

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A PRO SE DIVORCE

1. Everything must be agreed upon before filing.
2. PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE must be signed by the petitioner and respondent to waiver SERVICE. If the respondent does not sign PETITION - a SUMMONS must be issued by the petitioner.
3. A filing fee of \$157 cash or money order must be paid at the time of filing.
4. There is a 60 day waiting period before the divorce can become final.
5. Call the Clerk's Office (812 649-6028) 60 days after filing to obtain a hearing date if required.
6. The Judge requires that you fill in ALL blanks.
7. The Judge requires that you TYPE or PRINT the information required.
8. If you have children less than 16 years old of age you MUST attend a "Parents are Forever" program.
9. If you do not attend the "Parents are Forever" program the Judge may not assign a final hearing.

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF SPENCER)

IN THE SPENCER CIRCUIT COURT

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF)
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_____)
PETITIONER)
)
AND)
)
_____)
RESPONDENT)

CAUSE NO: 74C01-_____-DR-_____

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

NOTE: Other than signature, please type or print the information required.

1. Petitioner lives at _____

in _____ County, Indiana, and has lived in _____
County for at least three (3) months and has lived in Indiana for at least six (6) months.

2. Respondent lives at _____

in _____ County, Indiana, and has lived in _____
County for at least three (3) months and has lived in Indiana for at least six (6) months.

3. Petitioner and Respondent were married on _____, _____,
and separated on _____, _____. If the parties are still living in the same
household, the date of separation is the date this petition is filed.

4. Children:
- () Petitioner and Respondent never had any children of the marriage.
 - () Petitioner and Respondent () is not () is pregnant.
 - () Petitioner and Respondent had the following children of the marriage who are either
younger than twenty-one (21) or incapacitated:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	GRADE AND SCHOOL ATTENDING
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. There has occurred an irretrievable breakdown in the marriage of Petitioner and Respondent and such marriage should be dissolved.

6. Petitioner/Respondent is requesting restoration of her former name of (leave blank if not applicable).

(First) (Middle) (Last)

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner asks the court to dissolve the marriage of the parties, equitably divide the marital assets and debts, award custody, and make other orders, awards, and judgments appropriate in the premises.

DATE: _____
Signature of Petitioner

I verify and affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

DATE: _____
Signature of Petitioner

Respondent acknowledges service of this Petition, therefore the Clerk need not serve it. Respondent also acknowledges receipt of the "Parents are Forever" information sheet.

DATE: _____
Signature of Respondent

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF _____)

Before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Respondent, _____, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing document.

My Commission Expires:

_____, Notary Public
County of Residence: _____

STATE OF INDIANA)

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PETITIONER)

AND)

RESPONDENT)

DECREE OF DISSOLUTION

1. The court now finds that it has jurisdiction herein. The court finds that the allegations in the Petition are true and that more than sixty (60) days has elapsed since the filing of the petition. The Court further finds that the marriage of the parties is irretrievably broken and should be, and hereby is, dissolved.

2. Custody of the minor children shall be with: _____

3. Visitation shall be in accordance with the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines and at any and all other reasonable times agreed upon by the parties.

4. The non-custodial parent shall pay support at the rate of \$_____ per week beginning on the Friday of the week of the final hearing. The child support should be paid (choose one):

_____ to the Spencer County Clerk

_____ by income withholding

5. Property

a) The court finds that the parties have divided their property and the Court now approves that division.

b) Petitioner shall own:

c) Respondent shall own:

6. DEBT

a) Petitioner shall pay:

b) Respondent shall pay:

7. The Petitioner/Respondent is awarded her former name of:

_____.

Ordered this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Jon A Dartt,
Judge, Spencer Circuit

APPROVED BY:

Signature of Petitioner

Signature of Respondent

1 STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE _____ SUPERIOR / CIRCUIT COURT
2) SS: CIVIL DIVISION, ROOM _____
3 COUNTY OF _____) CASE NO. _____

4 IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

5 _____
6

Petitioner,

7 and

8 _____
9

Respondent.

10 VERIFIED WAIVER OF FINAL HEARING

11 Come now Petitioner and Respondent pursuant to Ind. Code 31-15-2 and submit their
12 Verified Waiver of Final Hearing. In support of this Waiver, the parties state that:

- 13 1. More than sixty (60) days have elapsed since the filing of Petitioner's Verified Petition for
14 Dissolution of Marriage;
- 15 2. Both parties request the Court to approve their Settlement Agreement and Decree of
16 Dissolution of Marriage.
- 17 3. Both parties voluntarily waive the opportunity to hold a final hearing on contested issues.

18 I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

19
20 _____
Your Signature

Spouse's Signature

21 _____

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23 _____

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PARENTS ARE FOREVER

WHAT IS IT?

Parents are Forever is a two-hour divorce education program which offers divorcing parents information to assist them in parenting through the divorce and beyond. The program, sponsored by the Mental Health Association of Spencer County and Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, is presented by qualified professionals from these agencies.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Divorcing parents of children under 16 years of age who are concerned about the effects of the divorce on the children. Others (grandparents, friends, counselors, attorneys, etc.) may also attend, but approval for guests must be obtained at the time of pre-registration.

ISSUES ADDRESSED:

Change in the Family Structure	Harmful Games Parents Play
Effects of Divorce on Children	Post-divorce Parenting
Feelings Involved in the Divorce Process	Ways to Help Children through Divorce
How to Tell the Kids	Children's Reactions to Divorce
Affirming Children's Feelings	Visitation Do's & Don'ts
Reassuring Children That They are Loved	Blended Families

Pre-registration is required at least one day before the session.

The program is presented at the Spencer County Youth & Community Center, 1101 E CR 800 N, Chrisney, IN 47611

Date and Time:

6:00-8:00 PM (Spencer County Time)—**Second Thursday of every other month (starting January 12, 2017)**

Registration:

To register or for further information, call the Purdue Cooperative Extension Office of Spencer County at 812-362-8066 and ask for Pat. Office hours are 8:00 to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. If there is no answer, leave your name and phone number on the answering machine.

Fees:

\$35.00 per person payable to the Spencer County Mental Health Association of at the beginning of the session. **Payment should be made with cash or money order. Personal checks or credit cards are not accepted.**

Certificates:

Certificates will be given at the end of the session to those who attended and paid the registration fee. Names of persons attending will be sent to the Circuit Court Judge.

Note: Due to the emotional involvement in most divorce cases, it is recommended that divorcing couples do not attend the program together. If a restraining order is in place, divorcing couples will **NOT** be allowed to attend together. However, if it is agreeable to both parties involved, and there is no restraining order, couples may attend together.

SPENCER CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY COURT DIVISION
INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES, INC. & VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM OF
SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA, INC

Family Law Clinic for Self-Represented Litigants

DO YOU NEED HELP PICKING THE RIGHT LEGAL FORMS?
ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE GETTING YOUR CASE FINISHED?
ARE YOU NOT ABLE TO AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY?

You may be able to get help from the Family Court Clinic. If you believe you might qualify *after reading the information on this flier*, call **1-800-852-3477** for an appointment. **YOU MUST HAVE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE TO ATTEND A CLINIC DATE.**

Clinic Dates for 2017		
January 12	May 11	September 14
February 9	June 15	October 12
March 9	July 13	November 9
April 13	August 10	December 14

Clinic Hours for 2017: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Appointment Needed)

Clinic Location: Spencer County Circuit Court Jury Room

- Services Offered:**
1. Assistance in selection and completion of Court forms:
Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce)
Petition for Contempt for Violation of Existing Orders
Petition for Modification of Child Support and/or Emancipation
Child Support Worksheet/Parenting Time Issues
 2. Referral to social services

Eligibility Requirements: Clinic participants must meet strict financial eligibility standards established by the federal government (live at or below 200% of the federal poverty line) and **not have liquid assets, pension or retirement plans requiring a QDRO or own substantial property.** Participants must also have a Spencer County case.

Eligibility Requirements: Background: The Family Law Clinic is a partnership between the Spencer Circuit Court, Indiana Legal Services, Inc and Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc, with funding by Indiana Legal Services, Inc. and in-kind services provided by Spencer Circuit Court. Supervision is through Judge Dartt.