

# DIVORCE PETITION

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IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Petitioner,

AND

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Respondent.  
\_\_\_\_\_ /

## I. INTRODUCTION

COMES NOW, Petitioner, \_\_\_\_\_, and files this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage against Respondent, \_\_\_\_\_, and states as follows:

## II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Petitioner is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_, and has resided in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ for at least \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) months immediately preceding the filing of this Petition.
2. Respondent is a resident of \_\_\_\_\_ County, \_\_\_\_\_, and resides at \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The marriage between Petitioner and Respondent is irretrievably broken.
4. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action pursuant to the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Venue is proper in this Court because Petitioner has resided in \_\_\_\_\_ County for the requisite period.

## III. MARRIAGE INFORMATION

1. Petitioner and Respondent were lawfully married on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The full legal name of Petitioner is: \_\_\_\_\_
3. The full legal name of Respondent is: \_\_\_\_\_
4. The parties separated on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.
5. There is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation between the parties.

#### IV. GROUNDS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

1. The marriage between Petitioner and Respondent is irretrievably broken, and there is no hope of reconciliation.

- Irreconcilable Differences
- Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage
- Adultery
- Cruelty
- Desertion
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE

1. There  are /  are not minor children born of this marriage or adopted by the parties.
2. If there are minor children, their names and dates of birth are as follows:
  - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_
  - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_
  - Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_
3. All minor children currently reside with \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Petitioner requests that the Court enter an order regarding parental responsibility (custody), timesharing (visitation), and child support for the minor children, consistent with the best interests of the children and applicable state law.
  - a. Petitioner requests that the parties share parental responsibility.
  - b. Petitioner requests that \_\_\_\_\_ be designated as the primary residential parent.
  - c. Petitioner requests that the Court establish a fair and equitable timesharing schedule.
  - d. Petitioner requests that the Court order Respondent to pay child support to Petitioner in accordance with state child support guidelines.
  - e. Petitioner requests that the Court order the parties to share equally in the costs of uninsured medical, dental, and optical expenses for the minor children.

f. Petitioner requests that the Court order the parties to share equally in the costs of extracurricular activities for the minor children.

**VI. MARITAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

1. During the course of the marriage, the parties have acquired certain marital assets and incurred certain marital liabilities.
2. Petitioner requests that the Court make an equitable distribution of all marital assets and liabilities between the parties.
3. Petitioner requests that the Court confirm to each party their respective non-marital assets and liabilities.
4. A list of known marital assets includes, but is not limited to:

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5. A list of known marital liabilities includes, but is not limited to:

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**VII. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY)**

1. Petitioner requests that the Court reserve jurisdiction to award spousal support (alimony) to \_\_\_\_\_ (Petitioner/Respondent) based on the needs of one party and the

ability of the other party to pay, and considering all factors set forth in state law.

- Petitioner requests spousal support from Respondent.
- Petitioner requests that no spousal support be awarded to either party.
- Petitioner requests that the Court deny any request for spousal support from Respondent.

### **VIII. RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME**

1. Petitioner requests that her/his former name of \_\_\_\_\_ be restored upon the entry of the Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage.

### **IX. ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

1. Petitioner requests that the Court order Respondent to pay Petitioner's reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in this action, based on the disparity of incomes and financial resources between the parties.

### **X. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Court enter a Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage and:

1. Dissolve the marriage between Petitioner and Respondent.
2. Make an equitable distribution of all marital assets and liabilities.
3. Confirm to each party their respective non-marital assets and liabilities.
4. Enter an order regarding parental responsibility, timesharing, and child support for the minor children, consistent with their best interests.
5. Award spousal support to Petitioner, if appropriate.
6. Restore Petitioner's former name, if requested.
7. Order Respondent to pay Petitioner's reasonable attorney's fees and costs.
8. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully submitted,

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[ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bar Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION**

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I, \_\_\_\_\_, as Petitioner, declare that I have read the foregoing Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and that the facts stated in it are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature of Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_