of the following cases: _____

3. [check all that apply]

☐ Assignment to one judge

☐ Coordination of existing cases

will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of these cases
because: _____

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 Related Cases to the _____ County Sheriff's Department or a certified process server for service on the Respondent, and [check all used] ☐ e-mailed ☐ mailed ☐ hand delivered, a copy to {name} _____, who is the [check all that apply] ☐ judge assigned to new case, ☐ chief judge or family law administrative judge, ☐ {name} _____ a party to the related case, ☐ {name} _____, a party to the related case on {date} _____.

Signature of Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Florida Bar Number: _____

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} _____

{address} _____

{city} _____ {state} _____, {telephone number} _____.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW
FORM 12.902(f)(2)
MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
WITH PROPERTY BUT NO DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)
(02/18)**

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when a **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but no Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.901(b)(2), has been filed and the parties have reached an agreement on some or 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 the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records. You should then refer to the instructions for your petition, answer, or answer and counterpetition concerning the procedures for setting a hearing or trial (final hearing).

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.

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, and the instructions for the petition and/or answer that were filed in this case.

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**

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2), Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (02/18)

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.

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 _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

In re: The Marriage of:

Petitioner,
and

Respondent.

**MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
WITH PROPERTY BUT NO DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

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

1. 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. We have both filed a Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). Because we have voluntarily made full and fair disclosure to each other of all our assets and debts, we waive any further disclosure under rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.
4. Each of us agrees to execute and exchange any papers 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 Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is in one spouse's name or 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 Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is in one spouse's name or 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 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 Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list 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		
Auto loan		
Auto loan		
Bank/credit union loans		
Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)		
Judgments		
Other		
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 Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note or account described below is one spouse's name, 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	\$	\$

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

D. Beneficiary Designation (Complete only if beneficiary designations continue after entry of Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage.)

_____The spouses agree that the designation providing for the payment or transfer at death of an interest in the assets set forth below to or for the benefit of the deceased party's former spouse **SHALL NOT BE VOID** as of the date of entry of the Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage.

The Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage shall provide that the designations set forth below remain in full force and effect:

_____1. The _____Petitioner _____Respondent shall acquire or maintain the following assets for the benefit of the other spouse or child(ren) to be paid upon his/her death outright or in trust. This provision only applies if other assets fulfilling such requirement for the benefit of the other spouse or child(ren) do not exist upon his/her death and unless precluded by statute. *{Describe the assets with specificity}*: _____

_____2. The _____Petitioner _____Respondent shall not unilaterally terminate or modify the ownership of the following assets, or their disposition upon his/her death. *{Describe the assets with specificity}*: _____

SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY) (If you have not agreed on this matter, write n/a on the lines provided.)

1. _____ Each of us forever gives up any right to spousal support (alimony) that we may have.

OR

2. _____Petitioner _____Respondent (hereinafter "Obligor") agrees to pay spousal support (alimony) in the amount of \$ _____ every _____ week _____ other week _____ month, or _____ other _____ beginning _____
{date} _____ and continuing until *{date or event}* _____

Explain type of alimony (permanent, bridge-the-gap, durational, rehabilitative, and/or lump sum) and any other specifics: _____

3. _____ Other provisions relating to alimony, including any tax treatment and consequences:

4. _____ Petitioner _____ Respondent will provide life insurance in the amount of
\$ _____ to secure the above support.

SECTION III. OTHER

SECTION IV. We have not agreed on the following issues:

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: _____

Designated 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} _____

{city} _____, {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: _____

Designated 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 Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____

{name of business} _____

{address} _____

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

DIRECTIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS MEMORANDUM TO SHERIFF

This form should be sent to the sheriff's department in the county of the state where you wish to have the Respondent served.

With this form you can inform the sheriff's department of the best times to find the Respondent at work and/or home. (You may also include a map to the Respondent's home or work place to help the sheriff find the Respondent and deliver the summons.)

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU:

1. Contact the Sheriff of that county and get the following information:

- Their address
- Cost of service
- Whether they will take a check or money order.
- Anything else they may require for service of process.

2. Mail or Deliver to the Sheriff:

- a) Memorandum to Sheriff
- b) Original Summons
- c) Set of photocopies of all the papers that you filed
- d) Self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The self-addressed, stamped envelope is for the Sheriff to mail you the original Return of Service. **

**UPON RECEIVING THE RETURN OF SERVICE, DELIVER IT OR MAIL IT TO
THE CLERK OF COURT IN THE COUNTY WHERE YOU FILED!

Pay attention to the date the Return of Service says the respondent was served with the summons. Remember, the Respondent is required to file a written response to your petition within 20 days from the day after being served.

SERVICE OF PROCESS MEMORANDUM TO SHERIFF

TO: Sheriff of _____ County, _____, Civil Division
State of _____

RE: _____, Petitioner vs.
_____, Respondent.

In the Circuit Court, County of _____, Florida

Case Number: _____

DATE: _____

Enclosed you will find a check or money order for the fee for service of process along with the summons and petition to be served on the respondent.

Respondent: _____

Residence Address: _____

Work Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS for locating the Respondent:

Please use the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope to send the Affidavit for Return of Service. Thank you for you time.

Petitioner's Signature
Printed Name: _____

Petitioner's Address: _____

Telephone No.: () _____

**AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONAL SERVICE OUTSIDE
THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Sections 48.193 and 48.194, Fla. Stat.

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, this day personally appeared _____, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that the following information is true and correct according to his/her best knowledge and belief:

Respondent _____ is subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Florida, and to personal service of process outside the state of Florida, for a cause of action arising out of the following: (check one or more)

_____ With respect to a proceeding for alimony, child support, and/or property division in connection with a dissolution of marriage while maintaining a marital domicile in Florida or if the defendant resided in Florida before the commencement of the action, whether cohabitating during that time or not.

_____ With respect to a proceeding for support for dependant(s) in an independent action while maintaining a marital domicile in Florida or if the defendant resided in Florida before commencement of the action, whether cohabitating during that time or not.

_____ With respect to paternity actions when the father had sexual intercourse in Florida from which the child could have been conceived.

Petitioner's Signature
Printed Name _____
Address _____

City State Zip

Telephone (area code and number)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on _____, 20____
by {name} _____ who is _____ Personally known OR
_____ Produced identification. Type of identification produced _____

NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF FLORIDA

NOTE: Service of process on persons outside Florida must be made in the same manner as service in Florida by any officer authorized to serve process in the state where the person is served. **AN AFFIDAVIT OF THE OFFICER SHALL BE FILED STATING THE TIME, MANNER, AND PLACE OF THE SERVICE.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM
12.910(a)
SUMMONS: PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL
(03/17)**

When should this form be used?

This form should be used to obtain personal service on the other party when you begin your lawsuit. Service is required for **all** documents filed in your case. Service means giving a copy of the required papers to the other party using the procedure that the law requires. Generally, there are two ways to make service: (1) personal service, or (2) service by email, mail, or hand delivery. A third method for service is called constructive service; however, the relief a court may grant may be limited in a case where constructive service has been used.

The law requires that certain documents be served by **personal service** if personal service is possible. **Personal service** means that a summons (this form) and a copy of the forms you are filing with the court that must be personally served are delivered by a deputy sheriff or private process server

- a. directly to the other party, or
- b. to someone over the age of fifteen with whom the other party lives.

Personal service is required for **all** petitions, including petitions for modification. You cannot serve these papers on the other party yourself or by mail or hand delivery. Personal service must be made by the sheriff's department in the county where the other party lives or works or by a private process server certified in the county where the other party lives or works.

In many counties, there are private process servers who, for a fee, will personally serve the summons and other documents that require personal service. You should look under **process servers** in the yellow pages of the telephone book for a list of private process servers in your area. You may use a private process server to serve any paper required to be personally served in a family law case **except** a petition for injunction for protection against domestic or repeat violence.

How do I start?

When you begin your lawsuit, you need to complete this form (summons) and a **Process Service Memorandum**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b). The forms should be typed or printed legibly in black ink. Next, you will need to take these forms and, if you have not already done so, file your petition with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where you live. You should keep a copy of the forms for your records. The clerk will sign the summons, and then the summons, a copy of the papers to be served, and the process service memorandum must be delivered to the appropriate sheriff's office or to a private process server for service on the other party.

IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN THE COUNTY WHERE SUIT IS FILED: Ask the clerk in your county about any local procedures regarding service. Generally, if the other party lives in the county in which you are filing suit and you want the sheriff's department to serve the papers, you will file the summons along with a

Process Service Memorandum, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), with the clerk and the clerk will forward those papers to the sheriff for service. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons. You may also need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you, after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. However, in some counties the sheriff may send the proof of service directly to the clerk. If you are instructed to supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope and you receive the proof of service, you should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

If you want a private process server to serve the other party, you should still bring the summons to the clerk's office and have the clerk sign it for you. You should deliver the summons, along with the copy of your initial petition and any other papers to be served, and a **Process Service Memorandum**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), to the private process server. The private process server will charge you a fee for serving the papers. After service is complete, proof of service by the private process server must be filed with the clerk. You should discuss how this will occur with the private process server.

IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN ANOTHER COUNTY: If the other party lives in another county, service needs to be made by a sheriff in the county where the other party lives or by a private process server certified in the county where the other party lives. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons as well as the **Process Service Memorandum**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b). If you want the sheriff to serve the papers, the clerk may send your papers to that sheriff's office for you, or you may have to send the papers yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. Either way, you will need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you, after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. You should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

If you want a private process server to serve the other party, you should still bring the summons to the clerk's office where the clerk will sign it for you. You should deliver the summons, along with the copy of your initial petition and any other papers to be served, and a **Process Service Memorandum**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), to the private process server. The private process server will charge you a fee for serving the papers. After service is complete, proof of service by the private process server must be filed with the clerk. You should discuss how this will occur with the private process server.

IF THE OTHER PARTY CANNOT BE LOCATED OR DOES NOT LIVE IN FLORIDA: If, after you have made a diligent effort to locate the other party, you absolutely cannot locate the other party, you may serve the other party by publication. Service by publication is also known as constructive service. You may also be able to use constructive service if the other party does not live in Florida. **However, Florida courts have only limited jurisdiction over a party who is served by constructive service and may have only limited**

Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a), Summons: Personal Service on an Individual (03/17)

jurisdiction over a party living outside of Florida regardless of whether that party is served by constructive or personal service; that is, the judge's power to order the other party to do certain things may be limited. For example, the judge may be able to grant your request for a divorce, but the judge may not be able to address issues such as child support, spousal support (alimony), or division of property or debts.

Regardless of the type of service used, if the other party once lived in Florida but is living outside of Florida now, you should include in your petition a statement regarding the length of time the party lived in Florida, if any, and when. For example: "Respondent last lived in Florida from {date} _____ to {date} _____."

This area of the law is very complex and you may need to consult with an attorney regarding the proper type of service to be used in your case if the other party does not live in Florida or cannot be located.

What happens when the papers are served on the other party?

The date and hour of service are written on the original summons and on all copies of it by the person making the service. The person who delivers the summons and copies of the petition must file a proof of service with the clerk or provide a proof of service to you for filing with the court. **It is your responsibility to make sure the proof of service has been returned to the clerk and placed in your case file.**

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 regarding service of process, see chapters 48 and 49, Florida Statutes, and Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.070, as well as the instructions for **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1), **Notice of Action for Family Cases with Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), **Affidavit of Diligent Service and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b), and **Affidavit of Diligent Search**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(c).

Special notes

If you have been unable to obtain proper service on the other party within **120 days** after filing your lawsuit, the court will dismiss your lawsuit against the other party unless you can show the court a good reason why service was not made within **120 days**. For this reason, if you had the local sheriff serve the papers, you should check with the clerk every couple of weeks after completing the service papers to see if service has been completed. You may need to supply the sheriff with a new or better address. If you had a private process server or a sheriff in another county serve the papers, you should be in contact with that person or sheriff until you receive proof of service from that person or sheriff. You should then file the proof of service with the clerk immediately.

If the other party fails to respond, i.e., fails to file a written response with the court, within **20 days** after the service of the summons, you are entitled to request a **default**. See the instructions to **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922 (a), and **Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(b), for further information. You will need to file an **Affidavit of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b), before a default may be granted.

Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a), Summons: Personal Service on an Individual (03/17)

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.

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

**SUMMONS: PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL
ORDEN DE COMPARECENCIA: SERVICIO PERSONAL EN UN INDIVIDUO
CITATION: L'ASSIGNATION PERSONAL SUR UN INDIVIDUEL**

TO/PARA/A: {enter other party's full legal name} _____
{address (including city and state)/location for service} _____

IMPORTANT

A lawsuit has been filed against you. You have **20 calendar days** after this summons is served on you to file a written response to the attached complaint/petition with the clerk of this circuit court, located at: {street address} _____

A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be **filed** if you want the Court to hear your side of the case.

If you do not file your written response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may be taken thereafter without further warning from the Court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

If you choose to file a written response yourself, at the same time you file your written response to the Court, you must also serve a copy of your written response on the party serving this summons at:

{Name and address of party serving summons} _____

If the party serving summons has designated email address(es) for service or is represented by an attorney, you may designate email address(es) for service by or on you. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents, upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and Email Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form

12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

IMPORTANTE

Usted ha sido demandado legalmente. Tiene veinte (20) días, contados a partir del recibo de esta notificación, para contestar la demanda adjunta, por escrito, y presentarla ante este tribunal. Localizado en: _____. Una llamada telefonica no lo protegera. Si usted desea que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su respuesta por escrito, incluyendo el numero del caso y los nombres de las partes interesadas. Si usted no contesta la demanda a tiempo, podiese perder el caso y podria ser despojado de sus ingresos y propiedades, o privado de sus derechos, sin previo aviso del tribunal. Existen otros requisitos legales. Si lo desea, usted puede consultar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a una de las oficinas de asistencia legal que aparecen en la guia telefonica.

Si desea responder a la demanda por su cuenta, al mismo tiempo en que presente su respuesta ante el tribunal, usted debe enviar por correo o entregar una copia de su respuesta a la persona denominada abajo.

Si usted elige presentar personalmente una respuesta por escrito, en el mismo momento que usted presente su respuesta por escrito al Tribunal, usted debe enviar por correo o llevar una copia de su respuesta por escrito a la parte entregando esta orden de comparecencia a:

Nombre y direccion de la parte que entrega la orden de comparecencia: _____

Copias de todos los documentos judiciales de este caso, incluyendo las ordenes, estan disponibles en la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito [Clerk of the Circuit Court's office]. Estos documentos pueden ser revisados a su solicitud.

Usted debe de mantener informada a la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito de su direccion actual. (Usted puede presentar ☐ el Formulario: Ley de Familia de la Florida 12.915, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, [Designation of Current Mailing and Email Address].) Los papelos que se presenten en el futuro en esta demanda judicial seran enviados por correo a la direccion que este registrada en la oficina del Secretario.

ADVERTENCIA: Regla 12.285 (Rule 12.285), de las Reglas de Procedimiento de Ley de Familia de la Florida [Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure], requiere cierta revelacion automatica de documentos e informacion. El incumpliment, puede resultar en sanciones, incluyendo la desestimacion o anulacion de los alegatos.

IMPORTANT

Des poursuites judiciaires ont ete entreprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consecutifs a partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour déposer une réponse écrite a la plainte ci-jointe aupres de ce tribunal. Qui se trouve a: {L'Adresse} _____. Un simple coup de telephone est insuffisant pour vous protéger; vous etes obliges de déposer votre réponse écrite, avec mention du numero de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommees ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende

votre cause. Si vous ne deposez pas votre reponse ecrite dans le delai requis, vous risquez de perdre la cause ainsi que votre salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent etre saisis par la suite, sans aucun preavis ulterieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requerir les services immediats d'un avocat. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez telephoner a un service de reference d'avocats ou a un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant a l'annuaire de telephones).

Si vous choisissez de deposer vous-meme une reponse ecrite, il vous faudra egalement, en meme temps que cette formalite, faire parvenir ou expedier une copie au carbone ou une photocopie de votre reponse ecrite a la partie qui vous depose cette citation.

Nom et adresse de la partie qui depose cette citation: _____

Les photocopies de tous les documents tribunaux de cette cause, y compris des arrêts, sont disponibles au bureau du greffier. Vous pouvez consulter ces documents, sur demande.

Il faut aviser le greffier de votre adresse actuelle. (Vous pouvez déposer Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, Designation of Current Mailing and Email Address.) Les documents de l'avenir de ce procès seront envoyés à l'adresse que vous donnez au bureau du greffier.

ATTENTION: La règle 12.285, des règles de procédure du droit de la famille de la Floride exige que l'on remette certains renseignements et certains documents à la partie adverse. Tout refus de les fournir pourra donner lieu à des sanctions, y compris le rejet ou la suppression d'un ou de plusieurs actes de procédure.

THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE: You are commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this lawsuit on the above-named person.

DATED: _____

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW FORM
REQUEST TO ENTER DEFAULT/DEFAULT
(COMBINED FORM)

If the other party has failed to file or serve any documents on you in response to your lawsuit as required, and the other party was properly served (i.e., by process, or by publication, etc.), you may ask the Clerk of the Court to enter a default against that person by completing this form and filing it with the clerk.

STEP 1:

First you must determine how the other party was served:

- ☐ The other party was **served by Process (summons)**: Generally, the other party has 20 days to respond to your petition.
- ☐ The other party was **served by Publication or Posting**: The Notice of Action that was posted or published contains the date by which the other party must respond to your petition (between 30 - 90 days).

STEP 2:

You must provide to the Clerk one of the following documents to prove that the other party has defaulted (failed to respond to your petition within the prescribed time period):

- ☐ the original Sheriff's Affidavit for Return of Service—if served by process
or
- ☐ the Editor's Certificate of Publication—if served by publication
or
- ☐ the Clerk's Certificate of Posting—if served by posting

STEP 3:

Once the default is entered against the other party by the Clerk of Court, you may request that your case be set for trial.

- ☐ You will need to fill out the **top portion** of the **NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE** and your **address on the second page**
- ☐ Make **two copies** of the request.
- ☐ File the **original** Notice with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- ☐ A copy of the form must be sent by mail to the opposing party.

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

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

MOTION/REQUEST TO ENTER DEFAULT

TO THE CLERK OF COURT: Please enter a default against the Respondent who has failed to respond to the petition.

DATED: _____

Signature

Name

Address

DEFAULT

A default is entered in this action against the Respondent for failure to serve or file a response or any paper as is required by law.

DATED: _____

D

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

SECTION C

This section is to be used when you do not know the location of the other party in your case. The petitioner will have to fill out the forms in section A and file them with the Clerk's office at the Family/Civil Justice Center. Make at least two copies for yourself. After this step then you can complete the following forms:

CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE FORMS

-Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry

Additional local forms to support the affidavit of diligent search include:

- U.S. Postal Service Request for Change of Address
- Request for Information from Driver License Records
- Gainesville Police Department Public Record Request

-Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service (follow the instructions) OR

-Nonmilitary Affidavit

-Notice of Action (publish for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper)

After you have completed the Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry bring the above forms back to the clerk's office to file. Place one of the copies of the forms you have already filed in a large postage paid envelope. Address the envelope to the last known address of the respondent and leave it with the Clerk's office. You must now publish for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where your case was filed. When the publishing period has ended you can file the forms below.

DEFAULT

-Motion for Default and Default—use forms provided in Section B

-Notice That Action is at Issue and Motion for Hearing/Non-Jury Trial (follow the instructions provided with the above forms)

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM
12.913(b), AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY (11/12)**

When should this form be used?

This form is to be used with **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1) and **Notice of Action For Family Cases With Minor Child(ren)**, Form 12.913(a)(2), to obtain constructive service (also called service by publication).

The other party is entitled to actual notice of the proceedings when possible. When it is necessary to use constructive notice, it must be given in a way that is likely to provide actual notice. You must disclose the last known address of the other party. A last known address cannot be unknown. This form includes a checklist of places you can look for information on the location of the other party. While you do not have to look in all of these places, the court must believe that you have made a very serious effort to get information about the other party's location and that you have followed up on any information you received.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a notary public or deputy clerk. You should file the original and a **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1), or **Notice of Action For Family Cases With Minor Child(ren)**, Form 12.913(a)(2), with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where your petition is filed. You should keep a copy for your 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. For further information, see rule 12.070, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure and chapter 49, 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 **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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY

I, {full legal name} _____, being sworn, certify
that the following information is true:

1. I have made diligent search and inquiry to discover the name and current residence of
Respondent: {Specify details of search} Refer to checklist below and identify all actions taken
(any additional information included such as the date the action was taken and the person
with whom you spoke is helpful) (attach additional sheet if necessary):
[Check all that apply]

- _____ United States Post Office inquiry through Freedom of Information Act for current address or any relocations.
- _____ Last known employment of Respondent, including name and address of employer. You should also ask for any addresses to which W-2 Forms were mailed, and, if a pension or profit-sharing plan exists, then for any addresses to which any pension or plan payment is and/or has been mailed.
- _____ Unions from which Respondent may have worked or that governed his or her particular trade or craft.
- _____ Regulatory agencies, including professional or occupational licensing.
- _____ Names and addresses of relatives and contacts with those relatives, and inquiry as to Respondent's last known address. You are to follow up any leads of any addresses where Respondent may have moved. Relatives include, but are not limited to: parents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, grandparents, great-grandparents, former in-laws, stepparents, stepchildren.
- _____ Information about the Respondent's possible death and, if dead, the date and location of the death.
- _____ Telephone listings in the last known locations of Respondent's residence.
- _____ Internet at <http://www.switchboard.com> or other Internet databank locator service. Please indicate if a public library assisted you in your search.
- _____ Law enforcement arrest and/or criminal records in the last known residential area of Respondent.
- _____ Highway Patrol records in the state of Respondent's last known address.
- _____ Department of Motor Vehicle records in the state of Respondent's last known address.
- _____ Department of Corrections records in the state of Respondent's last known address.
- _____ Title IV-D (child support enforcement) agency records in the state of Respondent's last known address.
- _____ Hospitals in the last known area of Respondent's residence.
- _____ Utility companies, which include water, sewer, cable TV, and electric, in the last known area of Respondent's residence.

Letters to the Armed Forces of the U.S. and their response as to whether or not there is any information about Respondent. (See Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a).)

Tax Assessor's and Tax Collector's Office in the area where Respondent last resided.

Other: {explain}

2. The age of Respondent is [Choose only one] () known {enter age} _____ or () unknown.

3. Respondent's current residence

[Choose only one]

a. _____ Respondent's current residence is unknown to me.

b. _____ Respondent's current residence is in some state or country other than Florida.

c. _____ The Respondent, having residence in Florida, has been absent from Florida for more than 60 days prior to the date of this affidavit, or conceals him/her self so that process cannot be served personally upon him or her, and I believe there is no person in the state upon whom service of process would bind this absent or concealed Respondent.

4. Respondent's last known address as of {date} _____, was:

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____

Respondent's last known employment, as of {date} _____, was

Name of Employer _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____

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.

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: {choose 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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY
LAW FORM 12.912(a)
MEMORANDUM FOR CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE (09/16)**

When should this form be used?

This form should be used if you **KNOW OR DO NOT KNOW** whether the other party in your case is on active duty in a branch of the military service of the United States. "Active duty" includes reserve personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and members of the Florida National Guard who have been called to active duty for more than thirty (30) days. Even if you believe that the other party **has never** or **would never** join the military, you must show the court proof that he or she is not a member of the military. Therefore, you may need to use this form to provide the court with such proof. See the instructions for an **Affidavit of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b), for additional information. Please note that the contact information below is correct as of the effective date of this form; however, it may be subject to change. If you have difficulty obtaining the certificates or need additional information, you may wish to contact Military One Source at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil//> or 800-342-9647.

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Certificates:

For information on obtaining certificates of service or non-service under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)(formerly known as Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940), please refer to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) SCRA website: <https://www.dmdc.mil/appj/scra>

You may also write the DMDC at the following address:

Defense Manpower Data Center [Attn: Military Verification]
1600 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400
Arlington, VA 22209-2593

You may be charged a service fee by each military service branch for its response. Please refer to the websites, e-mail addresses, and/or phone numbers listed below for help in determining the amount of each military branch's fee and to verify its current mailing address.

ARMY:

Phone: 888-276-9472

E-mail: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.foia@mail.mil

AIR FORCE: HQ AFPC/DS1W, Attn: World Wide Locator, 550 C Street, West, Suite 50, JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4752

Phone: 210-565-2450 (Option 1)

COAST GUARD: USCG Commander, Personnel Service Center, Attn: PSD-MR, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington VA 22203

E-mail: MR_CustomerService@uscg.mil

Fax: 202-372-8440

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a), Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service (09/16)

NAVY: Navy World Wide Locator, Navy Personnel Command, PERS 1, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120
Phone: 800-522-3451
www.public.navy.mil

MARINE CORPS: Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-17), 2008 Elliot Road, Room 201, Quantico, VA 22134
Phone: 703-784-3941 or 703-784-3920
<https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/agencies> or SMB.manpower.mmrb@usmc.mil

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE: Attn: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support, 1101 Wooten Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville MD 20852

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form for each branch of the United States' military listed above, and mail the form to each branch with a **check for the appropriate amount and a stamped, self-addressed envelope**. You should keep a copy of the form for your records. After you have received a verification of military status from each branch, you will need to attach those verifications to an **Affidavit of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b), for filing with the clerk.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a), Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service (09/16)

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.

Special notes...

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

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

MEMORANDUM FOR CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE

- TO: () usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.foia@mail.mil (Army)
() HQ AFPC/DS1W, Attn: World Wide Locator, 550 C. Street West, Suite 50, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4752 (Air Force)
() USCG Commander, Personnel Service Center, Attn: PSD-MR, 4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22203 (Coast Guard)
() Navy World Wide Locator, Navy Personnel Command, PERS-1, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120 www.public.navy.mil (Navy)
() United States Marine Corps, Personnel Support Management Branch, (MMSB-17), , 2008 Elliot Road, Room 201, Quantico, VA 22134 (Marines)
() Public Health Service: Attn: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support, <http://dcp.psc.gov/ccmis> (Public Health)

RE: _____

{Name of Respondent}

{Respondent's Social Security Number}

This case involves a family matter. It is imperative that a determination be made whether the above-named individual, who has an interest in these proceedings, is presently in the military service of the United States, and the dates of induction and discharge, if any. This information is requested under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (formerly known as Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940). Please supply verification as soon as possible. My check for \$_____ for your search fee and a self-addressed, stamped envelope are enclosed.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

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 Petitioner.

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____

{name of business} _____

{address} _____

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.912(b), AFFIDAVIT OF MILITARY SERVICE (11/15)

When should this form be used?

An Affidavit of Military Service is required in every case where the Respondent has not filed an answer or appearance. The purpose is to protect the men and women serving in the U.S. military from having a court judgment entered against them without first receiving notice of the lawsuit and a chance to defend the case.

You should use this form when ALL of the following statements are true:

- The other person in your case has been served, whether by personal service or constructive service.
- The other person in your case has not responded to your petition.
- You are requesting that the court enter a default judgment against the other person.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a notary public or deputy clerk. You must file the original of this form with the clerk of the circuit court when you file your **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a). You must also attach copies of all verifications of nonmilitary service that you received from each branch of the United States' military service. You should keep a copy for your records.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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Special notes...

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

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent,

AFFIDAVIT OF MILITARY SERVICE

I, {full legal name} _____, am the Petitioner in this case. To support my application for a default judgment and to comply with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) (formerly known as Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940), I swear or affirm that the following information is true:

{Please choose only one}

1. ☐ I know of my own personal knowledge that the Respondent **IS** on active duty in the military service of the United States.
2. ☐ I know of my own personal knowledge that Respondent **IS NOT** now on active duty in the military service of the United States, nor has the Respondent been on active military service of the United States within a period of thirty (30) days immediately before this date. "Active Service" includes reserve members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Marines who have been ordered to report for active duty and members of the Florida National Guard who have been ordered to report to active duty for a period of more than thirty (30) days.
3. ☐ I have contacted the military services of the United States and the U.S. Public Health Service and have obtained certificates showing that the Respondent is not on active duty status. These certificates are attached.
4. ☐ I have attempted to determine the military status of the Respondent, but do not have sufficient information. This is what I have done to determine whether or not Respondent is on active duty in the United States military:

I have no reason to believe that s/he is on active duty at this time.

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.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner

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 _____.

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} _____

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.913(a)(1),
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
(01/12)**

When should this form be used?

This form may be used to obtain *constructive service* (also called service by publication) in a *dissolution of marriage* case that does not involve a minor child or financial support if you do not know where your *spouse* lives or if your spouse lives outside Florida and you are unable to obtain *personal service*. Constructive notice will allow the court to dissolve the marriage, but personal service is required before a court can order payment of financial support, such as *spousal* support (*alimony*) or costs. If you are asking the court to decide how real or personal property located in Florida should be divided, the **Notice of Action** must include a specific description of the property. If you use constructive service, the court can grant only limited relief because its jurisdiction is limited. This is a complicated area of the law and you should consult an attorney before using constructive service.

***2** You should complete this form by typing or printing the appropriate information in black ink. You should insert your spouse's name and last known address and then *file* this form with the *clerk of the circuit court* in the county where your petition for dissolution of marriage was filed. You must also complete and file an **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). You should keep a copy for your records.

After the **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b), is filed, the clerk will sign this form. The form must then be given to a qualified local newspaper in the county where the case is pending to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks. When in doubt, ask the clerk which newspapers in your area are "qualified." The newspaper will charge you for this service. If you cannot afford to pay the cost of publication of this notice in a qualified newspaper, you may ask the clerk to post the notice at a place designated for such postings.

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 heading Self Help in the General Public Tab). For further information, see rule 12.070, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, and chapter 49, Florida Statutes.

Special notes ...

If the other party fails to respond to your *petition* within the time limit stated in the notice of action that is published or posted, you are entitled to request a *default*. (See **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), and **Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(b).)

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW
FORM 12.913(a)(1)
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR
FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
(11/15)**

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Special notes...

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

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent,

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)**

TO: {name of Respondent} _____
{Respondent's last known address} _____

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on {name of Petitioner}

whose address is _____
on or before {date} _____, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at {clerk's address}

before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided:
{insert "none" or, if applicable, the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located}

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: _____

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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} _____

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

Requesting a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial
in a Family Court Case in Levy County, Florida

DO NOT SUBMIT THE NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE

Until:

- 1. All the appropriate forms or documents have been filed to include financial affidavits, child support worksheet, parenting stabilization course, etc.*
- 2. You have filed Proof of Service of Process Or Proof of Publication
AND the Clerk has entered a default.*
- 3. Or the Respondent has filed a response or an Answer and Waiver.*
- 4. AND Mediation (352) 491-4417 has been completed if necessary.*

You will use the combined form titled "Notice that Action is at Issue and Request for a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial" to request a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial on your motion or petition. If you do so before the above has taken place a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial will not be scheduled.

Fill in the following information:

- Parties' names (Petitioner and Respondent)
- Case number and Division
- Your name (Comes Now _____)
- Amount of time you think necessary for the judge to hear all the issues in your case. If your case has no disputed issues, it may take only ten minutes.
- Today's date
- Your signature (no Notary needed)
- The Respondent's name and address

Make 2 copies of the original:

- File the original with the clerk's office.
- Mail or hand-deliver one copy to the Respondent. If the Respondent has filed a Permission to use E-mail form, you may e-mail the document to the Respondent.

Each party must bring a self-addressed, stamped/metered envelope to the hearing or provide a valid e-mail address for mailing/e-mailing the final judgment or other court orders. A party that fails to provide the necessary envelopes with postage or an e-mail address may retrieve a copy of the results of the hearing from the Clerk of the Court at the cost of \$1 per page.

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

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

CASE NO.: _____

DIVISION: _____

NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE AND REQUEST FOR HEARING/NON-JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW _____, and shows that this action is at issue and ready for a hearing/non-jury trial. The hearing/trial is on the original action. It is estimated that the trial will require _____ minutes. Therefore, the undersigned requests the court schedule a hearing/non-jury trial in this action.

Dated: _____ (today's date)

YOUR SIGNATURE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Action has been furnished by U.S. Mail or hand delivery on _____, 20____, to:

(Print the respondent's name and address below)

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____