

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

**PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
WITH DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

I, {full legal name} _____, the
[**one** only] () Husband () Wife, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

- JURISDICTION/RESIDENCE**
() Husband () Wife () Both has (have) lived in Florida for at least 6 months before the filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
- The husband [**one** only] () is () is not a member of the military service.
The wife [**one** only] () is () is not a member of the military service.
- MARRIAGE HISTORY**
Date of marriage: {month, day, year} _____
Place of marriage: {city, state, country} _____
Date of separation: {month, day, year} _____ (if approximate)

4. **DEPENDENT OR MINOR CHILD(REN)**

[**all** that apply]

____ a. The wife is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} _____.

____ b. The minor (under 18) child(ren) common to both parties are:

Name	Place of Birth	Birth date	Sex
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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

Name	Place of Birth	Birth date	Sex
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

The birth father(s) of the above minor child(ren) is (are) {name and address} _____

_____.

____ d. 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	Place of Birth	Birth date	Sex
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. A completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (UCCJA) Affidavit, Florida Family Law Form 12.901(f), is filed with this petition. (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 Family Law Form 12.901(j), is filed with this petition (or will be filed later)..

7. This petition for dissolution of marriage should be granted because:

[**one** only]

____ a. The marriage is irretrievably broken.

____ 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

[**one** only]

____ 1. There are no marital assets or liabilities.

____ 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 Form 12.901(d) or (e), to be filed in this case.

[**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 Family Law Form 12.901(h)(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 should be awarded an interest in Respondent's property because: _____

SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY)

[**one** only]

____ 1. **Petitioner forever gives up his/her right to spousal support (alimony) from Respondent.**

____ 2. Petitioner requests that the Court order Respondent to pay the following spousal support (alimony) and claims that he or she has a need for the support that he or she is requesting and Respondent has the ability

to pay that support. Spousal support (alimony) is requested in the amount of \$ _____
every () week () other week () month, beginning {date}_____, and
continuing until {date or event} _____

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

[√ if applies] () Petitioner requests life insurance on Respondent's life, provided by
Respondent, to secure such support.

SECTION III. CHILD CUSTODY, PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND VISITATION

1. The minor child(ren) currently reside(s) with () Mother () Father () Other: {explain} _____

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

[√ one only]

_____ a. shared by both Father and Mother.

_____ b. awarded solely to () Father () Mother. Shared parental responsibility would be
detrimental to the child(ren) because: _____

3. **Primary Residential Parent (Custody).** It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the
primary residential parent be () Father () Mother () undesignated () rotating because: _____

4. **Visitation or Time Sharing.** Petitioner requests that the court order

[√ all that apply]

_____ a. no visitation.

_____ b. limited visitation.

_____ c. supervised visitation.

_____ d. supervised or third-person exchange of child(ren).

_____ e. visitation or time sharing as determined by the Court.

_____ f. a visitation or time sharing schedule as follows:

Explain the requested visitation or time sharing schedule:

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

Has the above visitation or time sharing schedule been agreed to by the parties? () yes () no

SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT

[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 Form 12.901(g), 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 and is (are) in high school while he/she (they) 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. Petitioner understands that Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Family Law Form 12.943, **must** be filed before the court will consider this request.

____ 4. Petitioner requests that medical/dental insurance coverage for the minor child(ren) be provided by:

[one only]

- ____ a. Father.
- ____ b. Mother.

____ 5. Petitioner requests that uninsured medical/dental expenses for the child(ren) be paid:

[one only]

- ____ a. by Father.
- ____ b. by Mother.

- ___ c. by Father and Mother [each pay one-half].
- ___ d. according to the percentages in the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Form 12.901(g).
- ___ e. Other *{explain}*: _____

- ___ 6. Petitioner requests that life insurance to secure child support be provided by:
 - ___ a. Father.
 - ___ b. Mother.
 - ___ c. Both.

SECTION V. OTHER

- 1. [If Petitioner is also the Wife, **one** only] () yes () no Petitioner/Wife wants to be known by her former name, which was *{full legal name}* _____.
- 2. Other relief *{specify}*: _____

SECTION VI. PETITIONER'S 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**:

[**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. establishing the primary residential parent (custody), parental responsibility, and visitation 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 Wife'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: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF _____)

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____, 199__ by
_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF FLORIDA

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

___ 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:** [*do not* fill in **all** blanks]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the petitioner, fill out this form.