

		IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PLAINTIFF,)	
)	
)	_____ COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
)	
v.)	CIVIL DIVISION
)	
)	
)	NO. _____
DEFENDANT)	

NOTICE TO DEFEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED IN COURT. IF YOU WISH TO DEFEND AGAINST THE CLAIM SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU MUST TAKE PROMPT ACTION. YOU ARE WARNED THAT IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, THE CASE MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND A DECREE OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU BY THE COURT. A JUDGMENT MAY ALSO BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR ANY OTHER CLAIM OR RELIEF REQUESTED IN THESE PAPERS BY THE PLAINTIFF. YOU MAY LOSE MONEY OR PROPERTY OR OTHER RIGHTS IMPORTANT TO YOU INCLUDING CUSTODY OR VISITATION OF YOUR CHILD(REN).

WHEN THE GROUND FOR THE DIVORCE ARE INDIGNITIES OR IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN OF THE MARIAGE, YOU MAY REQUEST MARRIAGE COUNSELING. A LIST OF MARRIAGE COUNSELORS IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PROTHONOTARY AT _____, _____, PENNSYLVANIA.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A CLAIM FOR ALIMONY; DIVISION OF PROPERTY, LAWYERS FEES, OR EXPENSES BEFORE A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY OF THEM.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

LAWYERS REFERRAL SERVICE

 Telephone: (_____) _____

 For Petitioner
 Address: _____

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