

# PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

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## I. PARTIES

This Petition for Dissolution of Marriage is filed by:

Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

## AND CONCERNING

Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

## II. COURT INFORMATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The Petitioner and/or Respondent has resided in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ for at least \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., six months) immediately preceding the filing of this Petition and in \_\_\_\_\_ County for at least \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., three months) immediately preceding the filing of this Petition, thereby satisfying the residency requirements for this Court to exercise jurisdiction over this matter.
  2. Venue is proper in this Court because \_\_\_\_\_
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**IV. MARRIAGE AND SEPARATION**

1. The Petitioner and Respondent were lawfully married on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_\_ , in \_\_\_\_\_ , State of \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The parties separated on or about the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_\_ .

**V. GROUNDS FOR DISSOLUTION**

The marriage between Petitioner and Respondent is irretrievably broken, and there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation.

Irreconcilable differences have arisen between the parties which have led to the irremediable breakdown of the marriage.

The marriage has suffered an irretrievable breakdown.

Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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**VI. CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE**

1. There are  are not  minor children born or adopted during the marriage.

2. If there are minor children, their names and dates of birth are:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ , 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. No other court has jurisdiction over the custody or visitation of the minor children.

4. The Petitioner requests that the Court enter orders regarding legal custody, physical custody, visitation, and child support for the minor children, consistent with their best interests.

**VII. MARITAL PROPERTY AND DEBTS**

1. During the marriage, the parties have acquired certain community/marital property and incurred certain community/marital debts.
2. The Petitioner requests that the Court make a just and equitable division of all community/marital assets and liabilities of the parties.
3. A more detailed schedule of assets and debts will be provided to the Court and Respondent as required by law.

**VIII. SPOUSAL SUPPORT (ALIMONY)**

1. The Petitioner requests that the Court:
  - Order the Respondent to pay spousal support (alimony) to the Petitioner.
  - Reserve jurisdiction to award spousal support (alimony) to the Petitioner at a later date.
  - Terminate the Court's jurisdiction to award spousal support (alimony) to the Petitioner.
  - Order the Petitioner to pay spousal support (alimony) to the Respondent.
  - Reserve jurisdiction to award spousal support (alimony) to the Respondent at a later date.
  - Terminate the Court's jurisdiction to award spousal support (alimony) to the Respondent.
2. The Petitioner believes that spousal support is appropriate because:

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**IX. RESTORATION OF FORMER NAME**

1. The Petitioner requests that the Court:
  - Restore Petitioner's former name to \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Not restore Petitioner's former name.
2. The Respondent requests that the Court:
  - Restore Respondent's former name to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Not restore Respondent's former name.

#### **X. OTHER RELIEF**

The Petitioner requests such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **XI. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

This Petition and all proceedings related thereto shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_. The parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_ for any and all matters arising out of or relating to this Petition.

#### **XII. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Petition is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

#### **XIII. WAIVER**

No waiver of any provision of this Petition shall be deemed, or shall constitute, a waiver of any other provision, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

#### **XIV. HEADINGS**

The headings of the sections of this Petition are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of any of its provisions.

#### **XV. CONSTRUCTION**

The parties acknowledge that they have had the opportunity to review and negotiate the terms of this Petition. Therefore, no presumption shall arise that the drafter of this Petition should be favored in its interpretation.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgment as follows:

1. That the marriage between Petitioner and Respondent be dissolved.
2. That the Court determine and order legal and physical custody and visitation of the minor children.
3. That the Court determine and order child support for the minor children.
4. That the Court make a just and equitable division of all community/marital property and debts.
5. That the Court make an order regarding spousal support (alimony).
6. That the Court restore the former name of the Petitioner and/or Respondent as requested.
7. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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

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#### PETITIONER

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### VERIFICATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the Petitioner in the above-entitled action, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I have read the foregoing Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and know the contents thereof, and that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

Executed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at  
\_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

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

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Notary Public Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_