

PACKET 3

Forms Associated with Florida Supreme Court Forms for Filing a

Regular Dissolution of Marriage WITH Children



EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

✓ This packet may be used when filing for dissolution of marriage

THINGS TO DO AFTER FORMS ARE COMPLETE:

- Make 2 sets of copies, one for you and one for your spouse (the opposing party)
- File the original documents with the Clerk's Office on the 1st floor of the civil court house
OR
- E-file the documents on the eportal at www.myflcourtagency.com
- Optional: prior to filing, you may take the COMPLETED forms to FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT on the 4th floor for review

FEES

Filing fee\$408.00
Summons\$10.00 to issue
Self-serve copies\$0.15 using copy machine in the Official Records area
Fees paid to Sheriff for service of process are separate

Notary Fee \$5.00 per notary signature
Copies by clerk..... \$1.00 per page

PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Clerk accepts payments in cash, personal check, cashier's check and money order payable to Clerk of Court. The Clerk also accepts Visa and MasterCard, which requires an additional 3.5% processing fee.

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WARNING

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

DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE LAW, the forms and information contained in this packet may become outdated.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

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

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

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



EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

[Resources for Litigants Filing a Family Law Action](#) **Without Legal Counsel**

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

<http://circuit8.org/family-court> or <http://www.flcourts.org> (select Family Forms located under the heading Self Help in the General Public Tab)

Internet access and procedural guidance is available at the Self Help Center, Room 413, of the Family/Civil Justice Center.

Other helpful sites:

Family Advocacy Clinic

(352)273-0800

<https://www.law.ufl.edu/areas-of-study/experiential-learning/clinics/civil/family-advocacy-clinic>

Florida Bar Referral Service

(800) 342-8011

<http://www.floridabar.org/lawyerreferral>

3 Rivers Legal Services, Inc. - Gainesville Office

(352) 372-0519

<http://www.trls.org>

FAMILY COURT
SELF HELP CENTER
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



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

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

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

If you decide to proceed without a lawyer, the Self Help Center staff **will**:

- explain procedures
- guide you on informative and helpful websites
- inform you about additional court requirements
- help you set a hearing with the judge

The staff **will not**:

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

PROCEDURES

If you have decided to file a family law case without a lawyer, please follow these steps:

1. Purchase the applicable form and/or packet from the Clerk of the Court or download the forms from the Clerk's website at www.alachuaclerk.org.
2. Complete the packet of forms - in ink or typed. Court staff cannot assist you in completing the forms.
3. Instructions regarding filing and procedures are addressed in the packet. Procedural questions can be answered by calling **(352)548-3781** or visiting the **Self Help Center, Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Room 413, Gainesville, Florida 32601.**
4. Further instructions regarding procedures after filing are addressed in the packet. Your case will be monitored for procedural requirements by the Self Help Center staff.

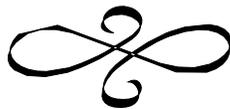
Helpful websites -- information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

Eighth Judicial Circuit Website:

<http://circuit8.org/services/familycourt> or

Florida Supreme Court Website:

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



DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILD(REN) PACKET INFORMATION

This packet is divided into three sections. Section A is used when the parties are in agreement with all issues. The petitioner fills out and files section A. If you are serving your spouse through the Sheriff's office you will need the forms in sections A and B. If you do not know the location of your spouse then you will need the forms in sections A and C and the default forms in section B.

SECTION A

Section A includes forms for the petitioner and forms for the respondent:

PETITIONER'S FORMS

- Notice of Limited Service
- Civil Cover Sheet
- Affidavit of Corroborating Witness* (If no Florida driver license or Florida ID card.)
- Petition for Dissolution of Marriage With Dependent or Minor Child(ren)*
- Standing Family Court Order
- Financial Affidavit*
- Notice of Social Security Number
- Affidavit of Children Born / Not Born During the Marriage*
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit*
- Notice of Filing the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet and the Guidelines Worksheet (this should be filed no later than 45 days after filing the initial petition)
- Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure
- Notice of Related Cases
- Marital Settlement Agreement (if agreement reached on property, debts and child(ren))*
- Parenting Plan with attached time sharing schedule
- Proof of attendance of an approved "Parenting Stabilization Course" (certificate filed by provider)

*These forms must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public

After filling out the forms, have them notarized and make two copies, one for yourself and one for your spouse. File the originals with the Clerk's office and provide a copy to your spouse. Include the filing fee and mail or deliver to the Clerk of Court, Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601, First Floor, (352) 374-3616.

If the parties cannot reach agreement, mediation will be required by the court. Make the arrangements by contacting the program mediation office at (352) 491-4417.

Your spouse, known as the respondent, in turn will have to file the following forms:

RESPONDENT'S FORMS

- Answer and Waiver
- Financial Affidavit
- Notice of Social Security Number
- Proof of attendance of an approved "Parenting Stabilization Course" (certificate filed by provider)

AFTER PETITIONER'S AND RESPONDENT'S FORMS ARE FILED

Once both parties have filed their required forms, your case may be ready for a hearing. The Self Help Center Staff reviews all cases and assists the Court in scheduling hearings. If you have questions about the status of your case, please contact the Self Help Center at (352) 548-3781.



**EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY COURT SELF HELP CENTER**

NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED/DISCLAIMER

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

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

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

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

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

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

_____ in _____
(Name) (Language)

YOUR SIGNATURE

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE CHECKLIST WITH AND WITHOUT CHILDREN*

- CIVIL COVER SHEET
- COPY OF DRIVERS LICENSE/FLORIDA I.D./OR AFFIDAVIT FROM A WITNESS
- NOTICE OF LIMITED SERVICE/DISCLAIMER
- PETITION
- SIGNED STANDING FAMILY COURT ORDER
- FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (RESPONDENT)
- FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (PETITIONER)
- FAMILY LAW AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- AFFIDAVIT OF CHILDREN BORN/ NOT BORN
- ANSWER AND WAIVER

OR (IF NO RESPONSE)

- PROOF OF SERVICE (PERSONAL)
- AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE OUT OF STATE
- PROOF OF SERVICE (CONSTRUCTIVE) NOTICE OF ACTION
 - AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH
 - PROOF OF PUBLICATION or
 - PROOF OF POSTING
- MOTION FOR DEFAULT

IF NEEDED

- SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT/ MEDIATION AGREEMENT (FOR MEDIATION CALL 352-491-4417)
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (RESPONDENT)
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (PETITIONER)
- FOUR ENVELOPES

—WITH CHILDREN: ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS THE FOLLOWING—

- UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT
- CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF PARENTING STABILIZATION COURSE
 - RESPONDENT
 - PETITIONER
- PARENTING PLAN W/ TIME SHARE
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (RESPONDENT)
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (PETITIONER)
- NOTICE OF FILING CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

* This checklist is not intended as legal advice; it is a list of what the court needs on record in order to go forward with your case. You must provide the information that is listed above before your next court hearing.

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

Petitioner and Case No: _____

Respondent Division: _____

DESIGNATION OF CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS [FORM 12.915]

I, _____, certify that:

My current mailing address is: **MAILING ADDRESS:**
{Street or Post Office Box} _____
{Apartment, lot, etc.} _____
{City}, _____, {State}, _____, {Zip} _____
{Telephone No.} _____ {Fax No.} _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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

Primary e-mail address: _____
Secondary e-mail address No.1: _____
Secondary e-mail address No.2: _____

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

I certify that a copy of this document was [check all used] e-mailed, mailed, hand delivered on _____ to:

(insert name(s) and address(es))

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

Signature: _____
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____

E-mail address: _____
Phone number: _____

Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases

I. Case Style

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

Petitioner	
and	Case No.: _____
Respondent	

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

- (A) Initial Action/Petition
- (B) Reopening Case
 - 1. Modification/Supplemental Petition
 - 2. Motion for Civil Contempt/Enforcement
 - 3. Other

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

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) <input type="checkbox"/> Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (B) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage (C) <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence (D) <input type="checkbox"/> Dating Violence (E) <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Violence (F) <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Violence (G) <input type="checkbox"/> Stalking (H) <input type="checkbox"/> Support IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (I) <input type="checkbox"/> Support Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (J) <input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (K) <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children—all matters related to support of a dependent adult child. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (L) <input type="checkbox"/> UIFSA Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (M) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Family Court (N) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 63 (O) <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change (P) <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity (Q) <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency (R) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Dependency (S) <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter Petition (T) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out of Chapter 39 (U) <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 39 (V) <input type="checkbox"/> CINS/FINS (W) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Temporary or Concurrent Custody by Extended Family (X) <input type="checkbox"/> Emancipation of a Minor |
|--|---|

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

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

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE

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

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

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

Date

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

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} () Petitioner () Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____,

{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,
vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

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
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.]

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}* () 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 12.901(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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

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

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

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

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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,
vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

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

I, {full legal name} _____, the
[Choose only one]

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. The Petitioner () is () is not a member of the military service.
The Respondent () is () 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. ___ The Petitioner is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} _____

b. ___ The Respondent is pregnant. Baby is due on: {date} _____

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

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
_____	_____

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
_____	_____

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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

[Choose only **one**]

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 his/her 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, 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 _____. 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:
 - ___ 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 Respondent 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 {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.)

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 Email Address: _____

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} _____,
 {email address} _____.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FAMILY COURT STANDING ORDER

When should this form be used?

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

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

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

What should I do next?

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

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

Petitioner's signature acknowledges receipt

[IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA](#)

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

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

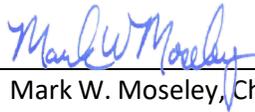
1. Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove, or in any way dispose of any property (whether real, personal, or mixed in nature) jointly or individually owned by the parties, without the written consent of the other party, or without an order of the court unless the disposition is in the normal course of business, or for customary and usual household expenses, or for reasonable attorney's fees in connection with this action.
2. Neither party shall incur unreasonable debts. This includes but is not limited to, additional borrowing against credit lines secured by the family residence, additional encumbering of any marital asset, unreasonable use of any credit cards, or taking cash advances against credit limits of bank cards.
3. Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, or other financial products or accounts containing a beneficiary designation. Each party shall maintain existing life, auto, homeowner's or renter's insurance policies in full force and effect.
4. If the parties have minor children in common, the following provisions shall apply:
 - a. Neither party shall make changes to the minor child(ren)'s school registration or recurring appointments without written consent of the other party, or an order of the court.
 - b. Neither party shall cause the other party or the child(ren) of the marriage to be removed from any medical, hospital, and/or dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital, and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.
 - c. Neither party shall conceal the whereabouts of the minor child(ren) and each party shall keep the other advised at all times of the residential address where the child(ren) will be residing. Each party shall notify the other immediately of any emergency pertaining to any child of the parties.
 - d. Each party shall provide to the other party his or her residence address, cellular telephone number and email address. Each party shall notify the other party within 5 days of any changes in his/her residence address, cellular telephone number or email address.
 - e. The parties shall assist the minor child(ren) in having contact with both parties which is consistent with the previous contact habits of the family. Unless there is a

conflicting court order, such contact shall be in-person, telephonic, electronic (e.g. video calls), and/or written.

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

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

ORDERED ON this 21st day of October, 2024.



Mark W. Moseley, Chief Judge

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM
12.902(b), [FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT \(SHORT FORM\) \(11/20\)](#)**

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. You should **file** this document with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where the **petition** was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be filed with the court and served on the other party or his or her attorney in your case within 45 days of being served with the petition, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. The copy you are serving to the other party must be either mailed, e-mailed, or hand-delivered to the opposing party or his or her attorney on the same day indicated on the certificate of service. If it is mailed, it must be postmarked on the date indicated in the certificate of service. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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

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

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form

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

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read “General Information for Self-Represented Litigants” found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in **“bold underline”** in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285.

Special notes...

If you want to keep your address confidential because you have been found by a judge to be 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
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Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

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

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

Petitioner,

CASE NO: _____

vs.

DIVISION: _____

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:		Gifts for holidays	\$ _____
Mortgage or rent	\$ _____	Medical/Dental (uninsured)	\$ _____
Property taxes	\$ _____	Other: _____	\$ _____
Utilities	\$ _____		
Telephone	\$ _____	D. INSURANCE	
Food	\$ _____	Medical/Dental	\$ _____
Meals outside home	\$ _____	Child(ren)'s medical/dental	\$ _____
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ _____	Life	\$ _____
Other: _____	\$ _____	Other: _____	\$ _____
B. AUTOMOBILE		E. OTHER EXPENSES NOT LISTED ABOVE	
Gasoline	\$ _____	Clothing	\$ _____
Repairs	\$ _____	Medical/Dental (uninsured)	\$ _____
Insurance	\$ _____	Grooming	\$ _____
C. CHILD(REN)'S EXPENSES		Entertainment	\$ _____
Day care	\$ _____	Gifts	\$ _____
Lunch money	\$ _____	Religious organizations	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____	Miscellaneous	\$ _____
Grooming	\$ _____	Other: _____	\$ _____
		_____	\$ _____

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)	
		Petitioner	Respondent
<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"/> Auto loans			
<input type="checkbox"/> Charge/credit card accounts			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add next column)	\$		

C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

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

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

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)	
		Petitioner	Respondent
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$		
<input type="checkbox"/>			
Total Contingent Liabilities	\$		

SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

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

[Check **one** only]

A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS or WILL BE filed in this case. This case involves the

establishment or modification of child support.

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

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

Other party or his/her attorney:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read this document and the facts stated in it are true.

Dated: _____

Signature of Party

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

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

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for 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} _____,

{email address} _____.

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

When should this form be used?

This form must be completed and filed by each party in all **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.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

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

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

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

Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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

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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

CASE NO: _____

vs.

DIVISION: _____

Respondent.

NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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

[Choose **one** only]

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

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

Name	Birth date	Social Security Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

{Attach additional pages if necessary.}

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

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

Dated: _____

Signature of Party

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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}* _____,

{email address} _____.

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

Petitioner,

vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO.: _____
DIVISION: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF CHILDREN BORN/NOT BORN DURING THE MARRIAGE

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

____ a. No children were born during the marriage.

____ b. The following children are of Petitioner and Respondent:

Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____

____ c. The following children were born to the Respondent during the marriage but are **not** the biological children of the Petitioner:

Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____
Name: _____ d.o.b.: ____/____/____

____ d. There is/are an ongoing case(s) involving the children listed in paragraph b or c:

_____ County Case No. _____
_____ County Case No. _____

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

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

Date: _____

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

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

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA 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 with any minor child(ren). This **affidavit** is **required** even if the parental responsibility, custody of, 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** the original 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed**

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

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

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

Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes...

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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

CASE NO.: _____
DIVISION: _____

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*			
____/____			
____/____			
____/____			
____/____			
____/____			

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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 any other 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 personal 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 personal 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 personal 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 _____

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: _____

E-mail address: _____

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:

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This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____,

{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

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

{email address} _____.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(e), [CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET \(04/22\)](#)

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

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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 have been found by a judge to be 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.

If the parties’ combined monthly net income is not listed on the below chart, then calculate child support as provided by law in section 61.30(6), Florida Statutes.

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:

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

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
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

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
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
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

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
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
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

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
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
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

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

Case No: _____

And

Division: _____

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: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Signature of Party or his/her Attorney

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Florida Bar Number: _____

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET			
	A. PETITIONER	B. RESPONDENT	TOTAL
1. Present Net Monthly Income Enter the amount from line 27, Section I of Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), Financial Affidavit.			
2. Basic Monthly Obligation 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.			
3. Percent of Financial Responsibility 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.	%	%	
4. Share of Basic Monthly Obligation 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			
5. a. 100% of 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]			
b. Total Monthly Child(ren)’s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]			
c. Total Monthly Child(ren)’s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs			
d. Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 5a + 5b +5c].			
6. 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.			

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET			
	A. PETITIONER	B. RESPONDENT	TOTAL
Statutory Adjustments/Credits			
7. a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
c. 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)			
8. Total Support Payments actually made (Add 7a through 7c)			
9. MINIMUM CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR EACH PARENT [Line 4 plus line 6; minus line 8]			
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			
	A. PETITIONER	B. RESPONDENT	TOTAL
10. Basic Monthly Obligation x 150% [Multiply line 2 by 1.5]			
11. 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.			
12. 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.	%	%	
13. 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.]			

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET			
	A. PETITIONER	B. RESPONDENT	TOTAL
Additional Support — Health Insurance, Child Care & Other			
14. a. 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. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]			
c. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs.			
d. Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 14a + 14b + 14c.]			
15. Additional Support Payments. 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.			
Statutory Adjustments/Credits			
16. a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
c. 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			
17. Total Support Payments actually made [Add 16a through 16c]			
18. Total Additional Support Transfer Amount [Line 15 minus line 17; enter any negative number as zero]			
19. Total Child Support Owed from Father to Mother [Add line 13A plus line 18A]			
20. Total Child Support Owed from Mother to Father [Add line 13B plus line 18B]			
21. Actual Child Support to Be Paid. [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}* _____,

{email address} _____.

**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.

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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read “**General Information for Self-Represented Litigants**” [found at the beginning of these forms](#). The words that are in “**bold underline**” in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes, and the instructions for the petition 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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

_____,
Petitioner,
and
_____,
Respondent.

Case No: _____

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}

_____ **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

_____ **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 _____	_____ Parent _____
Non-emergency health care	_____ Parent _____	_____ Parent _____
Other: {Specify} _____	_____ Parent _____	_____ Parent _____
_____	_____ Parent _____	_____ Parent _____
_____	_____ Parent _____	_____ Parent _____

OR

_____ **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, or 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 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	_____	_____	_____	_____
4th 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 alternative 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. and 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 ____ even numbered years.
- c. ____ 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 _____ 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)

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 Parent’s homes unless both parents agree to a different meeting place.
- b. ____ Exchanges shall occur at _____
 - i. _____ 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 _____ 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 by: {Indicate all that apply}

- ___ in person
- ___ by telephone
- ___ by letter
- ___ by e-mail
- ___ Other: _____.

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}

- a. ___ Each parent may select appropriate child care providers
- b. ___ All child care providers must be agreed upon by both parents.
- c. ___ 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.
- d. ___ 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

_____.

SIGNATURE 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: _____
Designated E-mail Address(es) _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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

____ Personally known
____ Produced identification
Type of identification produced

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

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

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: _____

Designated E-mail Address(es) _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

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

____ Personally known

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

____ Produced identification

Type of identification produced

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or 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: {choose only **one**} () Petitioner () Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____,

{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

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

{email address} _____.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.932,
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE (11/20)**

Mandatory disclosure requires each **party** in a family matter 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 initial petition or supplemental petition for modification on the **respondent**. The mandatory disclosure rule applies to all original and **supplemental** 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 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. 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.

You must state with specificity the documents that you are producing to the other party. References to account numbers and personal identifying information are governed by [Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.425](#), which you should review prior to completing this form.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** this document 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 General Practice and 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.

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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525](#), and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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

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

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

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 the other party may agree that you will not require each other to produce the documents required under the mandatory disclosure rule. This exception does **not** apply to the **Financial Affidavit, Family Law Rules of Procedure [Form 12.902\(b\)](#)** or (c), which is required in all cases and cannot be waived.

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

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

Petitioner,

Case No: _____

And

Division: _____

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 complete federal and state personal income tax, gift tax, and foreign tax returns for the past 3 years; including all attachments, including IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1, and all accompanying schedules and worksheets comprising the entire tax return; **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; and for any of the prior 2 years beyond the past year if tax returns for any of those years have not been filed.
- c. Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 6 months before the compliance with the disclosure requirements for temporary relief. The following are produced:

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 complete federal and state personal income tax, gift tax, and foreign tax returns for the past 3 years; including all attachments, including IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1, and all accompanying schedules and worksheets comprising the entire tax return; **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; and for any of the prior 2 years beyond the past year if tax returns for any of those years have not been filed.
- c. Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 6 months before the compliance with the disclosure requirements for temporary relief. The following are produced:

- d. ___ A statement identifying the source and amount of all income for the 6 months before the compliance with these disclosure requirements for initial or supplemental proceedings, if not reflected on the pay stubs produced. The following are produced: _____
- e. ___ All loan applications, financial statements, credit reports, or any other form of financial disclosure, including financial aid forms, prepared for any purpose or used for any purpose within the 24 months preceding the compliance with these disclosure requirements for initial or supplemental proceedings. The following are produced: _____
- f. ___ All deeds to real estate in which I presently own or owned an interest within the past 3 years. All promissory notes or other documents evidencing money owed to me or my spouse at any time within the last 24 months. All leases, whether in my name individually, in my name jointly with any other person or entity, in my name as trustee or guardian for a party or a minor or adult dependent child of both parties, or in someone else's name on my behalf wherein either party (A) is receiving or has received payments at any time within the last 3 years, or (B) owns or owned an interest. The following are produced: _____
- g. ___ All periodic statements for the last 12 months for all checking accounts and for the last year for all savings accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, etc., whether in my name individually, in my name jointly with any other person or entity, in my name as trustee or guardian for a party or a minor or adult dependent child of both parties, or in someone else's name on my behalf; and for all accounts that have check-writing privileges, copies of canceled checks and registers, whether written or electronically maintained. The following are produced: _____
- h. ___ All brokerage account statements for the last 12 months, in either party's name individually or jointly with any person or entity, or as a trustee or guardian for a party or a minor or adult dependent child of both parties, or in someone else's name on my behalf; and for all accounts that have check-writing privileges, copies of canceled checks and registers, whether written or electronically maintained. The following are produced: _____
- i. ___ Most recent statement and statements for the past 12 months 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 an alternate payee receiving payments. The following are produced: _____
- j. ___ Most recent statement and statements for the past 12 months for any virtual currency transactions in which either party participated within the last 12 months or holds an interest in, either individually, jointly with any other person or entity, as trustee or guardian for a party or minor or adult dependent child of both parties, or in someone else's name on my behalf, and a listing of all current holdings of virtual currency. The following are produced: _____
- k. ___ The declaration page, the last periodic statement, statements for the past 12 months and the certificate for any group insurance for all life insurance policies insuring my life or the life of my spouse. The following are produced: _____
- l. ___ All health and dental insurance cards covering either me or my spouse and/or our dependent child(ren). The following are produced: _____
- m. ___ Corporate, partnership, and trust tax returns for the last 3 tax years, in which I have an ownership or interest. The following are produced: _____

- n. ___ 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 24 months preceding compliance with these disclosure requirements for initial or supplemental proceedings. All promissory notes on which I presently owe or owned within the past 24 months, whether paid or not. All lease agreements I presently owe, either in my name individually, jointly with any other person or entity, in my name as trustee or guardian for a party or a minor or adult dependent child of both parties, or in someone else's name on my behalf. The following are produced: _____
- o. ___ All premarital and marital agreements between the parties to this case, and all affidavits and declaration of non-paternity or judgments of disestablishment of paternity for any minor or dependent children born or conceived during the marriage. The following are produced: _____
- p. ___ If a modification proceeding, all written agreements entered into between the parties at any time since the order to be modified was entered. The following are produced: _____
- q. ___ All documents relating to claims for an unequal distribution of marital property, enhancement or appreciation in nonmarital property, or nonmarital status of an asset or debt. The following are produced: _____
- r. ___ Any court order directing that I pay or receive spousal support (alimony) or child support. The following are produced: _____

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): _____

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read this document and the facts stated in it are true.

Dated: _____

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

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

[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for 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} _____,
 {email address} _____.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW RULES OF
PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(h), [NOTICE OF RELATED CASES](#) (11/13)**

When should this form be used?

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

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

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

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

What should I do next?

A copy of the form must be served on the presiding 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes . . .

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

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

	Petitioner,	CASE NO: _____
vs.		DIVISION: _____
	Respondent.	

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

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

[check **one** only]

There are no related cases.

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

Related Case No. 1

Case Name(s): _____

Petitioner : _____

Respondent : _____

Case No.: _____ Division: _____

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children |
| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

Statement as to the relationship of the cases: _____

Related Case No. 2

Case Name(s): _____

Petitioner : _____

Respondent : _____

Case No.: _____ Division: _____

Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply]

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children |
| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity | |

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]

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Custody | <input type="checkbox"/> Support for Dependent Adult Children |
| <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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Violence or Stalking Injunctions | <input type="checkbox"/> Other {specify} _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity | |

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: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

Signature of Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Florida Bar Number: _____

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

[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} () Petitioner () Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual} _____,

{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

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

{email address} _____.

**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)**.

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

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

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

In re: the Marriage of:

Petitioner,
vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

**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 are the property of the party currently in possession of the item(s).
1. Respondent shall receive as her own and Petitioner shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets:

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) RESPONDENT SHALL RECEIVE Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is Respondent's, Petitioner's, or both.	Current Fair Market Value
Cash (on hand)	\$
Cash (in banks/credit unions)	
Stocks/Bonds	
Notes (money owed to you in writing)	
Money owed to you (not evidenced by a note)	

debts/bills:

LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY RESPONDENT Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note, or account described below is Respondent's, Petitioner's, or both	Monthly Payment	Current Amount Owed
Mortgages on real estate: (Home)	\$	\$
(Other)		
Charge/credit card accounts		
Auto loan		
Auto loan		
Bank/credit union loans		
Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)		
Judgments		
Other		
Total Debts to Be Paid by Respondent	\$	\$

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

LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY PETITIONER Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note or account described below is Respondent's, Petitioner's, or both.	Monthly Payment	Current Amount Owed
Mortgages on real estate: (Home)	\$	\$
(Other)		
Charge/credit card accounts		

LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY PETITIONER Please describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note or account described below is Respondent's, Petitioner's, or both.	Monthly Payment	Current Amount Owed
Auto loan		
Auto loan		
Bank/credit union loans		
Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)		
Judgments		
Other		
Total Debts to Be Paid by Petitioner	\$	\$

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

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

_____The Petitioner and Respondent 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, 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. _____Petitioner _____Respondent will provide life insurance in the amount of \$ _____ to secure the above support.

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. _____ Respondent _____ Petitioner (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}

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:

2. **Child Support Arrearage.** There currently is a child support arrearage of:

\$ _____ for retroactive child support and/or

\$ ____ for previously ordered unpaid child support.

The total of \$ _____ in child support arrearage shall be repaid at the rate of \$ _____ every () week () other week () month, beginning {date} _____, until paid in full including statutory interest.

3. **Health Insurance.** _____ Respondent _____ Petitioner 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 Petitioner and Respondent.
- 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.** ___ Respondent ___ Petitioner 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 Petitioner and Respondent.
- 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.** ___ Respondent ___ Petitioner 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 Deduction(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.):

SECTION V. OTHER

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: _____
 Email Address: _____

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 _____

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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}* _____, *{telephone number}* _____,
{email address} _____.

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: _____

Email Address: _____

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

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SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 5.1120(E)
ORDER AND NOTICE FOR PARENT EDUCATION
AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE

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 - a. Dissolution of marriage (divorce) where minor children are involved
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4. The parties may attend separate courses.
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Indigent status accepted

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www.parentingchoice.com

www.onlinedivorceprogram.com

www.floridaparentingcourse.com

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www.floridadivorceeducation.com

FORMS FOR THE RESPONDENT

(the person responding to the petition for the divorce)

The following blank forms are included in this packet for the Respondent to fill out:

- ◆ Answer and Waiver*
- ◆ Family Law Financial Affidavit*
- ◆ Notice of Social Security Number*
- ◆ Parenting Stabilization Course Information

* Must be signed by Respondent and notarized by a Notary Public.

IMPORTANT

The Respondent must file the original documents with the Clerk of Court, CIVIL Department, and furnish the Petitioner with a set of copies of all forms completed by the Respondent. The Clerk of the Court is located on the first floor of the Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. Documents (with filing fee) may also be mailed to the Clerk of Court at 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. The Clerk of Court may be reached by calling (352) 374-3636.

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

IN RE: The Marriage of

Petitioner,
and

Respondent.

CASE NO.: _____
DIVISION: _____

ANSWER AND WAIVER

THE RESPONDENT, responding to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage filed herein says:

1. Respondent has received a copy of the Petition and _____ (write **denies** or **admits**) the allegations contained in the Petition.

2. Respondent submits him/herself to the jurisdiction of this Court and waives service of process of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, but does **not** waive further notice in this action, specifically notice of the entry of Final Judgment pursuant to Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.440(b).

Respondent's Signature

Respondent's Mailing Address

Respondent's Telephone Number

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of physical presence or online notarization on (date) _____, 20____ by (affiant name)_____.

NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk}

____ Personally known, OR
____ Produced identification; Type of identification produced/ID# _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Answer and Waiver has been furnished by ___ U. S. mail/___ hand delivery/ ___ email or ___ ePortal on _____ to Petitioner:

_____ at _____
_____ (address or email address)

Respondent's signature

**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:

- (4) You are filing a simplified dissolution of marriage under rule 12.105 and both parties have waived the filing of a financial affidavit;
- (5) You have no minor children, no support issues, and have filed a written settlement agreement disposing of all financial issues; or
- (6) 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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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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
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Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

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

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

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

✓
and Petitioner,

✓
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 \$ _____
- Child(ren)’s medical/dental \$ _____
- Life \$ _____
- Other: \$ _____

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)	
		Petitioner	Respondent
Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
Second mortgage on home			
Other mortgages			
Auto loans			
Charge/credit card accounts			
Other			
Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add next column)	\$		

C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

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

Contingent Assets Check the line next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	Possible Value	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
		Petitioner	Respondent
	\$		
Total Contingent Assets	\$		

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)	
		Petitioner	Respondent
	\$		
Total Contingent Liabilities	\$		

SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

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

[Check **one** only]

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

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

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

Other party or his/her attorney:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

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

Dated: _____

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

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

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

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SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 5.1120(E)
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AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE

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Updated 9/2016

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

When should this form be used?

This form must be completed and filed by each party in all **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.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

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

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

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

Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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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).

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

Petitioner,
vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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

[Choose **one** only]

- ____ 1. This notice is being filed in a dissolution of marriage case in which the parties have **no** minor or dependent child(ren) in common.
- ____ 2. This notice is being filed in a paternity or child support case, or in a dissolution of marriage in which the parties have minor or dependent children in common. The minor or dependent child(ren)'s name(s), date(s) of birth, and social security number(s) is/are:

Name	Birth date	Social Security Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

{Attach additional pages if necessary.}

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

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

Dated: _____

Signature of Party
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
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
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This form was completed with the assistance of:

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{name of business} _____,

{address} _____,

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

{email address} _____.

SECTION B

This section is to be used when you are going to have the other party in your case served by the Sheriff's Office. The petitioner will have to fill out the forms in section A and file them with the clerk's office at the Courthouse. Take a copy of the forms you have filed and the following SHERIFF'S FORMS from section B:

- Directions for Memorandum to Sheriff
- Memorandum to Sheriff
- Affidavit for Personal Service outside the State of Florida (used when the other party resides in another State). **Failure to use this document can result in the Sheriff's service being invalid.**
- Summons

Contact the Sheriff's Office where the other party resides to find out what they require of you. Deliver or mail a complete copy of what you have filed and the Sheriff's forms, including any fees, and envelopes. On serving these papers on the other party the Sheriff's Office will send you a "Notice of Service" which is proof that the other party was served. When the twenty (20) day time line has expired and the other party has not filed a response you can file the following DEFAULT PAPERS:

- Motion for Default

DIRECTIONS FOR
SERVICE OF PROCESS MEMORANDUM TO SHERIFF

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

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

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU:

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

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

2. Mail or Deliver to the Sheriff:

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

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

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

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

SERVICE OF PROCESS MEMORANDUM TO SHERIFF

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

RE: _____, Petitioner vs.
_____, Respondent.

In the Circuit Court, Alachua County, Florida

Case Number: _____

DATE: _____

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

Respondent: _____

Residence Address: _____

Work Address: _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS for locating the Respondent:

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

Petitioner's Signature
Printed Name: _____

Petitioner's Address: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

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

Sections 48.193 and 48.194, Fla. Stat.

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

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

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

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

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

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

Petitioner's Signature
Printed Name _____
Address _____

City State Zip

Telephone (area code and number)

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

NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF FLORIDA

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.910(a),
SUMMONS: PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL (11/20)**

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.**

What should I do next?

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. For further information regarding service of process, see chapters 48 and 49, Florida Statutes, and rule 1.070, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, 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.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR ALACHUA 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 e-mail address(es) for service or is represented by an attorney, you may designate e-mail address(es) for service by or on you. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of General Practice and 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 E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be served at 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 numero 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 E-mail Address.) Los papeles que se presenten en el futuro en esta demanda judicial serán en vados 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 a partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour déposer une réponse écrite a la plainte ci-jointe aupres de ce tribunal. Qui se trouve a: {L'Adresse} _____. Un simple coup de téléphone est insuffisant pour vous protéger; vous etes obliges de déposer votre réponse écrite, avec mention du numéro de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommees 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 a un service de référence d'avocats ou a un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant a 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 E-mail 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: _____

J.K. "JESS" IRBY, ESQ.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

**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 General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. **The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.**

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see 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 EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,
vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

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: _____

Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
Designated E-mail Address: _____

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} _____,
{email address} _____.

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

Petitioner,
vs.

Respondent.

CASE NO: _____
DIVISION: _____

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: _____

Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____
Designated E-mail Address: _____

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} _____,
{email address} _____.

SECTION C

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

CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE FORMS

- Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry
Additional local forms to support the affidavit of diligent search include:
 - U.S. Postal Service Request for Change of Address
 - Request for Information from Driver License Records
 - Gainesville Police Department Public Record Request
- Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service (follow the instructions) **OR**
- Nonmilitary Affidavit
- Notice of Action (publish for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper)

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

DEFAULT

- Motion for Default and Default—use forms provided in Section B
-Notice That Action is at Issue and Motion for Hearing/Non-Jury Trial
(follow the instructions provided with the above form)

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 posed, 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.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.913(b),
[AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY \(11/20\)](#)**

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. You should [file](#) this document 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.

What should I do next?

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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Where can I look for more information?

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR ALACHUA 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. _____.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read this document and the facts stated in it are true.

Dated: _____

Signature of Petitioner

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

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} _____, {telephone number} _____,

{email address} _____.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.912(a),
MEMORANDUM FOR CERTIFICATE OF MILITARY SERVICE (09/16)**

When should this form be used?

This form should be used if you **KNOW OR DO NOT KNOW** whether the other party in your case is on active duty in a branch of the military service of the United States. "Active duty" includes reserve personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and members of the Florida National Guard who have been called to active duty for more than thirty (30) days. Even if you believe that the other party **has never** or **would never** join the military, you must show the court proof that he or she is not a member of the military. Therefore, you may need to use this form to provide the court with such proof. See the instructions for an **Affidavit of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b), for additional information. Please note that the contact information below is correct as of the effective date of this form; however, it may be subject to change. If you have difficulty obtaining the certificates or need additional information, you may wish to contact Military One Source at <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/> or 800.824.9647.

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Certificates

Act (SCRA)(formerly known as Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940), please refer to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) SCRA website: <https://www.dmdc.mil/appj/scra> .

You may also write the DMDC at the following address:
Defense Manpower Data Center [Attn: Military Verification]
1600 Wilson Blvd., Suite 400
Arlington, VA 22209-2593
Telephone: 703.696.6762

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

COAST GUARD: USCG Commander, Personnel Service Center, Attn: PSD-MR, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100, Arlington VA 22203, Phone (866) 772-872,4 <https://www.uscg.mil/psc/bops/>.

AIR FORCE: HQ AFPC/DS1W, Attn: World Wide Locator, 550 C Street, West, Suite 50, JBSA-Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4752, Phone: 210.565.266.. www.afpc.af.mil/Air-Force-Worldwide-Locator

NAVY: Navy World Wide Locator, Navy Personnel Command, PERS 1, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120, Phone: 901.874.5111. www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/organization/npc/csc/Pages/NavyLocatorService.aspx

MARINE CORPS: Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Personnel Management Support Branch (MMSB-17), 2008 Elliot Road, Room 201, Quantico, VA 22134 Phone: 703.784.3941
www.hqmc.marines.mil/dmcs.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE: Attn: Director, Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support, 1101 Wooten Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20852 <https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/>.

ARMY: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwp/index.jsp>

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should complete this form for each branch of the

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

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**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.

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

Petitioner,

vs.

CASE NO: _____

DIVISION: _____

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 (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: _____

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} _____,

{email address} _____.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.913(a)(2), [NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FAMILY CASES WITH MINOR CHILDREN \(11/15\)](#)

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.

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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.

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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).)

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

Petitioner,

CASE NO: _____

vs.

DIVISION: _____

Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

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 Notice of Current 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.

Dated: _____.

J. K. "JESS" IRBY, ESQ.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

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{name of individual} _____,
{name of business} _____,
{address} _____,
{city} _____, *{state}* _____, *{telephone number}* _____,
{email address} _____.