NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

THIS PACKET IS DESIGNED TO BE USED WHEN:

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- BOTH PARTIES HAVE AGREED ON HOW YOU WILL DIVIDE YOUR ASSETS AND DEBTS;
- NEITHER PARTY IS SEEKING ALIMONY;
- BOTH PARTIES ARE WILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR RIGHTS TO A TRIAL AND APPEAL;
- BOTH PARTIES ARE WILLING TO SIGN THE PETITION;
- BOTH PARTIES ARE WILLING TO ATTEND THE FINAL HEARING.

THIS PACKET SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
- CHECKLIST
- INSTRUCTIONS AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
- CIVIL COVER SHEET
- PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
- NOTICE OF RELATED CASES
- FINANCIAL AFFIDAVITS
- NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
- AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS
- FINAL DISPOSITION FORM
- FORM A: FAMILY CASE INQUIRY/UPDATE

Read the enclosed instructions carefully and completely. Please be advised that neither the clerk's office nor the case managers are able to provide legal advice. We can give you the forms, and general information, however, you may need to consult with an attorney if you have legal questions.

<u>PRIOR TO</u> filing, you may contact the Clerk's Office for general information, or you may need to consult an attorney. <u>AFTER</u> a case has been opened or re-opened, the case managers may assist you with general information or case status. Please use *Form A: Family Case Inquiry/Update* provided in this packet to request status or review of your case.

NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED

Fla.Fam.L.R.P. 12.750(h)

THE PERSONNEL IN THIS SELF-HELP PROGRAM ARE NOT ACTING AS YOUR LAWYER OR PROVIDING LEGAL ADVICE TO YOU.

SELF-HELP PERSONNEL ARE NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COURT OR ANY JUDGE. THE PRESIDING JUDGE IN YOUR CASE MAY REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF A FORM OR SUBSTITUTION OF A DIFFERENT FORM. THE JUDGE IS NOT REQUIRED TO GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN A FORM.

THE PERSONNEL IN THIS SELF-HELP PROGRAM CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS OR REMEDIES ARE, REPRESENT YOU IN COURT, OR TELL YOU HOW TO TESTIFY IN COURT.

SELF-HELP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR WILL BE PARTIES TO A FAMILY CASE.

THE INFORMATION THAT YOU GIVE TO AND RECEIVE FROM SELF-HELP PERSONNEL IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE AT A LATER DATE. IF ANOTHER PERSON INVOLVED IN YOUR CASE SEEKS ASSISTANCE FROM THIS SELF-HELP PROGRAM, THAT PERSON WILL BE GIVEN THE SAME TYPE OF ASSISTANCE THAT YOU RECEIVE.

IN ALL CASES, IT IS BEST TO CONSULT WITH YOUR OWN ATTORNEY, ESPECIALLY IF YOUR CASE PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES REGARDING CHILDREN, CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY, RETIREMENT OR PENSION BENEFITS, ASSETS, OR LIABILITIES.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH. FILE THE SIGNED DOCUMENT WITH THE CLERK OF COURT.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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AVISO DE LIMITACIÓN DE LOS SERVICIOS PRESTADOS

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PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

CHECKLIST

This checklist has been prepared to assist you with a list of documents required to file your case and bring it to final hearing. The checklist contains the <u>minimum</u> requirements and may not be all inclusive for every case. It is not intended as, and should not be substituted for, proper legal advice from an attorney.

A. What you must file to open your case:

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		Petition For Simplified Dissolution of Marriage
		Notice of Related Cases
		Civil Cover Sheet
		Notice of Limitation of Services Provided and Acknowledgment
		Financial Affidavit (Each party must complete a separate financial affidavit)
		Notice of Social Security Number (Each party must complete a separate notice)
		Two (2) blank, stamped envelopes
		Final Disposition Form
		Marital Settlement Agreement (Complete one agreement together)
		Form A: Family Case Inquiry/Update
В.	Fees:	
		Filing fee in the amount of \$408.00 (cash, money order, attorney check or credit cards. NO personal checks will be accepted).
		Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status. If you are unable to pay the filing fees up front, the clerk will provide you with an application for a determination of indigence.

HOW TO FILE FOR SIMPLIFIED DIVORCE

This is an explanation and procedural guide to help you understand the steps that are required to file for a Simplified Dissolution of Marriage. Simplified divorce is a specialized type of divorce action that can only be filed by both parties together. When both parties sign the petition, they are jointly requesting that the court grant them a divorce and acknowledge and ratify their written agreement to divide their assets and debts. The following requirements must be met to file this type of divorce action:

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FORMS:

Notice of Limitation of Services Provided - Read this document very carefully and sign the Acknowledgment at the bottom. The signed document must be filed with the Clerk of Court.

Civil Cover Sheet - Complete the Civil Cover Sheet and file it with your petition. The clerk will enter the case number and division. Check the type of case as <u>Simplified Dissolution of Marriage</u>.

Petition For Simplified Dissolution of Marriage - Complete the petition by filling in the blanks and checking the appropriate boxes. Fill out the document carefully and completely. Do not leave blanks. If something does not pertain to you, put N/A (not applicable).

Notice of Related Cases – complete this form and indicate if there are any other cases pending in any jurisdiction which involve the same family members.

Notice of Social Security Number - the Florida Statutes require that this document be filed in all divorce actions. Complete the social security disclosure and file it with your petition. Two forms are included in the packet, one for each party.

Family Law Financial Affidavit - complete the Financial Affidavit and file the original for each party. THE PARTIES CANNOT AGREE TO WAIVE THE FILING OF THE FINANCIAL AFFIDAVITS. IT IS REQUIRED IN ALL DIVORCE ACTIONS FILED IN FLORIDA.

Marital Settlement Agreement – This document is used to divide all of your marital assets and debts and to settle all of the financial issues between you. Your petition states that both parties have signed and filed this document, therefore, you cannot omit it.

PROCEDURE:

- 1. Make two copies of all the documents you will be filing in your case. One set of copies is for you to keep. One set of copies will be served on your spouse. The originals must be filed with the Clerk of the Court.
- **2.** File the documents required in your case with the Clerk of the Court in the county where you last lived as husband and wife (unless <u>both</u> parties agree to file their case elsewhere). The following are

the addresses of the courthouses in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit:

Indian River CountySt. Lucie CountyMartin CountyOkeechobee County2000 16th Avenue218 South Second Street100 East Ocean Blvd.312 NW 3rd StreetVero Beach, FL 32960Fort Pierce, FL 34950Stuart, FL 34994Okeechobee, FL 34972

- **3.** When you file your documents, the deputy clerk will give you a case number. You will be required to pay a filing fee.
- 4. In order for the case manager to give you a date and time for the final hearing, your file must be complete. Complete the *Form A: Family Case Inquiry/Update* provided in this packet to request a court date and review of the file by a case manager. If the file is complete, a date and time to appear for final hearing will be sent to all parties in the mail.
- **5.** Arrive at the courthouse at least 15 minutes before you are scheduled to have your hearing. Please dress appropriately for court. Bring a copy of all documents that you have filed. You will also need proof of your Florida residence. The following is sufficient proof of residence:
 - a. A Florida driver's license, Florida ID card, or Florida Voter's Registration card issued at least six (6) months before you filed for divorce; or
 - b. A person who can testify that you have lived in Florida for the six (6) months before you filed for divorce; or
 - c. An affidavit signed and notarized by a person who has personal knowledge that you have lived in Florida for the six (6) months before you filed for divorce.
- **6.** At the end of the final hearing, the judge will either grant your divorce or tell you that there is a problem with your case and what that problem is. In most cases, the judge cannot tell you how to solve the problem.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interpreters – The Family division in the Nineteenth Circuit does not provide interpreters for hearings. If you cannot speak English well enough to participate in the hearing and understand the judge's questions, you will need to bring an interpreter with you at your own expense. If you do not bring an interpreter with you (someone other than your spouse) your hearing may be rescheduled to a later date. The judge cannot proceed with the hearing if you cannot understand what is being asked or discussed in the courtroom.

Legal Advice – Legal advice may only be provided by a licensed attorney. Court personnel are prohibited by law from giving you legal advice. Many times the issues surrounding a divorce action are complex. A lay person may not always know or understand what is in their best interest, or the best interest of their children. The forms included in this packet are designed to allow you to represent yourself in a legal action. You alone are responsible for the content of the documents that you sign. The court personnel, including the judge, cannot help you decide what to do or suggest what actions you might take in your case. YOU ARE CAUTIONED TO SEEK THE ADVICE OF A LICENSED ATTORNEY IN ALL MATTERS.

Frequently Asked Questions by Self-Represented Litigants

1. When is my hearing?

Cases are reviewed by case managers in the self-help program. If the case is ready for a hearing, it is set on the first available docket and parties are notified by mail. Due to both legislatively mandated budget cuts in the case manager office as well as the large number of filings in the four counties of the circuit, it may take time for your case to be set for hearing.

2. Where do I find the forms I need?

Forms are available online in the Self-Help section of the Florida State Courts website at http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules/index.shtml (spaces in the web address are underscored). Additionally, forms are located in each of the clerks' offices in the four counties for a fee:

Indian River County Clerk of the Circuit Court

2000 16th Avenue Vero Beach, Florida 32960 (772) 770-5185 http://www.clerk.indian-river.org/

Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court

312 North West 3rd Street
Okeechobee, Florida 34972
(863) 763-2131
http://www.clerk.co.okeechobee.fl.us/

Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court

100 East Ocean Boulevard Suite 200 Stuart, Florida 34994 (772) 288-5660

http://www.martinclerk.com/

Saint Lucie County Clerk of the Circuit Court

201 South Indian River Drive Fort Pierce, Florida 34950 (772) 462-6910 http://www.slcclerkofcourt.com/

3. Where do I file my completed forms?

All forms should be filed at the clerk's office in the county of your case (contact information for each of the clerks' offices is available in question 2) and a copy should be provided to the other party according to Florida Law and Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

4. How much are the filing fees?

Questions regarding filing fees should be directed to the clerk's office in the county of your case. See the answer to question 2 for locations and contact information for the clerks' offices.

5. How can I schedule a mediation with the 19th Judicial Circuit's Mediation Program?

Both parties must submit a completed Financial Affidavit before the case can be referred. If the combined gross annual income of both parties is less than \$100,000.00 then the case manager may refer the case to the 19th Judicial Circuit Mediation Program. The mediation program case manager will submit an Order for Mediation for the judge's signature. Once the judge has signed the Order, the mediation program will schedule the mediation and provide written notification of the date, time, and location of the mediation.

6. I have no attorney but the other party does - how do I set a hearing?

The self-represented litigant will need to contact the <u>judge's office</u> and request available hearing dates from the judicial assistant. You will then need to contact the attorney's office to coordinate the date with the attorney. Once a date has been agreed upon, you will need to call the judicial assistant again to reserve the hearing date. To shorten this process, you may request the judicial assistant to conference the attorney's office into your initial call to the judicial assistant. You will then need to complete a Notice of Hearing and provide it to the clerk's office, attorney's office, and judicial assistant. A Notice of Hearing is available on the Florida State Courts website at

http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules/index.shtml (spaces in this web address are underscored).

7. I need to speak to the judge or magistrate about my case – how do I contact their office?

Judges and magistrates are not permitted to speak to parties about their case outside of the courtroom. If you have an issue you need addressed by the court, you must file a proper pleading and, if appropriate, a hearing will be scheduled.

8. How long will it take for me to get a divorce?

There are many factors (such as minor children, property, assets, etc.) which add to the length of time an action takes to get to a final hearing, but, generally speaking, most uncontested cases (cases in which the parties sign and file an agreement resolving all issues) are set for a final hearing within 90 days from the filing date. Due to both legislatively mandated budget cuts in the case manager office as well as the large number of filings in the four counties of the circuit, contested cases may take significantly longer to get to final hearing.

9. What is a magistrate?

A magistrate is an attorney who hears cases referred by a judge and acts in a quasi-judicial capacity. In our Circuit, magistrates hear post-judgment family cases (that is, they do not hear any cases such as divorce or establishment of paternity). The magistrate hears the cases and provides recommendations to the judge. An Order of Referral is sent to all parties of a case before the case is heard by the magistrate, and the parties must agree that the magistrate can hear the case. An Order of Referral contains the following language:

A REFERRAL TO A GENERAL MAGISTRATE REQUIRES THE CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BEFORE A JUDGE. IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THIS MATTER HEARD BEFORE THE GENERAL MAGISTRATE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE REFERRAL WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE TIME OF SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. IF THE TIME SET FOR THE HEARING IS LESS THAN 10 DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER, THE OBJECTION MUST BE MADE BEFORE THE HEARING. IF THIS ORDER IS SERVED WITHIN THE FIRST 20 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF PROCESS, THE TIME TO FILE AN OBJECTION IS EXTENDED TO THE TIME WITHIN WHICH A RESPONSIVE PLEADING IS DUE. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION WITHIN THE APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD IS DEEMED TO BE A CONSENT TO THE REFERRAL.

REVIEW OF THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL MAGISTRATE SHALL BE BY EXCEPTIONS AS PROVIDED IN RULE 12.490(f), FLA. FAM. L. R. P. A RECORD, WHICH INCLUDES A TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE EXCEPTIONS.

If there are no exceptions to the recommendations of the magistrate timely filed by the parties, the recommendations are forwarded to the judge to be signed as an Order.

10. What should I bring to court and what am I supposed to do?

- · Dress appropriately for court
- Be on time for your hearing
- Both parties should attend scheduled hearings
- Remain calm
- Speak directly to the judge or the magistrate
- Listen to the judge or the magistrate and do not interrupt someone when he/she is speaking each party will have time to speak
- The court can only hear matters that have been properly filed and are scheduled for hearing, so stay focused on the issues that are in the pleading and scheduled for that hearing
- Do not bring your children to court with you unless you have been ordered by the judge to have the children present. If you bring your children you will need to have someone who can supervise them outside of the courtroom while your case is being heard.
- Bring your valid Florida Drivers License, Florida Voter's Registration Card, or valid Florida Identification Card with you
- Bring any documents you think may be necessary for your case depending on the issues that have been identified
 in the petition or motion (such as receipts, bills, proof of real estate, copies of checks, etc. see Chapter 90
 "Evidence Code" Florida Statutes for more information)
- · Know what you want before the hearing and be able to explain to the judge or magistrate why it is you want it

Ask questions if you do not understand what is going on – you should leave the hearing knowing what happened

11. I need an interpreter for the hearing - what should I do?

If you need a foreign language interpreter to fully participate in your hearing, it is your responsibility to bring a qualified interpreter as the Court does not provide a foreign language interpreter free of charge for family law cases.

If you need a sign language interpreter for your hearing, please contact the ADA Coordinator at (772) 807-4370.

12. What does "pro se" mean?

"Pro se" is another term for someone who represents himself or herself in court. It is still your responsibility to be aware of laws and legal rules before appearing in court as neither the judge, magistrate, case managers, clerks, nor other court personnel are allowed to give you any legal advice. Additional information and links are available on our Self-Help Program/Self-Represented Litigants webpage. If possible, it is best to consult with an attorney before appearing in court.

13. How does the Court calculate child support?

There are a number of factors that could affect the amount of child support that is ordered, but generally child support is calculated based on guidelines provided in §61.30 Florida Statutes.

14. How is child support paid?

There are three options for payment of child support: direct pay (one parent is ordered to pay the child support directly to the other parent), state disbursement unit (one parent is ordered to send payments to the state disbursement unit who then sends the payment to the other parent), and Income Deduction Order (this is an Order entered by the Court that is sent to the employer of the parent ordered to pay with an amount that must be deducted from the parent's paycheck and sent to the state disbursement unit – the state disbursement unit then sends the payment to the other parent). Florida law requires that all child support payments must be paid through the state disbursement unit unless both parties agree to have it paid directly. Self-represented litigants whose pleadings include issues of child support should consider which option would work best for their situation – this information should be explained to the judge or magistrate during the hearing so that the best solution can be worked out for the parties and entered into an Order.

15. I received an Order to File directing the other party to file a document(s) – how do I know if the other party has done this?

As noted in question 3, all documents should be filed with the clerk's office in the county of your case and a copy should be provided to the other party in the case according to <u>Florida Law</u> and <u>Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure</u>. If you have questions or concerns about what has been filed, you can contact the appropriate clerk's office to see what has been filed by the other party (contact information for each of the clerk's offices is available in question 2).

16. My hearing is scheduled, but I cannot wait that long and need an earlier date – what should I do?

You may call the office of the <u>judge</u> or <u>magistrate</u>, as applicable, and request an earlier hearing date. However, an earlier hearing date may not be available.

17. I have a Final Judgment/Order directing the other party to pay child support, participate in time sharing, etc. The other party has not done this – what should I do?

If you believe that the other party has not complied with what was ordered and you are seeking relief, you must file a proper pleading with the clerk's office. The pleading will be scheduled for a hearing before a judge or magistrate. It is your responsibility to provide proof or evidence that the other party has not complied with the Order. Please refer to question 10 for information about what you should bring to Court and what you are supposed to do. You may also see the Florida Supreme Court approved forms and instructions at http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules/index.shtml (spaces in this web address are underscored) to determine the proper form to complete and file.

18. I have been ordered to take a parenting course - why do I have to do this?

<u>Florida Statute</u> § 61.21(4) requires that all parties to a dissolution of marriage with children or a paternity action that involves issues of parental responsibility are required to complete a parenting course before a Final Judgment is entered. The court may hold any parent who fails to attend this required parenting course in contempt and impose appropriate sanctions. A current list of approved parenting course providers is located at this website: http://www.myfloridafamilies.com/docs/ParentEducationFamilyStabilizationCourseProvidersList.pdf.

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

When should this form be used?

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

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

What should I do next?

Follow these instructions for completing the form:

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

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

COVER SHEET FOR FAMILY COURT CASES

I.	Case Style
	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
	Case No.: Judge:
	Petitioner
	and
	Respondent
II.	Type of Action/Proceeding. Place a check beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are simultaneously filing more than one type of proceeding against the same opposing party, such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding, complete a separate cover sheet for each action being filed. If you are reopening a case, choose one of the three options below it.
	(A) Initial Action/Petition (B) Reopening Case 1 Modification/Supplemental Petition 2 Motion for Civil Contempt/Enforcement 3 Other
III.	Type of Case. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive.
	 (A) Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (B) Dissolution of Marriage (C) Domestic Violence (D) Dating Violence (E) Repeat Violence (F) Sexual Violence
	 (G) Stalking (H) Support IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (I) Support Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (J) UIFSA IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (K) UIFSA Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement) (L) Other Family Court (M) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter 63 (N) Name Change

	(O) Paternity/Disestablishment of Pa	,		
	(P) Juvenile Delinquency			
	(Q) Petition for Dependency			
	(R) Shelter Petition			
	(S) Termination of Parental Rights A			
	(T) Adoption Arising Out Of Chapter	39		
	(U) CINS/FINS			
IV.	Rule of Judicial Administration 2.545(d) requires that a Notice of Related Cases Form, Family			
	Law Form 12.900(h), be filed with the init	ial pleading/petition by the filing attorney or self-		
	,	e court of related cases. Is Form 12.900(h) being		
	filed with this Cover Sheet for Family Court	t Cases and initial pleading/petition?		
	No, to the best of my knowledge, no			
	Yes, all related cases are listed on Far	nily Law Form 12.900(h).		
AT [.]	TORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE			
	I CERTIFY that the information I have p	provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best		
of r	my knowledge and belief.			
Sia	naturo	El Bar No :		
Sig		FL Bar No.:(Bar number if attorney)		
Sig	nature Attorney or party	FL Bar No.: (Bar number,if attorney)		
Sig	Attorney or party	(Bar number,if attorney)		
Sig				
Sig	Attorney or party (Type or print name)	(Bar number,if attorney)		
Sig	Attorney or party	(Bar number,if attorney)		
	Attorney or party (Type or print name) Date	(Bar number,if attorney) (E-mail Address(es))		
IF #	Attorney or party (Type or print name) Date A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS	(Bar number,if attorney) (E-mail Address(es))		
IF A	Attorney or party (Type or print name) Date A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS LOW: [fill in all blanks]	(Bar number,if attorney) (E-mail Address(es)) FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS		
IF A BEI	Attorney or party (Type or print name) Date A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS LOW: [fill in all blanks] is form was prepared for the: {choose only o	(Bar number,if attorney) (E-mail Address(es)) FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS [ne] () Petitioner () Respondent		
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IF A BEI Thi Thi {na	Attorney or party (Type or print name) Date A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS LOW: [fill in all blanks] is form was prepared for the: {choose only o is form was completed with the assistance of ame of individual} ame of business}	(Bar number,if attorney) (E-mail Address(es)) FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS [ne] () Petitioner () Respondent of:		
IF A BEI Thi Thi {na {aa	Attorney or party (Type or print name) Date A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS LOW: [fill in all blanks] is form was prepared for the: {choose only of is form was completed with the assistance of ame of individual}	(Bar number,if attorney) (E-mail Address(es)) FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS [ne] () Petitioner () Respondent of:		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.901(a), PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (01/15)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when a husband and wife are filing for a simplified <u>dissolution of</u> <u>marriage</u>. You and/or your <u>spouse</u> must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing for a dissolution in Florida. You may file a simplified dissolution of marriage in Florida if **all** of the following are true:

- You and your spouse agree that the marriage cannot be saved.
- You and your spouse have no minor or dependent child(ren) together, the wife does not have any minor or dependent children born during the marriage, and the wife is not now pregnant.
- You and your spouse have worked out how the two of you will divide the things that you
 both own (your <u>assets</u>) and who will pay what part of the money you both owe (your
 liabilities), and you are both satisfied with this division.
- You are not seeking support (alimony) from your spouse, and vice versa.
- You are willing to give up your right to trial and appeal.
- You and your spouse are both willing to go into the clerk's office to sign the petition (not necessarily together).
- You and your spouse are both willing to go to the <u>final hearing</u> (at the same time).

If you do not meet the criteria above, you must file a regular **<u>petition</u>** for dissolution of marriage.

This petition should be typed or printed in black ink. Each of you must sign the petition in the presence of a deputy clerk (in the clerk's office), although you do not have to go into the clerk's office at the same time. You will need to provide picture identification (valid driver's license or official identification card) for the clerk to witness your signatures.

What should I do next?

1. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where you live and keep a copy for your records.

You may document your agreement by signing a **Marital Settlement Agreement,** Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(f)(3) and filing it with the <u>clerk of the circuit</u> court or you may agree that all of your assets (what you own) and liabilities (what you owe) have been disposed of by oral agreement.

- 2. You must prove to the court that the husband and/or wife has (have) lived in Florida for more than 6 months before filing the petition for dissolution of marriage. Residence can be proved by:
 - a valid Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter registration card issued to one of you at least 6 months prior to filing for dissolution of marriage; or
 - the testimony of another person who knows that either you or your spouse has resided in Florida for more than 6 months and is available to testify in court; or
 - an <u>affidavit</u>. To prove residence by affidavit, use an **Affidavit of Corroborating Witness**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i). This form must be signed by a person who knows that either you or your spouse has lived in Florida for more than 6 months before the date that you filed the petition for dissolution of marriage. This affidavit may be signed in the presence of the clerk of the court or in the presence of a **notary public**, who must affix his or her seal at the proper place on the affidavit.
- **3.** You must pay the appropriate <u>filing fees</u> to the clerk of the circuit court. If you and your spouse cannot afford to pay the filing fees, you may fill out an **Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status**, and file it with your petition for dissolution of marriage. You may obtain this form from the clerk and he or she will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees waived.
- **4.** Either you or the clerk of court will need to complete a **Family Court Cover Sheet**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.928. The clerk's office can provide this form.
- 5. You must obtain a date and time for a court appearance from the clerk of court. On that date, you and your spouse must appear together before a judge. You should complete a Final Judgment of Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.990(a), and bring it with you to the hearing. At that time, if all of the papers are in order, the judge may grant a final judgment dissolving your marriage under simplified dissolution of marriage procedures by signing the final judgment which you have provided.
- 6. If you fail to complete this procedure, the court may dismiss the case to clear its 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. The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes, and Rule 12.105, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

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

	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,		
	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COUNTY, FLORIDA		
	Case No.:		
	Division:		
	, Husband,		
	and		
	Wife.		
	PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE		
	We, {full legal name}, Husband		
an	d {full legal name}, Wife		
	ing sworn, certify that the following information is true:		
ווון	l in all blanks]		
1.	We are both asking the Court for a dissolution of our marriage.		
2.	Husband lives in {name} County, {state}, and has lived		
	there since {date} Wife lives in {name}		
	County, {state}, and has lived there since {date}		
3.	We were married to each other on {date} in the city of {city}		
	in state of {state}, or country of {country}		
4.	Our marriage is irretrievably broken.		
5.	We do not have any minor or dependent children together, the wife does not have any		
	minor or dependent children born during the marriage, and the wife is not pregnant.		
6.	We have divided our assets (what we own) and our liabilities (what we owe) by agreement.		
	We are satisfied with this agreement.		
	{Check one only}		
	() Our marital settlement agreement, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form		
	12.902(f)(3), is attached. This agreement was signed freely and voluntarily by each of us		
	and we intend to be bound by it.		
	() Our marital settlement agreement is not in writing. We prefer to keep our financial		
	agreements private.		

7.	{Check one only} () yes () no Wife v	wants to be known by her former name, which was	
	{full legal name}	.	
8.	We each certify that we have not been	threatened or pressured into signing this petition.	
	We each understand that the result of s	igning this petition may be a final judgment ending	
	our marriage and allowing no further re	lief.	
 We each understand that we both must come to the hearing to testify about the thing 			
٠.	are asking for in this petition.	to the fielding to testiny about the things we	
10	-		
10.	·	legal rights as a result of our marriage and that by	
	signing this petition we may be giving u	p those rights.	
11.	We ask the Court to end our marriage a	nd approve our marital settlement agreement.	
inc	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.		
Da	ted:	Signature of HUSBAND	
		Printed Name:	
		Address:	
		City, State, Zip:	
		Telephone Number:Fax Number:	
		E-mail Address(es):	
	ATE OF FLORIDA UNTY OF		
Sw	orn to or affirmed and signed before me	onby	
		NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK	
		[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or deputy clerk.]	
	Personally known		
	_ Produced identification		
	Type of identification produced		

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 WIFE
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before m	e onby
G	· -
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of
	notary or deputy clerk.]
Personally known	
Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT	THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS
BELOW: [fill in all blanks]	
This form was prepared for: [choose only	one] () Husband () Wife
This form was completed with the assistar	nce of:
{name of individual}	
{name of business}	
{address}	
{city} , {stat	re}, {telephone number}

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(h), NOTICE OF RELATED CASES (11/13)

When should this form be used?

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

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

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

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

What should I do next?

A copy of the form must be served on the presiding judges, either the chief judge or the family law administrative judge, and all parties in the related cases. You should also keep a copy for your records. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes . . .

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

Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(h), Notice of Related Cases (11/13)

Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms must also put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.
Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(h), Notice of Related Cases (11/13)

	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
	IN AND FOR	COUNTY, FLORIDA
		Case No.:
		Division:
	,	
	Petitioner,	
	and	
	Respondent.	
	NOTICE	E OF RELATED CASES
juv far the cas ma [cr	venile delinquency, juvenile dependermily law case if it involves any of the e party files a family case; if it affects se may conflict with an order on the ay conflict with an order in the earlier neck one only] There are no related cases. The following are the related cases.	pen or closed civil, criminal, guardianship, domestic violence ency, or domestic relations case. A case is "related" to this same parties, children, or issues and it is pending at the time is the court's jurisdiction to proceed; if an order in the related e same issues in the new case; or if an order in the new case relitigation. Solution (add additional pages if necessary):
Pe	etitioner	
Re	espondent	
	se No.:	Division:
Tv	pe of Proceeding: [check all that app Dissolution of Marriage	oly] Paternity

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(h), Notice of Related Cases (11/13)

Name of Court where case was decided or is pending: Florida Other: {specify} Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any): Pending case check all that apply]: pending case involves same parties, children, or issues; may affect court's jurisdiction; order in related case may conflict with an order in this case; order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case. Statement as to the relationship of the cases:			
			Related Case No. 2 Case Name(s): Petitioner Respondent Case No.: Division:
			Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply] Dissolution of Marriage Paternity Custody Adoption Child Support Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings Juvenile Dependency Juvenile Delinquency Termination of Parental Rights Criminal Domestic/Sexual/Dating/Repeat Mental Health Violence or Stalking Injunctions Other {specify}
State where case was decided or is pending: Florida Other: {specify} Name of Court where case was decided or is pending (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida): Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any): Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any):			
Relationship of cases check all that apply]: pending case involves same parties, children, or issues;			

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(h), Notice of Related Cases (11/13)

order in related case may conflict with an order in this case;order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case.				
Statement as to the relationship of the cases:				
Related Case No. 3				
Case Name(s):				
Petitioner				
Respondent				
Case No.:				
Type of Proceeding: [check all that apply]				
	Paternity			
	Adoption			
	Modification/Enforcement/Contempt Proceedings			
	Juvenile Delinquency			
	Criminal			
	Mental Health			
Violence or Stalking Injunctions	Other {specify}			
State where case was decided or is pending: Florida Other: {specify}				
Name of Court where case was decided or is pend	ling (for example, Fifth Circuit Court, Marion			
County, Florida): Title of last Court Order/Judgment (if any):				
			Date of Court Order/Judgment (if any):	
Polationship of cases shock all that apply?				
Relationship of cases check all that apply]: pending case involves same parties, children, or issues; may affect court's jurisdiction; order in related case may conflict with an order in this case; order in this case may conflict with previous order in related case. Statement as to the relationship of the cases:				
			[check one only]	
			I do not request coordination of litigation in	any of the cases listed above.

2.

	I do request coordination of the following	owing cases:
3.	[check all that apply] Assignment to one judge Coordination of existing cases will conserve judicial resources ar because:	nd promote an efficient determination of these cases
4.	The Petitioner acknowledges a continuing state that could affect the current proceed	g duty to inform the court of any cases in this or any other ding.
	Dated:	
		Petitioner's Signature Printed Name:
		Address:
		City, State, Zip:
		Telephone Number:
		Fax Number:E-mail Address(es):
ıc	_	CATE OF SERVICE e of Related Cases to the County
		rver for service on the Respondent, and [check all used]
		l, a copy to <i>{name}</i> , who is the
		new case, () chief judge or family law administrative
		a party to the related case, () {name}
	, a party to	the related case on {date}
		Signature of Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner
		Printed Name:
		Address:
		City, State, Zip:
		Telephone Number:
		Fax Number:
		E-mail Address(es):
		Florida Bar Number:

IF A NONLA	WYER	HELPED YO	U FILL OUT TH	IS FORM, HE/SHE MUST	FILL IN THE BLA	NKS BELOW:
[fill in all bla	fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the <i>{choose only one}</i> : () Petitioner () Respondent.					
This form w	This form was completed with the assistance of:					
{name of in	dividu	al}				
		business}				
{address}						<i>,</i>
{city}			{state}	, {telephone nur	nber}	·

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(b), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM) (01/15)

When should this form be used?

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

- (1) You are filing a simplified dissolution of marriage under rule 12.105 and both parties have waived the filing of a financial affidavit;
- (2) You have no minor children, no support issues, and have filed a written settlement agreement disposing of all financial issues; or
- (3) The court lacks jurisdiction to determine any financial issues.

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

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be served on the other <u>party</u> in your case within 45 days of being served with the petition, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes...

If you want to keep your address confidential because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

The affidavit must be completed using **monthly** income and expense amounts. If you are paid or your bills are due on a schedule which is not monthly, you must convert those amounts. Hints are provided below for making these conversions.

Instructions to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b), Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short Form) (01/15)

Hourly - If you are paid by the hour, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Hourly amount x Hours worked per week = Weekly amount
Weekly amount x 52 Weeks per year = Yearly amount
Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = Monthly Amount
Daily - If you are paid by the day, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Daily amount x Days worked per week = Weekly amount
Weekly amount x 52 Weeks per year = Weekly amount
Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = Monthly Amount

Weekly - If you are paid by the week, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Weekly amount x 52 Weeks per year = Yearly amount Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = **Monthly Amount**

Bi-weekly - If you are paid every two weeks, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Bi-weekly amount x 26 = Yearly amount Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = **Monthly Amount**

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

Semi-monthly amount x 2 = Monthly Amount

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COUNTY, FLORIDA
W/WD FOR	
	Case No.: Division:
	Division.
and	
Respondent.	
FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL	AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)
(Under \$50,000 Individ	dual Gross Annual Income)
	, being sworn, certify that the following
information is true: My Occupation:	Employed by:
Business Address:	
	very other week () twice a month () monthly
Check here if unemployed and explain on a se	parate sheet your efforts to find employment.
	ons with this form to figure out money amounts for aper, if needed. Items included under "other" should
1. \$ Monthly gross salary or wages	
2 Monthly bonuses, commissions, allow	vances, overtime, tips, and similar payments
	es such as self-employment, partnerships, close ntracts (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary e) (Attach sheet itemizing such income and expenses.)
4Monthly disability benefits/SSI	
5Monthly Workers' Compensation	
6Monthly Unemployment Compensation	on
7Monthly pension, retirement, or annu	ity payments
8Monthly Social Security benefits	
9 Monthly alimony actually received (Ac	dd 9a and 9b)
9a. From this case: \$	
9b. From other case(s):	
10 Monthly interest and dividends	
11. Monthly rental income (gross receipts	s minus ordinary and necessary expenses

			required to produce income) (Attach sheet itemizing such income and expense items.
12.			_ Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates
13.			_ Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they reduce personal living expenses
14.			_ Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring gains)
15.			Any other income of a recurring nature (list source)
16.			
17.	\$_		TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Add lines 1–16)
PRE	SEI	NT M	ONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:
18.	\$_		_Monthly federal, state, and local income tax (corrected for filing status and allowable dependents and income tax liabilities)
		a.	Filing Status
		b.	Number of dependents claimed
19.			_ Monthly FICA or self-employment taxes
20.			_ Monthly Medicare payments
21.			_ Monthly mandatory union dues
22.			_ Monthly mandatory retirement payments
23.			Monthly health insurance payments (including dental insurance), excluding portion paid for any minor children of this relationship
24.			_ Monthly court-ordered child support actually paid for children from another relationship
25.			_Monthly court-ordered alimony actually paid (Add 25a and 25b)
		25	a. from this case: \$
		25	b. from other case(s):\$
26.	\$_		TOTAL DEDUCTIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER SECTION 61.30, FLORIDA STATUTES
			(Add lines 18 through 25).
27.	\$		PRESENT NET MONTHLY INCOME (Subtract line 26 from line 17)

SECTION II. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES

Proposed/Estimated Expenses. If this is a dissolution of marriage case **and** your expenses as listed below do not reflect what you actually pay currently, you should write "estimate" next to each amount that is estimated.

A. HOUSEHOLD:	<u> </u>		
Mortgage or rent		THER EXPENSES NOT LISTE	
Property taxes		hing	\$
Utilities		dical/Dental (uninsured)	Ş
Telephone		oming	\$
Food	1	ertainment	Ş
Meals outside home	\$ Gifts		Ş
Maintenance/Repairs		gious organizations	\$
Other:		cellaneous	\$
	Othe	er:	\$
B. AUTOMOBILE			\$
Gasoline	<u> </u>		\$
Repairs	<u></u>		\$
Insurance	\$		\$
			\$
C. CHILD(REN)'S EXPENSES			
Day care	<u>}</u>		
Lunch money	A	AYMENTS TO CREDITORS	
Clothing	\$ CRE	DITOR:	MONTHLY
Grooming	\$		PAYMENT
Gifts for holidays	\$		\$
Medical/Dental (uninsured)	\$		\$
Other:	\$		\$
			\$
D. INSURANCE			\$
Medical/Dental (if not listed on			\$
lines 23 or 45)	\$		\$
Child(ren)'s medical/dental	\$		\$
Life	\$		\$
Other:	\$		\$
			ς

28. \$	_ TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (add ALL monthly amounts in A through F above)
SUMMARY	
29. \$	_ TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY NET INCOME (from line 27 of SECTION I. INCOME)
30. \$	_ TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (from line 28 above)
31. \$	_ SURPLUS (If line 29 is more than line 30, subtract line 30 from line 29. This is the amount of your surplus. Enter that amount here.)
32. (\$) (DEFICIT) (If line 30 is more than line 29, subtract line 29 from line 30. This is the amount of your deficit. Enter that amount here.)

SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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

A. ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge	Current Fair Market Value	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
award to you.		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			
Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Assets (add next column)	\$		

B. LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate debt owed by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be	Current Amount Owed	Nonmarital (check correct column)	
the line next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.		husband	wife
Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
Second mortgage on home			
Other mortgages			
Auto loans			
Charge/credit card accounts			
Other			
Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add next column)	\$		

C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

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

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

Contingent Liabilities Check the line next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.		Nonmarital (check 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.)

[Check one only] A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet	t IS or WILL BE filed in this case. This case involves the
establishment or modification of child support.	
	t IS NOT being filed in this case. The establishment or
modification of child support is not an issue in	
• •	
	ck all used]: () e-mailed () mailed () faxed
() hand delivered to the person(s) listed below	ow on {date}
Other party or his/her attorney:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	
E-mail Address(es):	
	under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this
	vingly making a false statement includes fines and/or
imprisonment.	
Datada	
Dated:	Cignature of Party
	Signature of Party
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Fax Number:E-mail Address(es):
	E-IIIaii Address(es).
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned
	name of notary or deputy clerk.]
Personally known	
Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	

F A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} () Petitioner () Respondent form was completed with the assistance of:				
name of business}		,		
address}			_	
city}	,{state}	{telephone number}		

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

When should this form be used?

This form must be completed and filed by each party in all <u>paternity</u>, <u>child support</u>, and <u>dissolution of marriage</u> 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 <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

What should I do next?

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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

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

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes...

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TH IN AND FOR		
Petitioner,	,	
and		
Responden	_ , t.	
NOTICE OF SO	OCIAL SECURITY	NUMBER
I, {full legal name}		, certify that
my social security number is	, as r	required by the applicable section of
the Florida Statutes. My date of birth is		·
[Choose one only]		
1. This notice is being filed in a dis children in common.	solution of marriage ca	se in which the parties have no minor
2. This notice is being filed in a parin which the parties have minor of birth, and social security num	children in common. T	case, or in a dissolution of marriage the minor child(ren)'s name(s), date(s)
Name 	Birth date	Social Security Number
{Attach additional pages if necessary.}		
Disclosure of social security numbers shall program for child support enforcement.	be limited to the purpo	ose of administration of the Title IV-D

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I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this notice and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment. Dated: ____ Signature Printed Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Telephone Number:_____ Fax Number: Designated E-mail Address(es):_____ STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____ Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on by _______. NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK [Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk] Personally known Produced identification

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:[fill in **all** blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only **one**} () Petitioner () Respondent

This form was completed with the assistance of:

{name of individual}

{name of business}

{address}

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

Type of identification produced _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(f)(3), MARITAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (11/12)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when a **Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.901(a), has been <u>filed</u> and the <u>parties</u> have reached an agreement on all of the issues at hand.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. **Both** parties must sign the agreement and have their signatures witnessed by a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. After completing this form, you should file the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where the **petition** was filed and keep a copy for your records. You should then refer to the instructions for your petition, **answer**, or answer and **counterpetition** concerning the procedures for setting a hearing or **trial** (**final hearing**).

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes...

This form does not act to transfer title to the property. Such transfer must be done by deed or supplemental final judgment.

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

	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE	JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
	IN AND FOR	COUNTY, FLORIDA
		Case No.:
		Division:
re: t	he Marriage of:	
	Petitioner,	
	and	
	Respondent.	
	MARITAL SETTLEMENT	T AGREEMENT FOR
	SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTI	ON OF MARRIAGE
ĮΗι	ishand's full legal name}	,and {Wife's full legal name}
		,being sworn, certify that the following statements
tru		,being sworn, certify that the following statements
	e: We were married to each other on {date} Because of irreconcilable differences in o made this agreement to settle once and expect to receive from each other. Each have honestly included everything we co	ur marriage (no chance of staying together), we have for all what we owe to each other and what we can of us states that nothing has been held back, that we uld think of in listing our assets (everything we own ar hing we owe), and that we believe the other has been
1.	We were married to each other on {date}. Because of irreconcilable differences in o made this agreement to settle once and expect to receive from each other. Each have honestly included everything we co that is owed to us) and our debts (everyt open and honest in writing this agreement we have both filed a Family Law Financia 12.902(b) or (c). Because we have volunt	ur marriage (no chance of staying together), we have for all what we owe to each other and what we can of us states that nothing has been held back, that we uld think of in listing our assets (everything we own arking we owe), and that we believe the other has been

SECTION I. MARITAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- **A. Division of Assets.** We divide our assets (everything we own and that is owed to us) as follows: Any personal item(s) not listed below is the property of the party currently in possession of the item(s).
 - 1. Wife shall receive as her own and Husband shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets:

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) WIFE SHALL RECEIVE (To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is wife's, husband's, or both.)	Current Fair Market Value
Cash (on hand)	\$
Cash (in banks/credit unions)	
Stocks/Bonds	
Notes (money owed to you in writing)	
Money owed to you (not evidenced by a note)	
Real estate: (Home)	
(Other)	
Business interests	
Automobiles	
Boats	
Other vehicles	
Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)	

Furniture & furnishings in home	
Furniture & furnishings elsewhere	
Collectibles	
Jewelry	
Life insurance (cash surrender value)	
Sporting and entertainment (T.V., stereo, etc.) equipment	
Other assets	
Total Assets to Wife	\$

2. Husband shall receive as his own and Wife shall have no further rights or responsibilities regarding these assets:

ASSETS: DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S) HUSBAND SHALL RECEIVE (To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers Where applicable, include whether the name on any title/deed/account described below is wife's, husband's or both.)	Current Fair Market Value
Cash (on hand)	\$
Cash (in banks/credit unions)	
Stocks/Bonds	
Notes (money owed to you in writing)	

Money owed to you (not evidenced by a note)	
Real estate: (Home)	
(Other)	
Business interests	
Automobiles	
Boats	
Other vehicles	
Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)	
Furniture & furnishings in home	
Furniture & furnishings elsewhere	
Collectibles	
Jewelry	
Life insurance (cash surrender value)	
Sporting and entertainment (T.V., stereo, etc.) equipment	
Other assets	

Total Assets to Husband	\$

- B. Division of Liabilities/Debts. We divide our liabilities (everything we owe) as follows:
- 1. Wife shall pay as her own the following and will not at any time ask Husband to pay these debts/bills:

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

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

LIABILITIES: DESCRIPTION OF DEBT(S) TO BE PAID BY HUSBAND (To avoid confusion at a later date, describe each item as clearly as possible. You do not need to list account numbers. Where applicable, include whether the name on any mortgage, note or account described below is wife's, husband's, or both.	Monthly Payment	Current Amount Owed
Mortgages on real estate: (Home)	\$	\$
(Other)		
Charge/credit card accounts		
Avita lagra		
Auto loan Auto loan		
Bank/credit union loans		
Banky Credit dillon loans		
Money you owe (not evidenced by a note)		
Judgments		
Other		
Total Debts to Be Paid by Husband	\$	\$
C. Contingent Assets and Liabilities (listed in Section III of our Family Law divided as follows:	Financial Affid	avits) will be

SECTION II. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY) Each of us forever gives up any right to spousal support (alimony) that we may have.

SECTION III. OTHER	
	
I certify that I have been open and honest	in entering into this settlement agreement. I am satisfied
with this agreement and intend to be bour	
Dated:	
	Signature of Husband
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me	on by
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	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	50.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or
De recencillo lancoura	clerk.]
Personally known Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT TH	HIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:
[fill in all blanks]	
	no is the {choose only one } () Petitioner () Respondent.
This form was completed with the assistance	
·	
{name of business}	
{address}	
{city}	ate}, {telephone number}

I certify that I have been open and honest in entering into this settlement agreement. I am satisfied with this agreement and intend to be bound by it.

Dated:	
	Signature of Wife
	Printed name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone number:
	Fax number
	E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]
Personally known	•
Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS I [fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the Wife who is the This form was completed with the assistance of {name of individual}	FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: {choose only one}() Petitioner() Respondent.
{address}	,
{city},{state}	, {telephone number}

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(i), AFFIDAVIT OF CORROBORATING WITNESS (11/15)

When should this form be used?

This form may be used to prove residency in a <u>dissolution of marriage</u> proceeding. To get a divorce in Florida, either the husband or the wife must have lived in Florida for at least 6 months before filing the petition. Residency may be proved by a valid Florida's driver's license, Florida identification card, or voter's registration card (issue date of document must be at least 6 months before the date the case is actually filed with the clerk of the circuit court), or the testimony or affidavit of someone other than you or your spouse. This form is used to prove residency by <u>affidavit</u>. The person signing this form must know that you have lived in the State of Florida for at least 6 months before the date you filed your <u>petition</u> for dissolution of marriage.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink, and signed in the presence of a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for you records.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

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

What should I do next?

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

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

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(i), Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (11/15)

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

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

Where can I look for more information?

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

Special notes...

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TH	HEJUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR	COUNTY, FLORIDA
	Casa No.:
	Case No.: Division:
	DIVISION
Husband,	
and	
,	
Wife.	
AFFIDAVIT OF	CORROBORATING WITNESS
I. {full legal name}	, being sworn, certify that the
following statements are true: I have known	own {name}
since {approximate date}	; to the best of my understanding the e} and I know of my own persona
petition in this action was filed on {date	e} and I know of my own persona
•	the State of Florida for at least 6 months immediately before
{date}	
Lunderstand that Lam swearing	or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims
	ment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines
and/or imprisonment.	mont for known g., making a raise statement includes inter
Dated:	
	nature of Corroborating Witness
	inted Name:
Ad	dress:
CIL To	zy, State, Zip: lephone Number:
10	repriorie Number.
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me	e on by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	NOTART TOBLIC OF DET OTT CLERK
	{Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or
	deputy clerk.}
Personally known	
Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	

IF A NONLAWYER HE	LPED YOU FI	LL OUT THIS FORM	, HE/SHE MUST I	ILL IN THE BLA	NKS BELOW:	
[fill in all blanks] This	form was pre	epared for the: {cha	oose only one } () Husband () Wife	
This form was comple	eted with the	assistance of:				
{name of individual}						
{name of business} _						
{address}						,
{city}	,{state}	,{zip code}	,{telepho	ne number}		
`		,{zip code}	,{telepho	ne number}		,

FORM 1.998. FINAL DISPOSITION FORM

This form shall be filed by the prevailing party for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075.

I.	CA	SE STYLE
		CIRCUIT COURT
Petitio	ner	Case #:
vs.		Judge:
Respo	ndei	nt
		ANS OF FINAL DISPOSITION (Place an "x" in one box for major category and one ry, if applicable, only)
		Dismissed Before Hearing ☐ Dismissed Pursuant to Settlement – Before Hearing ☐ Dismissed Pursuant to Mediated Settlement – Before Hearing ☐ Other – Before Hearing
		Dismissed After Hearing ☐ Dismissed Pursuant to Settlement – After Hearing ☐ Dismissed Pursuant to Mediated Settlement – After Hearing ☐ Other – After Hearing
		Disposed by Default
		Disposed by Judge Disposed by Non-jury Trial Disposed by Jury Trial Other
DATE	_	

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR PREVAILING PARTY

FORM 1.998. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FINAL DISPOSITION FORM

- **I. Case Style.** Enter the name of the court, the appropriate case number assigned at the time of filing of the original complaint or petition, the name of the judge assigned to the case and the names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).
- **II. Means of Final Disposition.** Place an "x" in the appropriate major category box and in the appropriate subcategory box, if applicable. The following are the definitions of the disposition categories.
 - (A) Dismissed Before Hearing—the case is settled, voluntarily dismissed, or otherwise disposed of before a hearing is held;
 - (B) Dismissed Pursuant to Settlement Before Hearing—the case is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff after a settlement is reached without mediation before a hearing is held;
 - (C) Dismissal Pursuant to Mediated Settlement Before Hearing—the case is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff after a settlement is reached with mediation before a hearing is held;
 - (D) Other Before Hearing—the case is dismissed before hearing in an action that does not fall into one of the other disposition categories listed on this form;
 - (E) Dismissed After Hearing—the case is dismissed by a judge, voluntarily dismissed, or settled after a hearing is held;
 - (F) Dismissal Pursuant to Settlement After Hearing—the case is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff after a settlement is reach without mediation after a hearing is held;

- (G) Dismissal Pursuant to Mediated Settlement
 After Hearing—the case is voluntarily dismissed by the plaintiff after a settlement is reach with mediation after a hearing is held;
- (H) Other After Hearing—the case is dismissed after hearing in an action that does not fall into one of the other disposition categories listed on this form;
- (I) Disposed by Default—a defendant chooses not to or fails to contest the plaintiff's allegations and a judgment against the defendant is entered by the court;
- (J) Disposed by Judge—a judgment or disposition is reached by the judge in a case that is not dismissed and in which no trial has been held. Includes stipulations by the parties, conditional judgments, summary judgment after hearing and any matter in which a judgment is entered excluding cases disposed of by default as in category (I) above;
- (K) Disposed by Non-Jury Trial—the case is disposed as a result of a contested trial in which there is no jury and in which the judge determines both the issues of fact and law in the case;
- (L) Disposed by Jury Trial—the case is disposed as a result of a jury trial (consider the beginning of a jury trial to be when the jurors and alternates are selected and sworn);
- (M) Other—the case is consolidated, submitted to arbitration or mediation, transferred, or otherwise disposed of by other means not listed in categories (A) through (L).

DATE AND ATTORNEY SIGNATURE. Date and sign the final disposition form.

Form A: Family Case Inquiry/Update

Use this form only when your case has already been filed and you need assistance. This form is used to inquiry about the status of your case, request a hearing date, notify the case manager that you have filed additional documents, or seek information about procedural matters.

Please avoid making the following common mistakes when completing the form.

- Do not use this form to change your address. Case managers cannot update your address for you. Please file your change of address with the clerk of the court.
- Do not use this form to file a motion or pleading. All requests of the court must be filed with the clerk of the court.
- Do not use this form to request legal advice. Case managers cannot provide legal assistance.

Due to increases in caseloads and the Court's improved responsiveness and accountability, most business will be conducted by email. You must complete the following form to obtain assistance on an open case. You must submit a separate Form A each time you request assistance from the Case Management office. You will receive a response as soon as possible but definitely within 3 to 5 business days by email. Please check your spam/junk folders in addition to your inbox in case our response to you has been sent there by your computer program.

Please complete the following sections:	Date this form submitted:
County of Case: Check appropriate box Indian River Martin Court Case Number: (required)	☐ Okeechobee ☐ Saint Lucie Judge/Magistrate:
Divorce – With Children Paternity Abate Child Support Stepparent Adoption Other: I am requesting/informing you:	
Case Management I need	quired documents have been filed in Court file I to know what additional documents are required before a final ng can be scheduled es not agree with my Petition
Information for Person Requesting A Name:	essistance (<u>must</u> be completed)
Daytime Phone:	
Other:	
Email Address:	

If you have questions, you may write them on a separate paper and attach to this form.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARTIN COUNTY FLORIDA

	Case Number:	
Petitioner		
VS		
Respondent		
	PETITIONER	
Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:		
Email Address:		
	DECDONDENT	
	RESPONDENT	
Name:		
Address:		
Phone Number:		
Fmail Address:		