

PACKET 1

SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

This packet may be used if:

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

FEES:

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- **Cash/ check/ money orders payable to the Clerk of Court**
- **Credit card accepted there will be processing fee 3.5%**

We also offer payment plans upon request, additional \$25.00 fee will be added.

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

COVER SHEET FOR FAMILY COURT CASES

I. Case Style

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ 8th _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ LEVY _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Judge: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

- II. Type of Action/Proceeding. Place a check beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are filing more than one type of proceeding (such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding) against the same party at the same time, then you must complete a separate cover sheet for each action being filed. **If you are reopening a case, choose one of the three options below it.**

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

- (O) _____ Name Change
 (P) _____ Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity
 (Q) _____ Juvenile Delinquency
 (R) _____ Petition for Dependency
 (S) _____ Shelter Petition
 (T) _____ Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out Of Chapter 39
 (U) _____ Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 39
 (V) _____ CINS/FINS
 (W) _____ Petition for Temporary or Concurrent Custody by Extended Family
 (X) _____ Emancipation of a Minor

IV. Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires that a Notice of Related Cases Form, Family Law Form 12.900(h), be filed with the initial pleading/petition by the filing attorney or self-represented litigant in order to notify the court of related cases. Is Form 12.900(h) being filed with this Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases and initial pleading/petition?

_____ No, to the best of my knowledge, no related cases exist.
 _____ Yes, all related cases are listed on Family Law Form 12.900(h).

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE

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

Signature _____ FL Bar No.: _____
 Attorney or party (Bar number, if attorney)

 (Type or print name) (E-mail Address(es))

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

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

When should this form be used?

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

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

If you do not meet the criteria above, you must file a regular petition for dissolution of marriage.

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

What should I do next?

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

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes...

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

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: _____

Husband,

and

Wife.

PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

We, {full legal name} _____, Husband,
and {full legal name} _____, Wife,
being sworn, certify that the following information is true:
[fill in all blanks]

1. We are both asking the Court for a dissolution of our marriage.
2. Husband lives in {name} _____ County, {state} _____, and has lived there since {date} _____. Wife lives in {name} _____ County, {state} _____, and has lived there since {date} _____.
3. We were married to each other on {date} _____ in the city of {city} _____ in state of {state} _____, or country of {country} _____.
4. Our marriage is irretrievably broken.
5. We do not have any minor or dependent children together, the wife does not have any minor or dependent children born during the marriage, **and** the wife is not pregnant.
6. We have divided our assets (what we own) and our liabilities (what we owe) by agreement. We are satisfied with this agreement.

{Check **one** only}

() Our marital settlement agreement, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(f)(3), is attached. This agreement was signed freely and voluntarily by each of us and we intend to be bound by it.

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

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

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

Dated: _____

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

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

Dated: _____

Signature of WIFE
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
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: [choose **one or both**] () Husband () Wife

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____

{name of business} _____

{address} _____

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

signature acknowledges receipt

IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

STANDING FAMILY COURT ORDER FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE, SEPARATE MAINTENANCE, AND ANNULMENT

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 or terminated 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 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.
4. If the parties have minor children in common, the following provisions shall apply:
 - a. Neither party shall make changes to the minor child(ren)'s school registration or recurring appointments without written consent of the other party, or an order of the court.
 - b. Neither party shall cause the other party or the child(ren) 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.
 - c. Neither party shall conceal the whereabouts of the minor child(ren) and each party shall keep the other advised at all times of the residential address where the child(ren) will be residing. Each party shall notify the other immediately of any emergency pertaining to any child of the parties.
 - d. Each party shall provide to the other party his or her residence address, cellular telephone number and email address. Each party shall notify the other party within 5 days of any changes in his/her residence address, cellular telephone number or email address.
 - e. The parties shall assist the minor child(ren) 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 (e.g. video calls), and/or written.

- f. Either party may travel within Florida or out-of-state with the minor child(ren) so long as such travel is consistent with the previous habits of the family. A party traveling out-of-state with the minor child(ren) shall provide a detailed itinerary to the other party at least 7 days in advance, including telephone numbers where the child(ren) and traveling party can be reached during the trip.
- g. The parties shall file proof of completion of a 4-hour Parenting Education and Family Stabilization Course approved by the Department of Children and Families before entry by the court of a final judgment. Pursuant to §61.21, Florida Statutes, the Petitioner shall complete the course within 45 days after filing of the petition, and all other parties shall complete the course within 45 days after service of the petition.

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 21st day of October, 2024.



Mark W. Moseley, Chief Judge

signature acknowledges receipt

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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 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.
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ORDERED ON this 21st day of October, 2024.



Mark W. Moseley, Chief Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ____8th____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

DISCLOSURE FROM NONLAWYER

{Name} _____ told me that he/she is a nonlawyer and may not give legal advice, cannot tell me what my rights or remedies are, cannot tell me how to testify in court, and cannot represent me in court.

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

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

{Choose **one** only}

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

Dated: _____

Signature of Party

Signature of **NONLAWYER**

Printed Name: _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

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Signature of **NONLAWYER**

Printed Name: _____

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Address: _____

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY 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 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

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and

Respondent.

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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.}

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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
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Type of identification produced

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{name of business} _____,
{address} _____,
{city} _____, {state} _____, {zip code} _____, {telephone number} _____

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

When should this form be used?

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

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

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

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

What should I do next?

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

Where can I look for more information?

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,
and

Respondent.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

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

[check **one** only]

____ **There are no related cases.**

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

Related Case No. 1

Case Name(s): _____

Petitioner _____

Respondent _____

Case No.: _____ Division: _____

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

____ Dissolution of Marriage	____ Paternity
____ Custody	____ Adoption
____ Child Support	____ Support for Dependent Adult Children
____ Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings	
____ Juvenile Dependency	____ Juvenile Delinquency
____ Termination of Parental Rights	____ Criminal
____ Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat	____ Mental Health
____ Violence or Stalking Injunctions	____ 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"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children |
| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <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"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children |
| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <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 case 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: _____
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 FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE
FORM 12.902(f)(3)
MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR
SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (10/21)**

When should this form be used?

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

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. **Both** parties must sign the agreement and have their signatures witnessed by a notary public or deputy clerk. After completing this form, you should file this document with the 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).

What should I do next?

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes . . .

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

In re: the Marriage of:

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

**MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR
SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

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

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. Each of us agrees to execute and exchange any documents that might be needed to complete this agreement, including deeds, title certificates, etc.

SECTION I. MARITAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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

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

CLERK INFORMATION SHEET

SPOUSE 1 INFORMATION

NAME:

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

MAIDEN NAME

RESIDENCE:

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTRY

SPOUSE 2 INFORMATION

NAME:

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

MAIDEN NAME

RESIDENCE:

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTRY

COUNTY/STATE OF MARRIAGE

DATE OF MARRIAGE

LIVING CHILDREN-TOTAL NUMBER

UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE