AGREEMENT PAPERWORK IN A PENDING DIVORCE CASE NO CHILDREN

After a divorce action has been filed, parties will sometimes reach an agreement. If so, attached is a form that you can use to formalize your agreement.

Type or Print all Forms - If you are downloading the forms from the website, the forms are in PDF and can be typed online and then saved on your computer or flash drive for revision and printing.

You can access these fillable forms at this website:

https://mail.oslsa.org:8889/home/admin@oslsa.org/Marietta%20Repository

Signatures should be in BLUE ink

| Forms | to be | completed b | y you |
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| | | Form 16 | Separation Agreement – Tells the Court that you and your spouse have agreed upon how to divide your property, make allowances for alimony and debts – in writing. |
| After c | compl | leting the for | ms |
| [| | Make three (3 signed by both |) copies of the separation agreement once it has been completed and a spouses. |
| [| | | inal and three (3) copies to Clerk of Common Pleas Court and file and time of the final hearing. |
| [| | 1 | hould appear at the time of the final hearing to let the Court know that is what you want. |

Plaintiff/Petitioner City, State and Zip Code and Plaintiff/Petitioner Street Address Street Address

Instructions: This form is used to present an agreement to the Court regarding spousal support, the division of personal property, real estate, and debts resulting from the termination of marriage. If the parties have any minor child(ren), child(ren) with disabilities, or the Wife is pregnant, a Shared Parenting Plan (Uniform Domestic Relations Form 17) or Parenting Plan (Uniform Domestic Relations Form 18) must be attached.

SEPARATION AGREEMENT

| The | parties, | , Husband, and |
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| | | , Wife, state the following. |
| 1. | The parties were married to one another on _ | (date of marriage) |
| | in | (city or county, and state), and request |
| | that the termination of marriage be the date \square | of final hearing or ☐ as specified: |
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| 2. | The parties intend to live separate and apart. | |
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| 3. | Each party has made full and complete disclos | ure to the other of all marital property, separate |
| | property, and any other assets, debts, income, | and expenses. |
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| 4. | Neither party has knowledge of any other prop | erty and debts of any kind in which either party has an |

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interest.

City, State and Zip Code

- 5. Each party has had the opportunity to value and verify all marital property, separate property, and debts.
- 6. A party's willful failure to disclose may result in the Court awarding the other party three times the value of the property, assets, income, or expenses that were not disclosed by the other party.
- 7. This Agreement addresses spousal support, property, and debt division.
- 8. This written Agreement is the complete agreement of the parties.
- 9. There are no other representations, agreements, statements, or prior writings that shall have any effect on this Agreement.
- 10. Each party fully understands the Agreement and has knowingly and voluntarily signed the Agreement.
- 11. No change to the terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and knowingly and voluntarily signed by both parties.

The parties agree as follows:

FIRST: SEPARATION

The parties shall live separate and apart. Neither party shall interfere with the activities, personal life, or privacy of the other; harass the other, nor engage in any conduct calculated to restrain, embarrass, injure, or hinder the other in any way.

SECOND: PROPERTY

Marital property as defined in R.C. 3105.171 is property owned by either or both spouses and property in which either spouse has an interest in the property. Separate property as defined in R.C. 3105.171 is real or personal property that was inherited, acquired by one spouse prior to the date of marriage, acquired after a decree of legal separation under R.C. 3107.17, excluded by a valid antenuptial agreement, compensation for personal injury, except for loss of marital earnings and compensation for expenses paid from marital assets, or any gift of property that was given to only one spouse. If separate property is involved, the owner should consider consulting an attorney. The party not receiving the separate property waives all interest in the property.

A. Real Estate (select one):

Real estate includes lands, mortgaged properties, buildings, fixtures attached to buildings, attached structures (for example, garage, in-ground pool), condominiums, time shares, mobile homes, natural condition stakes (for example, gas, oil, mineral rights, existing soil, including trees and landscape), and inheritance rights in real estate. The property's legal description is on the deed or mortgage papers.

| 1. | ∐ Th | e parties | do no | t own | any | real | estate |
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| 2. | Marital Real Estate The parties owned real estate in one or both of their names and agree to award it as follows. A legal description of the property must be attached. (Attach a copy of the property's deed or mortgage papers.) | | | | |
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| | Location of Property Awarded to | | | | |
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| 3. | ☐ Each party shall pay and hold the other harmless from any debt owing on real estate he/she receives unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. | | | | |
| 4. | Other debt payment arrangements, including refinancing: | | | | |
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| | he real estate is not in the name of the party to whom it is awarded, the parties shall make angements to transfer the property to the proper party as soon as possible. | | | | |
| mo | Titled Vehicles (select one): ed vehicles include boats, trailers, automobiles, motorcycles, trucks, mobile homes, golf carts, tor scooters, sport utility vehicles (SUV), recreational vehicles (RV), all purpose vehicles (APV). ovide vehicle model, make, year, and serial number for all titled vehicle(s) that will be transferred. The parties do not own any titled vehicle(s) in either party's name. | | | | |
| 2. | ☐ The titled vehicle(s) has/have already been divided or transferred, including all rights, title and interest in the vehicle(s) and is/are in the possession of the proper party. The parties are satisfied with the division. | | | | |
| 3. | ☐ The parties own titled vehicle(s) which has/have not been divided or transferred. Husband shall receive the following vehicle(s), free and clear of any claims from the Wife: | | | | |
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| | and Wife shall receive the following vehicle(s), free and clear of any claims of the Husband: | | | | |
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| 4. | Each party shall pay for and hold the other harmless from any debt owing on the titled vehicle(s) | | | | |

he/she receives unless otherwise stated in this Agreement.

| 5. | Other debt payment arrangements regarding titled vehicle(s): | | | | | |
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| hol car the | ne vehicle's title is not in the name of the party to whom the vehicle is awarded, the current title der shall transfer that title to the proper party as soon as the title is available for transfer. If title mot be transferred immediately to the party to whom the vehicle is awarded, the party holding title shall make the following arrangements to obtain and pay for license plates, registration, it insurance: | | | | | |
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| Hou | Household Goods and Personal Property (select one): usehold goods and personal property include appliances, tools, air conditioner window units, phouses, lawn mowers, riding lawn mowers, above ground pools, safety deposit boxes, jewelry, niture, refrigerators, silverware, collections, china, and books. The household goods and personal property are already divided and in the possession of the proper party. The parties are satisfied with the division. | | | | | |
| 2. | ☐ The parties have household goods and personal property which have not been divided. Husband shall have the following: | | | | | |
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| | and Wife shall have the following: | | | | | |
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| 3. | Delivery or pick-up of household goods and personal property shall be as follows: | | | | | |
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| 4. | Each party shall pay for and hold the other harmless from any debt owing on the household goods and personal property he/she receives unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. | | | | | |
| 5. | Other debt arrangements regarding household goods and personal property: | | | | | |

| e parties shall make arr operty to the proper par | angements to transfer possession of the ty as soon as possible. | household goods and persona |
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| alth savings accounts, ed | ect one): checking, savings, certificates of deposit, moucation or college saving plans (for example ave any financial accounts. | |
| ☐ The parties do not n | ave any financial accounts. | |
| • | ancial accounts and agree the accounts are ty. The parties are satisfied with the division | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Husband shall receive t | • | |
| Institution | Current Name(s) on Account | Type of Account |
| | | ☐ checking ☐ saving |
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| | | other: |
| and Wife shall receive t | he following: | |
| Institution | Current Name(s) on Account | Type of Account |
| | | ☐ checking ☐ saving |
| | | other: |
| | | checking saving |
| | _ | other: |
| | | ☐ checking ☐ saving |
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| | and hold the other harmless from any debt otherwise stated in this Agreement. | owing on the financial accounts |
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soon as possible.

| E. 1. | Stocks, Bonds, Securities, ar | nd Mutual Funds (select one): ny stocks, bonds, securities, or mutual | funds. |
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| 2. | • | ave stocks, bonds, securities, or mutual r party. The parties are satisfied with th | - |
| 3. | ☐ One or both parties has/h Husband shall receive the fol | ave stocks, bonds, securities, or mutual lowing: | I funds which are not divided. |
| | Institution | Current Name(s) on Account | Number of Shares |
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| | and Wife shall receive the fol | lowing: Current Name(s) on Account | Number of Shares |
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| 4. | | hold the other harmless from any debt of | <u> </u> |
| 5. | Other arrangements regarding | g the stocks, bonds, securities, or mutu | al funds: |
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| | e parties shall make arrange ds to the proper party as so | ments to sell or transfer the stocks, bon as possible. | oonds, securities, or mutual |
| F. | Business Interests (select on | e): | |
| 1. | ☐ The parties do not have a | ny business interests. | |
| 2. | | ave business interests and which are al are satisfied with the division. | ready divided and in the name of |

| 3. | ☐ One or both parties has/have business in Husband shall receive the following: | nterests which have not b | peen divided. |
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| | Name of Business | Ow | nership Interest |
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| | and Wife shall receive the following: | | |
| | Name of Business | Ow | nership Interest |
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| | he/she receives unless otherwise stated in t | • | |
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| 5. | Other arrangements regarding business into | erests: | |
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| | e parties shall make arrangements to trans possible. | ster the business intere | sts to the proper party as soon |
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| G. | Pension, Profit Sharing, IRA, 401(k), and O | • | • |
| 1. | ☐ The parties do not have any pension, pro | ofit sharing, IRA, 401(k), | or other retirement plans. |
| 2. | ☐ The pension(s), profit sharing, IRA, 401(| k), or other retirement pla | ans are already divided and in |
| | the proper party's name. The parties are said | tisfied with the division. | · |
| 2 | The parties have pension(s) profit charie | og IDA 401/k) or other i | ratiroment plane which have not |
| ٥. | The parties have pension(s), profit sharing been divided. | ig, ika, 40 i(k), or other i | ethement plans which have not |
| | Husband shall receive the following: | | |
| | Company Nam | e(s) on Plan | Amount/Share |
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| | and Wife shall receive the fo | llowing: | |
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| | Company | Name(s) on Plan | Amount/Share |
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| 4. | | hold the other harmless from any debt r retirement plans he/she receives unle | |
| 5. | Other arrangements regarding | ng pension(s), profit sharing, IRA, 401(k | k), or other retirement plans: |
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| | • | ments to transfer interest in the pensis to the proper party as soon as pos | |
| | | s Order (QDRO) or Division of Proper ese assets. If so, the QDRO and DOF | |
| | I submitted to the Court wit | hin 90 days after the final hearing. E | |
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| The | e Court retains jurisdiction t | o interpret and enforce the terms of | the documents of transfer. |
| Н. | Life Insurance Policies (sele | ct one): | |
| 1. | ☐ The parties do not have a | any life insurance policy(ies) with a casl | n value. |
| 2. | · | rance policy(ies) and agree the cash va ed. The parties are satisfied with the di | |
| 3. | ☐ The narties' life insurance | e policy(ies) has/have not been divided. | |
| J. | • | ollowing policy(ies), free and clear of ar | |
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| | and Wife shall receive the following policy(ies), free and clear of any claims of the Husband: | |
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| 4. | Each party shall pay for and hold the other harmless from any debt owing on the life insurance policy(ies) he/she receives unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. | ce |
| 5. | Other arrangements regarding life insurance policy(ies): | |
| | The parties shall make arrangements to transfer interest in the life insurance policy(ies) to proper party as soon as possible. | the |
| ı. | Other Property (select one): | |
| 1. 1. | | |
| •• | The parties do not have any early property. | |
| 2. | 2. The property shall be awarded as follows: | |
| | Description of Property To Be Kept By | |
| | ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Other | |
| | ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Other | |
| | ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Other | |
| | ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Other | |
| 3. | Each party shall pay for and hold the other harmless from any debt owing on the property he receives unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. | :/she |
| 4. | Other arrangements regarding the property above: | |
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| | The parties shall make arrangements to transfer interest in the property listed above to the party as soon as possible. | proper |
| | THIRD: DEBTS (select one): The parties do not have any debts. | |
| | ☐ Each party shall pay all debts incurred by him or her individually and in their individual name a hold the other party harmless for these debts. | ind shall |
| Sup | upreme Court of Ohio | |

| | • | the following debts and have ag | • • | all debts owed, and agree to |
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| noid | Creditor | harmless on those debts, as follo | Balance | Who Will Pay ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Husband ☐ Wife |
| ban of m mal und | kruptcy, includin naintenance, nec king a future spo ler FOURTH: SP | ain jurisdiction to enforce payme g, but not limited to, the ability to essity or support and is therefore usal support order, regardless of OUSAL SUPPORT. | determine the debt assenondischargeable in the spousal support or | signed is in the nature pankruptcy, and/or der set forth below |
| fron | n the debts allocated | der shall prevent the Plaintiff ated in this order in a bankruptcy the following debts: | | any orders expressly for |
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| incu | urred by him or h URTH: SPOUSA Spousal Suppo ☐ Neither the I | | is agreement. | r. The Court shall not |
| B. | in the amount of for a total of due on the | rt Awarded d | per month plus 2% per month, commencing is spousal support sha | processing charge on and |
| C. | ☐ If there are rethe ☐ Plaintiff☐ The spousal | nent of Spousal Support (select on child(ren), the spousal support Defendant. support payment, plus 2% procent Central, P. O. Box 182372, Control of Spousal Support Defendant. | essing charge, shall be | made to the Ohio Child |

| at his/her place of employment. ☐ The Court shall not retain jurisdiction to modify spousal support. ☐ The Court shall retain jurisdiction to modify the ☐ amount ☐ duration of the spousal su Order. D. Termination of Spousal Support This spousal support shall terminate sooner than the above stated date upon the Plaintiff's Defendant's death or in the event of the following (check all that apply): ☐ The cohabitation of the person receiving support in a relationship comparable to marriage ☐ The remarriage of the person receiving support. | |
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| ☐ The Court shall retain jurisdiction to modify the ☐ amount ☐ duration of the spousal su Order. D. Termination of Spousal Support This spousal support shall terminate sooner than the above stated date upon the Plaintiff's Defendant's death or in the event of the following (check all that apply): ☐ The cohabitation of the person receiving support in a relationship comparable to marriage. | |
| Order. D. Termination of Spousal Support This spousal support shall terminate sooner than the above stated date upon the Plaintiff's Defendant's death or in the event of the following (check all that apply): ☐ The cohabitation of the person receiving support in a relationship comparable to marriage | |
| This spousal support shall terminate sooner than the above stated date upon the Plaintiff's Defendant's death or in the event of the following (check all that apply): The cohabitation of the person receiving support in a relationship comparable to marriage. | |
| Other (specify): | |
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| E. Deductibility of Spousal Support for All Tax Purposes (select one): The spousal support paid shall be deducted from income to the person paying the support included in income by the person receiving the support. The spousal support paid shall be included in income of the person paying the support. | ort and |
| F. Other orders regarding spousal support (specify): | |
| G. Arrearage ☐ Any temporary spousal support arrearage will survive this judgment entry. ☐ Any temporary spousal support arrearage will not survive this judgment entry. ☐ Other: | |
| FIFTH: NAME | |
| | restored to |
| the prior name of: | |
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| SIXTH: ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PARENTING TIME SUPPORT AND HEALTH CARE | E, CHILD |
| SIXTH: ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, PARENTING TIME SUPPORT AND HEALTH CARE The parties do not have child(ren) subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. The parties have minor child(ren) subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, and | E, CHILD |

| SEVENTH: OTHER | |
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| The parties agree to the following additional matters: | |
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EIGHTH: NON-USE OF OTHER'S CREDIT

From now on, neither party shall incur any debt or obligation upon the credit of the other or in their joint names. If a party incurs such a debt or obligation that party shall repay, indemnify, and hold the other harmless as to any such debt or obligation. All joint credit card accounts shall be immediately cancelled, and the cards shall be immediately destroyed.

NINTH: INCORPORATION INTO DECREE/EFFECTIVENESS OF AGREEMENT

If one or both of the parties institute or have instituted proceedings for dissolution, divorce, or separation, this Agreement shall be presented to the Court with the request that it be adjudicated to be fair, just, and proper, and incorporated into the decree of the Court.

TENTH: PERFORMANCE OF NECESSARY ACTS

Upon execution and approval of this Agreement by the Court, each party shall deliver to the other party, or permit the other party to take possession of all items of property to which each is entitled under the terms of this Agreement, and shall make all periodic payments required under the terms of this Agreement.

Upon failure of either party to execute and deliver any deed, conveyance, title, certificate or other document or instrument to the other party, an order of the Court incorporating this Agreement shall constitute and operate as a properly executed document, and the County Auditor, County Recorder, Clerk of Courts and/or all other public and private officials shall be authorized and directed to accept a properly certified copy of a court order incorporating this Agreement, a properly certified copy of the Agreement or an order of the Court in lieu of the document regularly required for the conveyance or transfer.

ELEVENTH: SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

TWELFTH: APPLICABLE LAW

All of the provisions of this Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

THIRTEENTH: MUTUAL RELEASE

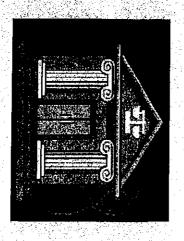
Except as otherwise provided, the parties do release and forever discharge each other from any and all actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, and obligations whatsoever, both in law and in equity, which either of them ever had, now has, or may have or assert against the other upon or by reason of any matter or cause to the date of the execution of this Agreement.

| Each party waives all rights of inheritance and the right to share in the estate of the other, and waives all rights which would otherwise be available as a surviving spouse, except payments or rights included in this Agreement. | |
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| Your Signature (Husband) | Your Signature (Wife) |
| Date | Date |



REPRESENTING YOURSELF IN COURT

A CITIZENS GUIDE



Preparing Your Case

If you do decide to represent yourself, you need to manage all aspects of your case.

- ☑ Familiarize yourself with the local court rules. Rules and procedures vary slightly from court to court, and you need to know the rules that apply in the court that will hear your case. Obtain a copy of the local rules from your court:
- Make sure your filings and documents conform to local standards. Genetic forms and sample filings are available in books and on the internet. However, these generic documents may not conform to the standards of the court that will hear your case. To make sure that your documents will be accepted, ask your court for forms and sample filings.
- Respond to all inquiries on time. During trial preparations, you may receive inquiries from the court or the opposing party. For example, the opposing party may be entitled to "discovery"—to learn about evidence or testimony you plan to introduce (you may be entitled to the same). If you fail to respond to such inquiries, you may limit your ability to present your case.
- Rules about admissible evidence are complicated. There are many possible reasons that evidence or testimony you think is relevant and important may not be admissible in court. Since questions about what evidence is admissible are legal questions that are often contested, neither court staff nor the judge may answer them ahead of time. This can be frustrating for non-attorneys: if your case will involve contested evidence, consider again whether you need an attorney.
- ✓ Make sure evidence you plan to use will be acceptable and available in court. If your case will involve evidence—documents, pictures, cost estimates, receipts, or other items—you must prepare it for court use. In particular, you must
- bring at least three copies of all documents (for the court, for the opposing party, and for yourself); and

- be able to verify that documents are what you say they are or contain accurate information.
- Make sure any witnesses are prepared and available in court. If your case will involve restimony from witnesses, you need to work with them before you and they appear in court. Make sure your witnesses know what you will ask; and instruct them to answer truthfully. And remember that your witnesses must be
- present at your trial (they may not, for example, prepare written statements or appear by telephone); and
- prepared to answer questions from the opposing party or his or her attorney.

When you decide to represent yourself, you take on full responsibility for your case. You need to handle legal questions as well as deadlines, documents, evidence, witnesses, and any other issues that may come up. Even a seemingly simple case can demand a lot of your time and attention.

in the Courtroom

At the trial or hearing itself, you need to present your case in its strongest way. Here are some simple tips:

- Make a good impression. Dress appropriately.

 Arrive on time with all your materials
- Respect the court. Stand when the judge enters or leaves the courtroom and when you speak to the judge. Address the judge as "Your Honor."
- ☑ Respect the opposing party. Never argue with the opposing party in front of the judge. Use respectful terms of address.
- Speak clearly and succincity. Be prepared to state your case in a few sentences. Listen carefully and answer questions directly.
- Be prepared. Courts are very busy. You want to present your case in the strongest way, but you also want to help the proceedings move efficiently. The better prepared you are, the better the case will go.

The Role of the Judge

you and the opposing party. Among other things, is to be an impartial referee in the dispute between magistrate). Keep in mind that the role of the judge Your case will be heard and decided by a judge (or a this means that

- The judge may not help you present your the full responsibility of presenting your case. mustakes or by letting you know what you need party. When you represent yourself, you take on to do next-would be unfair to the opposing case. Helping you-by pointing out possible
- ☑ The judge may not speak with you about your would be unfair to the opposing party. with the judge about seems like a simple procedural question. Again, such communications This is true even if the issue you want to speak case when the opposing party is not present
- ☑ The judge will decide the case on the basis of need to make sure that you present the facts that tacts the judge may and may not consider. You sented. The judge also needs to follow the laws and testimony. You need to make sure that all they are presented in court, through evidence law. The judge may only consider the facts as the facts presented in court and the applicable that apply. Sometimes the law dictates which facts supporting your case are properly prethe law requires or permits.

Legal Advice

ney and be represented by an attorney in court It is always a good idea to consult with an attor

- ☑ The law is complex. Attorneys are trained professionals who understand the law and how it relates to your case
- ☑ Even matters that initially look simple may talse complicated issues.
- Vour interests will be best protected by a legal professional.

Attorneys can be expensive, but consider this:

- ☑ What might you lose if your case goes badly? ment. Paying for an attorney may be a good invest-
- Meet with several attorneys to discuss your case and their fees-don't let one consultation make up your mind.
- ✓ You may qualify for legal aid or help from legal clinics or other programs-be sure to investigate the resources in your community.

you so choose. attorney, and it is your right to represent yourself if your case whether or not you are represented by an Ohio courts and judges will provide a fair hearing for

normally done by highly trained professionals. You an attorney, you are taking on a complex task that is may do yourself a disservice When you bring a case to court without the help of

turn to your local bar association. Your local bar association is: for help with finding an attorney, you might

Asking Court Staff

questions that court staff are not permitted to answer Court staff may not give legal advice. You may have

⊠ Court staff may not

- * provide you with legal research
- x tell you what sorts of claims to file or what to put on forms;
- x tell you what to say in court;
- x give an opinion about how a judge is likely to decide your case;
- * give you information that they would not give to the opposing party,
- × tell you about a judge's decision before it is issued by the judge.

Court staff may

- answer questions about how the court works;
- explain terms used in the court process;
- give you information from your case file;
- provide you with court forms and sample ilings and documents.

not advise you about what you ought to do. Please be courteous to staff and respect the limits on what They can usually tell you bow to do things, but may Court staff are there to help those who use the court they may do for you.

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In addition to the forms in this packet, you may find additional forms and informational pamphlets to help you on the internet at the following website:

www.ohiolegalservices.org

Click on "For the Public"

Locate and click on the legal area that you would like to review – use the "search this site" box if you are not sure which area to review

You can also search this website to learn how to access the local legal services program for your area