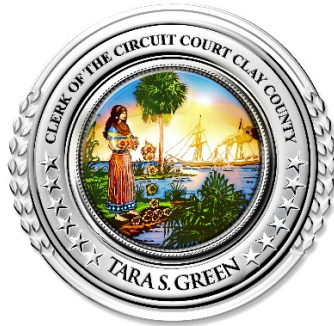


DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
WITH CHILDREN AND PROPERTY



Clay County Clerk of the Circuit Court,

Tara S. Green

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **COST OF FILING TO THE CLERK:**

\$408.00 – Filing Fees

\$10.00 – Summons

**(There is a 3.5% Service Fee if method of payment is debit/credit card)**

\$40.00 – Clay County Sheriff Service Fees **(Paid by Cash or Money Order)**

### **FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS:**

FAMILY COURT SERVICES

ROOM 103

MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

(904) 278-3636

**NOTE:** There are two Financial Affidavits in this packet. You and your spouse are required to individually fill out the appropriate Affidavit.

Short Form: 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.**

Long Form: 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 **\$50,000 OR MORE per year.**

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**FAMILY COURT SERVICES**  
**825 North Orange Avenue, Room 103**  
**Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**

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**CHECKLIST FOR:**  
**DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILD(REN)**

You may obtain the following forms at:

[www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org) - (**select**) - Self Help, Family Law Forms

Or

Purchase this packet in the Clerk's Office Room 1049

**ALL FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED TO START YOUR CASE**

- Form 12.900(h)
  - Notice of Related Cases
- Form 12.901(b)(1)
  - Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)
- Form 12.902(b) or (c)
  - Family Law Financial Affidavit
- Form 12.902(d)
  - Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act Affidavit (UCCJEA)
- Form 12.902 (e)
  - Child Support Guidelines Worksheet
- Form 12.902(f)(1)
  - Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)
    - Both parties must sign the Marital Settlement Agreement (if uncontested)
- Form 12.902(j)
  - Notice of Social Security Number
- Form 12.943
  - Motion to Deviate From Child Support Guidelines
- Form 12.990(b)(1)
  - Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested)
    - 5 copies
- Form 12.995(a)
  - Parenting Plan
    - Both parties must sign the Parenting Plan (if uncontested); or
    - If you are not in agreement, file your proposed Parenting Plan.
- Proof of Florida Residency
  - Florida Driver's License or Identification Card, Voter Registration Card; OR
    - Form 12.902(i) – Affidavit of Corroborating Witness
- Certificate for "**Positive Divorce Resolution**" (1-888-747-5362)
- Envelopes
  - Two (2) stamped (68¢) standard no.10 envelopes
  - Four (4) stamped (\$1.15) 9" x 12" manila envelopes

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fully complete the above forms.
2. Make sure your forms are notarized.
3. Make two (2) copies of each form.
4. File your original documents, completed and notarized in: Room 1049 – Civil Clerk.
5. The Clerk's Office will issue the Summons.

## HOW TO SERVE THE OTHER PARTY...

### **Proof of Service using the Clay County Sheriff's Office:**

Bring the following COMPLETED form to Room 1049 (Civil Clerk's Office) for a clerk to sign:

- Form 12.910(a) - Summons: Service on an Individual
- Form 12.910(b) - Process Service Memorandum

Once the Summons is issued by the clerk, take the following to the Sheriff's Office:

- (1) Copies of Filed Forms
- (2) Summons (Form 12.910(a)) as issued by the Civil Clerk
- (3) Process Service Memorandum (Form 12.910(b))
- (4) \$40.00 service fee to the Sheriff's Civil Process Unit

#### **Clay County Sheriff's Civil Process Unit**

825 North Orange Avenue, Room 101  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
(904) 213-6020

### **Proof of Service using Sheriff's Office OUTSIDE of Clay County**

If the other party lives outside of Clay County, **YOU MUST** mail or physically take your copied documents including the Summons; to the Sheriff's Office in the city/county/state where the other party lives.

You should contact the Sheriff's Office to determine the service fee, number of copies needed, and any other items they may require such as a self-addressed stamped envelope.

If the other Party resides in Duval County, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Civil Process Unit is located at:

501 East Bay Street, Room 219  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
(904) 630-2141

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PETITIONER:**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE ATTACHED STANDING FAMILY LAW  
COURT ORDER SIGNED BY THE HONORABLE JOHN H. SKINNER ON  
05/09/2016. A COPY OF THE ATTACHED ORDER MUST BE SERVED BY  
SUMMONS OR CERTIFIED MAIL AND THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF  
SERVICE MUST BE FILED WITH PROOF OF SERVICE ATTACHED.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY,  
FLORIDA

CASE NUMBER:  
DIVISION:

In Re: the Marriage of

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

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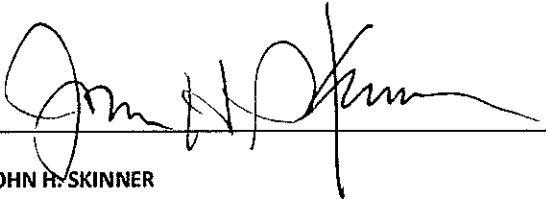
**STANDING FAMILY LAW COURT ORDER**

The following Standing Court Order shall apply to both parties in an original action for dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance or annulment. The Order shall be effective with regard to the petitioner upon filing of the petition and with regard to the respondent upon service of the summons and petition or upon waiver and acceptance of service. The following Order shall remain in place during the pendency of the action, unless modified, terminated or amended by further Order of the Court upon motion of either of the parties:

1. Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or without an Order of the Court, any property, individually or jointly held by parties, except in the usual 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 any unreasonable debts, including but not limited to, further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit or bank cards.
3. Neither party shall permanently 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 of the children of the marriage to be removed from any medical, hospital, health and/or dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital, health, and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.
5. Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party shall maintain the existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowner's or renter's insurance policies in full force and effect.
6. If the parties have a child or children in common, a party vacating the family residence shall notify the other party or the other party's attorney, in writing, within forty-eight of such move, of an address where the relocated party can receive communication. This provision shall not apply if there is a conflicting Court Order.
7. If the parties seek to relocate more than fifty (50) miles from their present residence and have at least one minor child in common, the relocating party shall comply with the requirements as set forth in Florida Statute Section 61.13001.

8. If the parents of the children live apart during the dissolution proceedings, they shall assist their children in having contact with both parties, which is consistent with the habits of the family, personally, by telephone, audiovisual communications, and in writing unless there is a conflicting Court Order. All parties shall within ten (10) days update his or her mailing address with the Clerk of the Court any time his or her mailing address changes.
9. Pursuant to the administrative orders issued in the Fourth Judicial Circuit (Duval, Clay and Nassau Counties) and pursuant to Section 61.21, Florida Statutes, parties to a dissolution of marriage action with minor children shall complete a four-hour parenting course, such as the Putting Children First in Divorce Course offered by Hope Haven (<http://www.hope-haven.org/divorce-counseling/>); or Positive Divorce Resolution-for the Children First in Divorce Class; or a similar qualified in-person program within forty-five (45) days after the date of filing the petition in the case of the Petitioner, or within forty-five (45) days from the date of service of the petition in the case of the Respondent. Parties shall file the Certificate of Completion in the court file promptly.
10. If the parties have at least one minor child in common, the parties are notified that Florida Statute Section 61.13(2)(c)(1) provides that: "It is the public policy of this state that each minor child has frequent and continuing contact with both parents after the parents separate or the marriage of the parties is dissolved and to encourage parents to share the rights and responsibilities, and joys, of childrearing. There is no presumption for or against the father or mother of the child or for or against any specific time-sharing schedule when creating or modifying the parenting plan of the child."

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers, at Green Cove Springs, Clay County, Florida this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.



**JOHN H. SKINNER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**

**\*Original order entered on or about February 23, 2004.**

Cc:  
Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Failure to obey these orders may be punishable by Contempt of Court. If you wish to modify these orders, you must file an appropriate motion with the Family Court Clerk's Office in the county where the action is pending.

Service of standing Order shall be made with service of process of a petition for dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance or annulment.



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ATTACHED STANDING FAMILY COURT ORDER WAS SERVED  
ON: \_\_\_\_\_

AT THE ADDRESS OF: \_\_\_\_\_

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_ CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT (# \_\_\_\_\_)

(GREEN CARD ATTACHED)

\_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE OF PROCESS (AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE ATTACHED)

ON \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# FAMILY LAW FORMS, COMMENTARY, AND INSTRUCTIONS GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS (02/18)

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

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

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

## Commentary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **FAMILY LAW PROCEDURES**

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

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

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

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

**Service of the original petition or supplemental petition.** When one party files a petition, motion, or other pleading, the other party must be "served" with a copy of the document. This means that the other party is given proper notice of the pending action(s) and any scheduled hearings. The person

against whom the original legal action is being requested is called the **respondent**, because he or she is expected to respond to the petition. The respondent remains the respondent throughout the case.

**Personal service** of the petition and summons on the respondent by a deputy sheriff or private process server is required in all **original petitions** and **supplemental petitions**, unless **constructive service** is permitted by law. Personal service may also be required in other actions by some judges.

**Constructive Service.** If you absolutely do not know where the other party to your case lives or if the other party resides in another state, you may be able to use **constructive service**; however, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief, which cannot include either alimony or child support. 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), **Notice of Action for Family Cases with Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), **Affidavit of Diligent Search 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). Additionally, if the other party is in the military service of the United States, additional steps for service may be required. See, for example, **Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a). In sum, the law regarding constructive service and service on an individual in the military is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding these issues.

Forms for service of process are included in the Florida Family Law Forms, along with more detailed instructions and information regarding service. The instructions to those forms should be read **carefully** to ensure that you have properly served the other party. **If proper service is not obtained, the court cannot hear your case. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.**

**Subsequent Service.** Other than the original or supplemental petitions, any time you file additional pleadings or motions in your case, you must provide a copy to the other party and include a **certificate of service**. Likewise, the other party must provide you with copies of everything that he or she files. **If the other party is represented by an attorney, you should serve the attorney unless service upon the other party is required by the court.**

**Electronic Service.** After the initial service of process of the petitioner 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](http://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.

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

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

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

**Parenting Plan.** If your case involves minor or dependent child(ren), a **Parenting Plan** shall be approved or established by the court. **Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form, 12.995(a), **Safety-Focused Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(b), or **Relocation/Long Distance Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(c). The Parenting Plan shall be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by a court.

**If the parents cannot agree, or if the agreed Parenting Plan is not approved, the court must establish a Parenting Plan.** The Parenting Plan shall contain a time-sharing schedule and should address the issues regarding the child(ren)'s education, health care, and physical, social, and emotional well-being.

**Setting a hearing or trial.** Generally, the court will have hearings on motions, final hearings on **uncontested** or **default** cases, and trials on contested cases. Before setting your case for **final hearing** or trial, certain requirements such as completing mandatory disclosure and filing certain papers and having them served on the other party must be met. These requirements vary depending on the type of case and the procedures in your particular jurisdiction. For further information, you should refer to the instructions for the type of form you are filing.

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

The shaded areas below explain different parts of family law forms. Although each form you use may not contain each part explained below, all forms contain a case style which identifies the judicial circuit and county in Florida in which the case is filed, the division within that circuit to which the case is assigned, the parties in the case, and the number of the case. Some, but not all, forms require that the person signing the form state under oath that what he or she claims in the form is true; those particular forms must be signed in the presence of either a deputy clerk of the court or a notary public who witnesses your signature before notarizing the form. Most forms contain a nonlawyer clause which requests certain information be provided by any person who is not licensed to practice law in the State of Florida who has helped you to complete the form.

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Each form that provides a blank space will have instructions on how to fill in the blank. Please follow all instructions which ask for specific information. Often these instructions appear in *italics*. [

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ (3)  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_ (4)

\_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,  
and  
\_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

- Line 1** The clerk of court can tell you the number of your judicial circuit. Type or print it here.
- Line 2** Type or print your county name on line (2).
- Line 3** If you are filing an initial petition or pleading, the Clerk of the Court will assign a case number after the case is filed. You should type or print this case number on all papers you file in this case.
- Line 4** The clerk of the court can tell you the name of the division in which your case is being filed, and you should type or print it here. Divisions vary from court to court. For example, your case may be filed in the civil division, the family division, or the juvenile division.
- Line 5** Type or print the legal name of the person who originally filed the case on line 5. This person is the petitioner because he/she is the one who filed the original petition.
- Line 6** Type or print the other party's legal name on line 6. The other party is the respondent because he/she is responding to the petition.

Some forms require that your signature be witnessed. If so, you must sign the form in the presence of a **notary public** or deputy clerk (employee of the clerk of the court's office). When signing the form, you must have a valid photo identification unless the notary knows you personally. You should completely fill in all lines (1 & 3–8) except 2 with the requested information, if applicable. **Line 2, the signature line,**



*{name of individual}* \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_,  
*{name of business}* \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_,  
*{address}* \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_,  
*{city}* \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_, *{state}* \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_, *{zip code}* \_\_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_\_, *{telephone number}* \_\_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Line 1** The **nonlawyer** who helps you should type or print his or her name on line 1.

**Lines 2–7** The nonlawyer’s business name, address, (including street, city, state, zip code, and telephone number) should be typed or printed on lines 2–7.

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



## FAMILY LAW GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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

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

**Alimony**-spousal support which may be ordered by the court in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage. Types of alimony include: bridge-the-gap, durational, rehabilitative, or retroactive, and may be either temporary or permanent. The court may order periodic payments, payments in lump sum, or both. In determining whether to award alimony, the court must determine whether either party has an actual need for alimony and whether the other party has the ability to pay. The court must consider the factors set forth in section 61.08, Florida Statutes, and must make certain written findings. An alimony award may not leave the paying party with significantly less net income than that of the receiving party without written findings of exceptional circumstances.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bridge-the-Gap Alimony**-spousal support which is ordered to assist a party to make the transition from being married to being single. Bridge-the-Gap alimony is designed to assist a party with legitimate, identifiable short-time needs; its length cannot exceed two years and it cannot be modified.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Concurrent Custody**-(for the purposes of a petition filed pursuant to chapter 751, Florida Statutes) means that an eligible extended family member is awarded custodial rights to care for a child or children concurrently with the child(ren)'s parent or parents.

**Constructive Service** - notification of the other party by newspaper publication or posting of notice at designated places when the other party cannot be located for personal service. You may also be able to use constructive service when the other party lives in another state. Constructive service is also called "service by publication." However, when constructive service is used, the relief the Court may grant is limited; that relief cannot include either alimony or child support. For more information on service, see the instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms 12.910(a) and 12.913(b) and Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Forms 12.913(a)(1) and (2).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Delinquent** - late.

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

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

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

**Durational Alimony**-spousal support which is ordered to provide economic assistance for a set period of time following a marriage of short or moderate duration or following a marriage of long duration if there is no ongoing need for support on a permanent basis. Durational alimony terminates upon the death of either party or upon remarriage of the party receiving support. It may be modified or terminated, but cannot exceed the length of a marriage.

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

**Enjoined** - prohibited by the court from doing a specific act.

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

**Extended Family Member**-(for the purposes of a petition filed pursuant to chapter 751, Florida Statutes) is a person who is either:

- 1) A relative of a minor child within the third degree by blood or marriage to the parent; OR
- 2) The stepparent of a minor child if the stepparent is currently married to the parent of the child and is not a party in a pending dissolution, separate maintenance, domestic violence, or other civil or criminal proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction involving one or both of the child’s parents as an adverse party.

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

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

**Filing Fee** - an amount of money, set by law, that the petitioner must pay when filing a case. If you cannot afford to pay the fee, you must file an **Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status**, to ask the clerk to file your case without payment of the fee. This form can be obtained from the clerk’s office.

**Final Hearing** - trial in your case.

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

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

**Guardian ad Litem** - a neutral person who may be appointed by the court to evaluate or investigate your child’s situation, and file a report with the court about what is in the best interests of your child(ren). Guardians do not “work for” either party. The guardian may interview the parties, visit their homes,

visit the child(ren)'s school(s) and speak with teachers, or use other resources to make their recommendation.

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

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

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

**Judicial Assistant** - the judge's personal staff assistant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Original Petition** - see **Petition**.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Permanent Alimony** - spousal support ordered to provide for the needs and necessities of life as they were established during the marriage for a party who lacks the financial ability to meet his or her needs and necessities after dissolution of marriage. Permanent alimony is paid at a specified, periodic rate until: modification by a court order; the death of either party; or the remarriage of the party receiving alimony, whichever occurs first. Permanent alimony requires consideration of the factors set forth in section 61.08(2), Florida Statutes, and must include certain written findings by the court.

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

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

**Petitioner** - the person who originally files a petition that begins a court case. The Petitioner remains the Petitioner throughout the duration of the case.

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

**Pro Se or Self-Represented Litigant** - a person who appears in court without the assistance of a lawyer.

**Pro Se Coordinator** - see **Family Law Intake Staff**.

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

**Relocation**- a change in the location of the principal residence of a parent or other person in accordance with section 61.13001, Florida Statutes.

**Respondent** - the person who is served with a petition requesting some legal action against him or her. The Respondent remains the Respondent throughout the duration of the case.

**Scientific Paternity Testing** - a medical test to determine the biological father of a child

**Service** - the delivery of legal documents to a party. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

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

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

**State Disbursement Unit**- the unit established and operated by the Title IV-D agency to provide one central address for the collection and disbursement of child support payments made in both Department of Revenue and non-Department of Revenue cases, in which the obligation is paid through an income deduction order.

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

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

**Supportive Relationship**-a relationship, defined in section 61.14(1)(b)1, Florida Statutes, existing between an obligee who receives alimony and a person with whom that obligee resides.

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

**Trial** - the final hearing in a contested case.

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

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.928, COVER SHEET FOR FAMILY COURT CASES (11/13)

## When should this form be used?

The Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases and the information contained in it neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other documents as required by law. This form shall be filed by the petitioner/party opening or reopening a case for the use of the **clerk of the circuit court** for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075.

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

## What should I do next?

Follow these instructions for completing the form:

- I. Case Style. Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original petition, the name of the judge assigned (if applicable), and the name (last, first, middle initial) of the petitioner(s) and respondent(s).
- II. Type of Action /Proceeding. Place a check beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are 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.
  - (A) Initial Action/Petition
  - (B) Reopening Case. If you check "Reopening Case," indicate whether you are filing a modification or supplemental petition or an action for enforcement by placing a check beside the appropriate action/petition.
    1. Modification/Supplemental Petition
    2. Motion for Civil Contempt/ Enforcement
    3. Other – All reopening actions not involving modification/supplemental petitions or petition enforcement.
- III. Type of Case. Place a check beside the appropriate case. If the case fits more than one category, select the most definitive. Definitions of the categories are provided below.
  - (A) Simplified Dissolution of Marriage- petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.105.
  - (B) Dissolution of Marriage - petitions for the termination of marriage pursuant to Chapter 61, Florida Statutes, other than simplified dissolution.
  - (C) Domestic Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against domestic violence pursuant to section 741.30, Florida Statutes.

- (D) Dating Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against dating violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.
- (E) Repeat Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against repeat violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.
- (F) Sexual Violence - all matters relating to injunctions for protection against sexual violence pursuant to section 784.046, Florida Statutes.
- (G) Stalking-all matters relating to injunctions for protection against stalking pursuant to section 784.0485, Florida Statutes
- (H) Support - IV-D - all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has been filed with the Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement under Title IV-D, Social Security Act, except for such matters relating to dissolution of marriage petitions (sections 409.2564, 409.2571, and 409.2597, Florida Statutes), paternity, or UIFSA.
- (I) Support-Non IV-D - all matters relating to child or spousal support in which an application for assistance has **not** been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (J) UIFSA- IV-D - all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (K) UIFSA - Non IV-D - all matters relating to Chapter 88, Florida Statutes, in which an application for assistance has **not** been filed under Title IV-D, Social Security Act.
- (L) Other Family Court - all matters involving time-sharing and/or parenting plans relating to minor child(ren), support unconnected with dissolution of marriage, annulment, delayed birth certificates pursuant to Florida Statutes section 382.0195, expedited affirmation of parental status pursuant to Florida Statutes section 742.16, termination of parental rights proceedings pursuant to Florida Statutes section 63.087, declaratory judgment actions related to premarital, marital, post-marital agreements, or other matters not included in the categories above.
- (M) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 63 - all matters relating to adoption pursuant to Chapter 63, Florida Statutes, excluding any matters arising out of Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (N) Name Change - all matters relating to name change, pursuant to section 68.07, Florida Statutes.
- (O) Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity – all matters relating to paternity pursuant to Chapter 742, Florida Statutes.
- (P) Juvenile Delinquency - all matters relating to juvenile delinquency pursuant to Chapter 985, Florida Statutes.
- (Q) Petition for Dependency - all matters relating to petitions for dependency.
- (R) Shelter Petition – all matters relating to shelter petitions pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (S) Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out Of Chapter 39 – all matters relating to termination of parental rights pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (T) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 39 – all matters relating to adoption pursuant to Chapter 39, Florida Statutes.
- (U) CINS/FINS – all matters relating to children in need of services (and families in need of services) pursuant to Chapter 984, Florida Statutes.



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

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

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

## COVER SHEET FOR FAMILY COURT CASES

### I. Case Style

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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) \_\_\_ 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) \_\_\_ Other Family Court
- (M) \_\_\_ Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 63
- (N) \_\_\_ Name Change

- (O) \_\_\_ Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity
- (P) \_\_\_ Juvenile Delinquency
- (Q) \_\_\_ Petition for Dependency
- (R) \_\_\_ Shelter Petition
- (S) \_\_\_ Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out Of Chapter 39
- (T) \_\_\_ Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 39
- (U) \_\_\_ 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) (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}* \_\_\_\_\_, *{telephone number}* \_\_\_\_\_.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.901(b)(1),  
PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH DEPENDENT OR  
MINOR CHILD(REN)  
(02/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used when you are filing for a dissolution of marriage, and you and your spouse have a dependent or minor child(ren) together, or a spouse is pregnant. You or your spouse must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing for a dissolution in Florida. You must file this form if the following is true:

- You and your spouse have a dependent or minor child(ren) together or a spouse is pregnant.

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 your spouse lives, you should use personal service. If you absolutely do not know where your spouse 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 either spousal support (alimony) or child support. For more information on constructive service, see **Notice of Action for Family Cases with Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), and **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(c). 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](http://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:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d).
- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), if you are asking that child support be ordered in the final judgment. (If you do not know your spouse's income, you may file this worksheet after your spouse's financial affidavit has been served on you.)
- **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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), 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 with the petition if the petitioner seeks to establish child support. Otherwise, it must be filed within 45 days of service of the petition on the respondent.)
- **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.)
- **Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(a), (b), or (c). If the parents have reached an agreement, a signed and notarized Parenting Plan should be attached. If the parents have not reached an agreement, a proposed Parenting Plan may be filed.

**Parenting Plan and Time-Sharing.** If you and your spouse are unable to agree on parenting arrangements and a time-sharing schedule, a judge will decide for you as part of establishing a Parenting Plan. The judge

will decide the parenting arrangements and time-sharing based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

The judge may request a **parenting plan recommendation** or appoint a **guardian ad litem** in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

A **parenting course** must be completed prior to entry of the final judgment. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your petition. **If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications, you should speak with an attorney before going any further.**

- **Shared Parental Responsibility**
- **Sole Parental Responsibility**
- **Supervised Time-Sharing**
- **No contact**
- **Parenting Plan**
- **Parenting Plan Recommendation**
- **Time-Sharing Schedule**

**Child Support.** Both parents are required to provide financial support for their minor or dependent child(ren); however, the court may order one parent to pay child support to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of **both** parents and take into account the financial contributions of **both** parents and the number of overnights the child(ren) spend with each parent. You must file a **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and your spouse will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

**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.

**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 child support, time-sharing, and 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, parental responsibility and time-sharing with child(ren), temporary child support, or temporary alimony, you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support and Time-Sharing with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(a). 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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1). Both of you 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.

**Parenting Plan.** In all cases involving minor or dependent child(ren), a Parenting Plan shall be approved or established by the court. If you and your spouse have reached an agreement, you should file one of the following: **Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(a), **Safety-Focused Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(b), or **Relocation/Long-Distance Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(c), which addresses the time-sharing schedule for the child(ren). If you have not reached an agreement, a proposed Parenting Plan may be filed. If the parties are unable to agree, a **Parenting Plan will be established by the court**.

**Final Judgment Form.** These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(c)(1), 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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(1). 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

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

In re: The Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

## PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH 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} \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_ Please indicate if approximate)

Place of marriage: {county, state, country} \_\_\_\_\_

4. DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)

{Choose **all** that apply}

a. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_ Respondent is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_ The minor (under 18) child(ren) common to both parties are:

**Name**

**Birth date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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d. \_\_\_ The minor child(ren) born or conceived during the marriage who are **not** common to both parties are:

Name	Birth date
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The birth parent (s) of the above minor child(ren) is (are): *{name and address}*  

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e. \_\_\_ The child(ren) common to both parties who are 18 or older but who are dependent upon the parties due to a mental or physical disability are:

Name	Birth date
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5. A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c) *{choose only one}* \_\_\_\_\_ is filed with this petition or \_\_\_\_\_ will be timely filed.
6. A completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this petition. (You **must** complete and attach this form in a dissolution of marriage with minor child(ren)).
7. A completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this petition.
8. This petition for dissolution of marriage should be granted because:  
*{Choose only one}*
  - a. \_\_\_ The marriage is irretrievably broken.

**OR**

- b. \_\_\_ One of the parties has been adjudged mentally incapacitated for a period of 3 years prior to 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), filed in this case.

{Indicate **all** that apply}

a. \_\_\_\_ All marital assets and liabilities 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 Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1).

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 \_\_\_\_ Respondent should be awarded an interest in the other spouse's property because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY)**

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

**OR**

2. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_ Respondent 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, or \_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_ and continuing until {date or event} \_\_\_\_\_.

Explain why the Court should order \_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_ Respondent 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. PARENTING PLAN ESTABLISHING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TIME-SHARING**

1. The minor child(ren) currently reside(s) with \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent \_\_\_\_\_ Other:  
{explain} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. **Parental Responsibility.** It is in the child(ren)'s best interests that parental responsibility be:  
{Choose only **one**}

a. \_\_\_\_\_ shared by both parents;

b. \_\_\_\_\_ awarded solely to \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent . Shared parental responsibility would be detrimental to the child(ren) because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Parenting Plan and Time-Sharing.** It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the family be ordered to comply with a Parenting Plan that \_\_\_\_\_ includes \_\_\_\_\_ does not include parental time-sharing with the child(ren). For purposes of a Parenting Plan, the Petitioner will be referred to as {name or designation} \_\_\_\_\_, and the Respondent will be referred to as {name or designation} \_\_\_\_\_. The Petitioner states that it is in the best interests of the child(ren) that:

{Choose only **one**}

a. \_\_\_\_\_ The attached proposed Parenting Plan should be adopted by the court. The parties {Choose only one} \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ have **not** agreed to the Parenting Plan.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Each child will have time-sharing with both parents as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

( \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate if a separate sheet is attached.)

c. . \_\_\_\_\_ The court should establish a Parenting Plan with the following provisions for:  
{Insert name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided}

\_\_\_\_\_ No time-sharing for Parent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Limited time-sharing with Parent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervised Time-Sharing for Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_;

\_\_\_\_\_ Supervised or third-party exchange of the child(ren).

\_\_\_\_\_ Explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Explain why this request is in the best interests of the child(ren):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT**

{Choose **all** that apply}

1. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court award child support as determined by Florida’s child support guidelines, section 61.30, Florida Statutes. A completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), \_\_\_\_ is, or \_\_\_\_ will be filed. Such support should be ordered retroactive to:
  - a. \_\_\_\_ the date of separation {date} \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_ the date of the filing of this petition.
  - c. \_\_\_\_ other {date} \_\_\_\_\_ {explain} \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court award child support to be paid beyond the age of 18 years because:
  - a. \_\_\_\_ the following child(ren) {name(s)} \_\_\_\_\_ is (are) dependent because of a mental or physical incapacity which began before the age of 18. {explain} \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  - b. \_\_\_\_ the following child(ren) {name(s)} \_\_\_\_\_ is (are) dependent in fact, is (are) in high school, and are between the ages of 18 and 19; said child(ren) is (are) performing in good faith with reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.
  
3. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that the Court award a child support amount that is more than or less than Florida’s child support guidelines and understands that a Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, **must** be filed before the Court will consider this request.
  
4. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that medical/dental insurance for the minor child(ren) be provided by:

{Choose only **one**}

  - a. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner
  - b. \_\_\_\_ Respondent.
  
5. \_\_\_\_ Petitioner requests that uninsured medical/dental expenses for the child(ren) be paid:

{Choose only **one**}

  - a. \_\_\_\_ by Petitioner;
  - b. \_\_\_\_ by Respondent;
  - c. \_\_\_\_ equally by the spouses {each spouse pays one-half}.
  - d. \_\_\_\_ according to the percentages in the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e).
  - e. \_\_\_\_ Other {explain}: \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_Petitioner requests that life insurance to secure child support be provided by the other spouse.

**SECTION V. OTHER**

1. Petitioner requests to be known by the following former legal name, which was:  
*{former legal name}*:\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Other relief *{specify}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VI. 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. \_\_\_\_\_distributing marital assets and liabilities as requested in Section I of this petition;
2. \_\_\_\_\_awarding spousal support (alimony) as requested in Section II of this petition;
3. \_\_\_\_\_adopting or establishing a Parenting Plan containing provisions for parental responsibility and time-sharing for the dependent or minor child(ren) common to both parties, as requested in Section III of this petition;
4. \_\_\_\_\_establishing child support for the dependent or minor child(ren) common to both parties, as requested in Section IV of this petition;
5. \_\_\_\_\_restoring Petitioner’s former name as requested in Section V of this petition;
6. \_\_\_\_\_awarding other relief as requested in Section V 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 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**

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

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

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

**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 FAMILY LAW RULE OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(c), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (LONG 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 \$50,000 OR MORE per year unless:

- (1) You are filing a simplified dissolution of marriage under rule 12.105 and both parties have waived the filing of financial affidavits;
- (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 then **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.

**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**

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 (LONG FORM)**  
( $\$50,000$  or more Individual Gross Annual Income)

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

**SECTION I. INCOME**

1. My age is: \_\_\_\_\_
2. My occupation is: \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am currently

*[Check **all** that apply]*

- a.  Unemployed

Describe your efforts to find employment, how soon you expect to be employed, and the pay you expect to receive: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay rate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) every week ( ) every other week ( ) twice a month

( ) monthly ( ) other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are expecting to become unemployed or change jobs soon, describe the change you expect and why and how it will affect your income: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Check here if you currently have more than one job. List the information above for the second job(s) on a separate sheet and attach it to this affidavit.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Retired. Date of retirement: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer from whom retired: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST YEAR'S GROSS INCOME:**

	Your Income	Other Party's Income (if known)
YEAR _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

**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 (Attach sheet itemizing each item and amount.)
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring gains)  
 Any other income of a recurring nature (identify source)
15. \_\_\_\_\_
16. \_\_\_\_\_
17. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME** (Add lines 1 through 16).

**PRESENT MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:**

**All amounts must be MONTHLY.** See the instructions with this form to figure out money amounts for anything that is NOT paid monthly.

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).

<b>SECTION II. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES</b>
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**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.

**HOUSEHOLD:**

1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly mortgage or rent payments
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly property taxes (if not included in mortgage)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly insurance on residence (if not included in mortgage)
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly condominium maintenance fees and homeowner's association fees
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly electricity
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly water, garbage, and sewer
  7. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly telephone
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly fuel oil or natural gas
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly repairs and maintenance
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly lawn care
  11. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly pool maintenance
  12. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly pest control
  13. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly misc. household
  14. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly food and home supplies
  15. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly meals outside home
  16. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly cable t.v.
  17. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly alarm service contract
  18. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly service contracts on appliances
  19. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly maid service
- Other:
20. \_\_\_\_\_
  21. \_\_\_\_\_
  22. \_\_\_\_\_
  23. \_\_\_\_\_
  24. \_\_\_\_\_
25. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 1 through 24).

**AUTOMOBILE:**

- 26. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly gasoline and oil
- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly repairs
- 28. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly auto tags and emission testing
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly insurance
- 30. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payments (lease or financing)
- 31. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly rental/replacements
- 32. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly alternative transportation (bus, rail, car pool, etc.)
- 33. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly tolls and parking
- 34. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 26 through 34)

**MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR CHILDREN COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES:**

- 36. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly nursery, babysitting, or day care
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly school tuition
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly school supplies, books, and fees
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly after school activities
- 40. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly lunch money
- 41. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly private lessons or tutoring
- 42. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly allowances
- 43. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly clothing and uniforms
- 44. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly entertainment (movies, parties, etc.)
- 45. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly health insurance
- 46. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly medical, dental, prescriptions (nonreimbursed only)
- 47. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly psychiatric/psychological/counselor
- 48. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly orthodontic
- 49. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly vitamins
- 50. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly beauty parlor/barber shop
- 51. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly nonprescription medication
- 52. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly cosmetics, toiletries, and sundries
- 53. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly gifts from child(ren) to others (other children, relatives, teachers, etc.)
- 54. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly camp or summer activities
- 55. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly clubs (Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.)
- 56. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly time-sharing expenses
- 57. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly miscellaneous
- 58. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 36 through 57)

**MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR CHILD(REN) FROM ANOTHER RELATIONSHIP**

(other than court-ordered child support)

- 59. \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 60. \_\_\_\_\_
- 61. \_\_\_\_\_
- 62. \_\_\_\_\_
- 63. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 59 through 62)

**MONTHLY INSURANCE:**

64. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Health insurance (if not listed on lines 23 or 45)

65. \_\_\_\_\_ Life insurance

66. \_\_\_\_\_ Dental insurance.

Other:

67. \_\_\_\_\_

68. \_\_\_\_\_

69.. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 66 through 68, exclude lines 64 and 65)

**OTHER MONTHLY EXPENSES NOT LISTED ABOVE:**

70. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly dry cleaning and laundry

71. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly clothing

72. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly medical, dental, and prescription (unreimbursed only)

73. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly psychiatric, psychological, or counselor (unreimbursed only)

74. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly non-prescription medications, cosmetics, toiletries, and sundries

75. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly grooming

76. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly gifts

77. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly pet expenses

78. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly club dues and membership

79. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly sports and hobbies

80. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly entertainment

81. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly periodicals/books/tapes/CDs

82. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly vacations

83. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly religious organizations

84. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly bank charges/credit card fees

85. \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly education expenses

86. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: (include any usual and customary expenses not otherwise mentioned in the items listed above) \_\_\_\_\_

87. \_\_\_\_\_

88. \_\_\_\_\_

89. \_\_\_\_\_

90. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 70 through 89)

**MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS:** (only when payments are currently made by you on outstanding balances). List only last 4 digits of account numbers.

MONTHLY PAYMENT AND NAME OF CREDITOR(s):

91. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

92. \_\_\_\_\_

93. \_\_\_\_\_

94. \_\_\_\_\_

95. \_\_\_\_\_

96. \_\_\_\_\_

97. \_\_\_\_\_

98. \_\_\_\_\_

99. \_\_\_\_\_

100. \_\_\_\_\_

101. \_\_\_\_\_

102. \_\_\_\_\_

103. \_\_\_\_\_

104. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 91 through 103)

105. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:**

(add lines 25, 35, 58, 63, 69, 90, and 104 of Section II, Expenses)

**SUMMARY**

106. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY NET INCOME** (from line 27 of SECTION I. INCOME)

107. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES** (from line 105 above)

108. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SURPLUS** (If line 106 is more than line 107, subtract line 107 from line 106. This is the amount of your surplus. Enter that amount here.)

109. (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) **(DEFICIT)** (If line 107 is more than line 106, subtract line 106 from line 107. This is the amount of your deficit. Enter that amount here.)

**SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**A. ASSETS (This is where you list what you OWN.)**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**STEP 1:** In column A, list a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). Blank spaces are provided if you need to list more than one of an item.

**STEP 2:** If this is a petition for dissolution of marriage, check the line in Column A next to any item that you are requesting the judge award to you.

**STEP 3:** In column B, write what you believe to be the current fair market value of all items listed.

**STEP 4:** Use column C 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 belongs. (Typically, you will only use Column C if property was owned 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 ONLY LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	B Current Fair Market Value	C Nonmarital (Check correct column)	
		husband	wife
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (on hand)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cash (in banks or credit unions)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stocks/Bonds		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



	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			



<b>A</b> <b>LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S)</b> <b>LIST ONLY LAST FOUR DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS.</b> <b>Check the line next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.</b>		<b>B</b> <b>Current Amount Owed</b>	<b>C</b> <b>Nonmarital (Check correct column)</b>	
			husband	wife
	Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
	Second mortgage on home			
	Other mortgages			
	Charge/credit card accounts			
	Auto loan			
	Auto loan			
	Bank/Credit Union loans			
	Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)			
	Judgments			
	Other:			
<b>Total Debts</b> (add column B)		\$		

**C. NET WORTH (excluding contingent assets and liabilities)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Assets** (enter total of Column B in Asset Table; Section A)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Liabilities** (enter total of Column B in Liabilities Table; Section B)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL NET WORTH (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities)**  
(excluding contingent assets and liabilities)

**D. 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.

A Contingent Assets  Check the line next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	B Possible Value	C Nonmarital (Check correct column)	
		husband	wife
	\$		
<b>Total Contingent Assets</b>	\$		

A Contingent Liabilities  Check the line next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.	B Possible Amount Owed	C Nonmarital (Check correct column)	
		husband	wife
	\$		
<b>Total Contingent Liabilities</b>	\$		

**E. 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 financial affidavit 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 12.902(d)  
UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT  
(UCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT  
(02/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used in any case involving parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with, any minor child(ren). This **affidavit** is **required** even if the parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with, the minor child(ren) is not in dispute.

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 then **file** it with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

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

**What should I do next?**

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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION**

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

A-Z Topical Index.

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

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see sections 61.501-61.542, Florida Statutes.

### **Special notes...**

With this form, you must also file a **Notice of Confidential Information within Court Filing**, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Appendix to Rule 2.420 Form.

Effective October 1, 2008, terms such as custodial parent, noncustodial parent, primary residential parent, secondary residential parent, and visitation were removed from Chapter 61, Florida Statutes; however, because the UCCJEA uses the terms, custody and visitation, they are included in this form. Parents must develop a Parenting Plan that includes, among other things, their time-sharing schedule with the minor child(ren). If the parents cannot agree, a parenting plan will be established by the Court.

If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), you should write confidential in any space on this form that would require you to write the address where you are currently living.

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.

### UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT

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

1. The number of minor child(ren) subject to this proceeding is \_\_\_\_\_. The name, place of birth, birth date, and sex of each child; the present address, periods of residence, and places where each child has lived **within the past five (5) years**; and the name, present address, and relationship to the child of each person with whom the child has lived during that time are:

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # 1 :**

Child's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Residence for the past 5 years:**

Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
____/____/present*			
____/____			
____/____			
____/____			



___/___			
___/___			

**\* If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), you should write confidential in any space on this form that would require you to enter the address where you are currently living.**

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # \_\_\_ :**

Child's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Residence for the past 5 years:**

Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
___/present			
___/___			
___/___			
___/___			
___/___			
___/___			

**THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # \_\_\_ :**

Child's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Residence for the past 5 years:**

Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
___/present			

___/___			
___/___			
___/___			
___/___			
___/___			

**2. Participation in custody or time-sharing proceeding(s):**

*[Choose only one]*

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE NOT participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation or custody proceeding in this or any other state, jurisdiction, or country, concerning parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with a child subject to this proceeding.

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation or custody proceeding in this or another state, jurisdiction, or country, concerning parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with a child subject to this proceeding.

*Explain:*

- a. Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Type of proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Court and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Date of court order or judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Information about custody or time-sharing proceeding(s):**

*[Choose only one]*

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE NO INFORMATION of any parental responsibility, custody, time-sharing, or visitation proceeding pending in a court of this or any other state, jurisdiction, or country concerning a child subject to this proceeding.

\_\_\_\_\_ I HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION concerning a parental responsibility, custody, time-sharing, or visitation proceeding pending in a court of this or another state concerning a child subject to this proceeding, other than set out in item 2. *Explain:*

- a. Name of each child involved in said litigation: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Type of proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Court and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Date of court order or judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Persons not a party to this proceeding:**

*[Choose only one]*

\_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON in this or any other state, jurisdiction, or country, who is not a party to this proceeding and who has physical custody or claims to have parental responsibility for, custody of, or time-sharing or visitation with respect to any child subject to this proceeding.

\_\_\_\_\_ I KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S), not a party to this proceeding, has (have) physical custody or claim(s) to have parental responsibility for, custody of, , or time-sharing or visitation with respect to any child subject to this proceeding:

a. Name and address of person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has physical custody

\_\_\_\_\_ claims parental responsibility or custody rights

\_\_\_\_\_ claims time-sharing or visitation

Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name and address of person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has physical custody

\_\_\_\_\_ claims parental responsibility or custody rights

\_\_\_\_\_ claims time-sharing or visitation

Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name and address of person: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has physical custody

\_\_\_\_\_ claims parental responsibility or custody rights

\_\_\_\_\_ claims time-sharing or visitation

Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Knowledge of prior child support proceedings:**

*[Choose only one]*

\_\_\_\_\_ The child(ren) described in this affidavit are NOT subject to existing child support order(s) in this or any other state, jurisdiction, or country..

\_\_\_\_\_ The child(ren) described in this affidavit are subject to the following existing child support order(s):

a. Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Type of proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Court and address: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Date of court order/judgment (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

e. Amount of child support ordered to be paid and by whom: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to advise this Court of any parental responsibility, custody, time-sharing or visitation , child support, or guardianship proceeding (including dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance, child neglect, or dependency) concerning the child(ren) in this state or any other state about which information is obtained during this proceeding.
7. A completed Notice of **Confidential Information within Court Filing**, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Appendix to Rule 2.420 Form, is filed with this Affidavit.

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) e-served ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.902(f)(1)  
MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
WITH 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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.901(b)(1), 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 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](http://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...**

With this form you must also file a **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), if not already filed.

**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 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 (are) 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:

<b>ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) PETITIONER SHALL RECEIVE</b> <b>Please describe each item as clearly as possible.</b> <b>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 in both spouses' names.</b>	<b>Current Fair Market Value</b>
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	

<b>ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) PETITIONER SHALL RECEIVE</b> Please describe each item as clearly as possible. <b>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 in both spouses' names.</b>	<b>Current Fair Market Value</b>
Life insurance (cash surrender value)	
Sporting and entertainment (T.V., stereo, etc.) equipment	
Other assets	
<b>Total Assets to Petitioner</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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

<b>ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) RESPONDENT SHALL RECEIVE</b> Please describe each item as clearly as possible. <b>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 in both spouses' names.</b>	<b>Current Fair Market Value</b>
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)	

<b>ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) RESPONDENT SHALL RECEIVE</b> 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 in both spouses' names.	<b>Current Fair Market Value</b>
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	
<b>Total Assets to Respondent</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

- 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:

<b>LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY PETITIONER</b> 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.	<b>Monthly Payment</b>	<b>Current Amount Owed</b>
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		
<b>Total Debts to Be Paid by Petitioner</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

<b>LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY RESPONDENT</b> 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.	<b>Monthly Payment</b>	<b>Current Amount Owed</b>
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		
<b>Total Debts to Be Paid by Respondent</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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

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**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 (such as, 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. Life insurance in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to secure the above support, will be provided by the Obligor.

### SECTION III. PARENTING PLAN ESTABLISHING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TIME-SHARING

1. The parties' minor child(ren) are:

Name	Birth date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2. The parties shall have time-sharing and parental responsibility in accordance with the Parenting Plan attached as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent (hereinafter "Obligor") will pay child support, under Florida's child support guidelines, section 61.30, Florida Statutes, to the other parent. The Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is completed and attached.

Child support established at the rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for the \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of parties' minor or dependent children} shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}. Child support shall be paid in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ {week, month, other} which is consistent with the Obligor's current payroll cycle.

Upon the termination of the obligation of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of remaining children} shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}. This child support shall be paid in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ {week, month, other} consistent with Obligor's current payroll cycle.

***{Insert schedule for the child support obligation, including the amount, and commencement and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children, which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases. Please indicate whether the schedule \_\_\_\_\_ appears below or \_\_\_\_\_ is attached as part of this form}***

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The Obligor shall pay child support until all the minor or dependent child(ren): reach the age of 18; become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is: dependent in fact; between the ages of 18 and 19; and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

If the child support amount above deviates from the guidelines by 5% or more, explain the reason(s) here:

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**2. Retroactive Child Support or Arrearages.**

There is currently retroactive child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. There is an arrearage of \_\_\_\_\_ previously ordered unpaid child support in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

The total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in retroactive and unpaid child support shall be paid at the rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ week \_\_\_\_\_ other week \_\_\_\_\_ month, beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

**3. Health Insurance.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent will maintain health insurance for the parties' minor child(ren). The party providing coverage will provide insurance cards to the other party showing coverage.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Health insurance is either not reasonable in cost or accessible to the child(ren) at this time. Any uninsured/ unreimbursed medical costs for the minor child(ren) shall be assessed as follows:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Shared equally by the spouses. *{Each spouse pays one-half}*.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Prorated according to the child support guideline percentages.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Other *{explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_

As to these uninsured/unreimbursed medical expenses, the party who incurs the expense shall submit a request for reimbursement to the other party within 30 days, and the other party, within



30 days of receipt, shall submit the applicable reimbursement for that expense, according to the schedule of reimbursement set out in this paragraph.

4. **Dental Insurance.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent will maintain dental insurance for the parties' minor child(ren). The party providing coverage will provide insurance cards to the other party showing coverage.

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dental insurance is either not reasonable in cost or accessible to the child(ren) at this time. Any uninsured/ unreimbursed dental costs for the minor child(ren) shall be assessed as follows:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Shared equally by the spouses *.{each spouse pays one-half}*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Prorated according to the child support guideline percentages.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Other *{explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_

As to these uninsured/unreimbursed dental expenses, the party who incurs the expense shall submit a request for reimbursement to the other party within 30 days, and the other party, within 30 days of receipt, shall submit the applicable reimbursement for that expense, according to the schedule of reimbursement set out in this paragraph.

5. **Life Insurance.** \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent will maintain life insurance for the benefit of the parties' minor child(ren) in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ until the youngest child turns 18, becomes emancipated, marries, joins the armed services, or dies.

6. **IRS Income Tax Exemption(s).** The assignment of any tax exemptions for the child(ren) shall be as follows: *{explain}* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The other parent will convey any applicable IRS form regarding the income tax exemption.

7. Other provisions relating to child support (e.g., uninsured medical/dental expenses, health or dental insurance, life insurance to secure child support, orthodontic payments, college fund, etc.):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V. OTHER**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION VI.** 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} \_\_\_\_\_.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.902(j),  
NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (11/15)**

**When should this form be used?**

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

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

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

**What should I do next?**

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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION**

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

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.** If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the

procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

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

### **Special notes...**

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

### NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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

[Choose **one** only]

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. This notice is being filed in a dissolution of marriage case in which the parties have **no** minor children 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 children in common. The minor 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  
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} \_\_\_\_\_.

## **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

Paternity

Custody

Adoption

Child Support

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]

Dissolution of Marriage

Paternity

Custody

Adoption

Child Support

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. 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<br>Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health<br><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 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**



**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 telefónica no lo protegerá. Si usted desea que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su respuesta por escrito, incluyendo el número del caso y los nombres de las partes interesadas. Si usted no contesta la demanda a tiempo, pudiese perder el caso y podría 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 guía telefónica.

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 dirección de la parte que entrega la orden de comparecencia: \_\_\_\_\_

**Copias de todos los documentos judiciales de este caso, incluyendo las ordenes, están 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 dirección 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 papeles que se presenten en el futuro en esta demanda judicial serán enviados por correo a la dirección 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 revelación automática de documentos e información. El incumplimiento, puede resultar en sanciones, incluyendo la desestimación o anulación de los alegatos.**

## **IMPORTANT**

Des poursuites judiciaires ont été entreprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consécutifs à partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour déposer une réponse écrite à la plainte ci-jointe auprès de ce tribunal. Qui se trouve à: {L'Adresse} \_\_\_\_\_. Un simple coup de téléphone est insuffisant pour vous protéger; vous êtes obligés de déposer votre réponse écrite, avec mention du numéro de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommées ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende

votre cause. Si vous ne déposez pas votre réponse écrite dans le délai requis, vous risquez de perdre la cause ainsi que votre salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent être saisis par la suite, sans aucun préavis ultérieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requérir les services immédiats d'un avocat. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez téléphoner à un service de référence d'avocats ou à un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant à l'annuaire de téléphones).

Si vous choisissez de déposer vous-même une réponse écrite, il vous faudra également, en même temps que cette formalité, faire parvenir ou expédier une copie au carbone ou une photocopie de votre réponse écrite à la partie qui vous dépose cette citation.

Nom et adresse de la partie qui dépose 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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.910(b), PROCESS SERVICE MEMORANDUM (11/15)

## When should this form be used?

You should use this form to give the sheriff's department (or private process server) instructions for serving the other **party** in your case with the **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a), and other papers to be served. On this form you can tell the sheriff's department the best times to find the person at work and/or at home. You can also include a map to the other person's home or work place to help the sheriff find the person and deliver the summons. Do not forget to attach to the summons a copy of your initial petition and any other papers you want personally served on the other party.

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 petition was filed and attach a copy to the **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a). You should also keep a copy for your records.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

## 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.** You should read the instructions for **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a), for additional information.

## 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](http://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 fear that disclosing your address would put you in danger because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, stalking, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, you should complete a **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), file it with the clerk, and write confidential in the space provided on the petition.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent,

### PROCESS SERVICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** \_\_\_\_\_ Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida; \_\_\_\_\_ Division  
\_\_\_\_\_ Private process server: \_\_\_\_\_

Please serve the *{name of document(s)}* \_\_\_\_\_

in the above-styled cause upon:

Party: *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_

Address or location for service: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If the party to be served owns, has, and/or is known to have guns or other weapons, describe what type of weapon(s): \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Party

\*Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Designated E-mail Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**\* Please see the Special Notes section in the instructions to this form regarding Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), Request for Confidential Filing of Address, which may be used if you need to keep your addresses or telephone numbers confidential for safety reasons.**

**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 12.903(a)  
ANSWER, WAIVER, AND REQUEST FOR COPY OF FINAL JUDGMENT OF  
DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
(02/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used when you have been served with a **petition** for **dissolution of marriage** and you do not wish to **contest** it or appear at a **hearing**. If you file this form, you are admitting all of the allegations in the **petition**, saying that you do not need to be notified of or appear at the **final hearing**, and that you would like a copy of the **final judgment** mailed to you.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink, and your signature should be witnessed by a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a notary public. 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. The person filing the **petition** in a dissolution of marriage proceeding is also referred to as the **petitioner** and his or her **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?**

You have 20 days to **answer** after being **served** with your spouse's petition. A copy of this form, along with all of the other forms required with this **answer** and **waiver**, must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to your spouse.

**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 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](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

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

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

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

### **Special notes...**

With this form, you may also file the following:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), if the case involves a dependent or minor child(ren).
- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), if the case involves a dependent or minor child(ren). (If you do not know your spouse's income, you may file this worksheet after your spouse's financial affidavit has been served on you).
- **Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), 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), if you have reached an agreement on any or all of the issues.
- **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(a), Answer, Waiver, and Request for Copy of Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage (02/18)

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 you, if not filed at the time you file this answer.)
- **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 you, if not filed at the time you file this answer, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

**Parenting Plan and Time-Sharing.** By filing this answer and waiver, you are agreeing to any parenting plan and time-sharing requests in the petition. The judge may request a **parenting plan recommendation** or appoint a **guardian ad litem** in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

A **parenting course** must be completed prior to entry of a final judgment. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your answer to the petition. **If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications, you should speak with an attorney before going any further.**

- **Shared Parental Responsibility**
- **Sole Parental Responsibility**
- **Supervised Time-Sharing**
- **No contact**
- **Parenting Plan**
- **Parenting Plan Recommendation**
- **Time-Sharing Schedule**

**Child Support.** By filing this answer and waiver, you are agreeing to any requests for child support in the petition. **Both parents are required to provide financial support for their minor or dependent child(ren);** however, the court may order one parent to pay child support to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of **both** parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents and the number of overnights the child(ren) spend with each parent. You must file a **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and your spouse will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to

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state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

**Alimony.** By filing this answer and waiver, you are agreeing to any requests for alimony in the petition. 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 a counterpetition and should not use this form. 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.

**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 child support, time-sharing and 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. By filing this answer and waiver, you are agreeing to any requests in the petition regarding division of assets and liabilities.

**Final Judgment.** You should receive a copy of the Final Judgment in the mail. If, for some reason you do not, you should contact the clerk’s office to request a copy. It is important for you to review a copy of the Final Judgment in your case to see what happened and to know what you must do and what you are entitled to receive.

**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

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

In re: the Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent

## **ANSWER, WAIVER, AND REQUEST FOR COPY OF FINAL JUDGMENT OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

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

1. I answer the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage filed in this action and admit all the allegations. By admitting all of the allegations in the petition, I agree to all relief requested in the petition including any requests regarding parenting and time-sharing, child support, alimony, distribution of marital assets and liabilities, and temporary relief.
2. I hereby waive notice of hearing as well as all future notices in connection with the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, as filed and also waive my appearance at the final hearing.
3. I request that a copy of the Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage entered in this case be provided to me at the address below.
4. If this case involves minor child(ren), a completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this answer.
5. A completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this answer.
6. A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), \_\_\_\_\_ is filed with this answer or \_\_\_\_\_ will be timely filed.

I certify that a copy of this document was \_\_\_\_\_ mailed \_\_\_\_\_ faxed and mailed \_\_\_\_\_ e-mailed \_\_\_\_\_ hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED  
FAMILY LAW FORM 12.903(b)  
ANSWER TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE  
(02/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used when you are responding to a **petition** for **dissolution of marriage** and you wish to admit or deny all of the allegations in the petition but you do not plan to file a **counterpetition** seeking relief. You can use this form to answer any petition for dissolution of marriage, whether or not there are minor child(ren).

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. This must be done within 20 days of receiving the petition.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

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

**What should I do next?**

A copy of this form, along with all of the other forms required with this **answer**, must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the other party in your case. You have 20 days to answer after being served with the other party's petition. After you file your answer, the case will generally proceed in one of the following two ways:

**UNCONTESTED.** If you file an answer that agrees with everything in the other party's petition **and** you have complied with **mandatory disclosure** and filed all of the required papers, either party may contact the clerk, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** to set a **final hearing**. If you request the final hearing, you must notify the other party 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 you file an answer which disagrees with or denies anything in the petition, **and** you are unable to settle the disputed issues, either party may 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).

### 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. See chapter 61, Florida Statutes, for more information.

### 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](http://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...

With this form, you may also need to file the following:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida

Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), if the case involves a dependent or minor child(ren).

- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), if the case involves a dependent or minor child(ren). (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been served on you).
- **Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), or **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), if you 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 you, if not filed at the time you file this answer.)
- **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 you, if not filed at the time you file this answer, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

**Parenting and Time-sharing.** If you and your spouse are unable to agree on parenting arrangements and a time-sharing schedule, a judge will decide for you as part of establishing a Parenting Plan. The judge will decide the parenting arrangements and time-sharing schedule based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

The judge may request a parenting plan recommendation or appoint a guardian ad litem in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

A parenting course must be completed prior to the entry of a final judgment. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your answer to the petition. **If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications, you should speak with an attorney before going any further.**

- Shared Parental Responsibility
- Sole Parental Responsibility
- Supervised Time-Sharing

- **No contact**
- **Parenting Plan**
- **Parenting Plan Recommendation**
- **Time-Sharing Schedule**

**Child Support.** Both parents are required to provide financial support for their minor or dependent child(ren); however, the court may order one parent to pay child support to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of **both** parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents and the number of overnights the child(ren) spend with each parent. You must file a **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and your spouse will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

**Alimony.** Alimony may be awarded to a spouse if the judge finds that one spouse has an actual need for it and that the other spouse has the ability to pay. **If you want alimony, you must request it in writing in a counterpetition.** Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(1) (with dependent or minor child(ren)), or Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(2) (no dependent or minor child(ren)). **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.

**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 child support, any parenting plan and time-sharing schedule, and 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, parental responsibility and time-sharing with child(ren), temporary child support, or temporary alimony, you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support and Time-Sharing with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(a), or, if there are no dependent or minor child(ren), **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 these forms.

**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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), 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). Both parties 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 Form.** These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(c)(1), and **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 **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(1), **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), or **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with No Property and No Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(3). You should contact 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.

### ANSWER TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

I, *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_, Respondent, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

1. I **agree** with Petitioner as to the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the Petition and, therefore, **admit** those allegations: *{indicate section and paragraph number}*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I **disagree** with Petitioner as to the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the Petition and, therefore, **deny** those allegations: *{indicate section and paragraph number}*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I currently am unable to admit or deny the allegations raised in the following paragraphs due to lack of information: *{indicate section and paragraph number}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. If this case involves a dependent or minor child(ren), a completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this answer.
5. If this case involves a dependent or minor child(ren), a completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is *[choose one only]* \_\_\_\_\_ filed with this answer or \_\_\_\_\_ will be filed after the other party serves his or her financial affidavit.
6. If necessary a completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this answer.
7. A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), *[Choose only one]* \_\_\_\_\_ is filed with this answer or \_\_\_\_\_ will be timely filed.

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Petitioner or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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} \_\_\_\_\_.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.903(c)(1)  
ANSWER TO PETITION AND COUNTERPETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF  
MARRIAGE WITH DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)  
(02/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used when you are responding to a petition for dissolution of marriage with dependent or minor child(ren) and you are asking the court for something not contained in the petition. The answer portion of this form is used to admit or deny the allegations contained in the petition, and the counterpetition portion of this form is used to ask for whatever you want the court to do for you.

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. The person filing the petition in a dissolution of marriage proceeding is also referred to as the petitioner and his or her spouse as the respondent. The person filing a counterpetition is also referred to as the counterpetitioner and his or her spouse as the counterrespondent.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

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**What should I do next?**

You have 20 days to answer after being served with your spouse's petition. A copy of this form must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to your spouse. After you file an answer and counterpetition your case will then generally proceed as follows:

The other party is required to answer your counterpetition within 20 days using an **Answer to Counterpetition**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d).

**UNCONTESTED.** Your dissolution is uncontested if you and your spouse agree on all issues raised in the petition and the counterpetition. If this is the case, **and** you and the other party have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers, either party may contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. If you request the hearing, you must notify the other party 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.** Your dissolution is contested if you and your spouse disagree on any issue raised in the petition or counterpetition. If you are unable to settle the disputed issues, either party may 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).

### **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.

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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...**

With this form, you must also file the following:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d)
- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). (If

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(1), Answer to Petition and Counterpetition for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (02/18)



you do not know your spouse's income, you may file this worksheet after your spouse's financial affidavit has been served on you.)

- **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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), if you have reached an agreement on any or all of the issues.
- **Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(a), **Safety-Focused Parenting Plan**, Form 12.995(b), or **Relocation/Long-Distance Parenting Plan**, Form 12.995(c). If the parents have reached an agreement, a signed and notarized Parenting Plan should be attached. If the parents have not reached an agreement, a proposed Parenting Plan **may** be filed.
- **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 you, if not filed at the time you file this answer.)
- **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 you, if not filed at the time you file this answer, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

**Parenting Plan and Time-Sharing.** If you and your spouse are unable to agree on parenting arrangements and a time-sharing schedule, a **judge** will decide for you as part of establishing a Parenting Plan. The judge will decide the parenting arrangements and time-sharing schedule based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

The judge may request a **parenting plan recommendation** or appoint a **guardian ad litem** in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

A **parenting course** must be completed prior to entry of the final judgment. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses or mediation where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your petition. **If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications, you should speak with an attorney before going any further.**

- **Shared Parental Responsibility**
- **Sole Parental Responsibility**
- **Supervised Time-Sharing**
- **No contact**
- **Parenting Plan**

- Parenting Plan Recommendation
- Time-Sharing Schedule

**Child Support.** Both parents are required to provide financial support for their minor or dependent child(ren); however, the court may order one parent to pay child support to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of both parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents and the number of overnights the child(ren) spend with each parent. You must file a **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and your spouse will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

**Alimony.** Alimony may be awarded to a spouse if the judge finds that one spouse has an actual need for it and that the other spouse has the ability to pay. **If you want alimony, you must request it in writing in your counterpetition. 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.

**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 child support, time-sharing and 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.

**Parenting Plan.** In all cases involving minor or dependent child(ren), a Parenting Plan shall be approved or established by the court. If you and your spouse have reached an agreement, you should file a **Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(a), 12.995(b), or 12.995(c), which addresses the time-sharing schedule for the child(ren). If you have not reached an agreement, a proposed Parenting Plan **may** be filed. **If you and your spouse cannot agree, a Parenting Plan will be established by the court.**

**Temporary Relief.** If you need temporary relief regarding temporary use of assets, temporary responsibility for liabilities, parental responsibility and time-sharing with child(ren), temporary child support, or temporary alimony, you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support and Time-Sharing with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(a). 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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1). Both of you 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 Form.** These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(c)(1), 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 Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(1). You should contact 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

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

In re: the Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner/Counter-Respondent ,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent/Counter-Petitioner.

### **ANSWER TO PETITION AND COUNTERPETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, Respondent/Counter-Petitioner being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

#### **ANSWER TO PETITION**

1. I **agree** with the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the Petition and, therefore, **admit** those allegations: {indicate section and paragraph number} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I **disagree** with the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the Petition and, therefore, **deny** those allegations: {indicate section and paragraph number} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
3. I currently am unable to admit or deny the following paragraphs due to lack of information: {indicate section and paragraph number} \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

#### **COUNTERPETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH MINOR CHILD(REN)**

1. JURISDICTION/RESIDENCE  
\_\_\_\_\_ Counter-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Counter-Respondent \_\_\_\_\_ Both has (have) lived in Florida for at least 6 months before the filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
2. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ is or \_\_\_\_\_ is not a member of the military service.  
Petitioner/Counter-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. DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)

[Indicate **all** that apply]

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent/Counter-Petitioner is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_ The minor (under 18) child(ren) common to both parties are:

**Name**

**Birth date**

Name	Birth date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

d. \_\_\_\_\_ The minor child(ren) born or conceived during the marriage who are **not** common to both parties are:

**Name**

**Birth date**

Name	Birth date
_____	_____
_____	_____

The birth parent(s) of the above minor child(ren) is (are) {name and address} \_\_\_\_\_

e. \_\_\_\_\_ The child(ren) common to both parties who are 18 or older but who are dependent upon the parties due to a mental or physical disability are:

**Name**

**Birth date**

Name	Birth date
_____	_____
_____	_____

5. A completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this counterpetition. (You **must** complete and attach this form in a dissolution of marriage with minor child(ren).

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

7. A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c) \_\_\_\_\_ is filed or \_\_\_\_\_ will be timely filed.

8. This counterpetition 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 prior to the filing of this counterpetition. 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 liabilities 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 Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1)).

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

c. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner should be awarded an interest in the other spouse's property because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY)**

**1. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner forever gives up any right to spousal support (alimony) from the other spouse.**

**OR**

2. Respondent/Counter-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, or \_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date}\_\_\_\_\_ and continuing until {date or event} \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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3. \_\_\_\_ Other provisions relating to alimony including any tax treatment and consequences:

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

**SECTION III. PARENTING PLAN ESTABLISHING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TIME-SHARING**

1. The minor child(ren) currently reside(s) with  
\_\_\_\_ Respondent/Counter-Petitioner  
\_\_\_\_ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent  
\_\_\_\_ Other: {explain} \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Parental Responsibility.** It is in the child(ren)'s best interests that parental responsibility be:  
[Choose only **one**]

a. \_\_\_\_ shared by both parents.

b. \_\_\_\_ awarded solely to \_\_\_\_ Respondent/Counter-Petitioner \_\_\_\_ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent. Shared parental responsibility would be detrimental to the child(ren) because:

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3. **Parenting Plan and Time-Sharing.** It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the family be ordered to comply with a Parenting Plan that \_\_\_\_\_ includes \_\_\_\_\_ does not include parental time-sharing with the child(ren). For the purposes of a Parenting Plan, the Respondent/Counter-Petitioner will be referred to as *{name or designation}* \_\_\_\_\_ and the Petitioner/Counter-Respondent will be referred to as *{name or designation}* \_\_\_\_\_. The Counter-Petitioner states that it is in the best interests of the child(ren) that:

*[Choose only one]*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ The attached proposed Parenting Plan should be adopted by the court. The parties \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ have **not** agreed to the Parenting Plan.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Each child will have time-sharing with both parents as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_ Indicate if a separate sheet is attached.)

c. \_\_\_\_\_ The court should establish a Parenting Plan with the following provisions for:

*{Insert the name of designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

- \_\_\_\_\_ No time-sharing for Parent \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Limited time-sharing with Parent \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supervised time-sharing for Parent \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Supervised or third-party exchange of the child(ren).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Time-sharing as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why this request is in the best interests of the child(ren):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT**

*[Indicate all that apply]*

1. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests that the Court award child support as determined by Florida's child support guidelines, section 61.30, Florida Statutes. A completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is, or will be filed. Such support should be ordered retroactive to:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ the date of separation *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ the date of the filing of this petition.



- c. \_\_\_\_\_ other {date} \_\_\_\_\_ {explain} \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests that the Court award child support to be paid beyond the age of 18 years because:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ the following child(ren) {name(s)} \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 is (are) dependent because of a mental or physical incapacity which began before the age of 18. {explain} \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the following child(ren) {name(s)} \_\_\_\_\_  
 is (are) dependent in fact; is (are) in high school, and are between the ages of 18 and 19; said child(ren) is (are) performing in good faith with reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.
3. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests that the Court award a child support amount that is more than or less than Florida's child support guidelines and understands that a Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, **must** be filed before the Court will consider this request.
4. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests that medical/dental insurance for the minor child(ren) be provided by:  
 [Choose only **one**]
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent/Counter-Petitioner
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent
5. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests that uninsured medical/dental expenses for the child(ren) be paid:  
 [Choose only **one**]
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ by Respondent/Counter-Petitioner
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ by Petitioner/Counter-Respondent
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ by both spouses equally (each spouse pays one-half.)
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ according to the percentages in the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e).
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Other {explain}:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests that life insurance to secure child support be provided by:
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent/Counter-Petitioner
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner/Counter-Respondent
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Both.

**SECTION V. OTHER**

1. Respondent/Counter-Petitioner requests to be known by the following former legal name, which was *{former full legal name}* :  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Other relief *{specify}*: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION VI. REQUEST**

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

I request that the Court enter an order dissolving the marriage **and**:

*[Indicate **all** that apply]*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ distributing marital assets and liabilities as requested in Section I of this petition;
2. \_\_\_\_\_ awarding spousal support (alimony) as requested in Section II of this petition;
3. \_\_\_\_\_ adopting or establishing a Parenting Plan containing provisions for parental responsibility and time-sharing for the dependent or minor child(ren) common to both parties, as requested in Section III of this petition;
4. \_\_\_\_\_ establishing child support for the dependent or minor child(ren) common to both parties, as requested in Section IV of this petition;
5. \_\_\_\_\_ restoring Counter-Petitioner’s former name as requested in Section V of this petition;
6. \_\_\_\_\_ awarding other relief as requested in Section V of this petition; and any other terms the Court deems necessary.

I certify that a copy of this document was \_\_\_\_\_ mailed \_\_\_\_\_ faxed and mailed \_\_\_\_\_ e-mailed \_\_\_\_\_ hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_.

**Petitioner/Counter-Respondent or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent/Counter-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 Respondent/Counter-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 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ 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 12.902(e), CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET (09/12)

## When should this form be used?

You should complete this worksheet if **child support** is being requested in your case. If you know the income of the other **party**, this worksheet should accompany your **financial affidavit**. If you do not know the other party's income, this form must be completed after the other party files his or her financial affidavit, and **serves** a copy on you.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. 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.

## What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be served on the other party in your case. **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 section 61.30, Florida Statutes.

## 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 chart below contains the guideline amounts that you should use when calculating child support. This amount is based on the number of children and the combined income of the parents, and it is divided between the parents in direct proportion to their income or earning capacity. From time to time, some of the amounts in the child support guidelines chart will change. Be sure you have the most recent version of the chart before using it.

Because the guidelines are based on monthly amounts, it may be necessary to convert some income and expense figures from other frequencies to monthly. You should do this as follows:

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<b>If payment is twice per month</b>	Payment amount	x	2	=	<b>Monthly amount</b>
<b>If payment is every two weeks</b>	Payment amount	x	26	=	Yearly amount due
	Yearly amount	÷	12	=	<b>Monthly amount</b>
<b>If payment is weekly</b>	Weekly amount	x	52	=	Yearly amount due
	Yearly amount	÷	12	=	<b>Monthly amount</b>

If you or the other parent request that the court award an amount that is different than the guideline amount, you must also complete and attach a **Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943.

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.

### CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES CHART

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
800.00	190	211	213	216	218	220
850.00	202	257	259	262	265	268
900.00	213	302	305	309	312	315
950.00	224	347	351	355	359	363
1000.00	235	365	397	402	406	410
1050.00	246	382	443	448	453	458
1100.00	258	400	489	495	500	505
1150.00	269	417	522	541	547	553
1200.00	280	435	544	588	594	600
1250.00	290	451	565	634	641	648
1300.00	300	467	584	659	688	695
1350.00	310	482	603	681	735	743
1400.00	320	498	623	702	765	790
1450.00	330	513	642	724	789	838
1500.00	340	529	662	746	813	869
1550.00	350	544	681	768	836	895
1600.00	360	560	701	790	860	920
1650.00	370	575	720	812	884	945
1700.00	380	591	740	833	907	971
1750.00	390	606	759	855	931	996
1800.00	400	622	779	877	955	1022
1850.00	410	638	798	900	979	1048
1900.00	421	654	818	923	1004	1074
1950.00	431	670	839	946	1029	1101
2000.00	442	686	859	968	1054	1128
2050.00	452	702	879	991	1079	1154
2100.00	463	718	899	1014	1104	1181
2150.00	473	734	919	1037	1129	1207
2200.00	484	751	940	1060	1154	1234
2250.00	494	767	960	1082	1179	1261
2300.00	505	783	980	1105	1204	1287
2350.00	515	799	1000	1128	1229	1314
2400.00	526	815	1020	1151	1254	1340
2450.00	536	831	1041	1174	1279	1367
2500.00	547	847	1061	1196	1304	1394
2550.00	557	864	1081	1219	1329	1420

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Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
2600.00	568	880	1101	1242	1354	1447
2650.00	578	896	1121	1265	1379	1473
2700.00	588	912	1141	1287	1403	1500
2750.00	597	927	1160	1308	1426	1524
2800.00	607	941	1178	1328	1448	1549
2850.00	616	956	1197	1349	1471	1573
2900.00	626	971	1215	1370	1494	1598
2950.00	635	986	1234	1391	1517	1622
3000.00	644	1001	1252	1412	1540	1647
3050.00	654	1016	1271	1433	1563	1671
3100.00	663	1031	1289	1453	1586	1695
3150.00	673	1045	1308	1474	1608	1720
3200.00	682	1060	1327	1495	1631	1744
3250.00	691	1075	1345	1516	1654	1769
3300.00	701	1090	1364	1537	1677	1793
3350.00	710	1105	1382	1558	1700	1818
3400.00	720	1120	1401	1579	1723	1842
3450.00	729	1135	1419	1599	1745	1867
3500.00	738	1149	1438	1620	1768	1891
3550.00	748	1164	1456	1641	1791	1915
3600.00	757	1179	1475	1662	1814	1940
3650.00	767	1194	1493	1683	1837	1964
3700.00	776	1208	1503	1702	1857	1987
3750.00	784	1221	1520	1721	1878	2009
3800.00	793	1234	1536	1740	1899	2031
3850.00	802	1248	1553	1759	1920	2053
3900.00	811	1261	1570	1778	1940	2075
3950.00	819	1275	1587	1797	1961	2097
4000.00	828	1288	1603	1816	1982	2119
4050.00	837	1302	1620	1835	2002	2141
4100.00	846	1315	1637	1854	2023	2163
4150.00	854	1329	1654	1873	2044	2185
4200.00	863	1342	1670	1892	2064	2207
4250.00	872	1355	1687	1911	2085	2229
4300.00	881	1369	1704	1930	2106	2251
4350.00	889	1382	1721	1949	2127	2273
4400.00	898	1396	1737	1968	2147	2295
4450.00	907	1409	1754	1987	2168	2317

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Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
4500.00	916	1423	1771	2006	2189	2339
4550.00	924	1436	1788	2024	2209	2361
4600.00	933	1450	1804	2043	2230	2384
4650.00	942	1463	1821	2062	2251	2406
4700.00	951	1477	1838	2081	2271	2428
4750.00	959	1490	1855	2100	2292	2450
4800.00	968	1503	1871	2119	2313	2472
4850.00	977	1517	1888	2138	2334	2494
4900.00	986	1530	1905	2157	2354	2516
4950.00	993	1542	1927	2174	2372	2535
5000.00	1000	1551	1939	2188	2387	2551
5050.00	1006	1561	1952	2202	2402	2567
5100.00	1013	1571	1964	2215	2417	2583
5150.00	1019	1580	1976	2229	2432	2599
5200.00	1025	1590	1988	2243	2447	2615
5250.00	1032	1599	2000	2256	2462	2631
5300.00	1038	1609	2012	2270	2477	2647
5350.00	1045	1619	2024	2283	2492	2663
5400.00	1051	1628	2037	2297	2507	2679
5450.00	1057	1638	2049	2311	2522	2695
5500.00	1064	1647	2061	2324	2537	2711
5550.00	1070	1657	2073	2338	2552	2727
5600.00	1077	1667	2085	2352	2567	2743
5650.00	1083	1676	2097	2365	2582	2759
5700.00	1089	1686	2109	2379	2597	2775
5750.00	1096	1695	2122	2393	2612	2791
5800.00	1102	1705	2134	2406	2627	2807
5850.00	1107	1713	2144	2418	2639	2820
5900.00	1111	1721	2155	2429	2651	2833
5950.00	1116	1729	2165	2440	2663	2847
6000.00	1121	1737	2175	2451	2676	2860
6050.00	1126	1746	2185	2462	2688	2874
6100.00	1131	1754	2196	2473	2700	2887
6150.00	1136	1762	2206	2484	2712	2900
6200.00	1141	1770	2216	2495	2724	2914
6250.00	1145	1778	2227	2506	2737	2927
6300.00	1150	1786	2237	2517	2749	2941
6350.00	1155	1795	2247	2529	2761	2954

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
6400.00	1160	1803	2258	2540	2773	2967
6450.00	1165	1811	2268	2551	2785	2981
6500.00	1170	1819	2278	2562	2798	2994
6550.00	1175	1827	2288	2573	2810	3008
6600.00	1179	1835	2299	2584	2822	3021
6650.00	1184	1843	2309	2595	2834	3034
6700.00	1189	1850	2317	2604	2845	3045
6750.00	1193	1856	2325	2613	2854	3055
6800.00	1196	1862	2332	2621	2863	3064
6850.00	1200	1868	2340	2630	2872	3074
6900.00	1204	1873	2347	2639	2882	3084
6950.00	1208	1879	2355	2647	2891	3094
7000.00	1212	1885	2362	2656	2900	3103
7050.00	1216	1891	2370	2664	2909	3113
7100.00	1220	1897	2378	2673	2919	3123
7150.00	1224	1903	2385	2681	2928	3133
7200.00	1228	1909	2393	2690	2937	3142
7250.00	1232	1915	2400	2698	2946	3152
7300.00	1235	1921	2408	2707	2956	3162
7350.00	1239	1927	2415	2716	2965	3172
7400.00	1243	1933	2423	2724	2974	3181
7450.00	1247	1939	2430	2733	2983	3191
7500.00	1251	1945	2438	2741	2993	3201
7550.00	1255	1951	2446	2750	3002	3211
7600.00	1259	1957	2453	2758	3011	3220
7650.00	1263	1963	2461	2767	3020	3230
7700.00	1267	1969	2468	2775	3030	3240
7750.00	1271	1975	2476	2784	3039	3250
7800.00	1274	1981	2483	2792	3048	3259
7850.00	1278	1987	2491	2801	3057	3269
7900.00	1282	1992	2498	2810	3067	3279
7950.00	1286	1998	2506	2818	3076	3289
8000.00	1290	2004	2513	2827	3085	3298
8050.00	1294	2010	2521	2835	3094	3308
8100.00	1298	2016	2529	2844	3104	3318
8150.00	1302	2022	2536	2852	3113	3328
8200.00	1306	2028	2544	2861	3122	3337
8250.00	1310	2034	2551	2869	3131	3347

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
8300.00	1313	2040	2559	2878	3141	3357
8350.00	1317	2046	2566	2887	3150	3367
8400.00	1321	2052	2574	2895	3159	3376
8450.00	1325	2058	2581	2904	3168	3386
8500.00	1329	2064	2589	2912	3178	3396
8550.00	1333	2070	2597	2921	3187	3406
8600.00	1337	2076	2604	2929	3196	3415
8650.00	1341	2082	2612	2938	3205	3425
8700.00	1345	2088	2619	2946	3215	3435
8750.00	1349	2094	2627	2955	3224	3445
8800.00	1352	2100	2634	2963	3233	3454
8850.00	1356	2106	2642	2972	3242	3464
8900.00	1360	2111	2649	2981	3252	3474
8950.00	1364	2117	2657	2989	3261	3484
9000.00	1368	2123	2664	2998	3270	3493
9050.00	1372	2129	2672	3006	3279	3503
9100.00	1376	2135	2680	3015	3289	3513
9150.00	1380	2141	2687	3023	3298	3523
9200.00	1384	2147	2695	3032	3307	3532
9250.00	1388	2153	2702	3040	3316	3542
9300.00	1391	2159	2710	3049	3326	3552
9350.00	1395	2165	2717	3058	3335	3562
9400.00	1399	2171	2725	3066	3344	3571
9450.00	1403	2177	2732	3075	3353	3581
9500.00	1407	2183	2740	3083	3363	3591
9550.00	1411	2189	2748	3092	3372	3601
9600.00	1415	2195	2755	3100	3381	3610
9650.00	1419	2201	2763	3109	3390	3620
9700.00	1422	2206	2767	3115	3396	3628
9750.00	1425	2210	2772	3121	3402	3634
9800.00	1427	2213	2776	3126	3408	3641
9850.00	1430	2217	2781	3132	3414	3647
9900.00	1432	2221	2786	3137	3420	3653
9950.00	1435	2225	2791	3143	3426	3659
10000.00	1437	2228	2795	3148	3432	3666

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

### NOTICE OF FILING CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that {name} \_\_\_\_\_, is filing his/her

Child Support Guidelines Worksheet attached and labeled Exhibit 1.

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Notice of Filing with the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet 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): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Party or his/her Attorney

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_



CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET			
	A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
<b>1. Present Net Monthly Income</b> Enter the amount from line 27, Section I of Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), Financial Affidavit.			
<b>2. Basic Monthly Obligation</b> There is (are) {number} _____ minor child(ren) common to the parties. Using the total amount from line 1, enter the appropriate amount from the child support guidelines chart.			
<b>3. Percent of Financial Responsibility</b> Divide the amount on line 1A by the total amount on line 1 to get Father's percentage of financial responsibility. Enter answer on line 3A. Divide the amount on line 1B by the total amount on line 1 to get Mother's percentage of financial responsibility. Enter answer on line 3B.	%	%	
<b>4. Share of Basic Monthly Obligation</b> Multiply the number on line 2 by the percentage on line 3A to get Father's share of basic obligation. Enter answer on line 4A. Multiply the number on line 2 by the percentage on line 3B to get Mother's share of basic obligation. Enter answer on line 4B.			
Additional Support — Health Insurance, Child Care & Other			
<b>5. a. 100% of Monthly Child Care Costs</b> [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source. See section 61.30(7), Florida Statutes, for more information.]			
<b>b. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost</b> [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]			

<b>CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET</b>			
	<b>A. FATHER</b>	<b>B. MOTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>c.</b> Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs			
<b>d.</b> Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 5a + 5b +5c].			
<b>6.</b> Additional Support Payments Multiply the number on line 5d by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 6A. Multiply the number on line 5d by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 6B.			
<b>Statutory Adjustments/Credits</b>			
<b>7. a.</b> Monthly child care payments actually made			
<b>b.</b> Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
<b>c.</b> Other payments/credits actually made for any noncovered medical, dental and prescription medication expenses of the child(ren) not ordered to be separately paid on a percentage basis. (See section 61.30 (8), Florida Statutes)			
<b>8.</b> Total Support Payments actually made (Add 7a though 7c)			
<b>9. MINIMUM CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR EACH PARENT</b> [Line 4 plus line 6; minus line 8]			
<b>Substantial Time-Sharing (GROSS UP METHOD) If each parent exercises time-sharing at least 20 percent of the overnights in the year (73 overnights in the year), complete Nos. 10 through 21</b>			
	<b>A. FATHER</b>	<b>B. MOTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>10.</b> Basic Monthly Obligation x 150% [Multiply line 2 by 1.5]			

<b>CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET</b>			
	<b>A. FATHER</b>	<b>B. MOTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>11.</b> Increased Basic Obligation for each parent. Multiply the number on line 10 by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 11A. Multiply the number on line 10 by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 11B.			
<b>12.</b> Percentage of overnight stays with each parent. The child(ren) spend(s) _____ overnight stays with the Father each year. Using the number on the above line, multiply it by 100 and divide by 365. Enter this number on line 12A. The child(ren) spend(s) _____ overnight stays with the Mother each year. Using the number on the above line, multiply it by 100 and divide by 365. Enter this number on line 12B.	%	%	
<b>13.</b> Parent's support multiplied by other Parent's percentage of overnights. [Multiply line 11A by line 12B. Enter this number in 13A. Multiply line 11B by line 12A. Enter this number in 13B.]			
<b>Additional Support — Health Insurance, Child Care &amp; Other</b>			
<b>14. a.</b> Total Monthly Child Care Costs [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source. See section 61.30(7), Florida Statutes, for more information.]			
<b>b.</b> Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]			
<b>c.</b> Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs.			
<b>d.</b> Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 14a + 14b + 14c.]			

<b>CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET</b>			
	<b>A. FATHER</b>	<b>B. MOTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>15. Additional Support Payments.</b> Multiply the number on line 14d by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 15A. Multiply the number on line 14d by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 15B.			
<b>Statutory Adjustments/Credits</b>			
<b>16. a.</b> Monthly child care payments actually made			
<b>b.</b> Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
<b>c.</b> Other payments/credits actually made for any noncovered medical, dental and prescription medication expenses of the child(ren) not ordered to be separately paid on a percentage basis. [See section 61.30(8), Florida Statutes]			
<b>17. Total Support Payments actually made</b> [Add 16a through 16c]			
<b>18. Total Additional Support Transfer Amount</b> [Line 15 minus line 17; enter any negative number as zero]			
<b>19. Total Child Support Owed from Father to Mother</b> [Add line 13A plus line 18A]			
<b>20. Total Child Support Owed from Mother to Father</b> [Add line 13B plus line 18B]			
<b>21. Actual Child Support to Be Paid.</b> [Comparing lines 19 and 20, Subtract the smaller amount owed from the larger amount owed and enter the result in the column for the parent that owes the larger amount of support]	\$		

**ADJUSTMENTS TO GUIDELINES AMOUNT.** If you or the other parent is requesting the Court to award a child support amount that is more or less than the child support guidelines, you must complete and file Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943.

[check **one** only]

- a. \_\_\_\_ **Deviation from the guidelines amount is requested.** The Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, is attached.
- b. \_\_\_\_ **Deviation from the guidelines amount is NOT requested.** The Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, is not attached.

**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 FORMS 12.922(a), MOTION FOR DEFAULT, AND 12.922(b), DEFAULT (11/15)

## When should these forms be used?

If the other **party** has failed to **file** or **serve** any documents within 20 days after the date of service of your **petition**, you may ask the **clerk of the circuit court** to enter a **default** against him or her by filling out this form and filing it with the court. Generally, a default allows you to obtain an earlier **final hearing** to finish your case. Once the default is signed by the clerk, you can request a **trial** or final hearing in your case.

To obtain a default, you will need to complete **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a). You will then need to file your motion for default along with the **Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(b), so that the clerk can enter a default for you if your motion is proper.

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 you filed your petition and keep a copy for your records.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

## What should I do next?

After the default has been entered, you must ask for a hearing, so that the **judge** can consider your petition. To do this, you must contact the clerk's office, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** to schedule a hearing and file a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, with the clerk. A copy of the notice of hearing must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand-delivered to each party in the case. **You must send a notice of final hearing to the defaulted party.**

## 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](http://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.

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** For further information, see Florida Rules of Civil Procedure 1.500, concerning defaults and Rule 1.140, concerning the time within which a party can file an answer or other responsive pleading to a petition. See also Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.080.

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent,

### MOTION FOR DEFAULT

TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

**PLEASE ENTER A DEFAULT AGAINST RESPONDENT WHO HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE PETITION.**

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Party

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: *{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 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent,

### DEFAULT

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Party

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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[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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.913(a)(2)  
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FAMILY CASES WITH MINOR CHILD(REN)  
(11/15)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form may be used to obtain **constructive service** (also called service by publication) in an action involving a parenting plan for a minor child under chapter 61, Florida Statutes; an action to determine temporary custody by extended family under chapter 751, Florida Statutes; and termination of a legal father's parental rights when another man is alleged to be the biological father. "Parenting plan" means a document created to govern the relationship between the parents relating to decisions that must be made regarding the minor child and must contain a time-sharing schedule for the parents and child. Section 61.046(14), Florida Statutes. You may use constructive service if you do not know where the other party lives or if the other party lives outside Florida and you are unable to obtain **personal service**. Constructive notice will allow the court to grant the relief requested, but personal service is required before a court can order payment or termination of **child support**, 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.

You should complete this form by typing or printing the appropriate information in black ink. You must insert the other party's name and last known address and then **file** this form with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your petition was filed. You must also complete and file an **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**. Use Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b) unless you are serving the legal father in a paternity case where another man is alleged to be the biological father, in which case, you must use Form 12.913(c). You should keep a copy for your records.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

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

After the **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b) or 12.913(c), is filed, the clerk will sign this form. You will need to publish notice once each week for four consecutive weeks in a "qualified" newspaper in the county where the case is pending. When in doubt, ask the clerk which newspapers are "qualified." The newspaper will charge you for this service. If you cannot afford to pay the cost of publishing this notice, you may ask the clerk to post the notice at a place designated for such postings. You will need to file an **Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status**, which you can obtain from the clerk. If the clerk determines that you cannot afford these costs, the clerk will post the notice of action. If your case involves termination of a legal father's parental rights when another man is alleged to be the biological father, you need to publish the notice only in the

county where the legal father was last known to have resided. You are responsible for locating a “qualified” newspaper in the county where the other party last resided and paying the cost of publication.

### **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, rule 1.070, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, sections 61.501–61.542, Florida Statutes and chapter 49, Florida Statutes.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION**

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### **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).) 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,

### NOTICE OF ACTION FOR

*{Specify action}* \_\_\_\_\_

TO: *{name of Respondent}* \_\_\_\_\_  
*{Respondent's last known address}* \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for *{identify the type of case}* \_\_\_\_\_  
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.**

*{If applicable, insert 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 addresses 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} \_\_\_\_\_.

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ 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 12.995(a), PARENTING PLAN (02/18)

## When should this form be used?

A **Parenting Plan** is required in all cases involving **time-sharing** with minor child(ren), even when time-sharing is not in dispute. The Parenting Plan must be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by the court. If the parties cannot agree to a Parenting Plan or if the parents agreed to a plan that is not approved by the court, a Parenting Plan will be established by the court with or without the use of parenting plan recommendations. This form or a similar form should be used in the development of a Parenting Plan. If the case involves **supervised time-sharing**, the **Supervised/Safety Focused Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(b) or a similar form should be used. If the case involves relocation, pursuant to Section 61.13001, Florida Statutes, then a **Relocation/Long Distance Parenting Plan**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(c) or a similar form should be used. **The parents must identify a name or designation to be used throughout this Parenting Plan.**

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. Please either delete or strike-through terms or paragraphs that are inappropriate or inapplicable to your agreement. If an agreement has been reached, **both** parties must sign the Parenting Plan 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)**. If the parents have not reached an agreement, a proposed Parenting Plan may be filed by either parent at the time of or any time prior to the final hearing. If an agreed Parenting Plan is not filed by the parties, the court shall establish a Plan.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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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](http://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.

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

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

### **Special notes...**

At a minimum, the **Parenting Plan** must describe in adequate detail:

- How the parties will share and be responsible for the daily tasks associated with the upbringing of the child(ren),
- The **time-sharing schedule** arrangements that specify the time that the minor child(ren) will spend with each parent,
- A designation of who will be responsible for any and all forms of health care, school-related matters, including the address to be used for school-boundary determination and registration, other activities, and
- The methods and technologies that the parents will use to communicate with the child(ren).

The best interests of the child(ren) is the primary consideration in the Parenting Plan. In creating the Parenting Plan, all circumstances between the parents, including their historic relationship, domestic violence, and other factors must be taken into consideration. Determination of the best interests of the child(ren) shall be made by evaluating all of the factors affecting the welfare and interest of the particular minor child(ren) and the circumstances of that family, as listed in section 61.13(3), Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to:

- The demonstrated capacity and disposition of each parent to facilitate and encourage a close and continuing parent-child relationship, to honor the time-sharing schedule, and to be reasonable when changes are required;
- The anticipated division of parental responsibilities after the litigation, including the extent to which parental responsibilities will be delegated to third parties;
- The demonstrated capacity and disposition of each parent to determine, consider, and act upon the needs of the child(ren) as opposed to the needs or desires of the parent;
- The length of time the child(ren) has lived in a stable, satisfactory environment and the desirability of maintaining continuity;
- The geographic viability of the parenting plan, with special attention paid to the needs of school-age children and the amount of time to be spent traveling to effectuate the parenting plan. This factor does not create a presumption for or against relocation of either parent with a child(ren);
- The moral fitness of the parents;
- The mental and physical health of the parents;
- The home, school, and community record of the child(ren);
- The reasonable preference of the child(ren), if the court deems the child(ren) to be of sufficient intelligence, understanding, and experience to express a preference;
- The demonstrated knowledge, capacity, and disposition of each parent to be informed of the circumstances of the minor child(ren), including, but not limited to, the child(ren)'s friends, teachers, medical care providers, daily activities, and favorite things;
- The demonstrated capacity and disposition of each parent to provide a consistent routine for the child(ren), such as discipline, and daily schedules for homework, meals, and bedtime;
- The demonstrated capacity of each parent to communicate with and keep the other parent informed of issues and activities regarding the minor child(ren), and the willingness of each parent to adopt a unified front on all major issues when dealing with the child(ren);
- Evidence of domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, child abandonment, or child neglect, regardless of whether a prior or pending action relating to those issues has been brought. If the court accepts evidence of prior or pending actions regarding domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, child abandonment, or child neglect, the court must specifically acknowledge in writing that such evidence was considered when evaluating the best interests of the child(ren);
- Evidence that either parent has knowingly provided false information to the court regarding any prior or pending action regarding domestic violence, sexual violence, child abuse, child abandonment, or child neglect;
- The particular parenting tasks customarily performed by each parent and the division or parental responsibilities before the institution of litigation and during the pending litigation, including the extent to which parenting responsibilities were undertaken by third parties;
- The demonstrated capacity and disposition of each parent to participate and be involved in the child(ren)'s school and extracurricular activities;
- The demonstrated capacity and disposition of each parent to maintain an environment for the child(ren) which is free from substance abuse;
- The capacity and disposition of each parent to protect the child(ren) from the ongoing litigation as demonstrated by not discussing the litigation with the child(ren), not sharing documents or

electronic media related to the litigation with the child(ren), and refraining from disparaging comments about the other parent to the child(ren); and

- The developmental stages and needs of the child(ren) and the demonstrated capacity and disposition of each parent to meet the child(ren)'s developmental needs.

This standard form does not include every possible issue that may be relevant to the facts of your case. The Parenting Plan should be as detailed as possible to address the time-sharing schedule. Additional provisions should be added to address all of the relevant factors. The parties should give special consideration to the age and needs of each child.

In developing the Parenting Plan, you may wish to consult or review other materials which are available at your local library, law library or through national and state family organizations.

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.

## PARENTING PLAN

This parenting plan is: *{Choose only one}*

\_\_\_\_\_ A Parenting Plan submitted to the court with the agreement of the parties.

\_\_\_\_\_ A proposed Parenting Plan submitted by or on behalf of:  
*{Parent's Name}* \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ A Parenting Plan established by the court.

This parenting plan is: *{Choose only one}*

\_\_\_\_\_ A final Parenting Plan established by the court.

\_\_\_\_\_ A temporary Parenting Plan established by the court.

\_\_\_\_\_ A modification of a prior final Parenting Plan or prior final order.

### I. PARENTS

**Petitioner, hereinafter referred to in this Parenting Plan as Parent**

***{name or designation}*** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Unknown: *{Please indicate here if Petitioner's address is unknown}*

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Confidential: *{Please indicate here if Petitioner's address and phone numbers are confidential pursuant to either a \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment for Protection Against Domestic Violence, or \_\_\_\_\_ other court order \_\_\_\_\_}*.

**Respondent, hereinafter referred to in this Parenting Plan as Parent**

***{name or designation}*** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Unknown: *{Please indicate here if Respondent's address is unknown}*

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Confidential: *{Please indicate here if Respondent's address and phone numbers are confidential pursuant to either a \_\_\_\_\_ Final Judgment for Protection Against Domestic Violence or \_\_\_\_\_ other court order\_\_\_\_\_}*

**II. CHILDREN:** This parenting plan is for the following child(ren) born to, or adopted by the parties: *(add additional lines as needed)*

Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**III. JURISDICTION**

The United States is the country of habitual residence of the child(ren).

The State of Florida is the child(ren)'s home state for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

This Parenting Plan is a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980, and for all other state and federal laws.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND DECISION MAKING**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

**1. Parental Responsibility {Choose only one}**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ **Shared Parental Responsibility.**

It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the parents confer and **jointly** make all major decisions affecting the welfare of the child(ren). Major decisions include, but are not limited to, decisions about the child(ren)'s education, healthcare, and other responsibilities unique to this family. Either parent may consent to mental health treatment for the child(ren).

**OR**

b. \_\_\_\_\_ **Shared Parental Responsibility with Decision Making Authority**

It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the parents confer and attempt to agree on the major decisions involving the child(ren). If the parents are unable to agree, the authority for making major decisions regarding the child(ren) shall be as follows:

Education/Academic decisions	Parent _____
Non-emergency health care	Parent _____
Other: <i>{Specify}</i> _____	Parent _____
_____	Parent _____
_____	Parent _____

**OR**

c. \_\_\_\_\_ **Sole Parental Responsibility:**

It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that Parent *{name or designation}* \_\_\_\_\_ shall have sole authority to make major decisions for the child(ren.) It is detrimental to the child(ren) to have shared parental responsibility.

**2. Day-to-Day Decisions**

Unless otherwise specified in this plan, each parent shall make decisions regarding day-to-day care and control of each child while the child is with that parent. Regardless of the allocation of decision making in the parenting plan, either parent may make emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child(ren) when the child is residing with that parent. A parent who makes an emergency decision shall share the decision with the other parent as soon as reasonably possible.

**3. Extra-curricular Activities** *{Indicate all that apply}*

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Either parent may register the child(ren) and allow them to participate in the activity of the child(ren)'s choice.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ The parents must mutually agree to all extra-curricular activities.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ The parent with the minor child(ren) shall transport the minor child(ren) to and/or from all mutually agreed upon extra-curricular activities, providing all necessary uniforms and equipment within the parent's possession.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ The costs of the extra-curricular activities shall be paid by:  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ %
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ The uniforms and equipment required for the extra-curricular activities shall be paid by:  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Parent \_\_\_\_\_ %

f. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: *{Specify}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**V. INFORMATION SHARING.** Unless otherwise indicated or ordered by the Court:

Unless otherwise prohibited by law, each parent shall have access to medical and school records and information pertaining to the child(ren) and shall be permitted to independently consult with any and all professionals involved with the child(ren). The parents shall cooperate with each other in sharing information related to the health, education, and welfare of the child(ren) and they shall sign any necessary documentation ensuring that both parents have access to said records.

Each parent shall be responsible for obtaining records and reports directly from the school and health care providers.

Both parents have equal rights to inspect and receive governmental agency and law enforcement records concerning the child(ren).

Both parents shall have equal and independent authority to confer with the child(ren)'s school, day care, health care providers, and other programs with regard to the child(ren)'s educational, emotional, and social progress.

Both parents shall be listed as "emergency contacts" for the child(ren).

Each parent has a continuing responsibility to provide a residential, mailing, and contact address and contact telephone number to the other parent. Each parent shall notify the other parent in writing within 24 hours of any changes. Each parent shall notify the court in writing within seven (7) days of any changes.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**VI. SCHEDULING**

**1. School Calendar**

If necessary, on or before \_\_\_\_\_ of each year, both parents should obtain a copy of the school calendar for the next school year. The parents shall discuss the calendars and the time-sharing schedule so that any differences or questions can be resolved.

The parents shall follow the school calendar of: *{Indicate all that apply}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ the oldest child
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the youngest child
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ County

d. \_\_\_\_\_ School

**2. Academic Break Definition**

When defining academic break periods, the period shall begin at the end of the last scheduled day of classes before the holiday or break and shall end on the first day of regularly scheduled classes after the holiday or break.

**3. Schedule Changes {Indicate all that apply}**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ A parent making a request for a schedule change will make the request as soon as possible, but in any event, except in cases of emergency, no less than \_\_\_\_\_ before the change is to occur.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ A parent requesting a change of schedule shall be responsible for any additional child care, or transportation costs caused by the change.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Other {Specify} \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

*{A time-sharing schedule must be provided for **both** parents.}*

**1. Weekday and Weekend Schedule**

The following schedule shall apply beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ with Parent {name or designation} \_\_\_\_\_ and continue as follows:

The child(ren) shall spend time with **Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ on the following dates and times:

WEEKENDS: \_\_\_\_\_ Every \_\_\_\_\_ Every Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

WEEKDAYS: {Specify days} \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: {Specify} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

The child(ren) shall spend time with the **Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ on the following dates and times:

WEEKENDS: \_\_\_\_\_ Every \_\_\_\_\_ Every Other \_\_\_\_\_ Other {specify} \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

WEEKDAYS: {Specify days} \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: {Specify} \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Please indicate if there is a different time sharing schedule for any child. Complete a separate Attachment for each child for whom there is a different time sharing schedule.**

\_\_\_\_\_ There is a different time-sharing schedule for the following child(ren) in Attachment \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (Name of Child) (Name of Child)

**2. Holiday Schedule {Choose only one}**

a. \_\_\_\_\_ No holiday time sharing shall apply. The regular time-sharing schedule set forth above shall apply.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday time-sharing shall be as the parties agree.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday time-sharing shall be in accordance with the following schedule. The Holiday schedule will take priority over the regular weekday, weekend, and summer schedules. Fill in the blanks with the name or designation of the appropriate parent to indicate where the child(ren) will be for the holidays. Provide the beginning and ending times. If a holiday is not specified as even, odd, or every year with one parent, then the child(ren) will remain with the parent in accordance with the regular schedule

<u>Holidays</u>	<u>Even Years</u>	<u>Odd Years</u>	<u>Every Year</u>	<u>Begin/End Time</u>
Mother's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Father's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
President's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
M. L. King Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Easter	_____	_____	_____	_____
Passover	_____	_____	_____	_____
Memorial Day Wkd	_____	_____	_____	_____
4 <sup>th</sup> of July	_____	_____	_____	_____
Labor Day Wkd	_____	_____	_____	_____
Columbus Day Wkd	_____	_____	_____	_____
Halloween	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thanksgiving	_____	_____	_____	_____
Veteran's Day	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hanukkah	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yom Kippur	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rosh Hashanah	_____	_____	_____	_____
Child(ren)'s Birthdays:	_____	_____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_

This holiday schedule may affect the regular Time-Sharing Schedule. Parents may wish to specify either or both of the following options:

d. \_\_\_\_\_ When the parents are using an alternating weekend plan and the holiday schedule would result in one parent having the child(ren) for three weekends in a row, the parents will exchange the following weekend, so that each has two weekends in a row before the regular alternating weekend pattern resumes.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ If a parent has the child(ren) on a weekend immediately before or after an unspecified holiday or non-school day, they shall have the child(ren) for the holiday or non-school day.

**3. Winter Break {Choose only one}**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the child(ren) from the day and time school is dismissed until December \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p. m in \_\_\_\_\_ odd-numbered years \_\_\_\_\_ even-numbered years \_\_\_\_\_ every year. The other parent will have the children for the second portion of the Winter Break. The parties shall alternate the arrangement each year.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the child(ren) for the **entire** Winter Break during \_\_\_\_\_ odd-numbered years \_\_\_\_\_ even-numbered years \_\_\_\_\_ every year.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**d. \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Winter Holidays**

If not addressed above, the specific Winter Holidays such as Christmas, New Year's Eve, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc. shall be shared as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Spring Break {Choose only one}**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ The parents shall follow the regular schedule.

b. \_\_\_\_ The parents shall alternate the entire Spring Break with Parent \_\_\_\_\_ having the child(ren) during the \_\_\_\_ odd-numbered years and Parent \_\_\_\_\_ during the \_\_\_\_ even numbered years.

c. \_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the child(ren) for the entire Spring Break every year.

d. \_\_\_\_ The Spring Break will be evenly divided. The first half of the Spring Break will go to the parent whose regularly scheduled weekend falls on the first half and the second half going to the parent whose weekend falls during the second half.

e. \_\_\_\_ Other: *{Specify}* \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Summer Break *{Choose only one}***

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

a. \_\_\_\_ The parents shall follow the regular schedule through the summer.

b. \_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the entire Summer Break from \_\_\_\_\_ after school is out until \_\_\_\_\_ before school starts.

c. \_\_\_\_ The parents shall equally divide the Summer Break as follows:  
During \_\_\_\_ odd-numbered years \_\_\_\_ even numbered years, \_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall have the children from \_\_\_\_\_  
after school is out until \_\_\_\_\_. The other parent shall have the child(ren) for  
the second one-half of the Summer Break. The parents shall alternate the first and  
second one-halves each year unless otherwise agreed. During the extended periods of  
time-sharing, the other parent shall have the child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

d. \_\_\_\_ Other: *{Specify}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**6. Number of Overnights:**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

Based upon the time-sharing schedule, Parent \_\_\_\_\_ has a total of \_\_\_\_  
overnights per year and Parent \_\_\_\_\_ has a total of \_\_\_\_ overnights per  
year.

**Note: The two numbers must equal 365.**

7. \_\_\_\_ **If not set forth above**, the parties shall have time-sharing in accordance with the  
schedule which is attached and incorporated herein.

**VIII. TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE OF CHILD(REN)**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

1. **Transportation** *{Choose only one}*

- a. \_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall provide all transportation.
- b. \_\_\_\_ The parent beginning their time-sharing shall provide transportation for the child(ren).
- c. \_\_\_\_ The parent ending their time-sharing shall provide transportation for the child(ren).
- d. \_\_\_\_ Other: *{Specify}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Exchange**

Both parents shall have the child(ren) ready on time with sufficient clothing packed and ready at the agreed upon time of exchange. If a parent is more than \_\_\_\_\_ minutes late without contacting the other parent to make other arrangements, the parent with the child(ren) may proceed with other plans and activities.  
*{Choose only one}*:

- a. \_\_\_\_ Exchanges shall be at the parents' homes unless both parents agree to a different meeting place.
- b. \_\_\_\_ Exchanges shall occur at \_\_\_\_\_ unless both parties agree in advance to a different meeting place.
- c. \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Transportation Costs** *{Choose only one}*

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

- a. \_\_\_\_ Transportation costs are included in the Child Support Worksheets and/or the Order for Child Support and should not be included here.
- b. \_\_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall pay \_\_\_\_% and Parent \_\_\_\_\_ shall pay \_\_\_\_% of the transportation costs.
- c. \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.



4. **Foreign and Out-Of-State Travel** *{Indicate all that apply}*

a. \_\_\_\_\_ Either parent may travel within the United States with the child(ren) during his/her time-sharing. The parent traveling with the child(ren) shall give the other parent at least \_\_\_\_\_ days written notice before traveling out of state unless there is an emergency, and shall provide the other parent with a detailed itinerary, including locations and telephone numbers where the child(ren) and parent can be reached at least \_\_\_\_\_ days before traveling.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ Either parent may travel out of the country with the child(ren) during his/her time-sharing. At least \_\_\_\_\_ days prior to traveling, the parent shall provide a detailed itinerary, including locations, and telephone numbers where the child(ren) and parent may be reached during the trip. Each parent agrees to provide whatever documentation is necessary for the other parent to take the child(ren) out of the country.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ If a parent wishes to travel out of the country with the child(ren), he/she shall provide the following security for the return of the child

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**IX. EDUCATION**

1. **School designation.**

For purposes of school boundary determination and registration, the address of Parent *{name or designation}* \_\_\_\_\_ shall be used .

2. \_\_\_\_\_ *{If Applicable}* The following provisions are made regarding private or home schooling: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Other.** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

**X. DESIGNATION FOR OTHER LEGAL PURPOSES**

*{Insert the name or designation of the appropriate parent in the space provided.}*

The child(ren) named in this Parenting Plan are scheduled to reside the majority of the time with Parent \_\_\_\_\_. This majority designation is **SOLELY** for purposes of all other state and federal laws which require such a designation. **This designation does not affect either parent's rights and responsibilities under this Parenting Plan.**

**XI. COMMUNICATION**

**1. Between Parents**

All communications regarding the child(ren) shall be between the parents. The parents shall not use the child(ren) as messengers to convey information, ask questions, or set up schedule changes.

The parents shall communicate with each other: *{Indicate all that apply}*

- \_\_\_\_\_ in person
- \_\_\_\_\_ by telephone
- \_\_\_\_\_ by letter
- \_\_\_\_\_ by e-mail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: *{Specify}* \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Between Parent and Child(ren)**

Both parents shall keep contact information current. Telephone or other electronic communication between the child(ren) and the other parent shall not be monitored by or interrupted by the other parent. "Electronic communication" includes telephones, electronic mail or e-mail, webcams, video-conferencing equipment and software or other wired or wireless technologies or other means of communication to supplement face to face contact.

The child(ren) may have \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ other electronic communication in the form of \_\_\_\_\_ with the other parent:

*{Choose only one}*

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Anytime
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Every day during the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ On the following days \_\_\_\_\_ during the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. Costs of Electronic Communication shall be addressed as follows:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**XII. CHILD CARE *{Choose only one}***

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Each parent may select appropriate child care providers

2. \_\_\_\_ All child care providers must be agreed upon by both parents.
3. \_\_\_\_ Each parent must offer the other parent the opportunity to care for the child(ren) before using a child care provider for any period exceeding \_\_\_\_ hours.
4. \_\_\_\_ Other: *{Specify}*\_\_\_\_\_.

**XIII. CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS OF THE PARENTING PLAN**

Temporary changes to this Parenting Plan may be made informally without a written document; however, if the parties dispute the change, the Parenting Plan shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

Any substantial changes to the Parenting Plan must be sought through the filing of a supplemental petition for modification.

**XIV. RELOCATION**

Any relocation of the child(ren) is subject to and must be sought in compliance with section 61.13001, Florida Statutes.

**XV. DISPUTES OR CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

Parents shall attempt to cooperatively resolve any disputes which may arise over the terms of the Parenting Plan. The parents may wish to use mediation or other dispute resolution methods and assistance, such as Parenting Coordinators and Parenting Counselors, before filing a court action.

**XVI. OTHER PROVISIONS**

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**SIGNATURES OF PARENTS**

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner/Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Respondent/Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
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: *{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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.943, MOTION TO DEVIATE FROM CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES (11/15)

## When should this form be used?

Child support in Florida is determined by the child support guidelines found in section 61.30, Florida Statutes. The court, at its discretion, may raise or lower the child support guidelines amount by up to 5%. In addition, the court may raise or lower the guidelines support amount by more than 5%, if written reasons are given for the adjustment. The court may make these additional adjustments based on certain considerations, which are reflected in this form. You should review this form to determine if any of the reasons for adjusting the child support guidelines amount apply to your situation and you should complete this form **only** if you want the court to order **more child support or less child support** than the amount required by the child support guidelines.

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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

## What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed, e-mailed, or hand delivered to the other party in your case.

## 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](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

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

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** For further information, see section 61.30, Florida Statutes.

### **Special notes...**

More information on the child support guidelines as well as a chart for converting income and expenses to monthly amounts if paid or incurred on other than a monthly basis is contained in the instructions to **Florida Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e).

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- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). (If you do not know the other party's income, you should file this worksheet as soon as you receive a copy of his or her **financial affidavit**.)

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,

### MOTION TO DEVIATE FROM CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent requests that the Court enter an order granting the following:

#### SECTION I

*[Choose A or B]*

A. \_\_\_\_\_ **MORE** child support than the amount required by the child support guidelines. The Court should order **MORE** child support than the amount required by the child support guidelines because of:  
*[Choose all that apply to your situation]*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary medical, psychological, educational, or dental expenses;
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal variations in one or both parent's income or expenses
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s) of the child(ren), taking into account the greater needs of older child(ren);
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Special needs, such as costs that may be associated with the disability of a child or child(ren), that have traditionally been met within the family budget even though the fulfilling of those needs will cause support to exceed the presumptive amount established by the guidelines;
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ Total available assets of obligee, obligor, and the child(ren);
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ Impact of the Internal Revenue Service Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and dependency exemption and waiver of that exemption;
  7. \_\_\_\_\_ The Parenting Plan, such as where the child or children spend a significant amount of time, but less than 20 percent of the overnights, with one parent, thereby reducing the financial expenditures incurred by the other parent, or the refusal of a parent to become involved in the activities of the child(ren) has increased the financial expenditure incurred by the obligee;
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ The obligee parent's low income and ability to maintain the basic necessities of the home for the child(ren);
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ The likelihood that either parent will actually exercise the time-sharing schedule set forth in the parenting plan and/or whether all the children are exercising the same time-sharing schedule;
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ Any other adjustment that is needed to achieve an equitable result, which may include reasonable and necessary expenses or debts jointly incurred during the marriage.
- Explain any items marked above: \_\_\_\_\_



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B. \_\_\_\_\_ **LESS** child support than the amount required by the child support guidelines. The Court should order **LESS** child support than the amount required by the child support guidelines because of:  
*[Choose **all** that apply to your situation]*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary medical, psychological, educational, or dental expenses;
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ Independent income of child(ren), excluding the child(ren)'s SSI (supplemental security income)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ Payment of support for a parent which has been regularly paid and for which there is a demonstrated need;
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ Seasonal variations in one or both parent's income or expenses;
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ Age of the child(ren), taking into account the greater needs of older child(ren);
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ Total available assets of obligee, obligor, and child(ren);
  7. \_\_\_\_\_ Impact of the Internal Revenue Service Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit, and dependency exemption and waiver of that exemption;
  8. \_\_\_\_\_ Application of the child support guidelines which requires the obligor to pay more than 55% of gross income for a single support order;
  9. \_\_\_\_\_ Residency of subsequently born or adopted child(ren) with the obligor, include consideration of the subsequent spouse's income;
  10. \_\_\_\_\_ The Parenting Plan, where the child(ren) spend a significant amount of time, but less than 20 percent of the overnights, with one parent, thereby reducing the financial expenditures incurred by the other parent; or the refusal of a parent to become involved in the activities of the child(ren) has reduced the financial expenditure of that parent;
  11. \_\_\_\_\_ Any other adjustment that is needed to achieve an equitable result, which may include reasonable and necessary expenses or debts jointly incurred during the marriage.
  12. Explain any items marked above: \_\_\_\_\_
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## SECTION II. INCOME AND ASSETS OF CHILD(REN) COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES

List the total of any independent income or assets of the child(ren) common to both parties (income from Social Security, gifts, stocks/bonds, employment, trust fund(s), investment(s), etc.). Attach an explanation.

**TOTAL VALUE OF ASSETS OF CHILD(REN)**        \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME OF CHILD(REN)**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION III. EXPENSES FOR CHILD(REN) COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES

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 nursery, babysitting, or other child care
2.        \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly after-school care

3. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly school tuition
4. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly school supplies, books, and fees
5. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly after-school activities
6. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly lunch money
7. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly private lessons/tutoring
8. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly allowance
9. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly clothing
10. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly uniforms
11. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly entertainment (movies, birthday parties, etc.)
12. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly health and dental insurance premiums
13. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly medical, dental, prescription charges (unreimbursed)
14. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly psychiatric/psychological/counselor (unreimbursed)
15. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly orthodontic (unreimbursed)
16. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly grooming
17. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly non-prescription medications/cosmetics/toiletries/sundries
18. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly gifts from children to others (other children, relatives, teachers, etc.)
19. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly camp or other summer activities
20. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly clubs (Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.) or recreational fees
21. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly visitation expenses (for nonresidential parent)  
*{Explain}* \_\_\_\_\_
22. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly insurance (life, etc.)  
*{explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_ Other *{explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_
23. \_\_\_\_\_
24. \_\_\_\_\_
25. \_\_\_\_\_
26. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL EXPENSES FOR CHILD(REN) COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES**  
 (add lines 1 through 25)

I have filed, will file, or am filing with this form the following additional documents:

1. Florida Family Law Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c).
2. Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e).

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) e-mailed ( ) hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other party or his/her attorney:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Party or his/her attorney  
Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: {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 FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

CASE NO.:  
DIVISION:

**MOTION TO SET FINAL HEARING**

Comes now, the  Petitioner  Respondent moves the Court to set this matter for a hearing pursuant to Rule 12.440, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, and states that this matter is at issue and in all respects ready for final hearing.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  Petitioner  Respondent

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above has been furnished by  mail  email  fax  
 hand delivery on \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Other Party/Attorney

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  Petitioner  Respondent

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

In Re: The Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

### **FINAL JUDGMENT OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

This cause came before this Court for a trial on a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The Court, having reviewed the file and heard the testimony, makes these findings of fact and reaches these conclusions of law:

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
2. At least one party has been a resident of the State of Florida for more than 6 months immediately before filing the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
3. The marriage between the parties is irretrievably broken.

#### **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

#### **SECTION I: DISSOLUTION AND RESTORATION**

- A. The marriage between the parties is dissolved and the parties are restored to the status of being single.

B. Former Name. *{If applicable}* \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent's former name of *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ is restored.

**SECTION II. MARITAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

A. **Date of Valuation of Property.** The assets and liabilities listed below are divided as indicated. The date of valuation of these assets and liabilities is, unless otherwise indicated:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ date of filing petition for dissolution of marriage.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ date of separation.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ date of final hearing .
4. \_\_\_\_\_ other: *{specify date}* \_\_\_\_\_

B. **Division of Assets.**

1. **The assets listed below are non-marital assets.** Each party shall keep, as his or her own, the assets found to be non-marital, and the other party shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets.

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers.	Current Fair Market Value	Petitioner's Non-marital Property	Respondent's Non-marital Property
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Non-marital Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$

2. **The assets listed below are marital assets.** Each party shall keep, as his or her own, the assets awarded in this section, and the other party shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets. **Any personal item(s) not listed below are awarded to the party currently in possession or control of the item(s).**

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers.	Current Fair Market Value	Petitioner Shall Receive	Respondent Shall Receive
Cash (on hand or in banks/credit unions)	\$	\$	\$

<b>ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S)</b> <b>Please describe each item as clearly as possible.</b> <b>You do not need to list account numbers.</b>	<b>Current Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Petitioner Shall Receive</b>	<b>Respondent Shall Receive</b>
Stocks/bonds	_____	_____	_____
Notes			
Business interests			
Real estate: (Home)			
Automobiles			
Boats			
Furniture & furnishings			
Jewelry			
Life Insurance (cash surrender value)			
Retirement Plans (Profit sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)(s), etc)			
Other assets			

<b>ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S)</b> Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers.	<b>Current Fair Market Value</b>	<b>Petitioner Shall Receive</b>	<b>Respondent Shall Receive</b>
<b>Total Marital Assets</b>	\$	\$	\$

**C. Division of Liabilities/Debts.**

1. **The liabilities listed below are nonmarital liabilities** and, therefore, are owed as indicated. Each party shall owe, as his or her own, the liabilities found to be nonmarital, and the other party shall have no responsibilities regarding these debts.

<b>LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S)</b> Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers)	<b>Current Amount Owed</b>	<b>Petitioner's Non- marital Liability</b>	<b>Respondent's Non- marital Liability</b>
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Total Non-marital Liabilities</b>	\$	\$	\$

2. **The liabilities listed below are marital liabilities** and are divided as indicated. Each party shall hold the other party harmless and pay, as his or her own, the marital liabilities awarded below.

<b>LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBTS</b> Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers.	<b>Current Amount Owed</b>	<b>Petitioner Shall Pay</b>	<b>Respondent Shall Pay</b>
Mortgages on real estate: (Home)	\$	\$	\$
(Other)			
Charge/Credit card accounts			



<b>LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBTS</b> Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers.	<b>Current Amount Owed</b>	<b>Petitioner Shall Pay</b>	<b>Respondent Shall Pay</b>
Auto loan			
Auto loan			
Bank, Credit Union loans			
Other			
<b>Total Marital Liabilities</b>			
	\$	\$	\$

D. Contingent assets and liabilities will be divided as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

E. The distribution of assets and liabilities in this final judgment is equitable; if each party does not receive approximately one-half, the distribution is based on the following facts and reasoning:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Beneficiary Designation (By completing this section, the beneficiary designations continue after Entry of Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage.)**

The designation providing for the payment or transfer at death of an interest in the assets described below to or for the benefit of the deceased party's former spouse is **NOT 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 III. EXCLUSIVE USE AND POSSESSION OF HOME**

*{Indicate all that apply}*

A. The \_\_\_\_Petitioner \_\_\_\_ Respondent , as a condition of support, shall have exclusive use and possession of the dwelling located at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

until: *{date or event}* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The \_\_\_\_Petitioner \_\_\_\_ Respondent may make visits to the premises described in the paragraph above for the purpose of obtaining any items awarded in this Final Judgment. These visits shall occur after notice to the person granted exclusive use and possession of the dwelling and at the earliest convenience of both parties or as ordered in paragraph 4 below.

C. \_\_\_\_ Upon the termination of the right of exclusive use and possession, the dwelling shall be sold and the net proceeds divided \_\_\_\_% to Petitioner and \_\_\_\_% to Respondent, with the following credits and/or setoffs being allowed:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

D. \_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IV. PARENTING PLAN ESTABLISHING PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TIME-SHARING WITH DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

A. **Jurisdiction.** The Court has jurisdiction to determine parental responsibility, to establish or adopt a Parenting Plan, and a time-sharing schedule with regard to the minor child(ren) listed in paragraph 2 below.

B. **The parties' dependent or minor child(ren) is (are):**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth date</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. **Parenting Plan.** The parties shall comply with the Parenting Plan which is attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION V. ALIMONY**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ The Court denies the request(s) for alimony;

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ The Court finds that \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent, (hereinafter Obligee), has an actual need for, and that \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent, (hereinafter Obligor,) has the present ability to pay, alimony as follows: *{Indicate **all** that apply}*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent Periodic.**

a. The Court finds that no other form of alimony is fair and reasonable under the circumstances of the parties.

b. As a marriage of: *{Choose only **one**}*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Long Duration** (17 years or greater) alimony is appropriate upon consideration of all relevant factors;

\_\_\_\_\_ **Moderate Duration** (greater than 7 years but less than 17) alimony is appropriate based upon clear and convincing evidence after consideration of all relevant factors; or

\_\_\_\_\_ **Short Duration** (less than 7 years) alimony is appropriate based upon the following exceptional

circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Obligor shall pay permanent periodic alimony to Oblige in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with Obligor's employer's payroll cycle, and in any event, at least once a month, or \_\_\_\_\_ other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_

beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_. This alimony shall continue until modified by court order, death of either party, or remarriage of Oblige, whichever occurs first. The alimony may be modified or terminated based upon either a substantial change in circumstances, or the existence of a supportive relationship in accordance with section 61.14, Florida Statutes.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **Bridge-the-Gap.** Obligor shall pay bridge-the-gap alimony to Oblige in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with Obligor's employer's payroll cycle, and in any event, at least once a month, or \_\_\_\_\_ other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_ and continuing until: {date} \_\_\_\_\_ {a period not to exceed two (2) years}; death of either party; or remarriage of the Oblige, whichever occurs first.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **Rehabilitative.** Obligor shall pay rehabilitative alimony to Oblige in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with Obligor's employer's payroll cycle, and in any event, at least once a month, or \_\_\_\_\_ other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_. This rehabilitative alimony shall continue until: modified by court order; the death of either party; or until {date/event} \_\_\_\_\_

whichever occurs first. The rehabilitative plan presented demonstrated the following: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Durational.** Obligor shall pay durational alimony to Oblige in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month payable \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with Obligor's employer's payroll cycle, and in any event, at least once a month, or \_\_\_\_\_ other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_ and terminating on {date} \_\_\_\_\_, the death of either party, remarriage of the Oblige, or until modified by court order in accordance with section 61.08(7), Florida Statutes, whichever occurs first.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Lump Sum.** Obligor shall pay lump sum alimony to Oblige in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which shall be paid as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_ and terminating on {date} \_\_\_\_\_, the



beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

E. \_\_\_\_\_ **Life Insurance (to secure payment of support).** To secure the alimony obligations set forth in this judgment, Obligor shall maintain life insurance on his/her life naming Oblige as the sole irrevocable beneficiary, so long as reasonably available. This insurance shall be in the amount of at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and shall remain in effect until the obligation for alimony terminates.

F. \_\_\_\_\_ **Other provisions relating to alimony, including any tax treatment and consequences:**

1. The award of alimony \_\_\_\_\_ does not \_\_\_\_\_ does leave the Obligor with significantly less net income than the net income of the recipient/Obligee. If the award **does** leave the Obligor with significantly less net income than that of the Oblige, the Court finds the following exceptional circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## SECTION VI. CHILD SUPPORT

A. \_\_\_\_\_ The Court finds that there is a need for child support and that the \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent (hereinafter Obligor) has the present ability to pay child support. The amounts in the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), filed by the \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent are correct;

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court makes the following findings:

Petitioner's net monthly income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (Child Support Guidelines \_\_\_\_\_%).

Respondent's net monthly income is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, (Child Support Guidelines \_\_\_\_\_%).

Monthly child care costs are \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Monthly health/dental insurance costs are \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

### **B. Amount.**

Child support established at the rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for the \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of parties' minor or dependent children} shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}. Child support shall be paid in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ {week, month, other} consistent with the Obligor's current payroll cycle.

Upon the termination of the obligation of child support for one of the parties' children, child support in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ children {total number of remaining children} shall be paid commencing \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year} and terminating \_\_\_\_\_ {month, day, year}. This child support shall be paid

in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ {week, month, other} consistent with the Obligor's current payroll cycle.

***{Insert schedule for the child support obligation, including the amount, and commencement and termination dates, for the remaining minor or dependent children, which shall be payable as the obligation for each child ceases. Please indicate whether the schedule \_\_\_\_\_ appears below or \_\_\_\_\_ is attached as part of this form.}***

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The Obligor shall pay child support until all of the minor or dependent children: reach the age of 18; become emancipated, marry, join the armed services, die, or become self-supporting; or until further order of the court or agreement of the parties. The child support obligation shall continue beyond the age of 18 and until high school graduation for any child who is dependent in fact, between the ages of 18 and 19, and is still in high school, performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

If the child support ordered deviates from the guidelines by more than 5%, the factual findings which support that deviation are: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Retroactive Child Support and/or Arrearages.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ There is no retroactive child support or child support arrearage at the time of this Final Judgment.

**OR**

2. \_\_\_\_ There is either retroactive child support or child support arrearage.

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent shall pay to the other spouse child support in the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for retroactive child support, as of {date} \_\_\_\_\_;

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for previously ordered unpaid child support, as of {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

The total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in child support shall be paid in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, payable \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with Obligor's employer's payroll cycle, and in any event at least a month, or \_\_\_\_\_ other {explain} \_\_\_\_\_ beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_, until paid in full including statutory interest.

**D. Insurance.**

1.        **Health/Dental Insurance.**        Petitioner        Respondent shall be required to maintain        health and/or        dental insurance for the parties' minor child(ren), so long as reasonable in cost and accessible to the child(ren). The party providing insurance shall be required to convey insurance cards demonstrating said coverage to the other party;

**OR**

       health and/or        dental insurance is not reasonable in cost or accessible to the child(ren) at this time.

2.        Reasonable and necessary **uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug costs** for the minor child(ren) shall be assessed as follows:

       Shared equally by both spouses.

       Prorated according to the child support guideline percentages.

       Other *{explain}*: \_\_\_\_\_

As to these uninsured medical/dental/prescription drug expenses, the party who incurs the expense shall submit request for reimbursement to the other party within 30 days, and the other party, within 30 days of receipt, shall submit the applicable reimbursement for that expense, according to the schedule of reimbursement set out in this paragraph.

E.        **Life Insurance (to secure payment of support).** To secure the child support obligations in this judgment,        Petitioner        Respondent        Each party shall maintain life insurance, in an amount of at least \$ \_\_\_\_\_, on his/her life her life naming minor child(ren) as the beneficiary(ies) **OR** naming        Petitioner        Respondent, or        other *{name}*

\_\_\_\_\_ as Trustee for the minor child(ren), so long as reasonably available. The obligation to maintain the life insurance shall continue until the youngest child turns 18, becomes emancipated, marries, joins the armed services, dies, or becomes self-supporting.

F. **IRS Income Tax Exemption(s).** The assignment of any tax exemption(s) for the child(ren) shall be as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Each party shall execute any and all IRS forms necessary to effectuate the provisions of this paragraph.

G. **Other provisions relating to child support:** \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION VII. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Obligor shall pay court-ordered alimony and child support, including any retroactive support or arrearages as follows:

**A. Place of Payment.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_ Obligor shall pay court-ordered support directly to either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository, as required by statute, along with any fee required by statute.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Both parties have requested and the court finds that it is in the best interests of the child(ren) that support payments need not be directed through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository at this time; however, either party may subsequently apply, pursuant to section 61.13(1)(d)3, Florida Statutes, to require payment through either the State Disbursement Unit or the central depository.

**B. Income Deduction.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_ **Immediate.** Obligor shall pay through income deduction, pursuant to a separate Income Deduction Order which shall be effective immediately. Obligor is individually responsible for paying this support obligation until all of said support is deducted from Obligor’s income. Until support payments are deducted from Obligor’s paycheck, Obligor is responsible for making timely payments directly to the State Disbursement Unit or the Obligee, as previously set forth in this order.
- 2. \_\_\_\_ **Deferred.** Income deduction is ordered this day, but it shall not be effective until a delinquency of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or, if not specified, an amount equal to one month’s obligation occurs. Income deduction is not being implemented immediately based on the following findings: Income deduction is **not** in the best interests of the child(ren) because: *{explain}*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**AND**

There is proof of timely payment of a previously ordered obligation without an Income Deduction Order in cases of modification,

**AND**

\_\_\_\_ There is an agreement by the Obligor to advise the Title IV-D agency, the clerk of court, and the Obligee of any change in Payor and/or health insurance

**OR**

\_\_\_\_ there is a signed written agreement providing an alternative arrangement between the Obligor and the Obligee and, at the option of the IV-D agency, by the IV-D agency in IV-D cases in which there is an assignment of support rights to the state, reviewed and entered in the record by the court.

C. **Bonus/one-time payments.** \_\_\_\_\_ All \_\_\_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_ No income paid in the form of a bonus or other similar one-time payment, up to the amount of any arrearage or the remaining balance thereof owed pursuant to this order, shall be forwarded to Obligee pursuant to the payment method prescribed above.

D. **Other provisions relating to method of payment.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION VIII. ATTORNEY'S FEES, COSTS, AND SUIT MONEY**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent's request(s) for attorney's fees, costs, and suit money is (are) denied because: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ The Court finds there is a need for and an ability to pay attorney's fees, costs, and suit money. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent is hereby ordered to pay to the other spouse \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in attorney's fees, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in costs. The Court further finds that the attorney's fees awarded are based on the reasonable rate of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour and \_\_\_\_\_ reasonable hours. Other provisions relating to attorney's fees, costs, and suit money are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION IX. OTHER PROVISIONS**

**Other Provisions.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The Court reserves jurisdiction to modify and enforce this Final Judgment.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

I certify that a copy of this **Final Judgment of Dissolution** was \_\_\_\_\_ mailed \_\_\_\_\_ faxed and mailed \_\_\_\_\_ e-mailed \_\_\_\_\_ hand delivered to the parties listed below on {*date*}\_\_\_\_\_.

by \_\_\_\_\_  
{*Clerk of court or designee*}

\_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner (or his/her attorney)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Respondent (or his/her attorney)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Central Depository  
\_\_\_\_\_ State Disbursement Unit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division: \_\_\_\_\_

IN RE: The Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent.

### **FINAL JUDGMENT OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH MINOR CHILD(REN) (UNCONTESTED)**

This cause came before this Court for a hearing on a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage. The Court, having reviewed the file and heard the testimony, makes these findings of fact and reaches these conclusions of law:

#### **FINDINGS:**

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties.
2. At least one party has been a resident of the State of Florida for more than 6 months immediately before filing the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
3. The marriage between the parties is irretrievably broken.
4. The names of the parties' children are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
5. The parties have voluntarily entered into a Marital Settlement Agreement and Parenting Plan, and each party has filed the required Family Law Financial Affidavit. The Parenting Plan is in the best interests of the children.
6. The Court finds that the parties have the present ability to pay support as agreed to in the marital settlement agreement.
7. *{If applicable}* \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent requests that his/her former name of *{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ be restored.

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

- A. The marriage between the parties is dissolved and the parties are restored to the status of being single.
- B. The Marital Settlement Agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is approved by the court and incorporated herein, but not merged. The parties shall obey all of its provisions.
- C. The Parenting Plan, attached as Exhibit B, is approved by the court and incorporated herein. The parties shall obey all of its provisions.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent's former name of  
*{full legal name}* \_\_\_\_\_ is restored.
- E. The court reserves jurisdiction to modify and enforce this final judgment.

DONE AND ORDERED in \_\_\_\_\_, Florida, on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

I certify that a copy of this Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage was \_\_\_\_\_ mailed \_\_\_\_\_ faxed and mailed \_\_\_\_\_ e-mailed \_\_\_\_\_ hand-delivered to the parties and any entities listed below on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_.

by \_\_\_\_\_  
*{Clerk of court or designee}*

Petitioner (or his or her attorney)  
Respondent (or his or her attorney)  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.996(a), INCOME DEDUCTION ORDER (06/11)

### When should this form be used?

This form should be used in non-Title IV-D cases when the court has ordered that support be paid by the **obligor's payor** through an income deduction order.

This form includes several blanks that must be filled in as applicable. The obligor is the person who is obligated to pay the support ordered by the court and the **obligee** is the person entitled to receive the support awarded by the court.

In Paragraph 1, one of the three lines must be checked off. The court order that establishes the support award and/or the settlement or mediation agreement entered into between the parties should state the effective date of the **Income Deduction Order**. The appropriate effective date should be checked off in Paragraph 1.

The blank lines in Paragraph 2 should be completed tracking the same terms of support as are in the court order that establishes the support award and/or the settlement or mediation agreement. The first blank in each line should state the amount of the support payment and the second blank in each line should state the time period that covers said support award. For example, if the child support is \$100 per month the first blank would say \$ "100" and the second blank in that line would say "month". Similarly, if the payments are to be payable weekly, then the second blank would say "week". If there are any arrearages owed at the time the **Income Deduction Order** is entered, they must be included in the line for arrearages, along with the amount and frequency of the payments due for the arrearages, which shall be no less than 20% of the current support obligation. All orders for immediate income deduction must be paid through the State Disbursement Unit. The actual dollar amount of the service fee for the support awarded in your case (4% of each payment not to exceed \$5.25 per payment) should be included on the appropriate line.

Paragraph 6 must be completed to show what percentage, if any, of a one-time payment made to the obligor should be applied to any arrearage in support that may be due to the obligee.

You must complete the schedule in paragraph 7 to show the amount of child support for all the minor children at the time of the entry of this order and the amount of the child support that will be owed for any remaining child(ren) after one or more of the children are no longer entitled to receive child support. You should also show in the schedule the day, month, and year that the child support obligation terminates for each minor child. The date child support terminates should be listed as the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday unless the court has found that section 743.07(2), Florida Statutes, applies, or the parties have otherwise agreed to a different date. You should use the record existing at the time of this order for the basis of computing all child support obligations.

## What should I do next?

For this order to be effective, it must be signed by the **judge**. This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you must first send a copy to the other **party** or his or her **attorney**, if he or she is represented by an attorney, for approval or objection to the form before you send it to the judge assigned to your case. If the opposing party or his or her attorney, if represented, approves the form order, you may send the original proposed order and two copies to the judge assigned to your case with a letter telling the judge that you have first sent a copy of this proposed order to the opposing counsel or party, if unrepresented, and that they have no objection to the judge signing this order. If the other party or his or her attorney, if represented, has an objection to the proposed order as completed by you, you must tell the judge that you have sent a copy of this proposed order to the opposing party or his or her counsel, if represented, and that they specifically object to the entry of the proposed form **Income Deduction Order**. You must also send stamped self-addressed envelopes to the judge addressed to you and the opposing party or his or her attorney, if represented. You should keep a copy for your own records. If the judge signs the **Income Deduction Order**, the judge will mail you and the opposing party (or their attorney) copies of the signed order in the envelopes you provide to the court.

## 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 section 61.1301, Florida Statutes.

## Special Instructions...

When the **Income Deduction Order** becomes effective (either immediately or delayed until arrearage), you must then also send a copy of the **Income Deduction Order** to the obligor’s employer along with a **Notice to Payor**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.996(b), for the **Income Deduction Order** to take effect.

It is your responsibility to determine what extra steps and/or forms, if any, must be taken, supplied, and/or filed to insure the **Income Deduction Order** is implemented.

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.

**INCOME DEDUCTION ORDER (Non-Title IV-D Case)**

TO: ANY PRESENT OR SUBSEQUENT EMPLOYERS/PAYORS OF OBLIGOR  
{name} \_\_\_\_\_

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to make regular deductions from all income due and payable to the above-named obligor in accordance with the terms of this order as follows:

1. This Income Deduction Order shall be effective  
[Choose only one]

- immediately.
- upon a delinquency in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ but not to exceed one month's payment, pursuant to the order establishing, enforcing, or modifying the obligation.
- beginning {date} \_\_\_\_\_.

2. You shall deduct:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for child support. Child support shall be automatically reduced or terminated consistent with the schedule in paragraph 7.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for permanent alimony  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for rehabilitative alimony  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ arrears totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The deduction for arrears shall be no less than 20% of the current support obligation. After the full amount of any arrears is paid, you shall deduct for attorneys' fees and costs owed until the full amount is paid.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for attorneys' fees and costs totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for State of Florida Disbursement Unit fee  
(4% of each payment not to exceed \$5.25 per payment)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount of income to be deducted each pay period



3. You shall pay the deducted amount to the "State of Florida Disbursement Unit", and mail it to the State of Florida Disbursement Unit P.O. Box 8500, Tallahassee, FL 32314-8500, (tel.) (877) 769-0251. All payments must include the obligor's name (last, middle, first), obligor's social security number, obligee's name (last, middle, first), name of county where court order originated, and case number. All payments must be made by check, money order, cashier's check, certified check, or through the Internet with access provided by the State of Florida [www.floridasdu.com](http://www.floridasdu.com). No credit will be given for any payments made directly to the obligee without a court order permitting direct payments.
4. If a delinquency accrues after the order establishing, modifying, or enforcing the obligation has been entered and there is no order for repayment of the delinquency or a preexisting arrearage, a payor shall deduct an additional 20 percent of the current support obligation or other amount agreed to by the parties until the delinquency and any attorneys' fees and costs are paid in full. No deduction may be applied to attorneys' fees and costs until the delinquency is paid in full.
5. You shall not deduct in excess of the amounts allowed under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §673(b), as amended.
6. You shall deduct ( Choose only one) ( ) the full amount, ( ) \_\_\_\_\_%, or ( ) none of the income which is payable to the obligor in the form of a bonus or other similar one-time payment, up to the amount of arrearage reported in the Income Deduction Order or the remaining balance thereof, and forward the payment to the State of Florida Disbursement Unit. For purposes of this subparagraph, "bonus" means a payment in addition to an obligor's usual compensation and which is in addition to any amounts contracted for or otherwise legally due and shall not include any commission payments due an obligor.
7. Child Support Reduction/Termination Schedule. Child support shall be automatically reduced or terminated as set forth in the following schedule:

Please list children by initials from eldest to youngest		Insert in this column the day, month, and year the child support obligation terminates for each designated child (see instructions)		Insert in this column the amount of child support for all minor children remaining (including designated child).
<b>Child 1</b> (Eldest) Initials & year of birth:	<i>From the effective date of this Income Deduction Order until the following date:</i>		<i>child support for Child 1 and all other younger child(ren) should be paid in the following monthly amount:</i>	

<b>Child 2</b> Initials & year of birth:	<i>After the date set forth in the row above until the following date:</i>		<i>child support for Child 2 and all other younger child(ren) should be paid in the following monthly amount:</i>	
<b>Child 3</b> Initials & year of birth:	<i>After the date set forth in the row above until the following date:</i>		<i>child support for Child 3 and all other younger child(ren) should be paid in the following monthly amount:</i>	
<b>Child 4</b> Initials & year of birth:	<i>After the date set forth in the row above until the following date:</i>		<i>child support for Child 4 and all other younger child(ren) should be paid in the following monthly amount:</i>	
<b>Child 5</b> Initials & year of birth:	<i>After the date set forth in the row above until the following date:</i>		<i>child support for Child 5 and all other younger child(ren) should be paid in the following monthly amount:</i>	

*(Continue on additional pages for additional children)*

8. This Income Deduction Order shall remain in effect so long as the underlying order of support is effective or until further order of the court.

**STATEMENT OF OBLIGOR’S RIGHTS, REMEDIES, AND DUTIES**

9. The obligor is required to pay all amounts and fees specified within this Income Deduction Order.
10. The amounts deducted may not be in excess of that allowed under the Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §1673(b) as amended.
11. This income deduction order applies to all of the obligor’s current and subsequent payors and periods of employment.
12. A copy of the Income Deduction Order will be served upon the obligor’s payor or payors.
13. Enforcement of the Income Deduction Order may only be contested on the ground of mistake of fact regarding the amount owed pursuant to the order establishing, enforcing, or modifying the obligation, the arrearages, or the identity of the obligor, the payor, or the obligee.
14. The obligor is required to notify the obligee and, when the obligee is receiving IV-D services, the IV-D agency, within 7 days of any changes in the obligor’s address, payors, and the addresses of the obligor’s payors.

15. In a Title IV-D case, if an obligation to pay current support is reduced or terminated due to emancipation of a child and the obligor owes an arrearage, retroactive support, delinquency, or costs, income deduction continues at the rate in effect immediately prior to emancipation until all arrearages, retroactive support, delinquencies, and costs are paid in full or until the amount of withholding is modified.

ORDERED on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

COPIES TO:

Obligee

Obligor

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.902(i),  
AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS  
(02/18)**

**When should this form be used?**

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

This form should be typed or printed in black ink, and signed in the presence of 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 you records.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING**

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

**What should I do next?**

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

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION**

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

Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

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

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

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

### **Special notes...**

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

In re: The Marriage of:

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.

### AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS

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

**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 Corroborating Witness

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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.]

\_\_\_\_ Personably 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}* \_\_\_\_\_ Affiant \_\_\_\_\_ 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 SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW  
FORM 12.915,  
DESIGNATION OF CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS (11/15)**

**When should this form be used?**

This form should be used to inform the clerk and the other **party** of your current mailing and e-mail address(es) or **any change of address**. It is very important that the court and the other party in your case have your correct address.

A party not represented by an attorney may choose to designate e-mail address(es) for **service**. A primary and up to two secondary e-mail addresses can be designated. If you do so and the other party is represented by an attorney or has also designated e-mail address(es) for service, e-mail will be the **exclusive means of service**.

If there is any change in your mailing or e-mail address(es), you must complete a new form, file it with the clerk, and serve a copy on any other party or parties in your case.

**What should I do next?**

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.

**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.**

**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](http://www.flcourts.org) through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT**



**REQUIRED TO DO SO.** If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by e-mail, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

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

### **Where can I look for more information?**

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** in these instructions are defined there.

### **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 \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_  
Respondent,

### DESIGNATION OF CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, certify  
that my current mailing address is: {Street} \_\_\_\_\_  
{City} \_\_\_\_\_, {State} \_\_\_\_\_, {Zip} \_\_\_\_\_  
{Telephone No.} \_\_\_\_\_ {Fax No.} \_\_\_\_\_

I designate as my current e-mail address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

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

I certify that a copy of this document was ( ) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated E-mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Petitioner

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} \_\_\_\_\_, {zip code} \_\_\_\_\_, {telephone number} \_\_\_\_\_

## LIST OF CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

### **"THE LIST OF 22"**

1. **DEPENDENCY** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(i)): Includes termination of parental rights, guardians ad litem, child abuse, neglect, and abandonment Access: Child, parents, attorney for child, court-appointed guardians, SAO, law enforcement, DCF.
2. **ADOPTION FILES** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(ii)), FS 63.162: Provide access in accordance with the Matrix, which is part of the Florida Supreme Court AO and is, therefore, a court order that complies with the statute limiting access without a court order. This applies to open cases. On closed cases, a court order is required to view records as the attorney of record is automatically dismissed 30 days after it is closed.
3. **SSN, BANK ACCT, CHARGE, DEBIT & CREDIT CARD #s** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(iii)): Access: Parties, attorneys of record.
4. **HIV** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(iv)): Includes test results and ID of any person upon whom an HIV test has been performed. Access: Test subject and his/her attorney ONLY. Any other parties cannot see HIV test results.
5. **SEXUALLY TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(v)): Records including test results held by DOH or its authorized representatives. Access: Test subject, attorneys of record, medical/state agencies in medical emergencies for benefit of law enforcement, firefighters etc.
6. **BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(vi)): Birth and portions of death and fetal death records. ACCESS: Parties, attorneys of record.
7. **PREGNANCY TERMINATION BY MINOR** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(vii)): Information that can be used to identify a minor petitioning for a waiver of parental notice when seeking to terminate pregnancy. Access: Petitioner, petitioner's attorney. Parents of petitioner ARE NOT allowed access!
8. **BAKER ACT RECORDS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(viii)): Clinical records in Baker Act cases. Access: Patient, patient's attorney, patient's court-appointed guardian or court-appointed guardian advocate, SAO.
9. **SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECORDS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(ix)): Records of substance abuse providers that pertain to the identity, diagnosis, and prognosis of and service provision to individuals. Access: Patient, attorney of record, medical personnel in medical emergencies.
10. **CLINICAL RECORDS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(x)): For Defendant in criminal case found incompetent to proceed or acquitted by reason of insanity. Access: Patient, patient's court-appointed legal guardian, patient's attorney, law enforcement, SAO, defense attorneys of record, judges, jail personnel, community services re follow up care.
11. **ESTATE INVENTORIES AND ACCOUNTINGS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xi)): Access: Court-appointed personal representatives and their attorneys and other attorneys of record.
12. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xii)): Victim's address upon request by victim/petitioner. Access: Petitioner and petitioner's attorney only. Respondent is not to have access even though he/she is a party!
13. **CHILD ABUSE & SEXUAL OFFENSES** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xiii)): Victim Identification information. Sexual Offenses include Sexual Battery (FS 794), Lewdness, Indecent Exposure (FS 800), Child Abuse, Aggravated Child Abuse (FS 827), Sexual Performance by a Child, Obscenity (FS 847). Information to be redacted (ADULT & MINOR Victims): Photograph, Name, Home and/or Employment Address, Home and/or Employment Phone Numbers. In addition, MINOR VICTIMS of sexual offenses are entitled to have the following redacted: Videotapes of the victim,

School, Church, Place of Employment Addresses and Telephone Numbers. Access: Parties, attorneys of record, SAO, law enforcement.

14. **GESTATIONAL SURROGACY** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xiv)): Access: Parties, attorneys of record.
15. **GUARDIANSHIP** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xv)): Reports and orders appointing Court Monitors. Access: Guardianship reports: To court-appointed guardian and guardian's attorney of record, ward (unless a minor or incapacitated) and ward's attorney. Orders appointing Court Monitors and orders relating to findings of no probable cause in GA cases: Only by court order.
16. **GRAND JURY RECORDS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xvi)): Access: Only by court order. Also see, [Informal AGO issued on September 8, 1995](#), determining that the names and addresses of grand jurors are privileged as part of the record of the grand jury proceedings.
17. **FAMILY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (CINS/FINS cases)** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xvii)): Access: Parties, attorneys of record.
18. **JUVENILE DELINQUENCY** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xviii)): Access: Parties, attorneys of record, SAO, military representative with an original signed waiver of the defendant (always make a copy of the waiver for the file.) This includes protecting sexting violations by minors under FS 847.0141(1), which require a "promise to appear before the juvenile court," per 985.0301, which adds noncriminal violations assigned to juvenile court by law to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. If these cases are not filed in the Juvenile division, then they will need to be identified and separately protected.
19. **TUBERCULOSIS** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xix)): Records disclosing the identity of persons subject to tuberculosis proceedings and records held by DOH or its authorized representatives relating to know or suspected cases of tuberculosis or exposure. Access: NO ONE has access without a court order. Access can be given by Court Order to those not allowed access by statute. In that case, identify the Court Order, check ID for that person and make a copy of the person's ID for the file before allowing access.
20. **PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATION REPORTS (PSIs)** (2.420(d)(1)(B)(xx)): Complete PSI reports. Access: Sentencing Court, SAO, defendant, and defendant's attorney. Fla. R. Crim. Proc. 3.712 also allows viewing to persons or agencies having a legitimate interest in the information in the PSI, which could include a probation officer. Requests made under this provision will need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
21. **FORENSIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS** under FS [916.1065](#), for defendants charged with felony and found to be incompetent to proceed, including competency, substance abuse, psychosexual, psychological, psychiatric, psychosocial, cognitive impairment, sanity, or other mental health evaluation individual. Access: Parties, attorneys of record.
22. **DRUG COURT REPORTS**, including reports regarding eligibility screening, substance abuse screening, behavioral health evaluations, and treatment status reports for defendants referred to or considered for referral to a drug court program. FS 397.334(10)(a). Access: Parties, attorneys of record.

### DOCUMENTS PROTECTED IN RULE 2.420(c)(6)

Rule 2.420(d)(1) protects information in (d)(1)(B), which is the list of 22, but also protects information in (d)(1)(A), which includes the records in 2.420(c)(1)-(6). The records in (c)(1)-(5) are primarily records in the hands of court administration or individual judges, such as judge's notes on a file. However, clerks hold search warrants and arrest warrants covered in 2.420(c)(6). Rule 2.420(b)(4) allows confidential information released to those designated by law, statute, or court order.

1. **Arrest Warrants** are confidential until executed or until law enforcement determines they cannot be executed. Access: state attorney (authorized to view confidential information per

Access Security Matrix) and bail bond agents (FS 903.26(2)(c) requires clerk to provide certified copy of warrant to bail bond agent if there is a bond forfeiture).

2. **Search Warrants** are confidential until executed or until law enforcement determines they cannot be executed.

#### **DOCUMENTS PROTECTED BY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

3. Criminal History Records, which are filed in Name Change and Guardianship cases.
4. Driver information received from DHSMV that is protected by the DPPA: the driver identification number (driver's license number), address, telephone number, and medical or disability information. Information related to vehicular crashes, driving violations, driver's status, or vehicle ownership or liens are not protected. The MOU protects information DHSMV is required to protect by statute.
  - a. FS 119.0712 protects any record that pertains to a motor vehicle operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle registration or identification card issued by DHSMV.
  - b. FS 316.066 protects crash reports that reveal the identity, home or employment telephone number or home or employment address of, or other personal information concerning the parties involved in the crash for 60 days after the referenced crash.
  - c. Information from DHSMV records that is used to create new documents does not remain confidential. AGO 2010-10. For example, the clerk can obtain vehicle ownership information from DHSMV and generate as a notice to lienholders or non-defendant owners of a vehicle being impounded due to a DUI conviction. The notice and the name and address on the notice are not confidential information.
  - d. A driver license filed in a court case by parties or other persons is not subject to the MOU, because it is not information received from DHSMV, so it is not confidential.
  - e. A traffic citation filed in a case is not confidential, even though it contains information that would otherwise be protected if received from DHSMV, because our office did not receive it from DHSMV.

#### **DOCUMENTS SEALED BY COURT ORDER**

1. Examples of documents required to be sealed
  - a. Wire applications, FS 934.098(8)(c) (court required to seal)
  - b. Jimmy Ryce reports, FS 394.921(2)(shall be sealed)
2. Examples of documents courts may seal or restrict viewing
  - a. Photo, video, audio of killing, FS 406.135(7) & (8) (criminal proceeding exempt, but court may restrict disclosure)
  - b. Photo, video, audio of killing of law enforcement, FS 406.136(c) (criminal proceeding exempt, but court may restrict disclosure)

#### **OTHER DOCUMENTS NOT PROTECTED BY LIST OF 22**

1. Attorney Fee Contingency Contracts under R. Reg. Fla Bar 4-1.5(f)(4). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. The rule allows the party to ask the court to seal the documents. The attorneys ordinarily include in the motion a request to have both the motion and order sealed.
2. Criminal investigative information under 119.071(2)(c). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22.
3. Federal Tax Returns, FS 192.105(1), 26 USC 6103. This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. Since clerks have not obtained federal tax information pursuant to 26 USC 6103,

which regulates entities such as federal or state agencies who obtain these records as part of their official duties (e.g., IRS tax agents) or are officers of companies or are shareholders who are entitled to receive copies of such returns (financial officers, etc.). The statutes do not apply to people who voluntarily file their returns or file tax information. Some clerks have this docket code set to VOR to ensure confidential exemptions required by Rule 2.420(d) are redacted as tax returns may have SSNs and bank account numbers.

4. Fingerprints, FS 119.071(5)(g). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. See Fred Baggett Memo of July 26, 2006, at the end of the exhibit, which determines that this statutory provision does not apply to court records, since only the court can regulate its own records.
5. Guardian ad litem reports not filed in chapter 39 cases—there no authority to protect these.
6. Hospital Records, FS 395.3025(4)(5)(7)(8). Statute applies to “any licensed facility,” not clerks handling court cases. These are patient records in the hands of the hospital, provisions allow the hospitals to turn records over to DCF, DOH, etc., and, again, has no applicability to such records filed in a court case. It is be up to the filer to ask the court to determine that records are confidential. [Trying to protect such records is a heavy burden on clerks to read each document to see if it is a medical record that is from a hospital and should be protected.]
7. Juror Notes. These are written notes taken by jurors during civil or criminal trials and are considered administrative records of the judicial branch, rather than court records, per the Judicial Branch Records Retention Schedule for Administrative Records in the Appendix to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration. Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.430(k) provides that, at the conclusion of the trial and promptly following discharge of the jury, the court shall collect all juror notes and immediately destroy them. The Retention Schedule similarly provides that juror notes are to be immediately destroyed upon the issuance of a verdict or if the trial ends prematurely as a result of a mistrial, plea, or settlement. Fla. Stat. 40.50(2) also contemplates that, after a civil jury has rendered its verdict, juror notes are to be collected by the bailiff or the clerk and promptly destroyed. If, despite the foregoing, a court does not destroy juror notes or allow their destruction, it is recommended that the clerk’s office discuss the foregoing with the court and explain that, while juror notes are confidential records of the judicial branch, see Fla. Stat. 40.50(2), they are not technically court records, much less the type of court records that the clerk is required to designate and maintain as confidential pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420(d)(1)(B) (i.e., the “List of 22”). Thus, if a court insists that they be made part of a court file and the court does not want them to be made public, the court will need to order that they either be sealed or kept confidential for the clerk to maintain them as either sealed or confidential.
8. Juror Questions. Fla. Stat. 40.50(4) requires the court in civil cases to instruct the jury that any questions directed to witnesses or the court must be in writing, unsigned, and given to the bailiff. If the court determines that the question calls for admissible evidence, the question may be asked by the court or counsel in the court’s discretion. If the court determines the question calls for inadmissible evidence, the question may not be read or answered. Written juror questions are not referenced in either the Judicial Branch Records Retention Schedule for Administrative Records or Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420, and it is not clear from FS 40.50(4) what is to be done with written juror questions once they have been reviewed by the court. In the absence of any such directive or guidance, it is recommended that, if a court does not destroy the written juror questions and routes them to the clerk’s office for keeping, then discuss with the court the fact that, irrespective of whether they are court records, written juror questions are not among the types of court records that the clerk is required to designate and maintain as confidential pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.420(d)(1)(B) (i.e., the “List of 22”). Thus, if a court wants them to be made part of a court file and does not want them to be made public, the court

will need to order that they either be sealed or kept confidential for the clerk to maintain them as either sealed or confidential.

9. Mediation reports, FS 44.102(3). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. A mediation report is not a “written communication in a mediation proceeding.” A mediation report is either a report that the case did not settle or is a settlement agreement that is not confidential. The mediator or the parties keep any other mediation communications (pre-settlement discussions or papers that might include some admissions or damaging information) that were used in the mediation process and do not file them.
10. Medical records. Not on the List of 22. HIPAA does not apply to court records.
11. Paternity DNA test results, FS 760.40(2)(a). Paternity DNA test results are not Type I information identified in the List of 22. Regardless of how the statute is interpreted, since every exemption statute was considered by the rules committee recommending the 2.420 list and this did not make it on the list, clerks cannot automatically seal these records, as this determination is reserved for the court. However, if a paternity DNA test was recorded in the Official Record, a request for removal should be accommodated. Note that the statute itself exempts results in criminal prosecution and paternity cases by using “AND” to both allow consent to testing and make the results public, which explains why the committee did not add it to the “List.”
12. Photo, video audio of autopsy, FS 406.135(7) & (8). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. Per the statute, this exemption applies to records held by a medical examiner. In addition, these records are not exempt in criminal proceedings, but the court may restrict disclosure.
13. Photo, video audio of killing of law enforcement, FS 406.136(c). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. Per the statute, these are not exempt in criminal proceedings, but the court may restrict disclosure.
14. Nurse (Identity) Disciplinary Records – FS 464.018(1)(j). This is not Type I information identified in the List of 22. This statute requires the department to identify the respondent by initials in any public court records or documents, and it would be up to the department to make sure the proceedings are closed to the public, this is between the court and the department, not the clerk.
15. 2017 LEGISLATION:
  - a. Witness to a murder: Information that reveals the identity of a witness to a murder is confidential for two years after the date on which the murder is observed by the witness, but may be disclosed by a criminal justice agency. HB 111.
  - b. DV Injunction Petitions: On or after July 1, 2017, a petition for injunction for domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking, or cyberstalking is confidential, if the petition is dismissed or denied (?). A respondent may request that a petition be made confidential if the dismissal happened before July 1, 2017. HB 239..
  - c. Marchman Act: Pleadings and other documents, and the images of all pleadings and other documents, in court involved involuntary admissions proceedings under the Marchman Act confidential. HB 791.



IN THE COUNTY/CIRCUIT COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff/Petitioner,

v.

Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant/Respondent.

**NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITHIN COURT FILING**

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420(d)(2), I hereby certify that:

\_\_\_\_ 1. I am filing herewith a document containing confidential information as described in Rule 2.420(d)(1)(B) and:

- a. The title/type of document is: \_\_\_\_\_; **and**
- b. \_\_\_\_ The entire document is confidential, **OR** \_\_\_\_ the confidential information within the document is precisely located at: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

\_\_\_\_ 2. A document was previously filed in this case that contains confidential information as described in Rule 2.420(d)(1)(B), but a Notice of Confidential Information within Court Filing was not filed with the document and the confidential information was not maintained as confidential by the Clerk. I hereby notify the Clerk that this confidential information is located as follows:

- a. Title/type of document: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Date of filing (if known): \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Date of document: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Docket entry number: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_ Entire document is confidential, **OR** \_\_\_\_ Precise location of confidential information in document: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by email/delivery/mail/fax  
to: \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Florida Bar #, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The clerk of court shall review filings identified as containing confidential information to determine whether the information is facially subject to confidentiality under subdivision (d)(1)(B). The clerk shall notify the filer in writing within 5 days if the clerk determines that the information is NOT subject to confidentiality, and the records shall not be held as confidential for more than 10 days, unless a motion is filed pursuant to subdivision (d)(3) of Rule 2.420.

IN THE COUNTY/CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff,

v. \_\_\_\_\_ Case #: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

**MOTION TO DETERMINE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TRIAL COURT RECORDS**

The undersigned, by and through his/her attorney, moves the Court pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.420 for an order determining the confidentiality of court records.

a. The undersigned's attorney has given written notice of the subject motion to all affected non-parties \_\_\_\_\_, and filed copies of the notice provided. The notice identified this case by docket number; described the confidential information with as much specificity as possible without revealing the confidential information, including the "precise location" of the information in the file/record; and advised that if the motion is denied by the court then the subject material will not be treated as confidential by the Clerk.

b. The particular court records or portion of a record that the movant seeks to have determined as confidential are:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. The movant seeks an order sealing the following information relative to this case: *[select all that apply]*

- the party's name on the progress docket.  
 particular documents within the court file, specifically \_\_\_\_\_

- the entire court file, but not the progress docket.  
 the entire court file and the progress docket.

d. The legal basis for determining the court records to be confidential is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
e. The specific legal authority and applicable legal standards for determining such court records to be confidential are: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
f. *[For rule 2.420(c)(9) motions]* Confidentiality of \_\_\_\_\_ is required to  
protect the following interest(s): *[select any/all that apply]*

1. Preventing a serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. A trade secret.  
 3. A compelling government interest, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Obtaining evidence to determine the legal issues in a case;  
 5. Avoiding substantial injury to innocent third parties, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Avoiding substantial injury to a party by the disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in this type of proceeding, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Complying with established public policy set forth in the Florida or United States Constitution or statutes or Florida rules or case law, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

g. There is no less restrictive measure available to protect this/these interest(s), and the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein are no broader than necessary to protect the interest(s).

Wherefore, the undersigned **REQUESTS** that:

The Court \_\_\_\_\_ this motion for a hearing.

The Court finds that \_\_\_\_\_ documents are confidential and for the Court to seal the following materials related to this matter and to keep such materials from public access: *[select all that apply]*

1. The party's name on the progress docket and in the case style. On the public progress docket, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall substitute the following for the party's name: \_\_\_\_\_ . Further, the Clerk shall ensure that the party's name is redacted from all public materials in the file and that the final judgment is recorded in a manner that does not reveal the identity of the party. However, the progress docket and the file shall otherwise remain available to the public.

2. The following documents within the court file: \_\_\_\_\_ .  
However, the file and progress docket shall otherwise remain available to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.

3. The entire court file. However, the progress docket shall remain open to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.

4. The entire court file and the progress docket. The progress docket shall not be available on any public information system. However, the case number shall remain public.

I certify that this motion is made in good faith and is supported by a sound factual and legal basis. Submitted and filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by e-mail/U.S. Mail/personal service on \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Party/Attorney's Signature  
Attorney Name.....  
Florida Bar No. ....  
Address .....  
Phone .....  
E-mail .....

IN THE COUNTY/CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff,

v. Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

**ORDER ON MOTION TO DETERMINE TRIAL COURT RECORDS CONFIDENTIAL  
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.420(C)(9)**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Motion to Determine Trial Court Records Confidential filed by \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to rule 2.420(c)(9), Florida Rule of Judicial Administration. \_\_\_\_\_ seeks an order sealing the following information relative to this case: *[select all that apply]*

- the party's name on the progress docket.
- particular documents within the court file, specifically \_\_\_\_\_
- the entire court file, but not the progress docket.
- the entire court file and the progress docket.

This motion \_\_\_\_\_ contested and a hearing \_\_\_\_\_ conducted.

Having considered the arguments of the parties, legal authority, and otherwise being fully advised, the Court **DENIES** the motion because the moving party has failed to establish that confidentiality of the information sought to be sealed is necessary to protect any interest under Rule 2.420(c).

**- OR -**

The Court **GRANTS** the motion as follows:

1. Confidentiality of the [information sought to be sealed] is required to protect the following interest(s): *[select any/all that apply]*

- a. Preventing a serious and imminent threat to the fair, impartial, and orderly administration of justice, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. A trade secret.
- c. A compelling government interest, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Obtaining evidence to determine the legal issues in a case;
- e. Avoiding substantial injury to innocent third parties, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Avoiding substantial injury to a party by the disclosure of matters protected by a common law or privacy right not generally inherent in this type of proceeding, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Complying with established public policy set forth in the Florida or United States Constitution or statutes or Florida rules or case law, specifically: \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Court further finds that no less restrictive measure is available to protect this/these interest(s), and that the degree, duration and manner of confidentiality ordered herein are no broader than necessary to protect the interest(s).

Wherefore, it is **ORDERED** that:

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is hereby directed to seal immediately the following materials related to this matter and to keep such materials from public access: *[select all that apply]*

- 1. The party's name on the progress docket and in the case style. On the public progress docket, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall substitute the following for the party's name: \_\_\_\_\_ . Further, the Clerk shall ensure that the party's name is redacted from all public materials in the file and that the final judgment is recorded in a manner that does not reveal the identity of the party. However, the progress docket and the file shall otherwise remain available to the public.
- 2. The following documents within the court file: \_\_\_\_\_ . However, the file and progress docket shall otherwise remain available to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.
- 3. The entire court file. However, the progress docket shall remain open to the public subject to any substitution of a party's name set forth above.
- 4. The entire court file and the progress docket. The progress docket shall not be available on any public information system. However, the case number shall remain public.

It is further **ORDERED** that any materials sealed pursuant to this Order shall be conditionally disclosed upon the entry of a further order by this Court finding that such opening is necessary for purposes of judicial or governmental accountability or First Amendment rights.

It is further **ORDERED** that any materials sealed pursuant to this Order may otherwise be disclosed only as follows:

- A. to any judge of this Circuit for case-related reasons;
- B. to the Chief Judge or his or her designee;
- C. to adult parties or their attorneys of record; or
- D. by further order of the Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that, within 10 days of the date of this Order, the Clerk shall post a copy of this Order on the bulletin board of the Leon County Clerk's Office and the Clerk's website for a period of 30 days to provide public notice.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk is hereby authorized to unseal any materials sealed pursuant to this Order for the purpose of filing, microfilming or imaging files, or transmitting a record to an appellate tribunal. The materials shall be resealed immediately upon completion of the filing.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, at Leon County, Florida, on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
County/Circuit Judge

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was furnished by e-mail/U.S. Mail/personal service to: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Judicial Assistant**

# 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

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.**

## 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](http://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...**

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,

### 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} \_\_\_\_\_.