Family Law Forms

Package 2(a) Paternity

What this package contains:

- ☐ Petition for a court finding of paternity which also addresses child support, custody, visitation, and parental responsibility.
- ☐ Financial forms, guidelines worksheet and UCCJEA affidavit.
- ☐ Forms for obtaining personal service.

How this package may be used:

- ☐ The mother, or a man who believes himself to be the father, of a minor child may use these forms to request the court to enter a finding of paternity where there has not been any previous paternity order. In Florida paternity is only automatic if the parents were married at the time of the child's birth.
- ☐ If you already have a child support order which does not include visitation or custody, these forms are not appropriate.

How this package may NOT be used:

- ☐ To address parental responsibility, visitation, or custody where there is an **existing paternity or child support order**.
- ☐ By anyone other than the natural parent of the child. ***If the parent is a minor, their parent may file on their behalf.***

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FFLF = Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form/Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form
FFLF-L = Sixth Judicial Circuit Local Form

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FAMILY LAW FORMS, COMMENTARY, AND INSTRUCTIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

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

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

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

Commentary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILY LAW PROCEDURES

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

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

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

Once a case has been filed, a copy must be given to (served on) the respondent. The person against whom the original legal action is being requested is called the **respondent**, because he or she is expected to respond to the petition. The respondent remains the respondent throughout the case.

Service... When one party files a **petition**, **motion**, or other **pleading**, the other party must be "served" with a copy of the document. This means that the other party is given proper notice of the pending action(s) and any scheduled hearings. **Personal service** of the petition and summons on the respondent by a deputy sheriff or private process server is required in all **original petitions** and **supplemental petitions**, unless **constructive service** is permitted by law. Personal service may also be required in other actions by some judges. After initial service of the original or supplemental petition and summons by a deputy sheriff or private process server, service of most motions and other documents or papers filed in the case generally may be made by regular U.S. mail or hand delivery. However, service by **certified mail** is required at other times so you have proof that the other party actually received the papers. The instructions with each form will advise you of the type of **service** required for that form. **If the other party is represented by an attorney, you should serve the attorney and send a copy to the other party, except for original or supplemental petitions, which must be personally served on the respondent.**

Other than the initial original or supplemental petitions, anytime you file additional pleadings or motions in your case, you must provide a copy to the other party and include a **certificate of service**. Likewise, the other party must provide you with copies of everything that he or she files. Service of additional documents is usually completed by U.S. mail. For more information, see the instructions for **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914.

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

Note: If you absolutely do not know where the other party to your case lives or if the other party resides in another state, you may be able to use **constructive service**. However, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief. For more information on constructive service, see **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a), and **Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). Additionally, if the other party is in the military service of the United States, additional steps for service may be required. See, for example, **Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a). In sum, the law regarding constructive service and service on an individual in the military service is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding these issues.

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

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

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

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

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

Below are explanations of symbols or parts of different family law forms...

{specify}, {date}, {name(s)}, {street}, {city}, {state}, {phone}

Throughout these forms, you will find hints such as those above. These tell you what to put in the blank(s).

[✓**one** only] [✓ **all** that apply]

These show how many choices you should check. Sometimes you may check only one, while other times you may check several choices. ( ) This also shows an area where you must make a choice. Check the ( ) in front of the choice that applies to you or your case.

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

Case No.: _____(3)_____
Division: _____(4)_____

_____(5)_____ ,
Petitioner,

and
_____(6)_____ ,
Respondent.

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

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: _____(1)_____

_____(2)_____
Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____(3)_____
Address: _____(4)_____
City, State, Zip: _____(5)_____
Telephone Number: _____(6)____
Fax Number: _____(7)_____

Some forms require that your signature be witnessed. You must sign the form in the presence of a **notary public** or deputy clerk (employee of the clerk of the court's office). When signing the form, you must have a valid photo identification unless the notary knows you personally. You should completely fill in all lines (1 3–7) except 2 with the requested information, if applicable. **Line 2, the signature line, must be signed in the presence of the notary public or deputy clerk.**

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 _____

DO NOT SIGN OR FILL IN THIS PART OF ANY FORM. This section of the form is to be completed by the notary public who is witnessing your signature.

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [✍ fill in **all** blanks]
I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____(1)_____,

a nonlawyer, located at *{street}*_____ (2)_____ , *{city}*___(3)_____ *{state}*_____ (4)_____ , *{phone}*_____ (5)_____ , helped *{name}*_____ (6)_____, who is the petitioner, fill out this form.

This section should be completed by anyone who helps you fill out these forms but is **not** an attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar, which means that he or she is not licensed to practice law in Florida.

Line 1 The **nonlawyer** who helps you should type or print his or her name on line 1.
Lines 2–5 The nonlawyer's address and telephone number should be typed or printed on lines 2–5.
Line 6 Your name should be typed or printed on line 6.

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

FAMILY LAW GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Delinquent - late.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Final Hearing - trial in your case.

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

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

Guardian ad Litem - a neutral person who may be appointed by the court to evaluate or investigate your child's situation, and file a report with the court about what is in the best interests of your child(ren). Guardians do not "work for" either party. The guardian may interview the parties, visit their homes, visit the child(ren)'s school(s) and speak with teachers, or use other resources to make their recommendation.

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

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

Judicial Assistant - the judge's personal staff assistant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Original Petition - see **Petition**.

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

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

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

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

Permanent Alimony - spousal support ordered to be paid at a specified, periodic rate until modified by a court order, the death of either party, or the remarriage of the Obligee, whichever occurs first.

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

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

Petitioner - the person who files a petition that begins a court case.

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

Primary Residence - the home in which the child(ren) spends most of his/her (their) time.

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

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

Reasonable Visitation - visitation between the nonresidential parent and child(ren) that provides frequent and unhampered contact with the child(ren). Such visitation is designed to encourage a close and continuing relationship with due regard for educational commitments of child(ren), any health or social factors of the child(ren), business and personal commitments of both parents, and home arrangements of both parents.

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

Respondent - the person who is served with a petition requesting some legal action against him or her.

Rotating Custody - physical custody of child(ren) after divorce, which is alternated between the mother and father at specified periods of time, as determined by the court. Rotating custody allows each parent equal time with the child(ren).

Scientific Paternity Testing - a medical test to determine who is the father of a child.

Secondary Residential Responsibility (Visitation) - the time that the parent with whom the child(ren) does (do) not have primary residence spends with the child(ren).

Service - the delivery of legal documents to a party. This must be accomplished as directed by Florida Family Law Rules 12.070 and 12.080.

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

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

Specified Visitation - a parenting arrangement under which a specific schedule is established for the visitation and exchange of the child(ren).

Spouse - a husband or wife.

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

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

Trial - the final hearing in a contested case.

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

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How can I keep my address confidential in a court case if I am in fear of domestic violence?

Question: I am in fear of domestic violence from my spouse or another party in my court case. What do I have to do if I want to keep my address confidential?

Answer: In a domestic or repeat violence injunction case, the clerk of court has procedures in place to keep your address confidential. If a party in the injunction case properly files their pleadings at the domestic violence desk, the clerk will send you the copies of their pleadings so that you are properly notified of the filing and the hearing.

In most types of proceedings, the confidential address procedure through the clerk is not available because parties are required to copy other parties with pleadings filed in the case. In addition to sending copies of all pleadings, the moving party must prepare a notice of hearing and send it to all parties in the case.

If you do not want the other party(s) to have your home address you can consider the following:

1. Obtain a post office box. The post office cannot reveal the true address of a post office box owner, who is a private person and not a business, without a court order.

2. Ask your employer if you may use your work address to receive mail on your court case and as your service address for personal service.

3. If you are a victim of domestic violence or the guardian of an adult, minor child or impaired person who is a victim of domestic violence, you may inquire about the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) with the Florida Attorney General's Office. You will be interviewed for acceptance into the program. Please call the Florida Attorney General at 1-800-226-6667 (local # 850-414-3300, TDD/TTY users may use the Florida Relay service at 1-800-955-8771) for information on setting up the interview.

   How the program works: If you are accepted into the ACP program you will be given a substitute address to use for your mailing and legal process service address. The Attorney General will be the only one who has your real address. All first class mail sent, or legal process served, to the substitute ACP address will be forwarded to you by the Attorney General's Office. Your acceptance into the program is for a set period of time, is revocable, and must be renewed upon expiration. If you are accepted into the ACP program you will be given an identification card. It is your responsibility to determine who will get your actual address and who will get your ACP address. Government agencies are required to accept your ACP address but if you have previously given your actual address, they may not have to replace it with your substitute address.

   The courts may order you to reveal your true address during a court case. Be aware that many government agencies share information and if you have given your true address to one, it may be shared with other agencies. Federal agencies and private businesses are not required to accept your ACP address but many will do so. Certain agencies, such as law enforcement, have the right to access your true address for certain reasons. A false or incorrect application under this program constitutes a second degree misdemeanor.

South Pinellas County(St. Petersburg)		
Name	Address	Telephone Number(s) or other information
Courts Information and Resource Center	Family law procedural assistance & information on approved forms.	727-582-7200 (walk-in assistance is not available) Office hours 8 a.m .to Noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Lawyer Referral Service		727-821-5450 (30 min. consultation with a lawyer for a small fee)
Legal Aid St. Petersburg	Bay Area Legal Services-West 2600-9th Street North, Ste. 401 St. Petersburg, FL 33704	Bay Area Legal Services-West: 727-490-4040 Gulfcoast Legal Services: 727-821-0726 Community Law Program: 727-582-7402
St. Petersburg Courthouse	545-1st Avenue North St. Petersburg, FL 33701	Clerk of Court: 727-582-7771 Child Support Automated Information Line: 727-464-4845
Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs	Court ordered civil mediation and arbitration services.	Mediation/Arbitration: 727-464-4943, Family Mediation: 727-464-4947
North Pinellas County(Clearwater)		
Clearwater Courthouse	315 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756	Clerk of Court: 727-464-3267 Child Support Automated Information Line: 727-464-4845 Clearwater Courthouse Legal Assistance Program: 727-464-3267
Courts Information and Resource Center	Family law procedural assistance & information on approved forms.	727-582-7200 (walk-in assistance is not available) Office hours 8 a.m. to Noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday.
Lawyer Referral Service		727-461-4880 (30 minute consultation for a small fee)
Legal Aid Clearwater	Gulfcoast Legal Services 314 S. Missouri Avenue, #109 Clearwater, FL 33756	727-443-0657
Pinellas County Information	315 Court Street Clearwater, FL 33756	727-464-3000
Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs	Court ordered mediation and arbitration services.	Mediation/Arbitration: 727-464-4943, Family Mediation: 727-464-4947
Pasco County (New Port Richey & Dade City)		
Clerk of Court-Civil (New Port Richey)	7530 Little Road New Port Richey, FL 34654	727-847-8176 727-847-2411
Clerk of Court-Civil (Dade City)	38053 Live Oak Avenue Dade City, FL 33523-3805	352-521-4517
Legal Aid-Pasco	Bay Area Legal Services Offices in New Port Richey and Dade City	New Port Richey: 727-847-5494 Dade City: 352-567-9044
Pasco County General Information	38053 Live Oak Avenue Dade City, FL 33523-3805	352-521-4274
Miscellaneous		
Florida Dept. of Revenue	Many offices statewide	Child Support Enforcement: 800-622-5437
211	Information and referral for a variety of state, local and private services in the areas of health care, psychological services, domestic violence, support groups, tutoring and more.	Dial 211 (24 hours per day, 7 days per week) Multilingual Internet page: http://www.211tampabay.com
Internet Pages	Florida Supreme Court http://www.flcourts.org, Pinellas County Clerk of Court http://clerk.co.pinellas.fl.us/ Sixth Judicial Circuit Court http://www.jud6.org, Sixth Judicial Circuit Family Division http://www.jud6.org/GeneralInfo/AboutTheCircuit/AOC/Courtprograms/familyLaw/familylaw.htm	
State of Florida FLSDU	SDU P.O. Box 8500 Tallahassee, FL 32314-8500	For income deducted support payments 1-877-769-0251 Toll free (you will need your case number and social security number)

Administrative Office of the Courts
The Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida
(727)582-7200

CASE PROGRESSION CHECKLIST
ORIGINAL PETITIONS (Except Dissolution of Marriage)

This checklist has been prepared to assist you with the necessary procedure for bringing your case to final hearing. This checklist lists the minimum requirements and, even though fairly specific, may not be all-inclusive for every case. **It is not intended, and should not be substituted for proper legal advice from an attorney.** You should, however, find that making sure all necessary steps noted below are followed would reduce procedural difficulties and time delays.

I. INITIAL FILING:

A. PETITION for (check one).

2 Petition for Support Unconnected with Dissolution of Marriage With Dependent or Minor Child(ren) Form 12.904(a).

2 Petition for Support Unconnected With Dissolution of Marriage With No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) Form 12.904(b).

2 Petition to Determine Paternity and for Related Relief - Form 12.983(a).

2 Petition for Change of Name (Adult)/Order - Form 12.982(a).

2 Petition for Change of Name (Minor Child)/Order - Form 12.982(c).

2 Petition for Change of Name (Family) - Form 12.982(f).

2 Other local form original petition: _____

B. Required forms filed with initial petition:

2 UCCJEA Affidavit - Form 12.902(d), is required in most matters involving children, including request for the name change of a minor child. **This form is not required if your petition only covers alimony.**

2 Child Support Guideline Worksheet – Form 12.902(e), if your original petition is for paternity, or support unconnected with dissolution of marriage with children, the matter of child support is normally addressed. (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been served to you.). **This form is not required if your original petition only covers alimony, or name change.**

2 Financial Affidavit - Form 12.902(b) or 12.902(c) (according to your income-see instructions on form). **This form is not required if your petition only covers change of name, or grandparent visitation.**

2 Non-military Affidavit - Form 12.912(b). **This form is required only for obtaining a default on petitions that have been personally or constructively served, not required with any joint form.**

2 Corroborating Witness Affidavit - Form 12.902(i) or photocopy of Florida Drivers License, Florida Identification Card, or Voters I.D. **Issue date of copied document must be at least six months before date case is filed with Clerk of Court.**

2 Summons: Personal Service on an Individual – Form 12.910(a). **Not required if both parties have signed and filed a joint petition, if the other party has signed a consent, or in an adult name change case.**

2 Process Service Memorandum - Form 12.910(b). If filing for grandparent visitation, **both** natural or adopted parents must be individually personally served with the petition. This is true even if your son or daughter resides with you.

Service is not required in the following situations:

a) if both parties have signed and filed a joint petition.
b) when filing an Adult Name Change.
c) when filing a minor name change case if the other parent has signed a consent.

Out of State Service Information: If service is required on a party residing outside of the state of Florida, the party who filed the petition must obtain service procedure information including fees, from the local officials responsible for process service where the other party resides. This information, along with applicable fees (in the form of a money order), must be provided to the Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office will forward the completed summons and paperwork to the address you provide for the out of state agency. **Most other states will not honor a Florida Affidavit of Indigence.**

OR:

2 Consent for Change of Name (Minor Child(ren)) – Form 12.982(d). Signed by other parent and notarized.

2 Fingerprint Card. **For Name Change Only.** Fingerprints are to be taken by a law enforcement agency.

C. **Required fees.**

2 Filing fee paid or fee waiver (Affidavit of Indigence) granted by Court.

2 Fees paid for process service by Pinellas County Sheriff, or fees waiver (Affidavit of Indigence) granted.

D. **Required class**

2 Completion of approved Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course. **Note:** If one party resides in another Florida county or out of state, the party must receive court approval to take the class available in their area of residence. **This class is only required for parties filing an original paternity action, or, if the court has specifically ordered you to take this class.**

If both parties have signed and filed a joint petition, or, if you are filing for an Adult Name Change, you may skip Section II entitled, "Service of Process." The remaining sections still apply.

E. **Optional Forms.**

2 Motion for Referral to General Magistrate - Form 12.920(a) (A General Magistrate is an Attorney appointed by the Chief Judge to take testimony and make recommendations to a judge. The primary purpose of having a General Magistrate hear family law matters is to reduce the cost of litigation and speed up cases.)

2 Order of Referral to General Magistrate - Form 12.920(b).

II. SERVICE OF PROCESS:

A. **Personal Service.**

2 Summons returned "served" and the Original Return of Service has been filed by Clerk in your court file. If you are filing grandparent visitation you need this document on each parent.

2 After 20 days have passed from the day Respondent was served, check to see whether Respondent(s) filed an answer or **any** paper within the 20 day period. If yes, you may check this item. **(If both checked, skip to Section IV; if no answer filed, go to "B")**

If your summons is returned to the clerk "NOT SERVED"

1. **Alias summons:** Return to the Clerk of Court to request an **Alias** (2nd attempt at service) or **Pluries** (3rd or more attempt at service) service to be processed by the clerk of court.

2 Complete Summons: Personal Service on an Individual-form 12.910(a).

2 Process Service memorandum–form 12.910(b).

If you are still unable to serve the other party

2. **Constructive Service**: is only to be used after you have completed an actual diligent search for the other party and have been unable to locate them.

2 Constructive service is also known as "service by publication." You will need a "Notice of Action" appropriate to your case. The supreme court forms do not contain a notice of action for any type of action except divorce, you will need to locate the appropriate form in a law library or have the assistance of an attorney to prepare the proper document. The document must be posted or published for 32 days before you can proceed further with your case.

2 Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry 12.913(b).

Constructive service is not available for all procedures. If constructive service is used, the court may grant only limited relief. In all cases it is best to have your petition personally served. This is a complicated area of the Law and you may wish to consult with an attorney before using constructive service.

If proper service is not obtained, the court cannot hear your case.

B. **Default.**

2 Respondent failed to answer or file any paper after service.

2 Motion for Default filed with Clerk - Form 12.922(a) (no sooner than 25 days after date of service.) **and**

2 Default entered by Clerk. **Note:** If the other party has filed **anything in the case** the clerk will not be able to process the default. This is also true if the other party is a member of the military service. If the clerk is unable to process your default, you will need to file a motion for the "court to enter the default" send a copy to the other party and set a hearing on your motion. If you are filing a grandparent visitation case you will complete this section for each parent that didn't respond in writing.

Only now is the case potentially ready for setting for trial/final hearing.

III. FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:

If your petition involves financial issues such as property, child support or alimony, each party has a right to the production of certain documents during the discovery phase of the case. See Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.285. **(This section does not apply to name change, grandparent visitation, or stepparent adoption cases.)**

2 Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure - Form 12.932. The actual documents (tax returns, pay stubs etc.) should not be filed in the court file. The documents should be provided to the other party and this affidavit should be filed with the Clerk to notify the court that the listed documents have been provided to the other party. You may be required to bring these documents with you to the hearing.

Note: If the other party refuses to provide you with their financial information, a motion to compel can be filed with the court requesting the court to order the other party to provide you their financial information.

OR:

- Waiver of Mandatory Disclosure documents signed by both parties. This means that both parties agree NOT to exchange these documents, however, the requirement to file financial affidavits cannot be waived.

IV. SETTING A HEARING:

- After an answer is filed or a Default has been entered, contact the following office to set your hearing. If the other party filed a counterpetition you are required to respond to their counterpetition. If the other party filed a motion to dismiss your petition, a hearing must be set (by either party) to address the motion to dismiss before you can set a final hearing. Pending motions may also prevent your final hearing from being set as they must sometimes be addressed before a final hearing.

- Call the resource center at 727-582-7200 to request final hearing. Your court records will be viewed for completeness and you will either be given a court calendar date or you will be given further instructions for setting your final hearing.

  Depending upon which Judge your case is assigned to, you may be required to prepare the Notice of Hearing – please be sure that you have completed the **certificate of service** section on the bottom of the form. There is one notice of hearing in your package, if you need more they can be obtained from the clerk of court for a fee or downloaded from www.jud6.org (Representing yourself in court section) for free. You will need the free acrobat reader (available from www.adobe.com) software installed on your computer to access the forms on our web page.

  Distribute as follows:

  1) Original filed with Clerk's Office
  2) Copy to other party or their attorney (must be received 5 days prior to the hearing date).
  3) Copy maintained for your use (optional).

  If you do not properly complete this step, your hearing could be delayed.

  NOTE: IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN OTHER CASES, SUCH AS AN ACTIVE DEPENDENCY CASE, YOUR CASE COULD BE REFERRED TO A UNIFIED FAMILY COURT JUDGE FOR HEARING. IF THIS IS YOUR SITUATION, PROCEDURES FOR SETTING A HEARING WILL BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE RESOURCE CENTER AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.

V. FINAL HEARING:

A. **Make arrangements for child care if applicable. Children not allowed to attend without prior Order, per Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.403.**

B. **Bring to final hearing:**

- **Stamped ($.60), pre-addressed legal size (9.5" business size) envelopes for each party, one for each if before Judge, two for each if before General Master.**

- Driver's License, Florida Identification Card or Voter's Identification card.

- Certified copies of all previous court orders affecting children (custody, visitation, support, dependency), or other matters in your case (Alimony, distribution of assets/liabilities) especially if those orders were entered by a Court in another state or county.

- Pay stubs (from past 3 months), certified copies of other support orders that you are required to pay, documentation of assets and liabilities.

- Completed child support guideline worksheet, if your case includes custody or child support - Form 12.902(e).

- If your petition involves child support (or custody) then a "Memorandum to Clerk" will need to be completed. Please bring address information for yourself and the other party to the hearing.

- Income Deduction Order and 2 copies, if case involves support.

- Final Disposition Form (obtain from Clerk).

- **Other possible documents you may need.** If one of the other parties in the case is deceased you may need a certified death certificate to prove that fact. If your petition in any way concerns real property (such as a house or piece of land) you may need the legal description of that piece of property at your hearing.

VI. AFTER THE FINAL HEARING:

When can I expect my final paperwork to arrive? If your hearing was before a general magistrate and both parties appeared. for the final hearing, you will be asked at the end of the hearing if you wish to waive the objection period. If you both agreed to waive the objection period, the general magistrate's office prepares the order and sends it directly to the judge. If both parties did not appear, or one party does not waive their opportunity to file objections, then you will first receive a copy of the magistrate's findings and recommendations in the mail shortly after the hearing. After 15 days, if there is no objection, the findings and recommended order will be forwarded to the judge's office for signature.

How do I get the support taken out of the other party's paycheck? Unless the other party is self-employed, income deduction orders are usually entered in cases where support has been ordered. If your hearing was before the general magistrate, your order is not final until you receive the "order confirming findings and recommendations of general magistrate" in the mail after your hearing. Once you have received this order, it is generally your responsibility to contact the clerk of court to obtain a "certified" copy of your income deduction order. It is then your responsibility to mail the certified income deduction order to the employer. It is suggested that you use certified mail so you have proof that it was received by the employer. If the other party changes jobs frequently, you may need to follow this procedure every time they change jobs. The income deduction order is not made out to a specific job, it should be accepted by any employer (note: this should include employers in other states). The income deduction order makes the employer a party to the case.

The FLSDU: The State of Florida Disbursement Unit handles all income deducted support payments for the State of Florida. Their toll free automated number is 877-769-0251.

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of any notice or order requiring your presence at a hearing, please contact the Human Rights Office, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave., 5th Floor, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727) 464-4062 (V/TDD)."

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MEDIATION INFORMATION

Mediation means a process whereby a neutral third person called a mediator acts to encourage and facilitate the resolution of a dispute between two or more parties. It is an informal and non-adversarial process with the objective of helping you and the other party reach a mutually acceptable and voluntary agreement. The decision making authority rests with the parties.

"Family Mediation" which means mediation of family matters, including married or unmarried persons, before and after judgments involving dissolution of marriage; property division; shared or sole parental responsibility; or child support, custody, and visitation. Referrals to mediation on temporary matters such as child support /alimony and custody/visitation may also be made.

If an agreement is reached, it is placed in writing, signed by you and the other party, and filed with the court; unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

If you do not reach an agreement, the mediator reports the lack of agreement to the court without comment or recommendation. With the consent of the parties, the mediator's report may also identify any pending motions or outstanding legal issues, discovery process, or other action by any party which, if resolved or completed, would facilitate the possibility of a settlement.

If you want the court to order mediation in your case, you must file a motion stating what issues in your case need to be referred to mediation. The original motion must be filed with the clerk of court and a copy sent to the other party. Once your motion has been properly filed, you must call to obtain a hearing date so the judge or general master can consider your motion.

Mediators are paid for their services. The court can determine the portion of the cost each party pays for mediation upon request. If you cannot afford the mediation costs, you can file a motion asking the court to waive the cost or change the percentage of the costs that you are ordered to pay. When filing a motion to waive or reassign the costs in a mediation, it is normally necessary to file a current financial affidavit with your request.

For further information, see Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure 12.740-12.741.

Child Custody Investigations

The program conducts social investigations/home studies on court ordered cases. The cases may involve child custody and/or visitation. The investigators are the eyes and ears for the court.

They interview each party in their home and observe each party with the child(ren). The investigator may contact friends, relatives, school personnel, doctors, day care workers, and other professionals.

The purpose of the investigation is to make written recommendations based on what is in the best interests of the child. It may also include recommendations about services either party or the entire family might need, such as counseling, parenting classes, substance abuse evaluations, etc.

The investigator's report contains RECOMMENDATIONS. The final decision in the case is made by the judge.

Cases must be court ordered. You or your attorney must file a motion with the court asking for a custody investigation, and request a hearing on the motion.

The fee for the program is also court ordered. The judge determines how much (if any) each party will pay. Generally, the investigation will not be initiated until the costs are paid. If you feel that you cannot afford the fee, speak to your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you must file a motion with the court asking that the fee be waived.

Prior to the case being assigned to an investigator, the parties in the case are required to complete Parent and Child Questionnaires. The investigation will take approximately three months, after the parties comply with completing the questionnaires and the payment of any fees.

Required Educational Seminars for Divorcing Parents and Parents Establishing Paternity Required by The Sixth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida

Required Participants

Currently, the parties in a divorce with minor children or in a paternity action (where matters of parental responsibility, i.e. custody and/or visitation, are being addressed) are required to attend an approved in-person parent and education and stabilization class. Florida Statute §61.21.

Course Description

Educational course designed to help parents and children cope with the divorce process. Parents will learn more effective ways of communicating with each other and how to identify children's behavioral reactions at difficult ages to the divorce.

Additional Information

Please note that participation in a distance learning or an on-line class must be pre-approved by the Court and will only be granted in "special circumstances."

With permission of the Court, **Out of County Parties** may usually take a similar class that is offered in their Florida county of residence.

If one party in the case does not live in Pinellas County, they may take a similar class that is offered in their county. The out of state party should contact their local Clerk of Court to determine what agency offers the class locally. If the local court does not require a class of this type in divorce/paternity cases, the local Juvenile Welfare Board should be able to provide information on similar types of classes available in that area. After the class has been completed, a copy of the certificate of completion should be sent to the Pinellas County Clerk of Court (see address below).

If you feel that you have sufficient legal grounds to be excused from taking the class, you should go to the Pinellas County Clerk of Court (St. Petersburg location: 545-1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; Clearwater location: 315 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756) and ask for the "Waiver" for the class. Complete the form and take it to the clerk's desk in person or have someone drop it off for you. Do not mail your form to the clerk, it may not be properly processed. After you have dropped off your form to the clerk, it will be forwarded to your section judge for consideration. You should receive an order concerning your motion within a few weeks.

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PARENTING COURSES

Provider & Course	County & Address	Registration Information	Fee	Sliding Scale?
St. Petersburg College **Separation and Divorce: A Child's View**	Pinellas County Available @ all college campuses monthly, every Saturday and twice per month in the evening.	727-341-4441/341-4451 *Class is available in Pinellas Park each month in Spanish. (New offering)	$35	No, but court fee waivers accepted
Pasco – Hernando Community College **Divorce and its Impact on Children**	Pasco & Hernando Counties Pasco Hernando Community College 10230 Ridge Road New Port Richey, FL 34654 Pasco Hernando Community College 36727 Blanton Rd. Dade City, FL 33523	727-847-2727 Ext. 3257	$14.72	
Parents, Children and Divorce	**Pinellas County** Bayfront Medical Center 701 6th ST South St. Petersburg, FL 33701 Comfort Inn Executive Center 3580 Ulmerton Rd. Clearwater, FL 33762 Howard Johnson (Near Country Side Mall) 27988 US HWY 19 North Clearwater, FL 34621 **Pasco County** Trinity Outpatient Center 2102 Trinity Oak Blvd New Port Richey, FL 34655 **Hernando County** Springstead High School 3300 Mariner Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34609	Registration Center 1-800-767-8193 Spanish 1-888-227-1022 Email: ep@educationprograms.com Web site: www.educationprograms.com	$35 Pinellas $30 Pasco	Yes

Course Name	Contact Name	Registration Information
"Parenting Choice"	Robin Soldevilla	Online: www.parentingchoice.com Email for information: www.administrator@parenting.com
"Parenting, Children & Divorce"	Sara Lesinski	OnLine: onlinedivorceprogram.com Telephone:1-800-767-8193
"A Positive Divorce Resolution"	Robert Perchalski, PHD Glenna Auxier	On-line: www.divorce-resolution.com 1-888-747-5362 Also available in correspondence
"Parenting Course"	Bart Cassidy 9009 Mahan Drive Suite 501 Tallahassee	On Line : www.bartjr@americansafetyinstitute.com Fax: 850-656-0109
"Kids in Divorce Situations:	University of Continuing Education, Inc	OnLine: www.floridaparenting.com Tom Page 407-629-5114 Randy Miller 850-425-1613 Bob Proechel 407-629-4811
"Wendi Program"	Brevard Community College-Cindy Erp	Correspondence Course 321-433-7529
"Patch"	Michelle Martin	Correspondence Course Spanish & English 954-979-0712
"Children & Divorce"	St. Petersburg College Jackie Addis	Correspondence Course 727-341-4441
"A Florida Divorce Education Program"	Jerry Keith 11985 Southern 200 Wpb fl 33411	On Line: www.floridadivorceeducation.com Mike Cohen 561-623-254 Martin Ostry: Fax registration: 561-791-7380 Jerry Keith 1-800-344-0335

Instruction Sheet For Filing A Notice Of Related Cases, Pinellas County

When should this form be used?

Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d) requires the **petitioner** in a family case to file with the court a **notice of related cases**, if the petitioner is aware that related cases exist or if the petitioner should be able to reasonably determine that related cases exist.

A related case is a case that is **separate** from the new case to be filed by the petitioner that:

A) involves any of the same parties, children, or issues, and it is pending at the time the party files a family case; or

B) affects the court's authority to proceed; or

C) has an order in the related case that may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or

D) may cause an order in the new case to be entered that may conflict with an order in the earlier case.

Family cases include:

- dissolution of marriage (divorce),
- annulment,
- support unconnected with dissolution of marriage,
- paternity,
- child support,
- UIFSA,
- custodial care of and access to children,
- adoption,
- name change,
- declaratory judgment actions related to premarital, marital, or post-marital agreements,
- civil domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, and sexual violence injunctions,
- juvenile dependency,
- termination of parental rights,
- juvenile delinquency,
- emancipation of a minor,
- CINS/FINS,
- truancy, and
- modification and enforcement of orders entered in these cases.

The party filing a case, should review the above list, and if that party has or had another court case that fits under one of the categories listed above, that case should be listed on the Notice of Related Cases.

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The Notice of Related Cases should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing the form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records. A copy of the form must be mailed or hand delivered to any other party in your case. **You must do this and show the date that you did it.**

Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d) requires the petitioner to serve the Notice of Related Cases on the chief judge or family administrative judge. In this Circuit, this shall be done by sending or faxing this form to:

Debra Leiman, Unified Family Court Staff Director,
Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice
Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762
Fax: _____.

What should I do next?

Each party, whether the petitioner or the respondent has a **continuing duty** to inform the court of any cases in this or any other state that could affect the current case.

Where can I look for more information?

Read the "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of the Family Law Forms in the Florida Rules of Court, Family Law Rules. You may also refer to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY
FAMILY LAW DIVISION

UCN: 52-200__DR0_____XX____FD Ref. No.: _____Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

I, *(full legal name)* _____, certify the following:

☐ I am aware of the following case(s) which are or may be related to the current case above:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary.)

Related Case

Case No.:_____

Case Name:_____
(e.g., Smith v. Jones; In Re: the matter of R. S.; State v. Smith; etc.)

Case Type: { } Dissolution of Marriage { } Paternity { } Child Support { } UIFSA { } Juvenile Dependency
{ } Juvenile Delinquency { } Domestic Violence Injunction { } CINS/FINS
{ } Other Petition:_____

How are the cases related? { }Same Parties { } One Party the Same: _____ { } Same Children
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Case Type: { } Dissolution of Marriage { } Paternity { } Child Support { } UIFSA { } Juvenile Dependency
{ } Juvenile Delinquency { } Domestic Violence Injunction { } CINS/FINS
{ } Other Petition:_____

How are the cases related? { }Same Parties { } One Party the Same: _____ { } Same Children
{ }Same Issues

[√any that apply.]

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I certify that a copy of this document was [✓ **one** only]: ☐ 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: _____

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Dated: _____ Signature of Party: _____

Instruction Sheet For Filing A Notice Of Related Cases, Pasco County

When should this form be used?

Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d) requires the **petitioner** in a family case to file with the court a **notice of related cases**, if the petitioner is aware that related cases exist or if the petitioner should be able to reasonably determine that related cases exist.

A related case is a case that is **separate** from the new case to be filed by the petitioner that:

A) involves any of the same parties, children, or issues, and it is pending at the time the party files a family case; or

B) affects the court's authority to proceed; or

C) has an order in the related case that may conflict with an order on the same issues in the new case; or

D) may cause an order in the new case to be entered that may conflict with an order in the earlier case.

Family cases include:

- dissolution of marriage (divorce),
- annulment,
- support unconnected with dissolution of marriage,
- paternity,
- child support,
- UIFSA,
- custodial care of and access to children,
- adoption,
- name change,
- declaratory judgment actions related to premarital, marital, or post-marital agreements,
- civil domestic violence, repeat violence, dating violence, and sexual violence injunctions,
- juvenile dependency,
- termination of parental rights,
- juvenile delinquency,
- emancipation of a minor,
- CINS/FINS,
- truancy, and
- modification and enforcement of orders entered in these cases.

The party filing a case, should review the above list, and if that party has or had another court case that fits under one of the categories listed above, that case should be listed on the Notice of Related Cases.

Instruction Sheet For Filing A Notice Of Related Cases, Pasco County

The Notice of Related Cases should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing the form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records. A copy of the form must be mailed or hand delivered to any other party in your case. **You must do this and show the date that you did it.**

Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d) requires the petitioner to serve the Notice of Related Cases on the chief judge or family administrative judge. In this Circuit, this shall be done by sending or faxing this form to:

In West Pasco: _____, Unified Family Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, West Pasco Judicial Center, 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL, 34654
Fax: _____.

In East Pasco: _____, Unified Family Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, West Pasco Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL, 33525
Fax: _____.

What should I do next?

Each party, whether the petitioner or the respondent has a **continuing duty** to inform the court of any cases in this or any other state that could affect the current case.

Where can I look for more information?

Read the "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of the Family Law Forms in the Florida Rules of Court, Family Law Rules. You may also refer to Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY
FAMILY LAW DIVISION

UCN: 51-200_____ Pasco Case No.: _____Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

I, *{full legal name}* _____, certify the following:

☐ I am aware of the following case(s) which are or may be related to the current case above:

(Attach additional sheets as necessary.)

Related Case

Case No.:_____

Case Name:_____
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Fax Number: _____

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Fax Number: _____

Dated: _____ Signature of Party: _____

Attorney Instruction Sheet For Filing A Notice Of Related Cases, Pinellas County

Per Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d), the petitioner in a family case shall file with the court a notice of related cases, if related cases are known or reasonably ascertainable.

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Attorney Instruction Sheet For Filing A Notice Of Related Cases, Pinellas County

This Notice of Related Cases shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and copies of this notice shall be served on all parties in the related cases.

Rule of Judicial Administration 2.085(d) requires the petitioner to also serve the Notice of Related Cases on the chief judge or family administrative judge. In this Circuit, this shall be accomplished by sending or faxing this form to:

Debra Leiman, Unified Family Court Staff Director,
Administrative Office of the Courts, Criminal Justice
Center, 14250 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762
Fax: _____.

Attorney Instruction Sheet For Filing A Notice Of Related Cases, Pasco County

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Fax: _____.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(a), DISCLOSURE FROM NONLAWYER

When should this form be used?

This form must be used when anyone who is **not** a lawyer in good standing with The Florida Bar helps you complete any Florida Family Law Form. Attorneys who are licensed to practice in other states but not Florida, or who have been disbarred or suspended from the practice of law in Florida, are nonlawyers for the purposes of the Florida Family Law Forms and instructions.

The nonlawyer must complete this form and both of you are to sign it before the nonlawyer assists you in completing any Family Law Form.

In addition, on any other form with which a nonlawyer helps you, the nonlawyer shall complete the nonlawyer section located at the bottom of the form unless otherwise specified in the instructions to the form. This is to protect you and be sure that you are informed in advance of the nonlawyer's limitations.

What should I do next?

A copy of this disclosure, signed by both the nonlawyer and the person, must be given to the person and the nonlawyer must keep a copy in the person's file. The nonlawyer must keep copies for at least six years of all forms given to the person being assisted.

Special notes…

This disclosure form does NOT act as or constitute a waiver, disclaimer, or limitation of liability.

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

DISCLOSURE FROM NONLAWYER

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

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

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

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

Dated: _____

_____
Signature of Party

_____
Signature of **NONLAWYER**
Printed Name: _____
Name of Business: _____
Address: _____
_____
Telephone Number: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.983(a), PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY AND FOR RELATED RELIEF

When should this form be used?

This form should be used by a birth mother or father to ask the court to establish **paternity**, custody, visitation, and/or **child support** of a minor child or children. This means that you are trying to legally establish who is the father of the child(ren).

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

What should I do next?

For your case to proceed, you must properly notify the **respondent** of the **petition**. If you know where he or she lives, you should use **personal service**. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use **constructive service**. However, if constructive service is used, the court may only grant limited relief. You should seek legal advice on constructive service in a paternity case. For more information see chapter 49, Florida Statutes, or you may contact Child Support Enforcement at the Florida Department of Revenue if you need assistance with your case.

If personal service is used, the **respondent** 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, no **answer** has been filed, 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 call the clerk, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** to set a **final hearing**. You must notify the other party of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

UNCONTESTED... If the respondent 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 call the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. You must notify the other party of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

CONTESTED... If the respondent 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, completed the **scientific paternity testing**, if necessary, and filed all of the required papers. Then 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 the respondent 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 12.983(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 742, Florida Statutes.

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, fill it out, and the clerk will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees deferred.

More than one child of the same alleged father may be listed on a single petition. However, if you are filing a paternity action involving more than one possible father, a separate petition must be filed for each alleged father.

If the respondent files an answer denying that the person named in the petition is the child(ren)'s father, one of you should file a Motion for **Scientific Paternity Testing**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.983(e). This is used to ask the court to order a scientific test to determine who is the child(ren)'s father.

If the father signed papers at the hospital acknowledging that he was the father, paternity was established as a matter of law. This should be checked on page 2, section 9a on this form.

If the paternity of a child who was conceived or born during a marriage is at issue, the court may appoint a **guardian ad litem** to assist the court in this matter and to protect the rights of child.

With this petition, you must file the following and provide a copy to the other party:

- **Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d).
- **Notice of Social Security Number**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j).
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). (This must be filed within 45 days if not filed with the petition.)
- **Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days, if not filed with the petition, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)
- **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been filed.)

Child Custody... The judge will decide the parenting arrangements based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement between the parties, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to minor or dependent child(ren).

The judge may request a **parenting evaluation** 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) are being served. For more information, you may consult sections 61.401–61.405, Florida Statutes.

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**

- **Rotating Custody**
- **Primary residence**
- **Secondary Residential Responsibility**
- **Reasonable visitation**
- **Specified visitation**
- **Supervised visitation**
- **No contact**

Many circuits require that parents of a minor or dependent child(ren) who are involved in divorce or paternity actions attend a **parenting course** and/or **mediation** before being allowed to schedule a final hearing. You should check with your local clerk of court's office, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for more information on the parenting course and mediation requirements in your area.

Child Support... The court may order one parent to pay **child support** to assist the other parent in meeting the child(ren)'s material needs. **Both parents are required to provide financial support**, but one parent may be ordered to pay a portion of his or her support for the child(ren) to the other parent.

If you are requesting custody or **primary residential responsibility** for one or more children, you should request child support in your petition. 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 should file a **financial affidavit**, and the other parent 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. 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.

Final Judgments... These family law forms contain a **Final Judgment of Paternity**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.983(g), which the judge may use. You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring it 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.

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

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY AND FOR RELATED RELIEF

Petitioner, *{full legal name}*_____, being sworn, certifies that the following information is true:

This is an action for paternity and to determine custody, parental responsibility, and child support under chapter 742, Florida Statutes.

SECTION I.

1. Petitioner is the ( ) mother ( ) father of the following minor child(ren):

Name	**Place of Birth**	**Birth date**	**Sex**
(1)_____	_____	_____	_____
(2)_____	_____	_____	_____
(3)_____	_____	_____	_____
(4)_____	_____	_____	_____
(5)_____	_____	_____	_____
(6)_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Petitioner currently lives at: *{street address, city, state}* _____
_____.

3. Respondent currently lives at: *{street address, city, state}* _____
_____.

4. Both parties are over the age of 18, and neither is, nor has been within a 30-day period immediately prior to this date, a person in the military service of the United States as defined by the Amended Sailors' and Soldiers' Civil Relief Act of 1940.

5. Neither Petitioner nor Respondent is mentally incapacitated.

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.

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

8. A completed **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), is, or will be, filed.

9. **Paternity Facts.**
[√ **one** only]
____ a. Paternity has previously been established as a matter of law.
____ b. The parties engaged in sexual intercourse with each other in the month(s) of *{list month(s) and year(s)}* _____,
at *{city and state}* _____.
As a result of the sexual intercourse, ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent conceived and gave birth to the minor child(ren) named in paragraph 1. ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent is the natural father of the minor child(ren). The mother ( ) was ( ) was not married at the time of the conception and/or birth of the minor child(ren) named in paragraph 1. If the mother was married, the name and address of her husband at the time of conception and/or birth is:
.

SECTION II. CHILD CUSTODY, PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND VISITATION

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

2. **Parental Responsibility.** It is in the child(ren)'s best interests that parental responsibility be:
[√ **one** only]
____ a. shared by both Father and Mother.
____ b. awarded solely to ( ) Father ( ) Mother. Shared parental responsibility would be detrimental to the child(ren) because: _____
_____
_____
_____.

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

4. **Visitation or Time Sharing.** Petitioner requests that the Court order
[√ **all** that apply]
____ a. no visitation.
____ b. limited visitation.
____ c. supervised visitation.
____ d. supervised or third-party exchange of child(ren).
____ e. visitation or time sharing as determined by the Court.
____ f. a visitation or time sharing schedule as follows:
Explain the requested visitation or time sharing schedule: _____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

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

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

5. The minor child(ren) should
[√ **only** one]
____ a. retain his/her (their) present name(s).
____ b. receive a change of name as follows:

present name(s)	be changed to
(1)_____	(1)_____
(2)_____	(2)_____
(3)_____	(3)_____
(4)_____	(4)_____
(5)_____	(5)_____
(6)_____	(6)_____

SECTION III. CHILD SUPPORT
[√ **all** that apply]
____ 1. Petitioner requests that the Court award child support as determined by Florida's child support guidelines, section 61.30, Florida Statutes. A completed **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is, or will be, filed. Such support should be ordered retroactive to
[√ **one** only]
____ a. the date when the parents did not reside together in the same household with the child, not to exceed a period of 24 months before the date of filing of this petition.
____ b. the date of the filing of this petition.
____ c. other: *{date}*_____. *{Explain}*
_____

____ 2. Petitioner requests that the Court award a child support amount that is more than or less than Florida's child support guidelines. Petitioner understands that a **Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, **must** be completed before the Court will consider this request.

____ 3. Petitioner requests that medical/dental insurance coverage for the minor child(ren) be provided by:
[√ **one** only]
____ a. Father.
____ b. Mother.

____ 4. Petitioner requests that uninsured medical/dental expenses for the child(ren) be paid by:
[√ **one** only]
____ a. Father.
____ b. Mother.
____ c. Father and Mother each pay one-half.
____ d. Father and Mother each pay according to the percentages in the **Child Support Guidelines Worksheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e).
____ e. Other *{explain}*: _____
_____
_____.

____ 5. Petitioner requests that life insurance to secure child support be provided by:
[√ **one** only]

____ a. Father.
____ b. Mother.
____ c. Both.

____ 6. ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent ( ) Both has (have) incurred medical expenses in the amount of $_____ on behalf of the minor child(ren), including hospital and other expenses incidental to the birth of the minor child(ren). There should be an appropriate allocation or apportionment of these expenses.

____ 7. ( ) Petitioner ( ) Respondent ( ) Both has (have) received past public assistance for this (these) minor child(ren).

PETITIONER'S REQUEST

1. Petitioner requests a hearing on this petition and understands that he or she must attend the hearing.

2. Petitioner requests that the Court enter an order that:
[√ **all** that apply]

____ a. establishes paternity of the minor child(ren), ordering proper scientific testing, if necessary;
____ b. establishes parental responsibility, custody, and visitation of the minor child(ren);
____ c. awards child support, including medical/dental insurance coverage for the minor child(ren);
____ d. determines the appropriate allocation or apportionment of all expenses incidental to the birth of the child(ren), including hospital and medical expenses;
____ e. determines the appropriate allocation or apportionment of all other past, present, and future medical and dental expenses incurred or to be incurred on behalf of the minor child(ren);
____ f. changes the child(ren)'s name(s);
____ g. other relief as follows: _____
_____
_____
_____; and
grants such other relief as may be appropriate and in the best interests of the minor child(ren).

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

Dated: _____

_____
Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _____ 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]
I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the petitioner, fill out this form.

CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for use of the clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statute 25.075.

I. CASE STYLE

(Name of Court)_____

Plaintiff _____ Ref. _____

_____ UCN:_____

Defendant _____ Judge:_____

_____

II. TYPE OF CASE (Place an X in one box only. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive.

Domestic Relations	Torts	Other Civil
❑ Simplified Dissolution	❑ Professional Malpractice	❑ Contracts
❑ Uncontested Dissolution	❑ Products liability	❑ Condominium
❑ Contested Dissolution	❑ Auto negligence	❑ Real property / Mortgage foreclosure
❑ Support IV-D	❑ Other negligence	❑ Eminent Domain
❑ Support – Non IV-D		❑ Other
❑ URESA - IV-D		
❑ URESA – Non IV-D		
❑ Domestic Violence		
❑ Other Domestic Relations		
	Specific Case Type	
	❑ (per Administrative order 86-44	

III. Is Jury Trial Demanded in Complaint?

❑ Yes ❑ No

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PARTY INITIATING ACTION:

_____

ATTORNEY'S SPN NUMBER: _____

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

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.

What should I do next?

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

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 61.052 and 61.13, 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, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

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

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____ ,
Petitioner,

and

_____ ,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

I, *{full legal name}* _____, certify that my social security number is _____, as required in section 61.052(7), sections 61.13(9) or (10), section 742.031(3), sections 742.032(1)–(3), and/or sections 742.10(1)–(2), Florida Statutes. My date of birth is _____.

[√ **one** only]

___ 1. This notice is being filed in a dissolution of marriage case in which the parties have **no** minor children in common.

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

Name	**Birth date**	**Social Security Number**

{Attach additional pages if necessary.}

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

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

Dated: _____

_____
Signature
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

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]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}*_____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}*_____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [**√ one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(d), UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT

When should this form be used?

This form should be used in any case involving custody of or visitation with any minor child(ren). This **affidavit** is **required** even if the custody and visitation of the minor child(ren) are 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.

What should I do next?

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

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...

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

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

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT

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

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

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # __1__:

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

Child's Residence for the past 5 years:

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

*** If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed**

(Make as many copies of page 2 as necessary.)

Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i), you should write "confidential" in any space on this form that would require you to enter the address where you are currently living.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # ____:

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

Child's Residence for the past 5 years:

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

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # ____:

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

Child's Residence for the past 5 years:

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

_____/_____			

2. **Participation in custody proceeding(s):**

[√ **one** only]

____ 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, concerning custody of a child subject to this proceeding.

____ I HAVE participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation or custody proceeding in this or another state, concerning custody of 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 proceeding(s):**

[√ **one** only]

____ I HAVE NO INFORMATION of any custody proceeding pending in a court of this or any other state concerning a child subject to this proceeding.

____ I HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION concerning a custody 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: _____

b. Type of proceeding: _____

c. Court and state: _____

d. Date of court order or judgment (if any): _____

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

[√ **one** only]

____ I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON not a party to this proceeding who has physical custody or claims to have custody or visitation rights 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 custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this proceeding:

a. Name and address of person: _____

_____

( ) has physical custody ( ) claims custody rights ( ) claims visitation rights.

Name of each child: _____

b. Name and address of person: _____

_____

( ) has physical custody ( ) claims custody rights ( ) claims visitation rights.

Name of each child: _____

c. Name and address of person: _____

_____

( ) has physical custody ( ) claims custody rights ( ) claims visitation rights.

Name of each child: _____

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

[√ **one** only]

____ The child(ren) described in this affidavit are NOT subject to existing child support order(s) in this or any state or territory.

____ 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 paid and by whom: _____

6. **I acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to advise this Court of any custody, 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.**

I certify that a copy of this document was [√ **one** only] ( ) 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: _____

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

Dated: _____

_____

Signature of Party

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

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]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [**√ one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

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

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**.

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

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other **party** in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. This must be accomplished within 45 days of service of the petition.

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 rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

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, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

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	×	Hours worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	×	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	×	Days worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	×	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	×	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	×	26	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	**Monthly Amount**

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

Bi-monthly amount	×	2	=	**Monthly Amount**

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, ✎❑ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also

must put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,
and

_____,
Respondent.

FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (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	1. $_____
2.	Monthly bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips, and similar payments	2. _____
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.)	3. _____
4.	Monthly disability benefits/SSI	4. _____
5.	Monthly Workers' Compensation	5. _____
6.	Monthly Unemployment Compensation	6. _____
7.	Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments	7. _____
8.	Monthly Social Security benefits	8. _____
9.	Monthly alimony actually received 9a. From this case: $ _____ 9b. From other case(s): _____ Add 9a and 9b	9. _____
10.	Monthly interest and dividends	10. _____
11.	Monthly rental income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income) (☐ Attach sheet itemizing such income and expense items.)	11. _____
12.	Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates	12. _____
13.	Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they reduce personal living expenses	13. _____
14.	Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring gains)	14. _____
15.	Any other income of a recurring nature (list source) _____	15. _____
16.	_____	16. _____

17. PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Add lines 1–16) **TOTAL:** **17. $** _____

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 _____ 18. $_____
19. Monthly FICA or self-employment taxes 19. _____
20. Monthly Medicare payments 20. _____
21. Monthly mandatory union dues 21. _____
22. Monthly mandatory retirement payments 22. _____
23. Monthly health insurance payments (including dental insurance), excluding portion paid for any minor children of this relationship 23. _____
24. Monthly court-ordered child support actually paid for children from another relationship 24. _____
25. Monthly court-ordered alimony actually paid
    25a. from this case: $ _____
    25b. from other case(s): _____ Add 25a and 25b 25. _____

26. TOTAL DEDUCTIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER SECTION 61.30, FLORIDA STATUTES (Add lines 18 through 25) **TOTAL: 26. $** _____

PRESENT NET MONTHLY INCOME (Subtract line 26 from line 17) **27. $** _____

SECTION II. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES

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: _____	$ _____

E. OTHER EXPENSES NOT LISTED ABOVE

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

F. PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS

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

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

SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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

A. ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	**Current Fair Market Value**	**Nonmarital (√ correct column)**	
		husband	wife
☐ Cash (on hand)	$		
☐ Cash (in banks or credit unions)			
☐ Stocks, Bonds, Notes			
☐ Real estate: (Home)			
☐ (Other)			
☐ Automobiles			
☐ Other personal property			
☐ Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)			
☐ Other			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ √ here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Assets (add column B)	**$** _____		

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). DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.	Current Amount Owed	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐ Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	$		
☐ Second mortgage on home			
☐ Other mortgages			
☐			
☐ Auto loans			
☐			
☐ Charge/credit card accounts			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ Other			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ √ here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add column B)	**$**_____		

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 √ the box next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	Possible Value	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐	$		
☐			
Total Contingent Assets	**$**_____		

Contingent Liabilities √ the box next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.	Possible Amount Owed	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐	$		
☐			
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.)

[√ **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 [√ **one** only] ( ) 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: _____

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

Dated: _____

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

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]
I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}*_____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [√ **one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULE OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(c), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT

When should this form be used?

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

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

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other **party** in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. This must be accomplished within 45 days of service of the petition.

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 rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

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, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

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	×	Hours worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	×	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	×	Days worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	×	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	×	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	×	26	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	**Monthly Amount**

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

Bi-monthly amount	×	2	=	**Monthly Amount**

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

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

of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT
($50,000 or more Individual Gross Annual Income)

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

SECTION I. INCOME

1. Date of Birth: _____

2. My occupation is: _____

3. I am currently
[**√ all** that apply]

____ a. Unemployed

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

_____

____ b. Employed by: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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

( ) monthly ( ) other: _____

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

_____

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

____ c. Retired. Date of retirement: _____

Employer from whom retired: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

LAST YEAR'S GROSS INCOME: Your Income Other Party's Income *(if known)*

YEAR _____ $ _____ $ _____

PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME:

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

1. Monthly gross salary or wages — 1. $_____
2. Monthly bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips, and similar payments — 2. _____
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.) — 3. _____
4. Monthly disability benefits/SSI — 4. _____
5. Monthly Workers' Compensation — 5. _____
6. Monthly Unemployment Compensation — 6. _____
7. Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments — 7. _____
8. Monthly Social Security benefits — 8. _____
9. Monthly alimony actually received
   - 9a. From this case: $ _____
   - 9b. From other case(s): _____ Add 9a and 9b — 9. _____
10. Monthly interest and dividends — 10. _____
11. Monthly rental income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income) (☐ Attach sheet itemizing such income and expense items.) — 11. _____
12. Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates — 12. _____
13. Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they reduce personal living expenses (☐ Attach sheet itemizing each item and amount.) — 13. _____
14. Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring gains) — 14. _____

Any other income of a recurring nature (identify source)

15. _____ — 15. _____
16. _____ — 16. _____

17. PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Add lines 1–16) **TOTAL: 17. $** _____

PRESENT MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:

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

18. Monthly federal, state, and local income tax (corrected for filing status and allowable dependents and income tax liabilities)
    - a. Filing Status _____
    - b. Number of dependents claimed _____ — 18. $_____
19. Monthly FICA or self-employment taxes — 19. _____
20. Monthly Medicare payments — 20. _____

21. Monthly mandatory union dues 21. _____
22. Monthly mandatory retirement payments 22. _____
23. Monthly health insurance payments (including dental insurance), excluding portion paid for any minor children of this relationship 23. _____
24. Monthly court-ordered child support actually paid for children from another relationship 24. _____
25. Monthly court-ordered alimony actually paid
    25a. from this case: $_____
    25b. from other case(s): _____ Add 25a and 25b 25. _____

26. TOTAL DEDUCTIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER SECTION 61.30, FLORIDA STATUTES (Add lines 18 through 25) **TOTAL: 26. $ _____**

27. PRESENT NET MONTHLY INCOME (Subtract line 26 from line 17) **27. $ _____**

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.

HOUSEHOLD:

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

Other:

20. _____ 20. _____
21. _____ 21. _____
22. _____ 22. _____
23. _____ 23. _____
24. _____ 24. _____

25. **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 1 through 24) **25. $ _____**

AUTOMOBILE:

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

35. **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 26 through 34) **35. $_____**

MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR CHILDREN COMMON TO BOTH PARTIES:

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

58. **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 36 through 57) **58. $_____**

MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR CHILD(REN) FROM ANOTHER RELATIONSHIP: (other than court-ordered child support)

59. _____ 59. $_____
60. _____ 60. _____
61. _____ 61. _____
62. _____ 62. _____

63. **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 59 through 62) **63. $**_____

MONTHLY INSURANCE:

64. Health insurance, excluding portion paid for any minor child(ren) of this relationship 64. $_____
65. Life insurance 65. _____
66. Dental insurance 66. _____

Other:

67. _____ 67. _____
68. _____ 68. _____

69. **SUBTOTAL** (add lines 64 through 68) **69. $**_____

OTHER MONTHLY EXPENSES NOT LISTED ABOVE:

70. Monthly dry cleaning and laundry 70. $_____
71. Monthly clothing 71. _____
72. Monthly medical, dental, and prescription (unreimbursed only) 72. _____
73. Monthly psychiatric, psychological, or counselor (unreimbursed only) 73. _____
74. Monthly non-prescription medications, cosmetics, toiletries, and sundries 74. _____
75. Monthly grooming 75. _____
76. Monthly gifts 76. _____
77. Monthly pet expenses 77. _____
78. Monthly club dues and membership 78. _____
79. Monthly sports and hobbies 79. _____
80. Monthly entertainment 80. _____
81. Monthly periodicals/books/tapes/CD's 81. _____
82. Monthly vacations 82. _____
83. Monthly religious organizations 83. _____
84. Monthly bank charges/credit card fees 84. _____
85. Monthly education expenses 85. _____

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

86. _____ 86. _____
87. _____ 87. _____
88. _____ 88. _____
89. _____ 89. _____

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

MONTHLY PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS: (only when payments are currently made by you on outstanding balances)

NAME OF CREDITOR(s):

91. _____ 91. $_____
92. _____ 92. _____
93. _____ 93. _____
94. _____ 94. _____
95. _____ 95. _____
96. _____ 96. _____
97. _____ 97. _____
98. _____ 98. _____

99. _____ 99. _____
100. _____ 100. _____
101. _____ 101. _____
102. _____ 102. _____
103. _____ 103. _____

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

105. TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES:
(add lines 25, 35, 58, 63, 69, 90, and 104 of Section II, Expenses) **105. $** _____

SUMMARY

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

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

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

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

SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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

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

STEP 4: Use column C only if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage and you believe an item is "nonmarital," meaning it belongs to only one of you and should not be divided. You should indicate to whom you believe the item belongs. (Typically, you will only use Column C if property was owned by one spouse before the marriage. See the **"General Information for Self-Represented Litigants"** found at the beginning of these forms and section 61.075(1), Florida Statutes, for definitions of "marital" and "nonmarital" assets and liabilities.)

A ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	B Current Fair Market Value	C Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐ Cash (on hand)	$		
☐ Cash (in banks or credit unions)			
☐			
☐ Stocks/Bonds			
☐			

A ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	B Current Fair Market Value	C Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐			
☐ Notes (money owed to you in writing)			
☐			
☐			
☐ Money owed to you (not evidenced by a note)			
☐			
☐			
☐ Real estate: (Home)			
☐ (Other)			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ Business interests			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ Automobiles			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ Boats			
☐			
☐			
☐ Other vehicles			
☐			
☐			
☐ Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ Furniture & furnishings in home			
☐			
☐ Furniture & furnishings elsewhere			

A ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	B Current Fair Market Value	C Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐			
☐ Collectibles			
☐			
☐ Jewelry			
☐			
☐ Life insurance (cash surrender value)			
☐			
☐			
☐ Sporting and entertainment (T.V., stereo, etc.) equipment			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐ Other assets			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
Total Assets (add column B)	**$** _____		

B. LIABILITIES/DEBTS (This is where you list what you OWE.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

STEP 2: If this is a petition for dissolution of marriage, check the box **in Column A** next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.

STEP 3: In column B, write what you believe to be the current amount owed for all items listed.

STEP 4: Use column C only if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage and you believe an item is "nonmarital," meaning the debt belongs to only one of you and should not be divided. You should indicate to whom you believe the debt belongs. (Typically, you will only use Column C if the debt was owed by one spouse before the marriage. See the **"General Information for Self-Represented Litigants"** found at the beginning of these forms and section 61.075(1), Florida Statutes, for definitions of "marital" and "nonmarital" assets and liabilities.)

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

C. NET WORTH (excluding contingent assets and liabilities)

Total Assets (enter total of Column B in Asset Table; Section A) $ _____
Total Liabilities (enter total of Column B in Liabilities Table; Section B) $ _____

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

D. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

A Contingent Assets √ the box next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.	B Possible Value	C Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐	$		
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
Total Contingent Assets	**$_____**		

A Contingent Liabilities √ the box next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.	B Possible Amount Owed	C Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
		husband	wife
☐	$		
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			
Total Contingent Liabilities	**$ _____**		

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

[√ **one** only]

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

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

I certify that a copy of this financial affidavit was: ( ) mailed, ( ) faxed and mailed, or ( ) hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on *{date}* _____.

Other party or his/her attorney:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Fax Number: _____

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

Dated: _____

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

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]
I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [**√ one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.932, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

When should this form be used?

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

Each party must provide the other party with the documents listed in section 2 of this form if the relief being sought is permanent regardless of whether it is an initial or supplemental proceeding. Of the documents listed on this form, the **financial affidavit and child support guidelines worksheet** are the only documents that must be **filed** with the court **and** sent to the other party; all other documents should be sent to the other party but not filed with the court. 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**, 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 either deliver the required documents to the party seeking temporary relief on or before 5:00 p.m., 2 business days before the hearing on temporary relief, **or** mail (postmark) them to the other party seeking temporary relief 7 days before the hearing on temporary financial 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.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records. A copy of this form must be mailed **or** hand delivered to any other party in your case.

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 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. For further information, see rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

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,** Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c), by serving the appropriate interrogatory form. (See **Standard Family Law Interrogatories**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.930(b) (original proceedings) or (c) (modification proceedings)).

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

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

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

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: _____.
[√ **all** that apply]

___ a. Financial Affidavit (Filing of a Financial Affidavit cannot be waived.)
( ) Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) (short form)
( ) Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c) (long form)

___ b. ( ) All personal (1040) federal tax, gift tax, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding year; or
( ) Transcript of tax return as provided by IRS form 4506-T; or
( ) IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for the past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared.

___ c. Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.

2. FOR INITIAL, SUPPLEMENTAL, AND PERMANENT FINANCIAL RELIEF:
The date the following documents were served: _____.
[√ **all** that apply]

___ a. Financial Affidavit (Filing of a Financial Affidavit cannot be waived.)
( ) Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) (short form)
( ) Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c) (long form)

___ b. ( ) All personal (1040) federal and state tax income returns, gift tax returns, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding 3 years;
( ) IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for the past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared.

___ c. Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.

___ d. A statement identifying the source and amount of all income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit, if not reflected on the pay stubs produced.

___ e. All loan applications and financial statements prepared for any purpose or used for any purpose within the 12 months preceding the service of the financial affidavit.

___ f. All deeds to real estate in which I presently own or owned an interest within the past 3 years.

All promissory notes in which I presently own or owned an interest within the last 12 months. All present leases in which I own an interest.

___ g. All periodic statements for the last 3 months for all checking accounts and for the last year for all savings accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, etc.

___ h. All brokerage account statements for the last 12 months.

___ i. Most recent statement for any pension, profit sharing, deferred compensation, or retirement plan (for example, IRA, 401(k), 403(b), SEP, KEOGH, etc.) and summary plan description for any such plan in which I am a participant or alternate payee.

___ j. The declaration page, the last periodic statement, and the certificate for any group insurance for all life insurance policies insuring my life or the life of me or my spouse.

___ k. All health and dental insurance cards covering either me or my spouse and/or our dependent child(ren).

___ l. Corporate, partnership, and trust tax returns for the last 3 tax years, in which I have an ownership or interest greater than or equal to 30%.

___ m. All credit card and charge account statements and other records showing my (our) indebtedness as of the date of the filing of this action and for the prior 3 months. All promissory notes on which I presently owe or owned within the past year. All lease agreements I presently owe.

___ n. All premarital and marital agreements between the parties to this case.

___ o. If a modification proceeding, all written agreements entered into between the parties at any time since the order to be modified was entered.

___ p. All documents and tangible evidence relating to claims for special equity or nonmarital status of an asset or debt.

___ q. Any court order directing that I pay or receive spousal support (alimony) or child support.

I certify that a copy of this document was [√ **one** only] ( ) mailed ( ) faxed and mailed ( ) hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on *{date}* _____.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the accuracy of my compliance with the mandatory disclosure requirements of Fla. Fam. L. R. P. 12.285 and that, unless otherwise indicated with specificity, this disclosure is complete. I further understand that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement or incomplete disclosure includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Other party or his/her attorney:
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Fax Number: _____
Dated: _____

_____
Signature of Party
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]
I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [√ **one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

WAIVER OF MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Rule 12.285, Florida Family Court Rules of Procedure, requires that each party to any Dissolution of Marriage action which may involve some financial/asset issues (except those cases specifically filed as a Simplified Dissolution of Marriage) provide certain documentation to the other party so that each will be fully informed about the financial circumstances of the opposition for settlement discussions and so that sufficient evidence may be presented to the Court for a proper decision on the financial issues if the case is not settled before trial. The Rule specifically lists the documents to be provided (known in general as "discovery"), at what stage of the proceeding disclosure must be made, and the extent of the disclosure necessary based upon the income and expenses of each party.

In many cases, however, it is not necessary to provide all of the documents listed in the Rule. This is usually when the parties have agreed by written Marital Settlement Agreement to a resolution of all of the potentially contested issues and are satisfied that the Agreement is fair to each and that each fully understood the financial circumstances of the opposing party at the time of making the Agreement. In those cases, the parties can agree to waive most of the disclosure requirements of Rule 12.285 (the requirement that each party file a completed Financial Affidavit **cannot** be waived and the Affidavit **must** be filed).

If both you and your spouse fit into the above category of litigants you may file a Waiver of Mandatory Disclosure with the Court. If you agree to waive everything (except the Financial Affidavit), check every line on the form. If you agree to waive only part of the "mandatory" disclosure, check only those items that each of you agree do not need to be reviewed before you appear in Court. The form needs to be signed by **both** you and your spouse.

Signing and filing the Waiver of Mandatory Disclosure form, however, does not guarantee that the documents will not be needed. The Judge or General Master who hears your case may want additional information before he/she can find that the Marital Settlement Agreement is, in fact, legally fair and equitable to both you and your spouse or is otherwise acceptable to the Court. Although this will not be known until the hearing, filing the Waiver of Mandatory Disclosure, if you are satisfied with your level of understanding, will be beneficial to the Court and will possibly avoid unnecessary delay in the proceedings.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR _____COUNTY, FLORIDA

REF:_____
UCN:_____
Division:_____

_____ ,
Petitioner,

and

_____ ,
Respondent.

WAIVER OF MANDATORY DISCLOSURE

The undersigned parties to this action, pro se or through counsel, hereby waive the mandatory disclosure required by Rule 12.285, Fla. Fam. L.R.P., as follows, acknowledging that the requirement to file a financial affidavit cannot be waived:

(I.) FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF:

[4**all** that apply]

_____ a. ( ) All personal (1040) federal tax, gift tax, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding year; or
( ) Transcript of tax return as provided by IRS form 4506; or
( ) IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared;

_____ b. Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.

(II.) FOR INITIAL, SUPPLEMENTAL, AND PERMANENT FINANCIAL RELIEF:

_____ a. ( ) All personal (1040) federal and state income tax returns, gift tax returns, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding 3 years; or
( ) IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared;

_____ b. Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.

_____ c. A statement identifying the source and amount of all income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit, if not reflected on the pay stubs produced.

_____ d. All loan applications and financial statements prepared for any purpose or used for any purpose within the 12 months preceding the service of the financial affidavit.

_____ e. All deeds to real estate in which the other party presently owns or owned an interest within the past 3 years. All promissory notes in which the other party presently owns or owned an interest within the last 12 months. All present leases in which the other party owns an interest.

_____ f. All periodic statements for the last 3 months for all checking accounts and for the last year for all savings accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, etc.

_____ g. All brokerage account statements for the past 12 months.

_____ h. Most recent statement for any pension, profit sharing, deferred compensation, or retirement plan (for example, IRA, 401(k), 403(b), SEP, KEOGH, etc.) and summary

plan description for any such plan in which the other party is a participant or alternate payee.

_____ i. The declarations page, the last periodic statement, and the certificate for any group insurance for all life insurance policies insuring my life or the life of my spouse.

_____ j. All health and dental insurance cards covering either me or my spouse and/or our dependent child(ren).

_____ k. Corporate, partnership, and trust tax returns for last 3 tax years, in which the other party has an ownership or interest greater than or equal to 30%.

_____ l. All credit card and charge account statements and other records showing my(our) indebtedness as of the date of the filing of this action and for the prior 3 months. All promissory notes on which the other party presently owes or owed with the past year. All lease agreements either party presently owes.

_____ m. All premarital and marital agreements between the parties to this case;

_____ n. If a modification proceeding, all written agreements entered into between the parties at any time since the order to be modified was entered.

_____ o. All documents and tangible evidence relating to claims for special equity or nonmarital status of an asset or debt.

_____ p. Any court order directing that either party pay or receive spousal support (alimony) or child support.

_____	_____
Petitioner	Respondent
_____	_____
Date	Date

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

I, *{name of nonlawyer}* _____, a nonlawyer, located at *{street}*_____*{city}* _____ *{state}* _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____, who is the [check one only] _____ petitioner **or** _____ respondent, fill out this form.

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

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 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

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

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

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

How do I start?

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

IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN THE COUNTY WHERE SUIT IS FILED: Ask the clerk in your county about any local procedures regarding service. Generally, if the other party lives in the county in which you are filing suit and you want the sheriff's department to serve the papers, you will file the summons along with a **Process Service Memorandum**, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), with the clerk and the clerk will forward those papers to the sheriff for service. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons. You may also need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you,

after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. However, in some counties the sheriff may send the proof of service directly to the clerk. If you are instructed to supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope and you receive the proof of service, you should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

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

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

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

IF THE OTHER PARTY CANNOT BE LOCATED OR DOES NOT LIVE IN FLORIDA: If, after you have made a diligent effort to locate the other party, you absolutely cannot locate the other party, you may serve the other party by publication. Service by publication is also known as **constructive service**. You may also be able to use constructive service if the other party does not live in Florida. **However, Florida courts have only limited jurisdiction over a party who is served by constructive service and may have only limited jurisdiction over a party living outside of Florida regardless of whether that party is served by constructive or personal service**; that is, the judge's power to order the other party to do certain things may be limited. For example, the judge may be able to grant your request for a divorce, but the judge may not be able to address issues such as child support, spousal support (alimony), or division of

property or debts.

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

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. For further information regarding service of process, see chapters 48 and 49, Florida Statutes, and rule 1.070, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as the instructions for **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage**, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a), and **Affidavit of Diligent Service and Inquiry**, ✎❒ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b).

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 a **Nonmilitary Affidavit**, ✎❒ 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 _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

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

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

IMPORTANT

A lawsuit has been filed against you. You have **20 calendar days** after this summons is served on you to file a written response to the attached complaint/petition with the clerk of this circuit court, located at: *{street address}* _____.
A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be **filed** if you want the Court to hear your side of the case.

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

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

{Name and address of party serving summons} _____

_____.

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.

IMPORTANTE

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

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

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

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

_____.

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

Usted debe de manener informada a la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito de su direccion actual. (Usted puede presentar _____ el Formulario: Ley de Familia de la Florida 12.915, [✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915], Notificacion de la Direccion Actual [Notice of Current Address].) Los papelos que se presenten en el futuro en esta demanda judicial seran env ados por correo a la direccion que este registrada en la oficina del Secretario.

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

IMPORTANT

Des poursuites judiciaries ont ete entreprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consecutifs a partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour deposer une reponse ecrite a la plainte ci-jointe aupres de ce tribunal. Qui se trouve a: *{L'Adresse}* _____. Un simple coup de telephone est insuffisant pour vous proteger; vous etes obliges de deposer votre reponse ecrite, avec mention du numero de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommees ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende votre cause. Si vous ne deposez pas votre reponse ecrite dans le delai requis, vous risquez de perdre la cause ainsi que votre salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent etre saisis par la suite, sans aucun preavis ulterieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requerir les services immediats d'un avocat. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez telephoner a un service de reference d'avocats ou a un bureau

d'assistance juridique (figurant a l'annuaire de telephones).

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

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

_____

Les photocopies de tous les documents tribunals de cette cause, y compris des arrets, sont disponible au bureau du greffier. Vous pouvez revue ces documents, sur demande.

Il faut aviser le greffier de votre adresse actuelle. (Vous pouvez deposer ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, Notice of Current Address.) Les documents de l'avenir de ce proces seront envoyer a l' adresse que vous donnez au bureau du greffier.

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

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

DATED: _____

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.910(b),

PROCESS SERVICE MEMORANDUM

When should this form be used?

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

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your petition was filed and attach a copy to the **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, ✎❒ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a). You should also keep a copy for your records.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. You should read the instructions for **Summons: Personal Service on an Individual**, ✎❒ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.910(a), for additional information.

Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter your address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, write "confidential" in the spaces provided for that information and file **Petitioner's 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 **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, ✎❒ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900 (a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

PROCESS SERVICE MEMORANDUM

TO: ( ) Sheriff of _____ County, Florida; _____ Division
( ) Private process server: _____
Please serve the *{name of document(s)}* _____
_____
in the above-styled cause upon:
Party: *{full legal name}* _____
Address or location for service: _____
_____
Work Address: _____
_____

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

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____
_____
_____
_____

Dated: _____ _____
Signature of Party
*Printed Name: _____
*Address: _____
*City, State, Zip: _____
*Telephone Number: _____
*Fax Number: _____

*** If this is a domestic violence case, do not enter this information if your address or telephone number need to be kept confidential for safety reasons; instead write "confidential" in the spaces provided and file ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i), Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address.**

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [✍ fill in **all** blanks]

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.912(b),
NONMILITARY AFFIDAVIT

When should this form be used?

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.
- You **ABSOLUTELY KNOW FOR CERTAIN** that the other person is **NOT** in the military service.

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.

Special notes...

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

NONMILITARY AFFIDAVIT

I, *{full legal name}* _____ , being sworn, certify that the following information is true:
[√ **all** that apply]

____ 1. I know of my own personal knowledge that Respondent is not on active duty in the armed services of the United States.

____ 2. I have inquired of the armed services of the United States and the U.S. Public Health Service to determine whether the Respondent is a member of the armed services and am attaching certificates stating that Respondent is not now in the armed services.

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORMS
12.922(a), MOTION FOR DEFAULT, and
12.922(b), DEFAULT

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.

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 or hand-delivered to each party in the case. **You must send a notice of final hearing to the defaulted party.**

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 1.500, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning defaults and rule 1.140, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning the time within which a party can file an answer or other responsive pleading to a petition. See also rule 12.080, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

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 [√ **one** only] ( ) 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: _____

Dated: _____

_____
Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

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

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

DEFAULT

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

Dated: _____

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

I certify that a copy of this document was [√ **one** only] ( ) 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: _____

Dated: _____

_____
Signature of Petitioner
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(e), CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

When should this form be used?

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

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should file the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

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

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

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

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

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

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CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES CHART

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
650.00	74	75	75	76	77	78
700.00	119	120	121	123	124	125
750.00	164	166	167	169	171	173
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
2850.00	616	956	1197	1349	1471	1573

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

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

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

Combined Monthly Available Income	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
9950.00	1435	2225	2791	3143	3426	3659
10000.00	1437	2228	2795	3148	3432	3666

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,
and

_____,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF FILING CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that {name}_____, is filing his/her Child Support Guidelines Worksheet attached and labeled Exhibit 1.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this Notice of Filing with the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet was [√ **one** only] ( ) 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: _____
Date: _____

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

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET			
	A. FATHER	**B.** MOTHER	TOTAL
1. Present Net Monthly Income Enter the amount from line number 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 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 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			
5a. 75% of Monthly Child Care Costs [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source for the child(ren). See section 61.30(7), Fla. Stat. for more information.]			
5b. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]			
5c. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs			
5d. 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.			
Statutory Adjustments/Credits			
7a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
7b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
7c. 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 § 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 Shared Parenting (GROSS UP METHOD) If the noncustodial parent exercises visitation at least 40 percent of the overnights in the year (146 overnights in the year), complete Nos. 10 through 21			
10. Basic Monthly Obligation x 150% [Multiply line 2by 1.5]			

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET			
	A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
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.]			
Additional Support — Health Insurance, Child Care & Other			
14a. Total Monthly Child Care Costs [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source for the child(ren). See section 61.30(7), Fla. Stat. for more information.]			
14b. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]			
14c. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs			
14d. 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			
16a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
16b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
16c. 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 § 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+18A]			
20. Total Child Support Owed from Mother to Father [Add line 13B+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]	$_____-or- $ _____		

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.

[**√ 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]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [**√ one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

Forms for use with:

Motion to/for

INSTRUCTIONS FOR

MOTION TO/FOR_____

Before a Judge (or in certain instances, a General Master/Hearing Officer) can hear your case, you must first put in writing what you are asking the Court to do and why. Usually this is done in the form of a *Motion.* Some examples of Motions you might file are:

Motion to Compel Discovery
Motion to Continue
Motion to Clarify
Motion for Contempt*

Once you have filled out the Motion, (see attached example) you must file the original with the Clerk of Court and mail a copy to the other party in your case. If the other party has an attorney, you should mail a copy to the attorney instead. You must schedule your Motion for a Hearing before the assigned Judge or a General Master/Hearing Officer. You must coordinate a mutually agreeable time and date for the Hearing, and give no less than 5 (five) working days advance Notice of Hearing to the opposing party or attorney, in writing. See the Instructions to the "Notice of Hearing" forms to learn more about how to schedule your case for a Hearing.

***If this Motion is filed after a Final Judgment has been entered:**

(1) the Motion should be set for Hearing before a General Master.

(2) the Motion should **not** be used to modify any provisions of a Final Judgment. Instead, a Supplemental Petition must be filed.

MOTION EXAMPLE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _6TH_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR (county name, where case is filed) COUNTY, FLORIDA

REF: (your pinellas county case number)
UCN: (your statewide unform case number)
Division: (court division of your case)

(The name of the person who filed the case originally) ,
Petitioner,

and

(The name of the other party in this case)_____ ,
Respondent.
_____/

MOTION TO/FOR: **(What you are asking for)**

(Your name), respectfully moves this Honorable Court to grant this Motion to/for **(What you are asking for)**, and as grounds therefore would show:

1.**(Why you think you should get what you are asking for)**
2._____
_____
_____
3._____
_____
_____
4._____
_____
_____

* **The below section must be completed**. Here you are certifying that you have provided a copy of your pleadings to the other party, and how you did so.
THIS SECTION MUST NOT BE LEFT BLANK OR INCOMPLETE.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy hereof has been furnished by mail/hand delivery/personal service to the persons listed below this _____ day of _____, 20___.

Party or their attorney(if represented)
Name_____
Address_____
_____
City State Zip
Telephone No._____
Telefax No._____
DATED:_____

Other
Name_____
Address_____
_____
City State Zip
Telephone No._____
Telefax No._____

* This section must be completed by you. All pleadings must be signed. A return address or p.o. box is required.

_____
Signature of party signing certificate and pleading
Printed name_____
Address_____
_____
City State Zip
_____
Telephone (area code and number)
_____
Telefax (area code and number)

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

REF:_____
UCN:_____
Division:_____

_____ ,
Petitioner,

and

_____ ,
Respondent.
_____/

MOTION TO/FOR:

_____, respectfully moves this Honorable Court to grant this Motion to/for _____, and as grounds therefore would show:

1. _____
_____
_____

2. _____
_____
_____

3. _____
_____
_____

4._____
_____
_____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Address_____
_____
City State Zip
Telephone No._____
Telefax No._____

Other
Name_____
Address_____
_____
City State Zip
Telephone No._____
Telefax No._____

DATED:_____

_____
Signature of party signing certificate and pleading
Printed name_____
Address_____
_____
City State Zip
_____
Telephone (area code and number)
_____
Telefax (area code and number)

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I, (name of nonlawyer) _____, a nonlawyer, located at (street)_____(city)_____(state)____ (phone)_____, helped (name)_____, who is the [check one only] ____petitioner or ____respondent, fill out this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.924, NOTICE FOR TRIAL

When should this form be used?

Generally, the court will have **trials** (or **final hearings**) on contested cases. This form is to be used to notify the court that your case is ready to be set for trial. Before setting your case for trial, certain requirements such as completing **mandatory disclosure** and **filing** certain papers and having them **served** on the other **party** must be met. These requirements vary depending on the type of case and the procedures in your particular circuit. In some circuits you must complete **mediation** or a **parenting course** before you can set a final hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, ✎❑ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form. Other circuits may require that you set the trial using an **Order Setting Trial**. Contact the **clerk of the circuit court**, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** to determine how the **judge** assigned to your case sets trials. For further information, you should refer to the instructions for the type of form you are filing.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed **or** hand delivered to the other party in your case.

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 12.440, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

These family law forms contain **orders** and **final judgments**, which the judge may use. You should ask the clerk of court, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant if you need to bring one of these forms with you to the hearing or trial. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

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

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

NOTICE FOR TRIAL

Pursuant to rule 12.440, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, the party signing below states that the case is ready to be set for trial. The estimated time needed for the parties to present their cases is: *{hours}* _____.

I certify that a copy of this document was [√ one only] ( ) 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: _____

Dated: _____

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

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [✍ fill in **all** blanks]
I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [√ **one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.923, NOTICE OF HEARING (GENERAL)

When should this form be used?

Anytime you have set a hearing before a **judge**, you must send notice of the **hearing** to the other party. **IMPORTANT**: If your hearing has been set before a general magistrate, you should use **Notice of Hearing Before General Magistrate**, ✎❒ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.920(c). If your hearing has been set before a child support enforcement hearing officer, you should use **Notice of Hearing (Child Support Hearing Officer)**, ✎❒ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.921.

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.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed **or** hand delivered to the other party in your case. If a **default** has been entered, you must still send this form to the other party to notify the other party of the **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. For further information on serving notices of hearing, see rule 1.090(d), Florida Civil Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

To set a hearing date and time, you will usually have to make a good-faith effort to coordinate a mutually convenient date and time for you, the other parties in the case, and the judge, except in certain emergency situations. Some circuits may have additional procedural requirements that you must follow when you notify the court and other parties of your scheduled hearing. Therefore, before you complete this form, you should contact the clerk's office, **family law intake staff**, or **judicial assistant** for information regarding the proper procedure to follow.

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

Case No.: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF HEARING (GENERAL)

[✍ fill in **all** blanks]

TO: *{name of other party}* _____

There will be a hearing before Judge *{name}* _____, on *{date}* _____, at *{time}* _____ m., in Room _____ of the_____ Courthouse, on the following issues: _____

_____

_____.

_____ hour(s)/ _____ minutes have been reserved for this hearing.

This part to be filled out by the court or to be filled in with information you obtained from the court: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact *{name}* _____, *{address}* _____, *{telephone}* _____, within 2 working days of your receipt of this Notice of Hearing. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8771.

If you are represented by an attorney or plan to retain an attorney for this matter, you should notify the attorney of this hearing.

If this matter is resolved, the moving party shall contact the judge's office to cancel this hearing.

I certify that a copy of this document was [**√ one** only] ( ) 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: _____

Dated: _____

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

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{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [**√ one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.

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

Ref. No.: _____
UCN: _____
Division: _____

_____,
Petitioner,

and

_____,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF HEARING (GENERAL)

[✍ fill in **all** blanks]

TO: *{name of other party}* _____

There will be a hearing before Judge *{name}* _____, on *{date}* _____, at *{time}* _____ m., in Room _____ of the_____ Courthouse, located at: *{address}*_____on the following issues: _____

_____

_____.

_____ hour(s)/ _____ minutes have been reserved for this hearing.

This part to be filled out by the court or to be filled in with information you obtained from the court:

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice/order)_____ _____please contact the Human Rights Office, 400 S. Ft. Harrison Ave., Ste. 300, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727)464-4062(V/TDD).

If you are represented by an attorney or plan to retain an attorney for this matter, you should notify the attorney of this hearing.

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Other party or his/her attorney:
Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Fax Number: _____
Dated: _____

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

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{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [√ **one** only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.