

**JOINT SIMPLIFIED
DISSOLUTION OF
MARRIAGE**

**Information
And Instructions**

Provided By the Kendall County Circuit Clerk

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INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

This brochure is being provided to you along with the necessary forms for filing a joint simplified petition for dissolution of marriage. This type of dissolution procedure is not available to everyone-there are limitations on, among other items, the length of the marriage, the amount of property owned and income of the parties. You should read this brochure carefully to see if this procedure is available to you. This brochure also includes general information on dissolutions of marriages and instructions for completing the forms.

General Information Concerning Dissolution of Marriages

A dissolution of marriage (commonly referred to as a divorce) is a serious legal step which should not be taken without considerable thought. If you are considering such a proceeding, you should note the following:

- *It is in the best interests of each of the parties to consult attorneys regarding the dissolution of their marriage. The services of attorneys may be obtained.
- *You should not rely exclusively on this brochure. This brochure is intended only as a guide for self-representation.
- *Marriage counseling services are available to you in your community.
- *If you use this joint simplified proceeding you will lose any right you may have to maintenance (commonly known as alimony). Once you lose the right to maintenance in a legal proceeding, you can never again obtain maintenance from you former spouse.
- *A judgment of dissolution of marriage (divorce) permanently settles all financial rights arising out of your marriage, including the right to property held in the name of your spouse and the right of support from your spouse. A judgment entered in a dissolution proceeding is final. You will have no right to appeal. Such a judgment may only be set aside on grounds of fraud, duress, accident, mistake, or other grounds or law or in equity.**
- *You and your spouse remain married and cannot remarry until a judgment dissolving your marriage is signed by the judge.

Who May Use the Joint Simplified Dissolution of Marriage Procedure?

To use the Joint Simplified Dissolution of Marriage procedure, the following must apply to you and your spouse.

- *Irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of your marriage. All efforts at reconciliation of the differences have failed and future attempts at reconciliation would not be in the best interest of you or your spouse.
- *You and your spouse must have lived separate and apart for at least six months and you must be willing to waive the requirement for a two year separation before obtaining dissolution on the grounds of irreconcilable differences.
- *You must have been married less than eight (8) years and either you or your spouse (or both) must have lived in the State of Illinois for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to filing for the dissolution.
- *No children were born to or adopted by you or your spouse during your relationship and the wife is not now pregnant.
- *Your combined annual gross income from all sources must be less than \$35,000.00 and neither of you may have a gross annual income from all sources in excess of \$20,000.00. The total value of marital property you and your spouse own, less encumbrances (amount owed on property such as amount owed on a car loan), must be less than \$10,000.00. Neither you nor your spouse may own any real estate.

*You and your spouse each must be willing to permanently give up any right to maintenance (alimony).

*You and your spouse must have disclosed to each other all assets each of you have, and disclosed all tax returns filed during your marriage.

*You and your spouse must sign a written agreement dividing between yourselves all marital assets worth more than \$100.00 and dividing responsibility for all debts and liabilities. You must divide the property and sign and exchange all documents (such as automobile titles, etc.) necessary to carry out the agreement before any court hearing.

*You and your spouse must waive any right you may have to bifurcated hearing on your dissolution petition (a hearing held in two parts, one to decide the issues related to granting the dissolution and another to decide any property or other issues).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORMS

There are seven forms which must be completed for obtaining a joint simplified dissolution of marriage. All of these forms have been drafted to be self-explanatory and as easy to complete as possible.

The Filing Fees are **\$244.00** for Petitioner, **to be paid at the time of Filing.**

Forms: New Case Information Sheet

Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage

Joint Affidavit Regarding Separation of the Parties, Division of Property and Waiver of Bifurcated Hearing

Affidavit of Income & Expenses

Pro Se Appearance for the Respondent

Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage

Certificate of Readiness and Order

With all seven forms, you should either type the necessary information or neatly print in black ink. Fill out all forms completely. Your Circuit Clerk will insert the number ("No.") on the Affidavit, Petition, Agreement, Judgment, Certificate of Readiness, Certificate of Dissolution & Appearance. Even though this is a "Joint" petition, one of the parties must be designated as "Plaintiff" and the other must be designated as a "Defendant". Traditionally, the Party seeking the dissolution is the Plaintiff.

The "**Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage**" and the "**Joint Affidavit Regarding Separation of the Parties, Division of Property and Waiver of Bifurcated Hearing**" and the "**Agreement as to Assets and Debt**" must be signed in front of a Notary Public. You should file a copy of your written dividing marital assets, debts and liabilities at the time you file the petition.

The "**Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage**" need not be signed in front of a Notary, but should be completed and signed by both parties (below the words "Approve as to Form and content") before your hearing. The Judge will complete the "Entered" line and sign the Judgment if the dissolution is granted.

If the wife wishes to return to her maiden or former name, you should complete paragraphs 11 and C of the Petition and paragraphs 11 and D of the Judgment.

Other than providing this brochure and these forms, Circuit Clerks are prohibited by law from giving legal advice.

**TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
NEW CASE INFORMATION SHEET**

Case No.: _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner

Defendant/Respondent

File Stamp

All Parties must be listed on new case filing sheet, or on an attached sheet following the same format as below. (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT).

1. Case Type _____ 2. Sub Case Type _____ 3. Claim Amount _____ 4. Jury _____
(See reverse for codes) (See reverse for codes) (yes/no)

5. Return date/time (where return date summons is used) _____

6. Plaintiff Attorney's Name & ARDC number: _____

7. **First named Plaintiff:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

8. Additional Plaintiff/AKA/DBA/FKA/NKA/Other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

9. Additional Plaintiff/AKA/DBA/FKA/NKA/Other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

10. **First named Defendant:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

11. Additional Defendant/AKA/DBA/FKA/NKA/Other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

12. Additional Defendant/AKA/DBA/FKA/NKA/Other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Law (L) (\$50,001 & over)

0101 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PROP
 0102 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PROP/PER INJ
 0103 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PER INJ
 0104 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PER INJ/DEATH
 0105 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-DEATH
 0106 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-OTHER
 0107 CONTRACT – MONEY DAMAGES
 0108 CONFESSION OF JUDGMENT
 0109 FORCE ENTRY/DETAINER – POSS/\$
 0110 FORCE ENTRY/DETAINER – POSS ONLY
 0111 DISTRESS FOR RENT
 0112 STAT ACT / STATE / RECR SUPPT
 0113 ARBITRATION & AWARD
 0114 DETINUE
 0115 EJECTMENT
 0116 REPLEVIN
 0117 TROVER
 0118 MALPRACTICE – MEDICAL
 0119 MALPRACTICE – LEGAL
 0120 MALPRACTICE – OTHER
 0121 ALIENATION OF AFFECTION
 0122 CLASS ACTION SUIT
 0123 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDG
 0130 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0131 CHANGE OF VENUE – TRANSFER

LAW MAGISTRATE (LM) (\$0 - \$15,000)

0208 CONFESSION OF JUDGMENT
 0210 FORCE ENTRY/DETAINER – POSS/\$
 0211 DISTRESS FOR RENT
 0214 DETINUE
 0215 EJECTMENT
 0216 REPLEVIN
 0217 TROVER
 0223 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDG

LAW MAGISTRATE (LM) (\$10,001 - \$50,000)

0201 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PROP
 0202 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PROP/PER INJ
 0203 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PER INJ
 0204 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-PER INJ/DEATH
 0205 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO-DEATH
 0206 TORT \$ DAMG - OTHER
 0207 CONTRACT – MONEY DAMAGES
 0212 STAT ACT TRECR SUPPT
 0213 ARBITRATION & AWARD
 0218 MALPRACTICE – MEDICAL
 0219 MALPRACTICE – LEGAL
 0220 MALPRACTICE – OTHER
 0221 ALIENATION OF AFFECTION
 0222 CLASS ACTION SUIT
 0223 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDG
 0224 FORCE ENTRY/DETAINER – POSS ONLY
 0230 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0231 CHANGE OF VENUE – TRANSFER

SMALL CLAIMS (SC) (\$0 - \$10,000)

0301 CONTRACT – MONEY DAMAGES
 0302 TORT \$ DAMG AUTO
 0303 TORT \$ DAMG – OTHER
 0304 COLLECTION OF TAXES
 0305 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDG
 0330 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0331 CHANGE OF VENUE – TRANSFER

TAX (TX)

0401 RECOVER DELIN PERS PROP TAX
 0402 RETAILERS OCCUPATION TAX
 0403 PETITION FOR TAX REFUND
 0404 TAX FORCLOSURE
 0405 TAX INJUNCTION

0406 ANNUAL TAX SALE
 0407 SCAVENGER TAX SALE
 0408 TAX OBJECTION
 0409 TAX COMMISSION-REVIEW OF DECISION
 0410 DRAINAGE ASSESSMENT
 0411 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
 0412 FORCLOSURE LEIN SPEC ASSESSMENT
 0413 SUIT RESTRAIN COLLECT SPEC ASSESS
 0414 TAX DEED
 0415 PETITION FOR RECOVERY
 0416 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT
 0417 SALE IN ERROR
 0430 OTHER (SPECIFY)

EMINENT DOMAIN (ED)

0501 CONDEMNATION
 0530 OTHER (SPECIFY)

MISCELLANEOUS REMEDIES (MR)

0601 JUD REVIEW OF ADM AGCY (not tax)
 0602 JUD REVIEW – WORKERS COMP
 0603 JUD REVIEW – UNEMPLOYMENT
 0604 DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
 0605 CORPORATION DISSOLUTION
 0606 CHANGE OF NAME
 0607 HABEAS CORPUS
 0608 MANDAMUS
 0609 PROHIBITION
 0610 QUO WARRENTO
 0611 ATTACHMENT/ORIGINAL ACTION
 0612 NEEPEAT/ORIGINAL ACTION
 0613 ESCHEAT
 0614 LOST GOODS OR MONEY
 0615 BURNT RECORDS
 0616 ELECTION CONTEST
 0617 DISCOVERY
 0618 SEARCH WARRANT
 0619 FORFEITURE/SEIZED PROP
 0621 REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS RECORD
 0622 SEX TRANSMISS DISEASE CONTROL ACT
 0623 CONTAGIOUS/INFECTIOUS DISEASE
 0624 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT
 0625 PETN ISSUE FOREIGN SUBPOENA
 0626 EAVESDROPPING/CRIM SURVEILLANCE
 0627 DEMOLITION
 0628 EXTRADITION
 0629 RENDITION
 0630 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0631 SEXUALLY VIOLENT PERSON
 0632 BUILDING CODE VIOLATION
 0633 STATEWIDE GRAND JURY

CHANCERY (CH)

0701 INJUNCTION (EXCEPT TX OR D CASES)
 0702 REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE
 0703 MECHANIC LEIN FORCLOSURE
 0704 FORCLOSURE SEC INT PERS PROPERTY
 0705 PARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION
 0706 SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE
 0707 PARTITION
 0708 WILL CONTEST
 0709 CONSTRUCT WILL
 0710 CONSTRUCTION OF INTER VIVOS TRUST
 0711 CONSTRUCTION OF TEST TRUST (P dispo)
 0712 TRUST ADMINISTRATION
 0713 QUIET TITLE
 0714 COMPLAINT IN EQUITY
 0715 ACCOUNTING
 0716 RECEIVERSHIP
 0717 RESCISSION OF CONTRACT
 0718 CREDITOR'S COMPLAINT
 0719 UNIFORM GIFT TO MINOR ACT

0720 SETTING ASIDE A DEED
 0721 FORCLOSURE ON CONDO ASSESS
 0722 INTERPLEADER
 0723 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT
 0724 STRUCTURE SETTLEMENT
 0725 RES REAL ESTATE MORTG FORCLOSURE
 0730 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0731 CHANGE OF VENUE – TRANSFER

ADOPTION (AD)

0801 ADOPTION
 0817 ADOPTION – UNBORN CHILD

FAMILY (F)

0802 PUTATIVE FATHER
 0803 PATERNITY
 0804 PARENT & CHILD RELATIONSHIP
 0806 RECIPROCAL NON-SUPPORT
 0807 NEGLIGENCE & REFUSAL TO SUPPORT
 0808 CIVIL ACTION TO COMPEL SUPPORT
 0809 URESA – INCOMING
 0810 URESA – OUTGOING
 0811 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT
 0818 CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARY
 0821 PETITION FOR VISITATION
 0830 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0831 CHANGE OF VENUE – TRANSFER
 0904 PETITION FOR CUSTODY
 1005 EMANCIPATION OF MINOR
 1006 PETN FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

ORDER OF PROTECTION (OP)

0805 DOMENSTIC VIOLENCE ACT
 0819 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT

DIVORCE (D)

0901 DISSOLUTION
 0902 INVALIDITY
 0903 LEGAL SEPARATION
 0906 SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION
 0907 REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN JUDGMENT
 0930 OTHER (SPECIFY)
 0931 CHANGE OF VENUE – TRANSFER
 0932 CIVIL UNION

JUVENILE (J)

1002 SUPERVISION
 1003 DEPENDENCY
 1007 ADDICTED MINOR
 1008 TRUANCY
 1009 MINOR REQUIRE AUTHORITY INTERVENT
 1010 TEMPORARY GUARDIAN
 1030 OTHER (SPECIFY)

JUVENILE ABUSE OR NEGLECT (JA)

1004 ABUSE OR NEGLECT

MENTAL HEALTH (MH)

1101 PETITION FOR HOSPITALIZATION
 1102 PETITION FOR DISCHARGE
 1103 PETITION FOR RESTORATION
 1104 AUTH EMERGENCY MED/DENTL TREAT
 1105 AUTH PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION
 1106 ADMINISTRATOR TO ADMIN TREATMNT
 1130 OTHER (SPECIFY)

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (MC)

1301 PETN TO ORGANIZE MUNICIPAL CORP
 1302 PETN TO DISOLVE MUNICIPAL CORP
 1303 PETN TO CREATION DRAINAGE DIST
 1304 PETN TO CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT
 1330 OTHER (SPECIFY)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Case No. _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner	Defendant/Respondent	File Stamp
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JOINT PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Now come plaintiff, _____, without counsel, and defendant, _____,
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name) (Type or Print Defendant's Name)
 without counsel, and hereby petition this Honorable Court for a dissolution of the marriage between Plaintiff and Defendant. In support of this petition for dissolution of marriage, the parties state as follows:

1. The Plaintiff is presently _____ years of age; Plaintiff's occupation is _____;
 Plaintiff resides at _____, Illinois;
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

and has has not resided in the Sate of Illinois for at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding the filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

2. The Defendant is presently _____ years of age; Defendant's occupation is _____,
 Plaintiff resides at _____, Illinois;
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

and has has not resided in the Sate of Illinois for at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding the filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

3. The Plaintiff and Defendant have been married for less than eight (8) years prior to the filing of this petition; they were married on _____; and the marriage was registered in _____ County, _____.
(Date) (County) (State)

4. No children were born to the Plaintiff and Defendant during their relationship; no children were adopted by the parties; and _____, to her knowledge, is not pregnant.
(type or print Wife's Name)

5. The parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period in excess of six (6) months and irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage; efforts at reconciliation have failed and future attempts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interests of the parties. The Parties have signed an affidavit waiving the requirement for a continuous period living separate and apart in excess of two (2) years. The parties have lived separate and apart since _____.
(Date)

JOINT PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (CONT.)

- 6. Neither party is dependent on the other party for spousal support (also known as alimony or maintenance), or each party is willing to waive the right to spousal support. Both parties understand that consulting with attorneys may help determine eligibility for spousal support. Both Plaintiff and Defendant waive any rights to maintenance.
- 7. Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant has any interest in real property (real estate).
- 8. The parties have disclosed to each other all assets and their tax returns for all years of the marriage.
- 9. Neither party has a gross annualized income in excess of \$20,000; the Plaintiff's gross annual income from all sources is _____; the Defendant's gross annual income from all sources is _____; and the total annual income of the parties is less than \$35,000.00.
- 10. The total fair market value of all marital property, after deducting all encumbrances, is less than \$10,000.00 and the parties have executed a written agreement dividing all assets in excess of \$100.00 in value and allocating responsibility for debts and liabilities between the parties. A copy of the written agreement, signed by both parties, is filed with this petition.

11. (Optional) _____'s former/maiden name was
 (Type or Print Wife's Name)

 (Type or Print Wife's maiden OR Former Name)

WHEREFORE, the parties pray as follows:

- A. That the parties be awarded a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them.
- B. That the written agreement of the parties dividing marital assets, debts and liabilities, a copy of which is filed with this petition, be incorporated into the final order and judgment of this Court granting the petition for dissolution of marriage.
- C. (Optional) That _____ be restored to her former/maiden name,
 (Type or Print Wife's Name)

 (Type or Print Wife's maiden OR Former Name)
- D. That this Court grant the parties such other and further relief as may be just.

 (Plaintiff's Signature)
Plaintiff

 (Defendant's Signature)
Defendant

**JOINT PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (CONT.)
VERIFICATION**

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF KENDALL)

_____, Plaintiff, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I have read
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name)
the foregoing Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, understand the contents thereof, and believe the
same to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Plaintiff's Signature)
Plaintiff

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this

_____ (Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC



STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF KENDALL)

_____, Defendant, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I have read
(Type or Print Defendant's Name)
the foregoing Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, understand the contents thereof, and believe the
same to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Defendant's Signature)
Defendant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this

_____ (Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Case No. _____

Plaintiff/Petitioner	Defendant/Respondent	File Stamp

**JOINT AFFIDAVIT REGARDING SEPARATION OF THE PARTIES,
DIVISION OF PROPERTY AND WAIVER OF BIFURCATED HEARING**

NOW COME _____, Plaintiff, and _____,
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name) (Type or Print Defendant's Name)

Defendant, and being first sworn on their oaths, depose and state as follows:

1. That irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage.
2. That all efforts at reconciliation of the differences between the parties have heretofore failed and future attempts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interest of the parties.
3. That the parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period of more than six (6) months prior the date of this affidavit, having separated on or about _____ and having remained living separate for all times thereafter. (Date)
4. a. That each of the parties hereto expressly waive the requirement that the continuous period of living separate and apart be in excess of two (2) years in order for the Court to enter a Dissolution of Marriage based upon irreconcilable differences which have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage; and,
b. Each of the parties further stipulates that the requirement shall be reduced to a period only in excess of six (6) months rather than in excess of two (2) years as provided by section 401(a)(2) of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.
5. That the marital property belonging to the parties has been divided according to the terms of the written agreement of the parties filed with the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in this cause, and that the parties have executed all documents required to carry out the agreement.
6. That the parties waive any right either may have to a bifurcated hearing in this cause.
7. That each of the parties represents that their signing of this Affidavit is their individual, sole, voluntary act.

Plaintiff _____
(Plaintiff's Signature)

Defendant _____
(Defendant's Signature)

Case No. _____

**JOINT AFFIDAVIT (CONT.)
VERIFICATION**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KENDALL

_____, Plaintiff, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I have read the
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name)
foregoing Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, understand the contents thereof, and believe the same to
be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Plaintiff

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this
_____(Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF KENDALL

_____, Defendant, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say that I have read the
(Type or Print Defendant's Name)
the foregoing Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage, understand the contents thereof, and believe the same
to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Defendant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this
_____(Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Case Number _____

Petitioner: _____ Respondent: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF INCOME & EXPENSES

A. Name: _____ B. Date of Marriage: _____

C. Children of the Parties (names & ages): _____

D. Custodial Parent: _____ E. Are Parties Separated? _____

F. Monthly Income (if paid weekly, multiply by 52 and divide by 12 to get monthly figures):

Place of Employment: _____ Monthly Gross: _____

Federal Income Tax: _____ State Income Tax: _____ F.I.C.A.: _____

Other Involuntary Deductions (specify): _____

Voluntary Deductions (specify): _____

Number of Exemptions Claimed: _____ Income from other Sources (specify): _____

_____ Monthly Net Income: _____

G. Cash on Hand (savings, checking, etc.): _____

H. Basic Household Monthly Expenses:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Rent or Mortgage: _____ | 11. Car Insurance: _____ |
| 2. House/Renters Ins. _____ | 12. Child Care: _____ |
| 3. Real Estate Taxes: _____ | 13. Education (specify): _____ |
| 4. Gas (house): _____ | 14. Food: _____ |
| 5. Electric: _____ | 15. Medical/Dental: _____ |
| 6. Water/Garbage: _____ | 16. Clothing: _____ |
| 7. Telephone: _____ | 17. Other Ins. (specify): _____ |
| 8. Car: Plates/sticker/repair: _____ | 18. Recreation & Travel: _____ |
| 9. Gas (car): _____ | 19. Cosmetic/Drugs/Beauty Care: _____ |
| 10. Car Payment: _____ | |

20. Other monthly creditor payments (specify creditor, balance & monthly payments)

21. Miscellaneous (specify):

TOTAL: _____

STATE OF ILLINOIS

} SS

COUNTY OF KENDALL

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies that he/she verify believes the same to be true

DATE: _____

Signature of Party

This form is approved by the Illinois Supreme Court and is required to be accepted in all Illinois courts.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT Kendall _____ COUNTY	APPEARANCE Pro Se	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
Instructions ▼	_____ Plaintiff / Petitioner (<i>First, middle, last name or Company</i>) v. _____ Defendant / Respondent (<i>First, middle, last name</i>)	_____ Case Number
Enter above the county name where this case was filed.		
Enter the name of the person or company that filed this case as Plaintiff/Petitioner.		
Enter the name of the Defendant/Respondent.		
Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk.		

In 1, enter your full name.

In 2, check only one box to ask for a trial with only a judge or a trial with a judge and jury.
 You do not have a right to a jury trial in every case.

In 3a, enter the date you send this *Appearance* form to the other parties. You should send this form by 5:00 p.m. on the same day you file it with the Circuit Clerk.

In 3b, enter the full name and address of the parties or lawyers you are sending a copy of this *Appearance*.
 If a party has a lawyer, you must send a copy of this *Appearance* to the lawyer.

1. I, _____ enter my appearance in this case.
 First *Middle* *Last*

2. I would like a trial with:

- a judge
- a judge and jury

3. **Delivery of Appearance**

By signing below, I swear that:

a. At or before 5:00 P.M. on: _____, 20_____
 Date

b. I am sending this Appearance to:

Name: _____
 First *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
 Street, Apt # *City* *State* *ZIP*

Email: _____

Name: _____
 First *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
 Street, Apt # *City* *State* *ZIP*

Email: _____

Name: _____
 First *Middle* *Last*

Address: _____
 Street, Apt # *City* *State* *ZIP*

Email: _____

Enter the Case Number given by the Circuit Clerk: _____

In 3c, check if you will send copies of this *Appearance* by hand, by mail, or by email.

CAUTION: You may only send documents by email if the other party has agreed.

- c. By: Hand Delivery
- Regular, First-Class Mail, deposited into the U.S. Mail with postage paid
- Email

Check the box if you need language help and enter the language you speak.

Language Access

If language help is available in court, I would like help. I speak: _____
Language

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/1-109, making a statement on this form that you know to be false is perjury, a Class 3 Felony.

**I certify that everything above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
I understand that making a false statement in this form could be perjury.**

After you finish this form, sign and print your name.

Your Signature

Street Address

Enter your complete current address and telephone number.

Your Name

City, State, ZIP

OPTIONAL: you may enter an email address. By entering an email address, you agree to accept court documents by email. **DO NOT** enter an email address unless you have your own email account and check it daily. If you do not check it, you may miss important information or notice of court dates.

Telephone

Email Address (optional)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Case No. _____

Plaintiff(s)		Defendant(s)		
Plaintiff(s) Atty.		Defendant(s) Atty.		
Judge	Court Reporter	Deputy Clerk		
A copy of this order <input type="checkbox"/> should be sent <input type="checkbox"/> has been sent				
<input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff Atty. <input type="checkbox"/> Defense Atty. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____				
				File Stamp

JUDGMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

This cause having come on for hearing on the Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage filed by the parties hereto; the Court having examined and considered the Petition, the Affidavit of the parties, and all other pleadings and exhibits filed in the matter; the Court having heard the testimony presented herein; and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties hereto.
2. _____ and/or _____ now, and for ninety (90) days continuously and immediately preceding this date, have been residents of the State of Illinois.
3. The parties have been married for less than eight (8) years prior to the filing of this petition; the parties were married on _____ (date); and the marriage was registered in _____ County, _____ (state).
4. The parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period in excess of six (6) months; irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage; efforts at reconciliation have failed; and, further efforts at reconciliation would not be in the best interests of the parties.
5. The parties have each signed an affidavit waiving the requirement for a continuous period living separate and apart in excess of two (2) years.
6. The parties have each signed a waiver of any right to a bifurcated hearing in this cause.
7. No children were born to or adopted by the parties during their relationship and to the best of her knowledge _____ (Wife's Name) is not pregnant at this time.
8. Both the Plaintiff and Defendant have waived any right to maintenance.
9. Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant has any interest in real property. The parties have disclosed to each other all assets and their tax returns for all years of marriage. Neither party has a gross annualized income in excess of \$20,000, and the total annualized income of the parties is less than \$35,000.

JUDGMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE continued

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10. The total fair market value of all marital property owned by the parties, after deducting all encumbrances, is \$10,000.00. The parties have executed a written agreement, which the Court finds is not unconscionable, dividing all assets in excess of \$100.00 in value and allocating responsibility for all debts and liabilities between the parties. A copy of the written agreement, signed by both parties, was filed with the petition in this cause and is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

11. (Optional) _____'s former/maiden name was
(Type or Print Wife's Name)

(Type or Print Wife's Maiden OR Former Name)

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

- A. The present marriage between the parties is hereby dissolved, and Plaintiff and Defendant are each hereby awarded a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage dissolving their present bonds of matrimony.
- B. This Court adopts as part of this Judgment, as if it were fully set forth herein, the agreement of the parties concerning the distribution of assets, debts and liabilities. Plaintiff and Defendant each is hereby ordered to dispose of all claims each may have against the other, and to dispose of all assets, debts and liabilities, in accordance with and pursuant to the agreement entered into by the parties and presented to this Court. Plaintiff and Defendant are each ordered to timely execute any and all titles, certificates and other documents of any kind or nature whatsoever, necessary to carry out the terms and condition of this Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage as to the division of assets, debts and liabilities ordered herein.
- C. Each of the parties is hereby denied maintenance for now and for all times hereafter.
- D. (Optional) _____ is hereby restored to her former/maiden name,
(Type or Print Wife's Name)

(Type or Print Wife's Maiden OR Former Name)
- E. Except for the provisions contained in this Judgment of dissolution of Marriage, each of the parties is hereby barred and foreclosed from making any and all claims against the other whether for alimony or maintenance, homestead rights, dower rights, rights of inheritance or any and all other property rights, whether real, personal or mixed, which either of them may now have or may hereafter acquire arising out of the marital relationship heretofore existing between them.
- F. This Court retains jurisdiction of this cause for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage.

DATE: _____

JUDGE: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Plaintiff: _____

Defendant: _____

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE TWENTY THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In re: The Marriage of / Civil Union)
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CERTIFICATE OF READINESS AND ORDER

This Certificate is submitted to the court to induce it to issue an Order assigning a date, time, and location for submission of proof as to all issues in the above case.

A. In support the undersigned states, on oath or affirmation, as follows:

- 1. The parties are in agreement on all issues: **AND** the Respondent has entered an Appearance.
- 2. An Order of Default was previously entered on _____; **AND**

B. The following documents are completed **AND**, where applicable, are signed by the Party/Parties and/or counsel:

- 1. Certificate of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union;
- 2. Judgment for Dissolution/Legal Separation/Declaration of Invalidity of Marriage;
- 3. Marital/ Civil Union Settlement Agreement;
- 4. Final Parenting Plan;
- 5. Certificate of Completion of Parenting Class;
- 6. Order of Support;
- 7. Withholding Order;
- 8. QDRO/QILDRO;
- 9. Other (specify)_____

Date: _____

Petitioner/ Counsel

Respondent/ Counsel

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Certificate this matter is continued to _____ at _____ p.m. in Courtroom _____ at the Kendall County Courthouse, 807 West John Street, Yorkville, IL for presentation of proofs, uncontested, on all issues. A copy hereof shall be furnished to both Parties and Proof of Service filed on or before the above date.

JUDGE

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