

DIVORCE WITH MINOR CHILDREN For Petitioner Only



PINAL COUNTY NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE

**TO FILE FOR DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE)
OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN**

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS
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PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE (DIVORCE) WITH MINOR CHILDREN

CHECKLIST

You may use the forms and instructions in this packet if...

- ✓ You want to file a petition for divorce **AND**,
- ✓ You do **not** have a “covenant marriage” (These papers will not work for a covenant marriage)* **AND**,

***What is a “Covenant Marriage?” As of August 21, 1998, the Arizona Legislature created a new type of marriage called “covenant” marriage. To have a covenant marriage, both husband and wife would have had to:**

1. Sign papers **requesting** to have a covenant marriage;
2. Attend Pre-Marital counseling; **AND**
3. Your marriage license would say “Covenant Marriage.”

If you were married before August 21, 1998 and have not signed papers to convert your marriage to a covenant marriage, you do not have a covenant marriage. If you still have questions about whether you have a covenant marriage, see a lawyer for help.

- ✓ You and your spouse have minor children with each other OR the wife is pregnant by the husband **AND**,
- ✓ The minor child(ren) resided (lived) in Arizona at least 6 months before you file the petition or you talked to a lawyer who advised you that you could pursue the case in Arizona **AND**,
- ✓ Either spouse lived in Arizona at least 90 days before you file the Petition, or is a member of the armed forces and is stationed in Arizona at least 90 days before you file **AND**,
- ✓ You believe that the marriage is irretrievably broken (you and your spouse cannot make this marriage work) **AND**,
- ✓ You or your spouse has tried to resolve your marital problems through Conciliation Services, or there is no point in trying to resolve your marital problems.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing.

DIVORCE WITH MINOR CHILDREN

This packet contains general information and instructions about filing a divorce petition for a non-covenant marriage and other court papers when there are minor children. Be sure this packet contains the following documents:

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***NO COPIES REQUIRED. File original only. Do not serve on other party.**

You have permission to use these documents for any lawful purpose. These forms shall not be used to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. The documents are under continual revision and are current only for the day they were received. It is strongly recommended that you verify on a regular basis that you have the most current documents.

INSTRUCTIONS

How to Fill Out Papers for Dissolution of A Non-Covenant Marriage (Divorce) With Minor Children

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Domestic violence can be part of any marriage. Domestic violence includes physical violence such as hitting, slapping, pushing or kicking **or** threats of physical violence directed against you and/or your children **and/or** verbal abuse used to control you and/or your children.

Court documents request your address and phone number. If you are a victim of domestic violence, and you do **not** want your address to be known to protect yourself or your children from further violence, you **must file** a **“Petition for an Order of Protection”** and ask that your address **not** be disclosed on court papers. With that Order, you do not need to put your address and phone number on your divorce papers. Just write "protected" in the space on the form where you are asked for this information. You must tell the Clerk of the Court your address and phone number as soon as possible so the court can get in touch with you. The court will keep your address protected.

(ALL FORMS: TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK)

FAMILY COURT COVER SHEET

- The Family Court Cover Sheet is **REQUIRED** to be completed and filed in Pinal County.
- Write in the information requested about the petitioner, respondent and any children under the age of 18.
- **DO NOT INCLUDE MAILING ADDRESS ON THIS FORM IF REQUESTING ADDRESS PROTECTION.**
- Case Type: Mark only one box that matches the legal procedure for which you are filing the documents in this packet: **[x] Dissolution (Divorce)**
- Interpreter: Check “yes” or “no” to indicate whether an interpreter is needed. If “yes,” write in what language(s).
- No additional copies needed. Do **NOT** serve this document on the other party.

SENSITIVE DATA SHEET

- Write in the information requested about petitioner, respondent, and any children under the age of 18.
- **DO NOT INCLUDE MAILING ADDRESS ON THIS FORM IF REQUESTING ADDRESS PROTECTION.**
- No additional copies needed. Do NOT serve this document on the other party.

SUMMONS AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Fill in the following information: Your name, street address (**if not protected**), city, state, zip code, telephone number, ATLAS number, name of Petitioner (your name, name of Respondent (your spouse's name)). You will have an ATLAS number ONLY if you receive or have received AFDC or other public benefits for your minor child(ren) that are common to you and your spouse. If you are represented by an attorney, write in the attorney’s bar number. Tell the court whether you represent yourself or are represented by an attorney. For the **“Preliminary Injunction,”** be sure to fill out the description of the parties.

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF A NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE (DIVORCE) WITH MINOR CHILDREN

- A.** Use this form **ONLY** if you are getting a divorce and there are children under the age of 18 years involved who are common to you and your spouse, and you have a non-covenant marriage. Arizona laws regarding “covenant” marriages went into effect August 21, 1998. See ARS §25-901. If you have a covenant marriage, you and your spouse were asked to sign an affidavit that included a statement similar to this: “We solemnly declare that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman who agree to live together as husband and wife for as long as they both live. We have chosen each other carefully. We understand that a covenant marriage is for life. If we experience marital difficulties, we commit ourselves to take all reasonable efforts to preserve our marriage, including marital counseling.

We declare that our marriage will be bound by Arizona law regarding covenant marriages and we promise to love, honor and care for one another as husband and wife for the rest of our lives.” (This paperwork will **not** work if you have a covenant marriage. If you have questions about whether you have a “covenant” marriage, look at your marriage license and/or see a lawyer for help.) Make sure your form is titled **“Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage (Divorce) With Children.”**

- B.** In the top left corner of the first page, fill out the following: your name (if you are the person filling out the petition and filing the petition with the court), your address (**if not protected**), your city, state, zip code, your telephone number; and your **ATLAS** number, if you are receiving or have received AFDC from the Arizona Department of Economic Security and the attorney bar number if you are represented by an attorney. Then check the box to say whether you are represented or not.
- C.** Fill in **your** name in the space that says "Name of Petitioner." Remember, you will be the PETITIONER through the whole case. (This includes any emergency petitions, temporary petitions, and post-divorce decree petitions.) In the space that says "Name of Respondent," fill in the name of your spouse. Your spouse will be the RESPONDENT for the rest of this case. (This includes any emergency petitions, temporary petitions, and post-divorce decree petitions.)
- D.** Leave the space for Case No. _____ blank. When you file your papers, you will receive a case number.

STATEMENTS MADE TO THE COURT, UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION:

- 1. INFORMATION ABOUT ME, THE PETITIONER.** Fill in your name, address (**if not protected**), date of birth, occupation, and length of time in Arizona.
- 2. INFORMATION ABOUT MY SPOUSE, THE RESPONDENT.** Fill in your spouse’s name, address, (if you know it) date of birth, occupation, and length of time in Arizona.
- 3. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE.** Fill in the date you were married, and the city and state where you were married. If you do not know this information, and you were married in Pinal County, you may get a copy of your marriage license from the Clerk of the Court at 971 N. Jason Lopez Circle, Bldg A, Florence AZ 85132. If you were married in another county in Arizona, go to the Clerk of the Superior Court at the county seat where you were married.

NEXT: Read the statements that follow the checkboxes. Check the box for each statement that is **TRUE**. If any statement is **NOT true** or *if you fail to check the box to indicate the statement is true*, your case may not proceed. If the fourth box (regarding legal decision-making) is not checked, the Court may not be able to enter orders regarding legal decision-making of the children.

Check the first box to indicate that you do not have a “covenant” marriage.*

Check the second box to indicate your marriage is irretrievably broken.*

Check the third box to indicate you have been to marital counseling – or that it would not help.*

Check the fourth box to indicate this court has the power to decide child legal decision-making issues.*

*** To have a “Covenant Marriage”, both husband and wife would have had to:**

- 1. Sign papers requesting** to have a covenant marriage or to convert to a covenant marriage,
- 2. Attend pre-marital counseling** (unless converting an existing marriage to a covenant marriage, **AND**
- 3. Your marriage license would say “Covenant Marriage”.**

If you still have questions about whether you have a “covenant” marriage, contact a lawyer for help.

“Irretrievably broken” means that your marriage is broken beyond repair and there is no chance of getting back together with your spouse.

“Power to decide legal decision-making.” Generally, the children must have lived in Arizona for the past six (6) months, or since birth if younger than 6 months.

4. **90-DAY REQUIREMENT.** Before you file for Divorce, this **MUST** be true. **IF IT IS NOT TRUE, YOU CANNOT FILE FOR DIVORCE** in Arizona until it becomes true.
5. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.** This tells the court if domestic violence was in the marriage, which affects a request for joint legal decision-making, (if you intend to ask for joint legal decision-making). If you are not sure what domestic violence means, see the "Domestic Violence" section on the first page of these instructions. Check the box that applies to your situation.
6. **CHILDREN COMMON TO THE PARTIES WHO ARE LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.** If there are no children under the age of 18 born to, or adopted by, you and your spouse, you should use the "*Petition for Dissolution of a Non-Covenant Marriage - Without Minor Children*" Packet. Otherwise, check the second box and provide the name, birth date and current home address including city, state, and zip code for each minor child born to, or adopted by, you and your spouse.
7. **PREGNANCY.** If the wife is **NOT** pregnant at this time, check the first box and go on. If the wife is pregnant, check the second box. Fill out the date the baby is due, and fill in any information regarding the parents of the unborn child.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY AND DEBT: The information you give in paragraphs 8a through 9b tells the court about your property and debts, and how you think your property and debts should be divided.

- Community property is generally any property you and your spouse purchased during your marriage or paid for during the marriage, no matter who uses the property or who paid the money.
- Unless property was a gift or inheritance, all property gotten (acquired) during the marriage up until the time when the Respondent is served with the Petition for Dissolution is generally community property, and both you and your spouse are entitled to roughly an equal share of this property.
- Community debts or bills are generally any debt you and your spouse acquired during your marriage up until the time the Respondent is served with the Petition for Dissolution, no matter who spent the money.
- If you have questions, or have a lot of community property or debt, you should speak with an attorney **BEFORE** filing your Petition and other papers.

- 8.a **PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE MARRIAGE. COMMUNITY PROPERTY.** If you and your spouse do not have any property from the marriage, check the first box. If you and your spouse have property together, check the second box. If you checked the second box, you must tell the court what property should go to you and what property should go to your spouse. Generally, the court will divide the property 50-50, unless there are good reasons not to. It is unlikely that the court will give most or all of the property to either spouse, so put some thought into what you think would be a fair division before answering this question. Usually, if you and your spouse cannot decide which spouse should receive what property, the court will order that the property be sold and any money received divided between you and your spouse.

First, list the property that you want the court to award to you, the Petitioner, and list the property that you want the court to award to your spouse, the Respondent. Put a check in the box that matches the property you want to go to which person. You should describe the property thoroughly for identification purposes. Use the brand name, model and serial numbers, where applicable.

Types of property:

- a) **Real Property (property or home).** Check who you want to get the property. You can ask the court to give you the home, to give the home to your spouse, or to sell the home and divide the proceeds. You should write the complete address of the property under "Real estate located at" Most property has a legal description such as "LOT 77, PINE TREE ACRES, according to Book 111 of Maps," which appears on your deed papers. You should use this description. A cemetery plot is considered real property.

- b) **Household furniture.** This includes sofas, beds, tables, and so forth. Be specific.
- c) **Household furnishings.** This includes things in the house other than furniture, for example: dishes, small appliances, rugs, and so forth. Be specific.
- d) **Other.** List things that you want or you want your spouse to have that has not already been listed.
- e) **Pension/retirement fund/profit sharing/stock plans/401K.** You and your spouse each generally have an interest of up to 50% (one-half) of the other spouse's plan, for the number of years you were married. The longer the marriage, the greater your financial interest in your spouse's plan (up to 50 percent of the benefits/plan if you have been married the whole time the plan has existed.) Check this box if you want to divide your interest in a retirement or profit sharing/retirement/401K plan. If you check this box, you must see an attorney about a **document** called a **Qualified Domestic Relations Order or QDRO. A QDRO is a very specialized legal document that requires professional assistance to prepare.**
- f) **Motor vehicles.** List the vehicle identification number, the year and make of the car (Ford, Honda) and the model (Mustang, Lumina).

8.b. PROPERTY ACQUIRED BEFORE MARRIAGE. SEPARATE PROPERTY. If you did not have or bring any property into the marriage, check the first box. If your spouse did not have or bring any property into the marriage, check the next box. If you or your spouse brought property into the marriage or acquired property after the Respondent was served with the Petition for Dissolution, check the third and/or fourth box. If you checked the third and/or fourth box, you must tell the court what property you brought into the marriage and what property your spouse brought into the marriage. List the property that you want the court to award to you, the Petitioner and list the property that you want the court to award to your spouse, the Respondent. Put a check in the box that matches the property you want to go to which person. You should describe the property thoroughly for identification purposes. You can use the brand name and model and serial numbers where applicable.

9.a DEBTS INCURRED DURING THE MARRIAGE. If you and your spouse do not owe money on any debts from the marriage, check the first box and go on. If you and your spouse owe money on any debts from the marriage, check the second box. If you check the second box, tell the court which debts you should pay and which debts your spouse should pay. Generally, the court will attempt to make a fair division of the debts. If you get property that has debt on it, you will probably also be given the debt. Ordering one person to pay all the debt is unusual. Think about what is a fair division of the debts before answering this question. Put enough information to identify each debt.

If you and your spouse have been separated and have acquired new debts on your own since the separation and before filing for divorce, you may want the court to order that each of you pay for any new debt after the date you separated. You can make this request on the last page of your Petition under Letter I, "Community Debts."

9.b. SEPARATE DEBTS. DEBTS INCURRED PRIOR TO MARRIAGE. If you and your spouse did not owe money on any debts before you were married, check the first box and GO ON. If you owed money on debts before you were married, check the second box. If your spouse owed money on debts before you were married, check the third box. If either you or your spouse owe money on any debts you or your spouse brought into the marriage, describe the debts, and tell the court which debts you should pay and which debts your spouse should pay.

10. TAX RETURNS. Decide what you want to do about any income tax refund. Check the box that applies to you. If you have questions about which box you can check, you should see a lawyer, an accountant, and/or contact the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

11. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE /SUPPORT is the term used to describe money paid from one spouse to the other spouse as part of a divorce settlement. You may know the term as alimony. Spousal maintenance/ support is designed as a safety net for a spouse who cannot provide for his/her needs or who meets other requirements listed on the Petition under paragraph 11. The idea behind spousal maintenance/support is that accomplishments during your marriage, including increases in earning potential and living standards, are shared and earned by **BOTH** parties to a marriage. Look at

paragraph 11 to see if spousal maintenance/support applies to you or your spouse. Check as many boxes that apply to your situation. Spousal maintenance/support is paid separately from child support and is **not** a substitute for or a supplement to child support.

12. **WRITTEN LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT.** Check this box **ONLY** if you and your spouse have a written agreement regarding legal decision-making, parenting time and child support that **both** of you signed **BEFORE** you filed the ***"Petition for Dissolution of Marriage."*** If you have only discussed these issues and do **not** have a written agreement, do **NOT** check this box.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT. This section requests that the court grant you and your spouse your divorce and tells the court other requests you are making:

- A. **DISSOLUTION.** This is your request to end your non-covenant marriage by a divorce.
- B. **NAMES.** Write in this section only if you want to use your maiden or former name. Write in your maiden name or former last name in the space provided. If you are **not** the person who is requesting to have your former name restored, the court must have a written request from the party who wants his or her name restored in order to change the name.

C. **CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND PARENTING TIME:**

- C.1. **SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OF MINOR CHILDREN AND PARENTING TIME.** If you want sole legal decision-making, check the box that applies, including the parenting time you are asking for. Tell the court whether you want legal decision-making of the minor child(ren) to go to you (the Petitioner) or your spouse (the Respondent).

PARENTING TIME: Check only one box. You can ask that the non-custodial parent (the parent having physical legal decision-making of the minor child less than 50% of the time) have one of the following types of parenting time. (If you want to know more about legal decision-making and parenting time, refer to ***"Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona's Guide for Parents Living Apart."*** The **Guide** is available to download for **free** from the state courts' web page at:

<http://azcourts.gov/Portals/31/ParentingTime/PPWguidelines.pdf>

Reasonable parenting time. This suggests an amount of parenting time appropriate to the age of the child(ren). The court offers suggested amounts of parenting time, but the amount can vary by agreement of both parents.

Supervised parenting time to the non-custodial parent. You should request supervised parenting time if the non-custodial parent cannot adequately care for the minor child(ren) without another person present. You may request this if the non-custodial parent has a problem with drugs or alcohol; is violent or abusive; or does not have the parenting skills to care for the minor child(ren) without another adult present. Remember, supervised parenting time is not intended to punish the parent, but to protect the minor child(ren).

No parenting time to the non-custodial parent. You should mark this option only if the non-custodial parent has seriously harmed, abused, or otherwise is a serious danger to the minor child(ren)'s physical and/or emotional health, or if there is a criminal court order stating no contact between the minor child and the non-custodial parent. You may use this as a last resort to protect the minor child.

OR

- C.2. **JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:** If you are asking for joint legal decision-making, you must file a Joint Legal decision-making Agreement signed by both parents that the court must approve.

- D. CHILD SUPPORT:** Tell the court who you think should pay child support. The person who has legal decision-making of the minor child(ren), or who has physical care of the minor child(ren) more than 50% of the time, is the person who should receive the support. The other spouse, often called the "non-custodial" parent, must pay the support. The income of the parties generally determines the amount of the support according to court guidelines. You must check only one box.
- E. INSURANCE AND HEALTH CARE EXPENSES FOR MINOR CHILDREN:** Check only one box. Tell the court which parent should provide insurance for the minor children. Whichever parent has the most affordable insurance plan available through work, generally should pay for insurance. Adjustments can be made to child support to reflect the costs of insurance for the children.
- F. TAX EXEMPTION.** Decide how you and your spouse will declare the tax dependency exemptions, for which child(ren), for which years. Federal Tax law also determines this for you. If you are not sure, see a lawyer and/or an accountant for help.
- G. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT (ALIMONY).** This tells the court that you or your spouse should pay money to the other spouse on a monthly basis to help with living expenses. Check the first box if **YOU** (the Petitioner) will be paying spousal maintenance/support. Check the second box if **YOUR SPOUSE** (the Respondent) will be paying spousal maintenance/support. If you or your spouse should not pay spousal maintenance/support, do not check either box, and **GO ON. (You can check a box only if you checked the same box in the spousal maintenance/support section on page 5, paragraph 11.)** If you request spousal maintenance/support, choose what you believe to be a reasonable monthly amount and tell the court how long the money should be paid. Base the amount of any request on the receiving party's need and the income of the party paying this money.
- Spousal maintenance is not a substitute for, or a supplement to, court ordered child support.**
- H. COMMUNITY PROPERTY.** This tells the court that your division of the property is fair.
- I. COMMUNITY DEBT.** This tells the court that your division of the debt is fair, and that the court should divide the debts as requested by you in your Petition. If you have been separated from your spouse long enough that you or your spouse may have additional debts, write down the date of your separation on the line provided if you want each spouse to pay his/her debts incurred after you separated.
- J. SEPARATE PROPERTY and DEBTS.** This states that you will keep the property you owned before the marriage and that your spouse will keep the property he/she owned before the marriage. It also says that you will pay your separate debts and your spouse will pay his/her separate debts.
- K. OTHER ORDERS:** Tell the court anything else you may want ordered that has not been covered in your Petition.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION OF PETITIONER: Sign this form in front of a notary public. By doing so, you are telling the Court that everything contained in the Petition is true, under penalty of perjury.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO CONVERT HEALTH INSURANCE

This is an important document that explains what to do about health care coverage for yourself and your minor child(ren). Read it carefully, and be sure a copy is served on your spouse, along with the other divorce papers.

AFFIDAVIT OF MINOR CHILDREN: You must complete this document. Fill in the information completely and to the best of your knowledge.

ORDER and NOTICE REGARDING THE PARENT INFORMATION PROGRAM: This is an important document. You and the other parent must attend and complete a class in the Parent Information Program. This is a very exciting and wonderful class. It was designed to help you. The purpose of the Parent Information Program is to give parents information about the impacts that divorce, the changes in the family unit and court

involvement have on minor children involved in a divorce, paternity, or legal decision-making case. This Notice applies to **all** parents who file an action for dissolution of marriage or legal separation, or any paternity proceeding, in which a party has requested that the court determine legal decision-making, parenting time or support, and to all other domestic relations cases if ordered by the court. **Make sure you read this order and notice and serve the other party with it.**

NOTICE REGARDING CREDITORS: This is an important document that tells you and your spouse that you are responsible for community debts to creditors even though the court order or decree says that only one of you (either you or your spouse) are responsible. This notice must be served on your spouse. In addition, read this notice to find out how to obtain information from your creditors about account balances.

OTHER IMPORTANT PAPERS IN THIS PACKET: Before you get an order from the Judge you must complete the court papers on what you want the Judge to order about child legal decision-making and parenting time, and for child support. These court forms, and those prepared by the other party, are what the Judge will use when it is time to sign the order about legal decision-making, parenting time and support. You can complete the papers about legal decision-making, parenting time and support now, and serve or provide copies to the other party. Or, you can complete the papers before the final court hearing date. The Family Support Center of the Clerk of the Court will help you with Child Support calculations for the Worksheet.

PROCEDURES

How to File Papers with the Court for Dissolution of a Non-Covenant Marriage (Divorce) – With Minor Children

STEP 1: Complete the “Family Court Coversheet” and the “Sensitive Data Sheet”
(Do not copy this document)

STEP 2: Make 2 Copies of the following documents after you have filled them out:

- “Summons”
- “Preliminary Injunction”
- “Petition for Dissolution of Non Covenant Marriage (Divorce) With Minor Children”
- “Notice of Right to Convert Health Insurance”
- “Order and Notice for the Parent Information Program”
- “Affidavit Regarding Minor Children”
- “Notice Regarding Creditors”
- “Parenting Plan”
- “Child Support Worksheet”

STEP 3: Separate your documents into three (3) sets:

<u>SET 1 - ORIGINALS FOR CLERK OF COURT:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Court Coversheet• Sensitive Data Sheet• “Summons”• “Preliminary Injunction”• “Petition for Dissolution of Marriage...”• “Notice of Right to Convert Health Insurance”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Order and Notice for Parent Information Program”• “Affidavit Regarding Minor Children”• “Notice Regarding Creditors”• “Parenting Plan”• “Child Support Worksheet”
<u>SET 2 - COPIES FOR SPOUSE:</u>	<u>SET 3 – COPIES FOR YOU:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Summons”• “Preliminary Injunction”• “Petition for Dissolution of Marriage...”• “Notice of Right to Convert Health Insurance”• “Order and Notice for Parent Information Program”• “Affidavit Regarding Minor Children”• “Notice Regarding Creditors”• “Parenting Plan”• “Child Support Worksheet”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Summons”• “Preliminary Injunction”• “Petition for Dissolution of Marriage...”• “Notice of Right to Convert Health Insurance”• “Order and Notice for Parent Information Program”• “Affidavit Regarding Minor Children”• “Notice Regarding Creditors”• “Parenting Plan”• “Child Support Worksheet”

STEP 4: FILE THE PAPERS WITH THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT:

GO TO the Clerk of Court filing counters at one of the following locations: The court is open from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. **You should go to the Court at least two hours before it closes.**

Pinal County Justice Complex
971 N. Jason Lopez Circle Bldg. A
Florence AZ 85132
(520) 866-5300

Apache Junction Office
575 N. Idaho Rd. Suite 109
Apache Junction, AZ 85119
(520) 866-5300

Casa Grande Office
820 E. Cottonwood Lane Bldg. B
Casa Grande, AZ 85122
(520) 866-5300

Mammoth Office
(Temporarily Closed)

FEES: There is a filing fee for filing this Petition and there may be other charges associated with this case. Inquire with the Clerk's office regarding the filing fee amount or go online to <http://pinalcountyaz.gov/COSC> for a list of current fees.

If you cannot pay these fees, you may request the fee(s) be deferred or waived. The Clerk of the Superior Court has the necessary forms to ask for a deferral or waiver.

NOTE: With the Application for Deferral, there is a \$26 fee and you must provide proof of income (copy of your last 2 most recent paystubs).

PAPERS: Hand all three **(3)** sets of your court papers to the Deputy Clerk along with the filing fee. Cash, VISA/MasterCard debit or credit cards, money order, or personal in-state check **made payable to the "Clerk of Superior Court"** are acceptable forms of payment.

MAKE SURE YOU GET THE FOLLOWING BACK FROM THE CLERK:

- Your Set of Copies – Conformed stamped
- Your Spouse's Set of Copies – Conformed stamped

STEP 5: Read the packet called "Service of Court Papers" that applies to your situation. This will explain how to serve the other party. Remember to file your Affidavit, Waiver or Acceptance of Service as soon as the Respondent is served.

Arizona Superior Court, Pinal County Family Court Cover Sheet

CASE NUMBER <u>DO 2</u> ATLAS NUMBER(S) _____	Judge _____
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<p style="text-align: center;">PETITIONER'S NAME AND ADDRESS</p> Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____ DOB: _____	<p style="text-align: center;">RESPONDENT'S NAME AND ADDRESS</p> Name: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____ DOB: _____
<p style="text-align: center;">PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY</p> Name/State Bar #: _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____	<p style="text-align: center;">EMERGENCY ORDER SOUGHT</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Order <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (Specify)
<p>Do you or the other party need an interpreter?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> If yes, what language: _____	<p>FEES: <input type="checkbox"/> PAID <input type="checkbox"/> NOT PAID - REASON</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Political Subdivision/Government Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred <input type="checkbox"/> Waived

ACTION REQUESTED Check only one box

- DISSOLUTION (Divorce)
- With Children
- Without Children

- Legal Separation
 - Paternity/Maternity
 - Annulment
 - Legal Decision-Making
 - Order of Protection
 - Foreign Judgment
 - Domesticated Decree
 - Foreign Judgment for Legal Decision-Making
 - Establish Support
 - Habeas Corpus
 - Parenting Time
 - Emergency Order of Protection
 - Other _____
- (Specify)

Name of Person Filing: _____
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 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: _____

**SENSITIVE DATA SHEET
 (CONFIDENTIAL RECORD)**

 Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: _____

Fill out. File with Clerk of Court. Social Security Numbers should appear on this form only and should be omitted from other court forms. Access Confidential pursuant to A.R.F.L.P. 43(G)(1).

A.	Personal Information:	Petitioner	Respondent
	Name	_____	_____
	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male or <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male or <input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)	_____	_____
	Social Security Number	_____	_____
	Driver's License Number	_____	_____

WARNING: DO NOT INCLUDE MAILING ADDRESS ON THIS FORM IF REQUESTING ADDRESS PROTECTION

Mailing Address	_____	_____
City, State, Zip Code	_____	_____
Contact Phone	_____	_____
Email Address	_____	_____
Current Employer Name	_____	_____
Employer Address	_____	_____
Employer City, State, Zip Code	_____	_____
Employer Telephone Number	_____	_____
Employer Fax Number	_____	_____

B. Child(ren) Information:			
Child Name	Gender	Child Social Security Number	Child Date of Birth
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Clerk of Court Issued:

***For Court Use Only. NOT Public Record. Do NOT Provide A Copy Of This Document To The Other Party.**

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

_____ CASE NUMBER: DO2
 Name of Petitioner

SUMMONS

_____ HONORABLE: _____
 Name of Respondent

WARNING: This is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.

FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO _____
 Name of Respondent

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this **“Summons.”**
2. If you do **not** want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file an **“Answer”** or a **“Response”** in writing with the court, and pay the filing fee. If you do **not** file an **“Answer”** or **“Response”** the other party may be given the relief requested in his/her Petition or Complaint. To file your **“Answer”** or **“Response”** take, or send, the **“Answer”** or **“Response”** to the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 971 Jason Lopez Circle Bldg A , Florence, Arizona 85132 or PO Box 2730, Florence, Arizona 85132-2730; or any satellite office. Mail a copy of your **“Response”** or **“Answer”** to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons.
3. If this **“Summons”** and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff, **within** the State of Arizona, your **“Response”** or **“Answer”** must be filed within **TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS** from the date you were served, **not counting the day you were served**. If this **“Summons”** and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff **outside** the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within **THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS** from the date you were served, **not counting the day you were served**. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty **(30)** days after the date of the first publication.

4. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address at the top of this paper, or from the Clerk of the Superior Court at the address listed in Paragraph 2 above.
5. If this is an action for dissolution (divorce), legal separation or annulment, either or both spouses may file a Petition for Conciliation for the purpose of determining whether there is any mutual interest in preserving the marriage or for Mediation to attempt to settle disputes concerning Legal Decision-Making and parenting time issues regarding minor children.
6. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case, at least five **(5)** days before your scheduled court date.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT

_____ **Date**

CHAD A. ROCHE
Clerk of the Superior Court

By _____ **Deputy Clerk**

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

_____ CASE NUMBER: DO2
 Name of Petitioner

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

_____ HONORABLE: _____
 Name of Respondent

WARNING: This is an official Order from the court. It affects your rights. Read this Order immediately and carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.

Your spouse has filed a ***“Petition for Dissolution”*** (Divorce) or ***“Petition for Annulment”*** or ***“Petition for Legal Separation”*** with the court. This Order is made at the direction of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County. This Order has the same force and effect as any order signed by the judge. You and your spouse **must** obey this Order. This Order may be enforced by any remedy available under the law, including an ***“Order of Contempt of Court.”*** To help you understand this Order, we have provided this explanation. Read the explanation and then read the statute itself. **If you have any questions, you should contact a lawyer for help.**

EXPLANATION: (What does this Order mean to you?)

1. **ACTIONS FORBIDDEN BY THIS ORDER:** From the time the ***“Petition for Dissolution”*** (Divorce) or ***“Petition for Annulment”*** or ***“Petition for Legal Separation”*** is filed with the court, until the judge signs the Decree, or until further order of the court, both the Petitioner and the Respondent **shall not** do any of the following things:
 - ✓ You may **not** hide earnings or community property from your spouse, **AND**
 - ✓ You may **not** take out a loan on the community property, **AND**
 - ✓ You may **not** sell the community property or give it away to someone, **UNLESS** you have the written permission of your spouse or written permission from the court. The law allows for situations in which you may need to transfer joint or community property as part of the everyday running of a business, or if the sale of community property is necessary to meet necessities of life, such as food, shelter, or clothing, or court fees and attorney fees associated with this action. If this applies to you, you should see a lawyer for help, **AND**
 - ✓ Do **not** harass or bother your spouse or the children, **AND**
 - ✓ Do **not** physically abuse or threaten your spouse or the children, **AND**
 - ✓ Do **not** take the minor children, common to your marriage, out of the State of Arizona for any reasons, without a written agreement between you and your spouse or a Court Order, **before** you take the minor children out of the State.

- ✓ Do **not** remove, or cause to be removed, the other party or the minor children of the parties from any existing insurance coverage, including medical, hospital, dental, automobile and disability insurance. Both parties shall maintain all insurance coverage in full force and effect.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS: Arizona Law, A.R.S. 25-315(A) provides:

- 1(a). **RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY OF THE MARRIAGE:** That both parties are enjoined from transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling, or otherwise disposing of any of the joint, common or community property of the parties, **except** if related to the usual course of business, the necessities of life, or court fees and reasonable attorney fees associated with an action filed under this article, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.
- 1(b). **REQUIREMENTS OF BEHAVIOR:** That both parties are enjoined from molesting, harassing, disturbing the peace, or committing an assault or battery on, the person of the other party or any natural or adopted child of the parties.
- 1(c). **RESTRICTIONS ABOUT YOUR MINOR CHILDREN:** That both parties are enjoined from removing any natural or adopted minor child(ren) of the parties, then residing in Arizona, from the jurisdiction of the court without the prior written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.
- 1(d). **RESTRICTIONS ABOUT INSURANCE:** That both parties are enjoined from removing, or causing to be removed, the other party or the minor children of the parties from any existing insurance coverage, including medical, hospital, dental, automobile and disability insurance. Both parties shall maintain all insurance coverage in full force and effect.
2. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER:** This Order is effective against the person who filed for divorce, annulment, or legal separation (the Petitioner) when the Petition was filed with the court. It is effective against the other party (the Respondent) when it is served on the other party, or on actual notice of the Order, whichever is sooner. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the court, or the entry of a Decree of Dissolution, Annulment, or Legal Separation.
3. **ORDER TO PETITIONER:** You **must** serve a copy of this Order upon the Respondent, along with a copy of the Petition for Dissolution, Annulment or Legal Separation, the Summons, and other required court papers.
4. **WARNING:** This is an official Court Order. If you disobey this Order, the court may find you in contempt of court. You may also be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed by disobeying this Order.
5. **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** You or your spouse may file a certified copy of this Order with your local law enforcement agency. You may obtain a certified copy from the Clerk of the Court that issues this Order. If any changes are made to this Order and you have filed a certified copy of this Order with your local law enforcement agency, you **must** notify them of the changes.
6. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES:**

Petitioner:

Name: _____
 Height: _____
 Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female
 Weight: _____

Respondent:

Name: _____
 Height: _____
 Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female
 Weight: _____

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT

_____ Date

CHAD A. ROCHE
Clerk of the Superior Court

By _____
 Deputy Clerk

Name of Person Filing: _____
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: DO2

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF
A NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE (DIVORCE)
WITH MINOR CHILDREN

Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: _____

STATEMENTS MADE TO THE COURT, UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1. **INFORMATION ABOUT ME, THE PETITIONER:**
Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Job Title: _____
Starting with today, number of months/years in a row, you the petitioner have lived in Arizona: _____

- 2. **INFORMATION ABOUT MY SPOUSE, THE RESPONDENT:**
Name: _____
Address: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Job Title: _____
Starting with today, number of months/years in a row, you the respondent have lived in Arizona: _____

- 3. **INFORMATION ABOUT MY MARRIAGE:**
Date of Marriage: _____
City and state or country where we were married: _____

The following statements MUST BE TRUE for you to use this document and to qualify for divorce in Arizona **AND you must check the boxes** to indicate that the statements are true or your case may not proceed.

- We **DO NOT** have a covenant marriage (If not sure, refer to the INSTRUCTIONS for information).
- Our marriage is broken beyond repair (“irretrievably broken”) and there is no hope of reconciliation.
- We have tried to resolve our problems through Conciliation Services or going to Conciliation Services would not work.
- This court has jurisdiction to decide child legal decision-making matters under Arizona Law.

4. **90 DAY REQUIREMENT:** (This statement **MUST** be true before you can file for divorce in Arizona.)
 I OR my spouse have lived in Arizona or have been stationed in Arizona while a member of the Armed Forces, for at least 90 days before I filed this action.
5. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.** (If you intend to ask for joint legal decision-making, there must have been no “significant” domestic violence in your marriage. A.R.S. 25-403.03. Check the box to make a true statement):
 Significant domestic violence **has** OR **has not** occurred during this marriage.
6. **CHILDREN OF THE PARTIES WHO ARE LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD** (check one box):
 There are **no** children under the age of 18 either born to, or adopted by, the parties.
NOTE: IF YOU CHECKED THIS BOX, STOP. YOU SHOULD BE USING THE PETITION PACKET TO GET A DIVORCE WITHOUT CHILDREN.

The following child(ren) are under age 18 and were born to or adopted by my spouse and me:
 (Attach extra pages if necessary).

Child’s Name: _____
 Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____
 Length of Time at Address: _____

Child’s Name: _____
 Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____
 Length of Time at Address: _____

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 Address: _____
 Length of Time at Address: _____

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 Birth Date: _____
 Address: _____
 Length of Time at Address: _____

7. **PREGNANCY and PATERNITY:** (check one box)
- Wife is not pregnant, **OR**
 - Wife is pregnant
 The baby is due on _____ (date), (and, check one box below):
 - The Petitioner and Respondent are the parents of the child, **OR**
 - Petitioner is **not** the parent of the child, **OR**
 - Respondent is **not** the parent of the child

A minor child or minor children was/were born before the marriage. The husband is the father of that minor child / those minor children named below:

8. A. COMMUNITY PROPERTY: (check one box)

- My spouse and I did not acquire any community property during the marriage, **OR**
 My spouse and I acquired community property during our marriage, and we should divide it as follows:

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate located at: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Legal Description: (Quote from the DEED) _____			

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate located at: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Legal Description: (Quote from the DEED) _____			

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Household furniture:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Household furnishings:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Items:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

Pension/retirement fund/profit sharing/stock plan/401K:

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

Motor vehicles:

	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
Make: _____ Model: _____ VIN: _____ Lien Holder: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Make: _____ Model: _____ VIN: _____ Lien Holder: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

B. SEPARATE PROPERTY: (check all boxes that apply)

- I do not have any property, or separate property, that I brought into the marriage.
- My spouse, the Respondent, does not have any property that he or she brought into the marriage or separate property.
- I have property that I brought into the marriage or I have separate property. I want this property awarded to me as described below.
- My spouse, the Respondent, has property that he or she brought into the marriage or has separate property. I want this property awarded to my spouse as described below.

Separate Property: (List the property and the value of the property, and check the box to tell the Court who should get the property.)

Description of Separate Property	Petitioner	Respondent	Value
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

9. A. COMMUNITY DEBTS: (check one box)

- My spouse and I did not incur any community debts during the marriage, **OR**
- We should divide the responsibilities for the debts incurred during the marriage as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	Petitioner	Respondent	Amount Owed
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

B. SEPARATE DEBTS: (check all boxes that apply)

- My spouse and I do not have any debts that were incurred prior to the marriage or separate debt;
- I have separate debt or debt that I incurred prior to the marriage that should be paid by me as described below;
- My spouse has separate debt or debt that he or she incurred prior to the marriage that should be paid by my spouse as described below.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT	Petitioner	Respondent	Amount Owed
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

10. TAX RETURNS: (check this box if this is what you want)

- After the judge or commissioner signs the Decree of Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce), we will, subject to IRS Rules and Regulations, pay federal and state taxes as follows: For previous years (the years we were married, **not** including the year the Decree was signed), the parties will file joint federal and state income tax returns. In addition, for previous calendar years, both parties will pay, and hold the other harmless from, 1/2 of all additional income taxes if any and other costs, and each will share equally in any refunds. For the calendar year (the year that the Decree is signed) and all future calendar years, each party will, subject to IRS Rules and Regulations, file separate federal and state income tax returns. Each party will give the other party all necessary documentation to do so.

11. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT (ALIMONY): (check the box that applies to you)

- Neither party is entitled to spousal maintenance/support (alimony), **OR**
- Petitioner OR Respondent is entitled to spousal maintenance/support because: (Check one or more of the box(es) that apply. At least one reason must apply to get spousal maintenance/support.)
 - Person lacks sufficient property to provide for his/her reasonable needs;
 - Person is unable to support himself/herself through appropriate employment;
 - Person is the custodian of a child(ren) whose age or condition is such that the person should not be required to seek employment outside the home;
 - Person lacks earning ability in the labor market adequate to support himself/herself; and,
 - Person contributed to the educational opportunities of the other spouse or had a marriage of long duration and is now of an age that precludes the possibility of gaining employment adequate to support himself/herself.

12. WRITTEN LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT: (Check the boxes that apply, if they apply)

- My spouse and I have a written agreement signed by both of us about the legal decision-making, parenting time, and child support for our child(ren).
- I have attached a copy of the written agreement.

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

A. DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE):

Dissolve our marriage and return each party to the status of a single person;

B. NAMES:

I took the name of my spouse at the time of marriage and I want to restore my last name to the name I used before this marriage or to my maiden name.

My complete married name is:

I want my name restored to: (List complete maiden or legal name before this marriage)

WARNING: If you are **not** the person who is requesting to have your former name restored, the court must have a written request from the party who wants his or her name restored to change the name.

PATERNITY and MINOR CHILD(REN)'S NAMES:

Declare the husband to be the father of the following named minor child(ren) born before the marriage and (optional) change the legal name of those minor children to the name listed on the right, below:

	(OPTIONAL) Change the name of the child to:
Current Legal Name	New Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

C. CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND PARENTING TIME: Award legal decision-making and parenting time of the children under the age of 18 years and common to the parties, whether by birth or adoption, as follows: (Check either the sole legal decision-making box or the joint legal decision-making box. If you check the sole legal decision-making box, check only one box related to parenting time.)

C.1

SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING of the minor child(ren) awarded to Petitioner **OR** Respondent, subject to parenting time as follows:

Reasonable Parenting Time rights to the parent not having legal decision-making, as will be described in the Parenting Plan attached to the Divorce Decree.

Supervised Parenting Time between the children and the Petitioner **OR** Respondent is in the best interest of the minor children because: (Explain the reasons for need for supervised parenting time. Use extra paper if necessary.)

Name of the agency/person who will supervise: _____

Requested restrictions on parenting time: (explain here) _____

The cost of supervised parent/child access will be paid by:

- The parent being supervised;
- The parent having legal decision-making;
- Shared equally by the parties.

- No Parenting Time** rights to the parent not having legal decision-making, is in the best interest(s) of the child(ren) because: (Explain the reasons for no parenting time. Use extra paper if necessary):

OR

C.2.

- JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:** Petitioner and Respondent agree to act as joint custodians of the minor child(ren) as set forth in the Joint Legal decision-making Agreement signed by the parties, if the court agrees with the Joint Legal decision-making Agreement. (For joint legal decision-making, there must have been no "significant" domestic violence in your marriage. A.R.S. 25-303.03)

- D. CHILD SUPPORT:** Order that child support will be paid by: Petitioner, **OR** Respondent in a reasonable amount as determined by the court under the Arizona Child Support Guidelines. Support payments will begin on the first day of the first month following the entry of the divorce decree. These payments, and a fee for handling, will be paid through the Support Payment Clearinghouse and collected by automatic wage assignment.

- E. MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION CARE FOR MINOR CHILDREN:** Order that

Petitioner is responsible for providing: Medical Dental Vision care insurance

Respondent is responsible for providing: Medical Dental Vision care insurance

Petitioner and Respondent will pay for all reasonable unreimbursed medical, dental, and health-related expenses incurred for the child(ren) in proportion to their respective incomes.

- F. TAX EXEMPTION:** The parties will claim the children as income tax dependency exemptions on federal and state income tax returns as follows:

<u>Parent entitled to claim</u>	<u>Name of minor child</u>	<u>Current tax year</u>	<u>Later tax years</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____	_____

- G. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE (ALIMONY):**

Order spousal support to be paid by Petitioner, or Respondent in the amount of \$_____ per month, beginning with the first day of the month **after** the Judicial Officer signs the Decree of Dissolution and continuing until the person receiving spousal maintenance remarries or either party is deceased, or for a period of _____ months. These payments, and a fee for handling, will be paid through the Support Payment Clearinghouse.

H. COMMUNITY PROPERTY:

Make a fair division of all community property as requested in this petition.

I. COMMUNITY DEBTS:

Order each party to pay community debts as requested in the Petition, and to pay any other community debts unknown to the other party. Order each party to pay and hold the other party harmless from debts incurred by them since the parties separation on _____ (date) or from the date the Respondent was served with the Petition for Dissolution.

J. SEPARATE PROPERTY and DEBT:

Award each party their separate property and make each party pay their own separate debt.

K. OTHER ORDERS I AM REQUESTING (Explain request here):

OATH OR AFFIRMATION AND VERIFICATION

I swear or affirm that the information on this document is true and correct under penalty of perjury.

Date

Signature

State of Arizona)

)

County of _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

by _____
Name of Signer

Commission Expires

Notary Public

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY**

CASE NUMBER: DO2

Name of Petitioner

**NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHTS ABOUT HEALTH
INSURANCE COVERAGE WHEN A PETITION
FOR DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE) IS FILED
(A.R.S. 20-1377 AND 20-1408)**

Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: _____

WARNING: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE. YOUR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE COULD BE AFFECTED AFTER YOUR DIVORCE IS FINAL. READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND THIS NOTICE, YOU SHOULD CALL AN ATTORNEY FOR ADVICE ABOUT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF YOU ARE ON YOUR SPOUSE'S INSURANCE PLAN: When a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (papers for a divorce decree) is filed, you and/or your children may continue to be covered under your spouse's health insurance policy. Arizona law allows the dependent spouse and/or children to continue to be covered, but you must take some steps to protect your rights.

WHAT INSURANCE COVERAGE APPLIES TO YOU, AND HOW TO GET IT: If you are covered by your spouse's health insurance, and you want to continue to be covered after the divorce is final, you **must** contact the insurance company as soon as possible, and you **must** start to pay the monthly insurance premium within 31 days of the date the insurance would otherwise stop.

If you decide you want to be covered, the insurer can choose whether to continue coverage under the current policy, or to change the policy to your name. If the policy is changed to your name, it is called a "converted"; policy. If the policy is converted by the insurer, the insurer must provide you the same or the most similar level of coverage available, unless you ask for a lower level of coverage.

WHAT COVERAGE APPLIES TO YOUR CHILDREN: If you choose to continue coverage as a dependent spouse, you can also choose to continue coverage for your dependent children if you are responsible for their care or support.

PREEXISTING CONDITIONS OR EXCLUSIONS FROM INSURANCE COVERAGE: Whether the insurance is continued or converted, the insurance must be provided to you without proof of insurability and without exclusions for coverage other than what was previously excluded before the insurance was continued or converted.

LIMITS ON RIGHTS TO INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN: You may **not** be entitled to continued or converted coverage if you are eligible for Medicare or for coverage by other similar types of insurance which together with the continued coverage would make you over-insured. However, dependent children of a person who is eligible for Medicare may be covered by a continuance or a conversion. If you have questions about coverage, check with the insurer and/or the spouse's employer.

WARNING TO THE SPOUSE FILING THE PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE): This Notice must be served on your spouse together with the Petition for Dissolution, the Summons, and the Preliminary Injunction.

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

_____ CASE NUMBER: DO2
 Name of Petitioner

**AFFIDAVIT REGARDING
 MINOR CHILDREN**

_____ HONORABLE: _____
 Name of Respondent

NOTICE: This "Affidavit Regarding Minor Children" is required for all legal decision-making cases. You must fill out this Affidavit completely, and provide accurate information. Use additional paper if necessary. You must give copies of this Affidavit and all other required documents to the other party, and to the judge.

1. CHILDREN OF THE PARTIES WHO ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD. The following child(ren) are under age 18 and were born to, or adopted by, me and the other party:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Birth Date: _____ Age: _____	Birth Date: _____ Age: _____
Name: _____	Name: _____
Birth Date: _____ Age: _____	Birth Date: _____ Age: _____

2. INFORMATION REGARDING WHERE THE CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD HAVE LIVED FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS: (Attach additional pages if necessary)

Child's Name: _____	Dates: From _____ To _____
Address: _____	Lived with _____
City, State: _____	Relationship to Child: _____
Child's Name: _____	Dates: From _____ To _____
Address: _____	Lived with _____
City, State: _____	Relationship to Child: _____
Child's Name: _____	Dates: From _____ To _____
Address: _____	Lived with _____
City, State: _____	Relationship to Child: _____

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: DO2

NOTICE REGARDING CREDITORS

 Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: _____

ARIZONA LAW REQUIRES all actions for **DIVORCE** or **LEGAL SEPARATION** to include this **NOTICE** and for the person filing for Divorce or Legal Separation to **SERVE** this **NOTICE** on the other party. (ARS 25-318(F)).

YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY DEBTS. The court usually requires/orders one spouse or the other to pay certain community debts in, or through, the Decree of Dissolution or Legal Separation. A court order that does this is binding on the spouses **only, not the creditors**. You and your spouse are legally responsible for these community debts whether you are married, divorced, or legally separated. These debts are matters of contract between **both of you** and your creditors (such as banks, credit unions, credit card companies, utility companies, medical providers and retailers). On request, the court may impose a lien against the separate property of a spouse to secure payment of certain community debts.

CONTACT CREDITORS: You may want to contact your creditors to discuss the debts and the effects of your divorce/legal separation on your debts. To assist you in identifying your creditors, you may obtain a copy of your spouse's credit report by making a written request to the court for an order requiring a credit reporting agency to release the report to you. The credit report will help you identify accounts, account numbers and account balances. In addition, within thirty **(30)** days after receipt of a request from a spouse who is party to a divorce or legal separation, which includes the court and cause number of the action, creditors are required, by law, to provide information as to the balance and account status of any debts for which you or your spouse may be liable to the creditor.

WARNING: If you do not understand this notice, you should contact an attorney for advice about your legal rights and obligations.

The following page contains a sample form you *may* choose to mail to creditors to get information about debts owed by you or your spouse. It is not a required form.

REQUEST FOR ACCOUNT INFORMATION FROM CREDITORS

You may use this form to request information about debt owed by you or your spouse.
If so, send to the creditor. **DO NOT FILE THIS PAGE WITH THE COURT.**

DATE: _____

CREDITOR'S NAME: _____

CREDITOR'S ADDRESS: _____

Regarding: Superior Court of Arizona in Pinal County

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Pursuant to Arizona State Law (ARS 25-318), this letter requests the balance and account status of any debt for which the following individuals may be liable to you. (Arizona law requires that you provide this information within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.)

INFORMATION ABOUT DEBTORS/SPOUSES:

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Spouse's Name: _____

Your Spouse's Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCOUNT:

Account Number(s): _____

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Your Name: _____

Your Signature: _____

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: _____

 Name of Respondent

PARENTING PLAN FOR:

- JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING WITH
 JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING
 AGREEMENT
or
 SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING
- To Mother
 To Father

INSTRUCTIONS

This document has 4 parts: PART 1) General Information PART 2) Legal Decision-Making and Parenting Time PART 3) Danger to Children Notification Statement, and PART 4) Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement. Where this form refers to “children” it refers to any and all minor children common to the parties whether one or more.

One or both parents must complete and sign the Plan as follows:

- a. If only *one* parent is submitting the Plan; that parent must sign at the end of PART 2 and 3.
- b. If both parents agree to Legal Decision-Making and parenting time arrangements *but not to joint Legal Decision-Making*: Both parents must sign the Plan at the end of PART 2 and 3.
- c. If both parents agree to joint Legal Decision-Making and parenting time arrangements as presented in the Plan: Both parents must sign the Plan at the end of PART 2, 3, and 4.

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. MINOR CHILDREN. This Plan concerns the following children: (Use additional paper if necessary).

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B. THE FOLLOWING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING ARRANGEMENT IS REQUESTED:

(Choose ONE of 1, 2, 3 4.) (If you chose "sole Legal Decision-Making" [1 or 2], you have the option of also requesting restrictions on parenting time of the other party.)

1. SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING BY AGREEMENT. The parents agree that Sole Legal Decision-Making and primary physical Legal Decision-Making should be granted to Mother Father.

The parents agree that since each has a unique contribution to offer to the growth and development of their minor children, each of them will continue to have a full and active role in providing a sound moral, social, economic, and educational environment for the benefit of the minor children, as described in the following pages,

OR

2. SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING REQUESTED BY THE PARENT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN.

The parents cannot agree to the terms of Legal Decision-Making and parenting time. The parent submitting this Plan asks the court to order sole Legal Decision-Making and parenting time according to this Plan.

(Optional, if you marked 1 or 2 above)

RESTRICTED, SUPERVISED, OR NO PARENTING TIME.

The parent submitting this Plan asks the court for an order restricting parenting time. The facts and information related to this request are described in the Petition.

OR

3. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING BY AGREEMENT. The parents agree to joint Legal Decision-Making and request the court to approve the joint Legal Decision-Making arrangement as described in this Plan. Primary physical Legal Decision-Making will be with Mother Father,

OR

4. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING REQUESTED BY THE PARENT SUBMITTING THIS PLAN.

The parents cannot agree to the terms of Legal Decision-Making and parenting time or are unable to submit this plan together at this time. My request for Joint Legal Decision-Making is deferred for the court's determination.

PART 2: LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AND PARENTING TIME. Complete each section below.

Be specific about what you want the judge to approve in the court order.

A. (School Year) WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE:

The children will be in the care of the Father as follows: (Explain)

The children will be in the care of the Mother as follows: (Explain)

Other Legal Decision-Making arrangements are as follows: (Explain)

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Mother or **Father** will pick up the children up at _____ o'clock.

Mother or **Father** will pick up the children up at _____ o'clock.

Parents may change their time-share arrangements by mutual agreement with at least _____ days notice in advance to the other parent.

B. SUMMER MONTHS OR SCHOOL BREAK LONGER THAN 4 DAYS: The weekday and weekend schedule described above will apply for all 12 calendar months **EXCEPT:**

During summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, no changes shall be made.

OR,

During summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, the minor children will be in the care of Father: (Explain).

During summer months or school breaks that last longer than 4 days, the minor children will be in the care of Mother: (Explain).

Each parent is entitled to a _____ week period of vacation time with the minor children. The parents will work out the details of the vacation at least _____ days in advance.

C. TRAVEL:

Should either parent travel out of the area with the minor children, each parent will keep the other parent informed of travel plans, address(es), and telephone number(s) at which that parent and the minor children can be reached.

Neither parent shall travel with the minor children outside Arizona for longer than _____ days without the prior written consent of the other parent or order of the court.

D. HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The holiday schedule takes priority over the regular time-sharing schedule as described above. Check the box(es) that apply and indicate the years of the holiday access / Parenting time schedule.

Holidays

Even Years

Odd Years

<input type="checkbox"/>	New Year's Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Year's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spring Vacation	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Easter	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 th of July	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Halloween	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thanksgiving	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hanukkah	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Christmas Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winter Break	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
<input type="checkbox"/>	Child's Birthday	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father

Mother's Day will be celebrated with the Mother every year.

Father's Day will be celebrated with the Father every year.

Each parent may have the children on his or her birthday.

Three-day weekends which include Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, the children will remain in the care of the parent who has the minor children for the weekend.

Other Holidays (Describe the other holidays and the arrangement.)

Telephone Contact: Each parent may have telephone contact with the minor children during the child(ren)'s normal waking hours, **OR:** (Explain)

Other (Explain):

E. PARENTAL ACCESS TO RECORDS AND INFORMATION: Under Arizona law (A.R.S. §25-403), unless otherwise provided by court order or law, on reasonable request, both parents are entitled to have equal access to documents and other information concerning the minor children's education and physical, mental, moral and emotional health including medical, school, police, court and other records. A person who does not comply with a reasonable request for these records shall reimburse the requesting parent for court costs and attorney fees incurred by that parent to make the other parent obey this request. A parent who attempts to restrict the release of documents or information by the custodian of the records without prior court order is subject to legal sanctions.

F. EDUCATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Both parents have the right to participate in school conferences, events and activities, and the right to consult with teachers and other school personnel.

Both parents will make major educational decisions together. (Optional) If the parents do not reach agreement, then: _____

OR

Major educational decisions will be made by Mother Father after consultation other parent.

G. MEDICAL AND DENTAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Both parents have the right to authorize emergency medical treatment, if needed, and the right to consult with physicians and other medical practitioners. Both parents agree to advise the other parent immediately of any emergency medical/dental care sought for the minor children, to cooperate on health matters concerning the children and to keep one another reasonably informed. Both parents agree to keep each other informed as to names, addresses and telephone numbers of all medical/dental care providers.

Both parents will make major medical decisions together, except for emergency situations as noted above. (optional) If the parents do not reach an agreement, then: _____

OR

Major medical/dental decisions will be made by Mother Father after consultation other parent.

H. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ARRANGEMENTS: (Choose ONE)

Each parent may take the minor children to a church or place of worship of his or her choice during the time that the minor children is/are in his or her care.

Both parents agree that the minor children may be instructed in the _____ faith.

Both parents agree that religious arrangements are not applicable to this plan.

I. ADDITIONAL ARRANGMENTS AND COMMENTS:

NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF ADDRESS CHANGE. Each parent will inform the other parent of any change of address and/or phone number in advance **OR** within _____ days of the change.

NOTIFY OTHER PARENT OF EMERGENCY. Both parents agree that each parent will promptly inform the other parent of any emergency or other important event that involves the minor children.

TALK TO THE OTHER PARENT ABOUT EXTRA ACTIVITIES. Each parent will consult and agree with the other parent regarding any extra activity that affects the minor children's access to the other parent.

ASK OTHER PARENT IF HE/SHE WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN. Each parent agrees to consider the other parent as care-provider for the minor children before making other arrangements.

OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT OR COURT ORDER BEFORE MOVING. The notice required by this section shall be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, or pursuant to the Arizona rules of family law procedure. The court shall sanction a parent who, without good cause, does not comply with the notification requirements of this subsection. The court may impose a sanction that will affect legal decision-making or parenting time only in accordance with the child's best interests. **A.R.S. 25-408 (B)**

COMMUNICATE. Each parent agrees that all communication regarding the minor children will be between the parents and that they will **not** use the minor children to convey information or to set up parenting time changes.

PRAISE OTHER PARENT. Each parent agrees to encourage love and respect between the minor children and the other parent and neither parent shall do anything that may hurt the other parent's relationship with the minor children.

COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER. Both parents agree to exert their best efforts to work cooperatively in future plans consistent with the best interests of the minor children and to amicably resolve such disputes as may arise.

NOTIFY OTHER PARENTS OF PROBLEMS WITH TIME-SHARING AHEAD OF TIME. If either parent is unable to follow through with the time-sharing arrangements involving the minor child(ren), that parent will notify the other parent as soon as possible.

PARENTING PLAN. Both parents agree that if either parent moves out of the area and returns later, they will use the most recent "**Parenting Plan/Access Agreement**" in place before the move.

MEDIATION. If the parents are unable to reach a mutual agreement regarding a legal change to their parenting orders, they may request mediation through the court or a private mediator of their choice.

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE: DO NOT DEVIATE FROM PLAN UNTIL DISPUTE IS RESOLVED.</p> <p>Both parents are advised that while a dispute is being resolved, neither parent shall deviate from this Parenting Plan. Or act in such a way that is inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.</p> <p>Once this Plan has been made an order of the Court, if either parent disobeys the court order related to parenting time with the children, the other parent may submit court papers to request enforcement.</p>

J. PART 2 SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS (as instructed on page 1)

Signature of Mother: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Father: _____ Date: _____

PART 3: STATEMENT REGARDING CONTACT WITH SEX OFFENDERS AND PERSONS CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.

According to A.R.S. §25-403.05, a child's parent or custodian must immediately notify the other parent or custodian if the person knows that a convicted or registered sex offender or someone who has been convicted of a dangerous against children may have access to the child.

According to A.R.S. §13-705 (P) (1), "Dangerous crime against children" means any of the following that is committed against a minor who is under fifteen years of age:

- (a) Second degree murder.
- (b) Aggravated assault resulting in serious physical injury or involving the discharge, use or threatening exhibit on of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.
- (c) Sexual assault.
- (d) Molestation of a child.
- (e) Sexual conduct with a minor.
- (f) Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (g) Sexual exploitation of a minor.
- (h) Child abuse as prescribed in section 13-3623, subsection A, paragraph 1.
- (i) Kidnapping.
- (j) Sexual abuse.
- (k) Taking a child for the purpose of prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3206.
- (l) Child prostitution as prescribed in section 13-3212.
- (m) Involving or using minors in drug offenses.
- (n) Continuous sexual abuse of a child.
- (o) Attempted first degree murder.
- (p) Sex trafficking.
- (q) Manufacturing methamphetamine under circumstances that causes physical injury to a minor.
- (r) Bestiality as prescribed in section 13-1411, subsection A, paragraph 2.
- (s) Luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (t) Aggravated luring a minor for sexual exploitation.
- (u) Unlawful age misrepresentation.

The parent or custodian must provide notice by first class mail, return receipt requested, by electronic means to an electronic mail address that the recipient provided to the parent or custodian for notification purposes or by another form of communication accepted by the court.

PART 3 SIGNATURE OF ONE OR BOTH PARENTS (as instructed on page 1)

I/We have read, understand, and agree to abide by the requirements of A.R.S. §25-403.05(B) concerning notification of other parent or custodian if someone convicted of dangerous crime against children may have access to the child.

Signature of Mother: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Father: _____ **Date:** _____

PART 4: JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT (IF APPLICABLE):

A. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: Arizona Law (A.R.S. §25-403.03) states that joint Legal Decision-Making shall NOT be awarded if there has been “a history of significant domestic violence”.

Domestic Violence has **not** occurred between the parties,

OR

Domestic Violence **has** occurred but it has not been “significant” or has been committed by both parties.*

B. DUI or DRUG CONVICTIONS:

Neither party has been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months,

OR

One of the parties HAS been convicted of driving under the influence or a drug offense within the past 12 months but the parties feel Joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interest of the children.*

• **IF THERE HAS BEEN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR A DUI OR DRUG CONVICTION:**

Attach an extra page explaining why Joint Legal Decision-Making is still in the best interest of the children.

C. JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT: If the parents have agreed to joint Legal Decision-Making, the following will apply, subject to approval by the Judge:

1. **REVIEW:** The parents agree to review the terms of the / this agreement and make any necessary or desired changes every _____ months from the date of this document.

2. **CRITERIA.** Our joint Legal Decision-Making agreement meets the criteria required by Arizona law A.R.S. §25-403.02, as listed below:

a. The best interest of the minor children are served;

b. Each parent's rights and responsibilities for personal care of the minor children and for decisions in education, health care and religious training are designated in this Plan;

c. A schedule of the physical residence of the minor children,, including holidays and school vacations is included in the Plan;

d. The Plan includes a procedure for periodic review;

e. The Plan includes a procedure by which proposed changes, disputes and alleged breaches may be mediated or resolved;

f. A procedure for communicating with each other about the child, including methods and frequency.

PART 4 SIGNATURE OF BOTH PARENTS REQUESTING JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING (as instructed on page 1)

Signature of Mother: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Father: _____ **Date:** _____

CHILD SUPPORT CALCULATOR



The Court Help website offers a Free Child Support Calculator.

◆ Simple ◆ Quick ◆ Accurate

If you have a personal computer with Internet access, you can access the Child Support Calculator at:

<http://www.azcourts.gov/familylaw>

Calculate Support

Your computer must be attached to a printer. The Child Support Entry Form will open in Adobe Acrobat Reader. Begin by clicking the appropriate button for the Custodial Parent, then press the Tab button on your keyboard to move through the form, or click on each line with your mouse.

Enter the appropriate information on each blank. Not every blank needs to be completed in every case. If you are not sure whether you should complete a blank, click on the word next to the blank. You will be directed to additional information along with a link to the appropriate section in the [Arizona Child Support Guidelines](#).

When you have completed the Entry Form, click the "Calculate Support" button to get an estimate of the amount of child support that the noncustodial parent may have to pay to the custodial parent for the support of their child(ren).

After clicking on "Calculate Support" the following forms will automatically be filled in with the information from the Entry Form. Print forms and bring with you at the time of filing your initial paperwork.

- Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount
- Child Support Order
- Income Withholding Order/Notice for Support

SERVICE OF COURT PAPERS FAMILY COURT CASES ONLY



PINAL COUNTY

**HOW TO SERVE NOTICE AS
REQUIRED OR PERMITTED BY LAW**

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS

**Provided as a Public Service by
CHAD A. ROCHE
Clerk of the Superior Court**

SERVICE OF COURT PAPERS

CHECKLIST

“Service” means giving legally required notice to other parties that you have filed papers that may result in a court order that may affect them. The court papers can **ONLY** be delivered in a manner permitted by law, and proof of proper delivery must be filed with the court.

You may use the forms and instructions in this packet if . . .

- ✓ You have filed a Petition, Complaint, or other document in the Superior Court in a Civil or Family Court case and you are required to *serve notice* on other parties of what you have filed with the court,

AND

- ✓ You understand that your case cannot proceed until you have provided proof to the court that notice has been given in a manner permitted by law,

AND

- ✓ You understand that you may **NOT** hand-deliver the papers to the other party unless he or she (and no one else) will sign a “**Family Court Acceptance of Service**” form in front of a Notary and return the form for you to file with the Court.

NOTE: If you know you are going to have the papers served by the Sheriff’s Department or by a private process server in Pinal County and you do not need information about other methods of service, both the Sheriff and private process servers will have their own forms and you will not need this packet.

NOTE: If you are required to serve notice on a person outside the United States, you may need to see a lawyer or research international law to determine what methods of service are permitted in your situation.

READ ME: Consulting a lawyer before filing documents with the court may help prevent unexpected results.

HOW TO SERVE COURT PAPERS ON THE OTHER PARTIES

TABLE OF CONTENTS

This packet contains general information, court forms, instructions and procedures for **servicing** court papers, delivering court papers as permitted or required by law. Use **only** the forms that apply to the method of service you have chosen. Do **NOT** copy or file information, instruction or procedures pages with the Court.

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You have permission to use them for any lawful purpose. These forms shall not be used to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. The documents are under continual revision and are current only for the day they were received. It is strongly recommended that you verify on a regular basis that you have the most current documents.

INSTRUCTIONS

Serving the Other Party

1. SERVING THE OTHER PARTY:

- After you have filed your court papers with the Clerk of the Court, you must **serve** the papers on the other party.
- **Service** means giving legal notice to the other party (or parties) that you have filed court papers. You must provide proof of service to the court.
- This packet explains the steps you need to take to serve the other party and what forms you must use.
- By completing the steps for service, you tell the court that the other party has received a copy of the court papers. After the other party is served, the other party will be given a time limit to file a Response or Answer. The Response or Answer is the other party's written statement to your request. The Response or Answer tells you, and the court, what the other party wants.

2. METHODS OF SERVICE:

Read the choices below to make sure that you are using the correct method of service. Select the method of service that works best for you. *(If the other party lives outside of the United States, you should see a lawyer to find out which method of service will work best for you.)*

- A. Service by Acceptance.** This method requires you to give, or mail the court papers to the other party and include a **"Family Court Acceptance of Service"** form. The other party must sign the **"Family Court Acceptance of Service"** form in front of a Notary Public and return it to you. The other party cannot sign the **"Family Court Acceptance of Service"** until after you have filed the court papers with the court. The other party's signature on the **"Family Court Acceptance of Service"** does not mean that he/she agrees with the court papers. It means that the other party admits receiving the papers, without being served in person by the sheriff or a process server.

Service is complete at the time the other party signs the **"Family Court Acceptance of Service."** If you choose this method of service, use the **"Family Court Acceptance of Service"** form.

WARNING: Do **not** use this method of service if you are the victim of domestic violence, or believe the other party will hurt you, take your money, or take your children. If you believe the other party will become violent or uncooperative when you ask him/her to accept service, use one of the methods of service described below.

- B. Service by Registered Process Server.** This method requires you to hire, and pay, a registered process server to serve the other party with court papers. A process server is a person who will give the papers to the other party at home, work, or other location. This method of service costs more than service by acceptance and requires the process server to find the other party. If you decide to use this method, look under "Process Server" in the Yellow Pages to find someone who can serve your papers. Service is complete at the time the process server hands the other party the court papers. If you decide to use this method, and the other party lives outside of Arizona, you would need to find a registered process server in the state where the other party lives.
- C. Service by Sheriff.** This method requires you to contact the Sheriff's Office in the county where the other party lives to arrange for a Sheriff's deputy to give the other party the court papers. This method requires you to pay a fee to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will give the Court a Sworn Affidavit of Service stating that the person was served.

NOTE: Pinal County Sheriff's Deputy can only serve parties that are located within Pinal County. If the other party lives outside Pinal County, you will need to contact the Sheriff's Office in that county for information regarding service.

- D. Service by Certified Mail.** This method of service allows you to give notice by a special type of mail. You can send the court papers by giving the post office copies of the court papers in an envelope, postage prepaid, to be sent to the other party by any form of mail requiring a signed and returned receipt. This is often called **Certified Mail, Restricted Delivery** by the post office. This means that the other party must sign for the papers.

If the other party signs a receipt (green receipt) for the papers, the green receipt will be returned to you in the mail. You must then file an affidavit with the court stating (1) that the court papers were sent to the other party, (2) that the papers were received by the other party, as evidenced by the original green receipt you attach to the affidavit; and (3) the date the party received the documents. A copy of the affidavit you will need is provided in the packet.

- E. Other Methods of Service.** There may be other ways to serve the other party. To learn more about these other ways, you should see a lawyer for help.

3. WHEN YOU CANNOT FIND THE OTHER PARTY:

Before you begin service by Publication, you must first complete the **"Declaration of Due Diligence and Request for Alternate Means of Service (Publication)"** for the Judge to grant service by Publication.

If the Judge approves service by Publication the **"Order for Alternate Means of Service"** will be signed and a copy of the Order mailed to you, at that time you can continue with Publication.

- A. Service by Publication. You may use this method only if you do not know where the other party lives, or cannot find the other party.** Service by publication is your "last resort." It is used **only** if you do not have a current address for the other party and have tried, unsuccessfully, to find the other party. Use a paper of general circulation and that are familiar with the requirements and regularly publishes legal notices.

Tips for Finding the Other party: Before the Court will accept **"Service by Publication,"** you must have made every reasonable effort to find the Respondent and to give actual notice of this case by personal service of the required documents. You will be required to state, under penalty of perjury, the steps you have taken to try to locate the Respondent and if the Court is not satisfied that you have taken all reasonable steps, your case may be delayed until the Court is satisfied all such steps have been taken.

Examples of steps you **MUST** take: verify the Respondent is not at any last known address(es), talk to Respondent's friends, family members, employer, co-workers, former co-workers or employer(s), or anyone else you think may have a current address. Search telephone directories, the Internet, voter registration records, obituaries, and even the morgue. You may also have to consider hiring a private detective or a company that charges a fee to do computer searches to help you track down the other party. If you know the other party's date of birth and/or Social Security Number, this method may work for you.

Service by Publication can be expensive and may delay your court case. You would need to contact the newspaper to determine the cost of publication. Application for Deferral is only applicable to Pinal County newspapers. If you need to publish in another County or State, the Deferral of Fees is not applicable.

1. Publication must be done in the county were the case originated:

This method requires that a copy of the **“Summons”** be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Pinal County once a week for four consecutive weeks.

If the other party’s last known address was also in Pinal County then the publication above will suffice for service to the other party.

2. How to publish service if the other party’s last known address is in Arizona, but not in the county in which your case is pending:

- i. You must publish in the county in which your case is pending and you must publish in a newspaper in the county of the last known residence of the person to be served.
- ii. To publish in another county (not Pinal County) you will need to contact a newspaper in that county.
- iii. After you have contacted the newspaper and inquired about publication, mail or deliver the payment (or certified copy of the Order of Deferral) and **“Letter to Newspaper”** provided in this packet, along with copies of the **“Summons”** or documents you filed with the Court, to the newspaper for publication.
- iv. Wait for the newspaper to send you the original document called **“Affidavit of Service”** in five weeks.

3. Complete Your Paperwork. Fill out the **“Affidavit Supporting Publication”** provided in this packet. The **“Affidavit Supporting Publication”** is a statement affirming or swearing under oath that you have done everything possible to try to find the other party. File the original **“Affidavit Supporting Publication”** with the Clerk of the Superior Court.

You must also file the original **“Affidavit of Service”** that you received from the newspaper(s), verifying and stating the dates of publication.

WHEN IS A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COURT PAPERS DUE?

- **LOOK AT THE TIMETABLE BELOW.** If the **last day** for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you **do not** count that day. The last day you count to determine if you can file the default papers, must be a day when this court is open for business.
- **INCLUDE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.** In counting the days, include weekends and holidays until you reach the number of days in the Timetable below. If the other party files a written Response or Answer with the court, you **CANNOT FILE BY DEFAULT.**

DEFAULT TIMETABLE		
<u>SERVICE BY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
• “Acceptance of Service” (in Arizona)	20 Days	after other party signs “Acceptance of Service”
• Process Server (in Arizona)	20 Days	after other party receives papers from process server
• Sheriff (in Arizona)	20 Days	after other party receives papers from sheriff
• “Acceptance of Service” (out of State)	30 Days	after other party signs “Acceptance of Service”
• Registered mail (out of State)	30 Days	after other party signs green card
• Process Server (out of State)	30 Days	after other party receives papers from process server
• Sheriff (out of State)	30 Days	after other party receives papers from sheriff
• Publication	60 Days	after the 1st day of publication

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner CASE NUMBER: DO2

**FAMILY COURT
 ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE
 A.R.F.L.P. RULE 40**

 Name of Respondent HONORABLE: _____

Check the box to indicate each document you received. Do **not** check the box unless you received the document listed beside it. If your case is not one of the types listed, list the type of case and the documents you received from the other party under "Other Type Case" on the next page.

1. BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I STATE UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED THE LEGAL PAPERS INDICATED (CHECKED) BELOW

**DIVORCE (OR ANNULMENT)
 WITH CHILDREN**

- Petition
- Summons
- Preliminary Injunction
- Health Insurance Notice
- Parent Info. Program Notice
- Notice to Creditors
- Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
- Parenting Plan
- Child Support Worksheet

**LEGAL SEPARATION
 WITH CHILDREN**

- Petition
- Summons
- Preliminary Injunction
- Health Insurance Notice
- Parent Info. Program Notice
- Notice to Creditors
- Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
- Parenting Plan
- Child Support Worksheet

TEMPORARY ORDERS

- Motion for Temporary Order
- Order to Appear
- Temporary Orders
- Affidavit of Financial Info.
- Child Support Worksheet
- Parenting Plan

**DIVORCE (OR ANNULMENT)
 WITHOUT CHILDREN**

- Petition
- Summons
- Preliminary Injunction
- Health Insurance Notice
- Notice to Creditors

**LEGAL SEPARATION
 WITHOUT CHILDREN**

- Petition
- Summons
- Preliminary Injunction
- Health Insurance Notice
- Notice to Creditors

PATERNITY (TO ESTABLISH)

- Petition
- Summons
- Parent Info. Program Notice
- Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
- Parenting Plan
- Child Support Worksheet

CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING, PARENTING TIME, SUPPORT

(to establish when paternity already *legally* established)

- Petition
- Summons
- Parent Info. Program Notice
- Affidavit Regarding Minor Children
- Parenting Plan
- Child Support Worksheet

ENFORCEMENT

- Petition
- Order to Appear

MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT 15% OR MORE

("Simplified Mod")

- Petition to Modify
- Parents Worksheet for Child Support
- Blank Request for Hearing

MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT ("Standard Mod")

- Petition to Modify Child Support – Std. Process
- Affidavit of Financial Information
- Order to Appear

**STOP ORDER OF ASSIGNMENT/
INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER**

- Petition to Stop Order of Assignment
- Blank Request for Hearing

CHILD SUPPORT

(to establish when paternity already *legally* established)

- Petition
- Order to Appear
- Child Support Worksheet

**MODIFY SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE OR SPOUSAL
AND CHILD SUPPORT ("Standard Mod")**

- Petition to Modify Support Order
- Order to Appear
- Affidavit of Financial Information

**MODIFY CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING &/OR
PARENTING TIME AND SUPPORT**

- Petition to Modify
- Parents' Worksheet for Child Support
- Notice of Filing for Modification of Legal decision-making
- Affidavit Regarding Minor Children

**MODIFY (Change) ORDER OF ASSIGNMENT/
INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER**

- Petition to Modify Order of Assignment
- Blank Request for Hearing

LIST OTHER CASE TYPE HERE: (Example: "Annulment") _____
(Below, list name of each document you received: Example: "Petition for Annulment", "Summons", etc.)

- 2. ACCEPT AND WAIVE FORMAL SERVICE.** I waive formal service of process by a process server or sheriff. I understand accepting these papers is the same as if I were personally served under Arizona Law [A.R.F.L.P. Rule 40 (F)]
- 3. RESPONSE DEADLINE.** I am aware that accepting service of these court papers and signing this paper does not affect my right or obligation to file a written Response or Answer to this action if I do not agree with any relief asked for in the Petition. I understand I must Respond or Answer within **20** days from the day I signed the original of this Acceptance of Service if I accepted service in Arizona, or **30** days if I received the papers somewhere other than in Arizona.
- 4. DEFAULT JUDGMENT, ORDER OR DECREE.** I understand that if I do not appear and defend in this action in court, within the time allowed by law, that I may lose my right to be heard in this case. I understand that failure to Respond or Answer could result in the court giving the other party any and all things requested in his or her legal papers, through a Default Judgment, Order or Decree.

5. RESTORE NAME. (ONLY in Divorce, Legal Separation or Annulment Cases.)

My complete married name is: (Complete ONLY if you want to change your name)

I want my legal name restored to: (List complete maiden name or legal name before this marriage)

BY SIGNING BELOW, I swear or affirm that I have read and understand the contents of this document and that I have received and accepted the legal documents indicated above.

_____ **Date**

_____ **Signature**

State of Arizona)

County of _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

by _____
Name of Signer

_____ **Commission Expires**

_____ **Notary Public**

PROCEDURES

How to Serve Court Papers by Certified Mail

USE THIS PROCEDURE ONLY after you have filed your papers with the court.

STEP 1: **GO TO THE POST OFFICE** and tell the clerk you would like to mail the other party a letter as follows:

- Certified Mail, and
- Deliver to Addressee Only, and
- Restricted Delivery, and
- Return Receipt Requested, and
- Pay the postage.

STEP 2: **WAIT** for green receipt to be returned with the other party's signature. When you get the green receipt, note the date the other party received and signed for the papers.

STEP 3: **PAPERS FOR THE COURT**

- **COMPLETE:** Original of ***"Affidavit of Service by Certified Mail."*** Fill in **ALL** information requested on the form before proceeding. Be sure you fill in the date the other party received the papers. If you are unsure of the date, use the date you received the return receipt card. If you fail to list a date, the court may not process your papers and your case may be delayed.
- **ATTACH:** You must attach the original green receipt to the Affidavit to prove how you served the other party.
- **COPY:** Make yourself a copy of the ***"Affidavit of Service by Certified Mail"*** and a copy of the green receipt to keep for your files.

STEP 4: **FILE PAPERS WITH THE COURT.** File the Original ***"Affidavit of Service by Certified Mail"*** and the original green receipt with the Clerk of the Court.

STEP 5: **COUNT.** Note the date the other party was served the papers and start counting the days the other party has to file a Response or Answer. (When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party signed the green receipt.)

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

_____ CASE NUMBER: DO2
 Name of Petitioner

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL

_____ HONORABLE: _____
 Name of Respondent

1. I am familiar with the facts stated in this Affidavit, and I make this Affidavit to show that I have served the court papers on the other party by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, pursuant to Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4.2(c).

Person served (name of other party): _____

Address where other party was served: _____

Date of receipt by the other party: _____ **Date of return of receipt to sender:** _____

2. The following documents were sent to the other party by certified mail (**List all of the documents sent to the other party**):

These court papers were received by the other party as shown by the **original RETURN** receipt that is attached to this Affidavit.

_____ **Date** _____ **Signature**

State of Arizona)

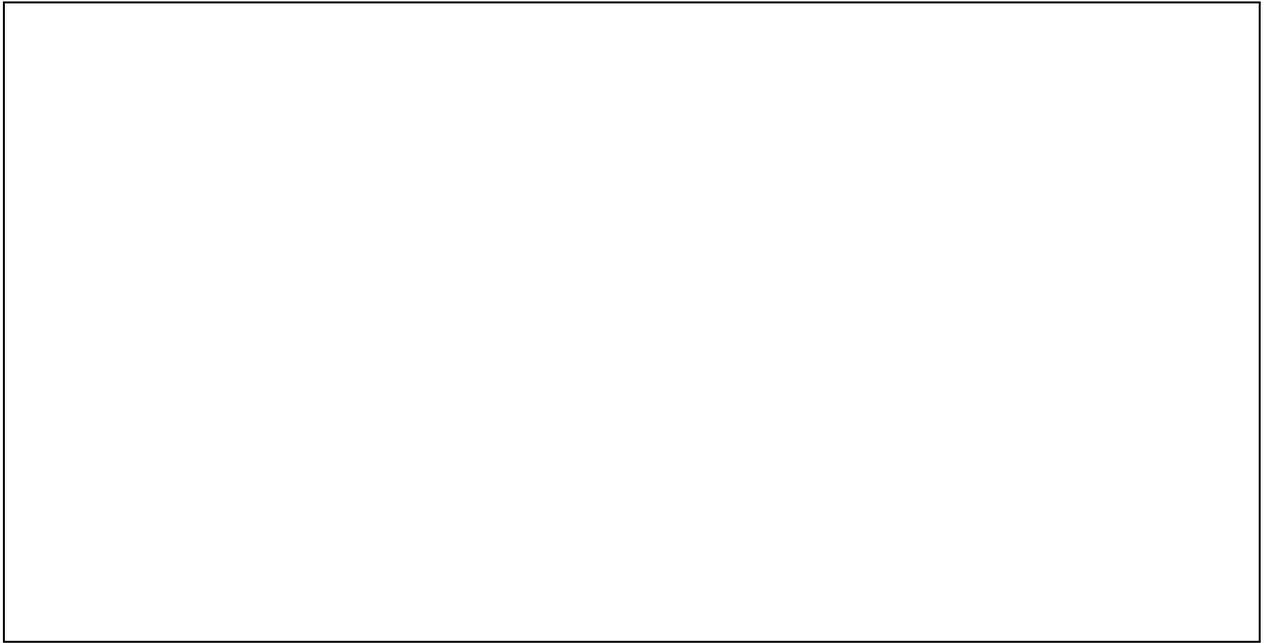
County of _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

by _____
Name of Signer

_____ **Commission Expires**

_____ **Notary Public**



ATTACH THE ORIGINAL MAIL RETURN RECEIPT HERE

INSTRUCTIONS

How to Serve Court Papers by Registered Process Server

STEP 1: **FIND.** You must hire a Registered Process Server. You may locate process servers in the commercial section of the phone book under "Process Server," or online by using the search term "Arizona Process Servers" or similar, or at the web site of the Arizona Process Server's Association at <http://arizonaprocessservers.org/>.

NOTICE: There are fees for service of court papers.

- May offer greater flexibility in serving papers "after-hours" or on short notice.
- Are paid directly by you, not through the court.
- If you qualify, Process Server Fees may be deferred or waived within Pinal County only.
- Out of County Process Server Fees may not be deferred or waived by the court.

STEP 2: **GO.** Go to the Registered Process Server's office. **TAKE** with you the following items:

- Copy of "**Summons**" (if your case has a summons).
- Other party's set of copies of the court papers.
- A picture or a written physical description of the other party.
- A written description of the automobile that the other party drives.
- The address where the other party can be served.
- The amount you need to pay for this service. (You can call ahead of time to ask the Process Server what type of payment they require.)

STEP 3: **WAIT.** The Process Server will mail you a copy of the "**Affidavit of Service**" after he/she serves the other party with the papers. **IMPORTANT:** If the Process Server does not file an "**Affidavit of Service**" with the Clerk of the Court, you must get the "**Affidavit of Service**" from the Process Server and file it.

STEP 4: **COUNT.** Look at the "**Affidavit of Service**" to find out the date the other party was served with the court papers and start counting the days for the other party to file a Response or Answer. When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party was served the papers. Look at the "**Affidavit of Service**" to find out the date the other party was served with the court papers and start counting the days for the other party to file a Response or Answer. When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party was served the papers.

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT.

PROCEDURES

How to Serve Court Papers by Sheriff

STEP 1: **GO.** Contact the Sheriff's Office in the county where the other party lives. Bring your court papers with you, **or** send a copy of the court papers to the Sheriff's Office if the other party does **not** live in the same county as you do. The Pinal County Sheriff's Office is located at:

Pinal County Sheriff's Office

971 Jason Lopez Circle, Bldg C

Florence, AZ 85132

1-800-420-8689

NOTICE: There are fees for service of court papers.

STEP 2: **WRITE.** If you are asking that the papers be served by a Sheriff's Department *other than* Pinal County's, fill out the attached sheet for identifying the other party and provide:

- Other party's set of copies of the court papers.
- A picture or written physical description of the other party.
- A written description of the automobile the other party drives.
- The address where other party can be served.
- **"Certified Order Waiving/Deferring Fees,"** or a \$200.00 deposit fee - cash/money order.

STEP 3: **WAIT.** The Sheriff may mail you a copy of the **"Affidavit of Service"** after the other party is served with the papers, **or** the Sheriff may file these papers instead of sending them back to you.

STEP 4: **COUNT.** Read the **"Affidavit of Service"** to find out the date the other party was served with the court papers and start counting the days the other party has to file a Response or Answer. (When counting the days, start counting with the day **after** the other party was served with the court papers.)

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT.

 (YOUR NAME)

 (ADDRESS)

 (CITY/STATE/ZIP)

 (TELEPHONE NUMBER)

 (DATE)

 (COUNTY NAME) **County Sheriff**

 (ADDRESS)

 (CITY/STATE/ZIP) **COURT CASE NO.** _____

REGARDING: (NAME OF PERSON TO BE SERVED) _____

I enclose a copy of the following documents: (LIST ALL DOCUMENTS YOU WANT TO BE SERVED)

Please serve these papers on the other party. His or her current address and physical description are:

 (OTHER PARTY'S NAME)

 (HOME ADDRESS) _____
 (HOME CITY/STATE/ZIP) _____ (WORK ADDRESS)

 (WORK CITY, STATE, ADDRESS)

SEX	RACE	BIRTH	HGT.	WGT.	EYES	HAIR	SSN

Please return a notarized **"Affidavit of Service"** to my address at your earliest convenience. The court requires that each document served be named in the **"Affidavit of Service."**

- I also enclose a deposit of \$200. I understand there is a \$16.00 service fee, a travel fee of \$2.40 per mile (one way), for each attempt at service, and a \$8.00 notary fee. I understand that the difference between my deposit and the fees accrued for service will be billed, or returned, to me. **OR,**
- I also enclose a certified copy of the **"Order for Waiver/Deferral of Fees for Service of Process."**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

 (YOUR SIGNATURE)

Enclosures

PROCEDURE

How to Serve the Court Papers by Publication

STEP 1: PUBLISH THE COURT PAPERS. As per A.R.S., Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 4.2 (f).

A. How to serve the court papers by publication if you do not know if the other party lives in the county in which your case is pending (Pinal County) and/or the other party's last known address was not in Arizona.

1. If you are paying the costs to publish, use any paper of general circulation and that are familiar with the requirements and regularly publishes legal notices.

NOTICE: There are fees for service of court papers.

B. How to publish service if the other party's last known address is in Arizona and that address is not in the county in which your case is pending:

1. You must publish in the county in which your case is pending and you must publish in a newspaper in the county of the last known residence of the person to be served.
2. To publish in Pinal County follow the instructions in "A" above how to publish service of process if the other party lives in the same county in which your case is pending.
3. To publish in another county (not Pinal County) you will need to contact a newspaper company in that county.

C. How to publish service if the other party is known to live in another country:

1. You will have to contact an attorney to see if this method of service is appropriate for your situation.

STEP 2: WAIT. Wait for the newspaper to send you the original of the document called "***Affidavit of Service***" in about five weeks.

STEP 3: COMPLETE YOUR PAPERWORK.

A. Fill out the "*Affidavit Supporting Publication***,"** where you will list everything you did to attempt to find the other party before resorting to publication.

NOTICE: If the Court is not satisfied that you have made *every reasonable effort* to locate the other party, you may be required to take additional steps adding delay and expense to your case, including being required to publish notice again.

B. ATTACH a copy of the published notice from the newspaper(s).

C. KEEP A COPY for your records of the "***Affidavit Supporting Publication***."

STEP 4: FILE THE COURT PAPERS.

- A. File the original "**Affidavit Supporting Publication**" and a copy of the publication(s),
AND;
- B. File the original "**Affidavit of Service**" you received from the newspaper(s).

STEP 5: COUNT.

- A. Find out the date the other party was served with the court papers. You can find this date by looking at the date of the first newspaper publication. Then count the days for the other party to file a Response or Answer. (When counting down the days, start counting with the day after the first day of publication.)
- B. If the other party does not file a Response or Answer within the required time period, see a lawyer for help.
- C. If the other party files a Response or Answer, see a lawyer for help.

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT

Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, Rule 6.3(h)

Print Name

Your Address

Date

Name of Newspaper

Address

To Whom It May Concern:

I need to publish notice in the newspaper about the following matter:

Court Case Number _____

Enclosed is a copy of the following documents stamped by the Clerk of Court (list all the documents here:)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please publish a Notice in your newspaper about this court case once a week for four successive weeks. Also enclosed is (Check One Box):

- A check or money order in the amount of \$_____ for the cost of the publication as requested.
- A certified copy of the Order from the court waiving the publication costs.

When you receive this letter, please call me at to tell me when the first publication will occur. When all four weeks of publication have been completed, please send to me the original and one copy of an Affidavit of Publication.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours truly,

Sign Your Name

Enclosures:

- Court documents **AND**
- Check or Money Order **OR**
- Certified copy of Court Order of Waiver/Deferral of Publication Fees

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner CASE NUMBER: DO2

**DECLARATION OF DUE DILIGENCE AND
 REQUEST FOR ALTERNATE MEANS OF
 SERVICE (PUBLICATION)**

 Name of Respondent HONORABLE: _____

1. I make this Affidavit to tell the Court why service by publication is needed.
2. Pursuant to Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 4.1(e) and 4.2(e), service by publication is the best way to notify the other party of this court case because the other party is:

Avoiding Service of Process. I have mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of the following legal documents:

to the last known address of the other party on or before the first date of publication, **OR**

The other party's residence is unknown. I have not mailed copies of the proceedings to the other party.

3. The residence and whereabouts of the other party is unknown to me, even though I have made a diligent search to find out. My search failed to reveal any information that might lead to knowledge about the other party's residence or whereabouts. This is what I did to try to find the other party. (Explain in detail here everything you did to try to find the other party.)

4. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the other party is not in the military service of the United States.

5. I have read this statement and know of my own knowledge that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

Date

Signature

State of Arizona)
)

County of _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

by _____
Name of Signer

Commission Expires

Notary Public

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner

CASE NUMBER: DO2

**ORDER FOR ALTERNATE MEANS OF
SERVICE (PUBLICATION)**

Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: _____

The Court having reviewed the "*Declaration of Due Diligence and Request for Alternate Means of Service,*" and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED granting "*Declaration of Due Diligence and Request for Alternate Means of Service.*"

DONE IN OPEN COURT this _____ day of _____, 20____

JUDGE/COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner CASE NUMBER: DO2

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING PUBLICATION
 A.R.C.P. 4.1, 4.2 - A.R.F.L.P. 41, 42

 Name of Respondent HONORABLE: _____

1. I make this Affidavit to tell the Court why service by publication was used and to show how service by publication was done.
2. Pursuant to Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules 4.1(e) and 4.2(e), service by publication is the best way to notify the other party of this court case because the other party is:

Avoiding service of process. I have mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of the following legal documents:

to the last known address of the other party on or before the first date of publication, OR

The other party's residence is unknown. I have not mailed copies of the proceedings to the other party.

3. The residence and whereabouts of the other party is unknown to me, even though I have made a diligent search to find out. My search failed to reveal any information that might lead to knowledge about the other party's residence or whereabouts. This is what I did to try to find the other party. (Explain in detail here everything you did to try to find the other party.)

4. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the other party is not in the military service of the United States.
5. **The following documents were published in a newspaper in the county where my case is pending.**
 (List title/name of each document. Example: Petition, Summons)

The documents above were published on the following dates:

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____

AND/OR

The following documents were published in a newspaper in the Arizona County of the other party's last known address, or in an adjoining county if no newspaper is published in that county, and neither is the county in which my case is pending.

The documents above were published on the following dates:

A. _____ B. _____ C. _____ D. _____

6. An Affidavit of Publication for each newspaper has been filed into court record.
7. I have read this statement and know of my own knowledge that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

_____ Date

_____ Signature

State of Arizona)
)
 County of _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____
 by _____
 Name of Signer

_____ Commission Expires

_____ Notary Public

INSTRUCTIONS: ATTACH the original of the Affidavit of Publication from the Newspaper(s) to this page.

DEFAULT

In Family Court Cases



PINAL COUNTY

**How to get a (default) Court Order
When the Other Party Has Not Filed a Response**

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS

**Provided as a Public Service by
CHAD A. ROCHE
Clerk of the Superior Court**

HOW TO GET A DEFAULT COURT ORDER IN FAMILY COURT CASES

CHECKLIST

USE THE FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS in this packet only if the following factors apply to your situation:

- √ You have filed a summons and petition for one of the following:
 - Divorce
 - Legal Separation
 - Annulment
 - To establish Paternity
 - To establish a first court order for Legal Decision-Making and/or Parenting Time **OR** Legal Decision-Making, Parenting Time and Support,

AND

- √ The other party was served with court papers,

AND

- √ Proof of service has been filed with the Clerk of the Court,

AND

- √ The other party has not filed a written response or answer within the time frame set by law. (Check the court file to be sure this is true.),

AND

- √ You want to proceed to get a (default) court order.

READ ME: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing.

DEFAULT

HOW TO GET A DEFAULT DECREE IN FAMILY COURT CASES

This packet contains general information and instructions about how to apply for a default decree in family court cases. Be sure this packet contains the following documents:

Order	Title	# of Pages
1	Checklist: You may use these forms if...	1
2	Table of Contents (this page)	1
3	Procedures: "What Happens after Service"	2
4	Procedures: "How to Get a Default Hearing"	2
5	"Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default"	3

You have permission to use these documents for any lawful purpose. These forms shall not be used to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. The documents are under continual revision and are current only for the day they were received. It is strongly recommended that you verify on a regular basis that you have the most current documents.

INFORMATION

What Happens After Service of Process? What is a Default Hearing?

What is a Default?

Default means that the party who was served with the court papers did **not** disagree with the information in the court papers and did not file a written timely **“Response”** or **“Answer.”** The party who filed the Petition/Complaint is the party who comes to the default hearing.

General Information

After the other party has been served with the court papers, one or more documents must be filed with the court to show service. For example: an **“Acceptance of Service”** signed by the other party and notarized, a **“Waiver of Service”** signed by the other party and notarized, or an **“Affidavit of Service”** signed by a private process server or deputy sheriff. After the other party has been served with the court papers, you are a step closer to completing your case. The next steps depend upon whether the other party files a written **“Response”** or **“Answer”** with the court.

Default Time Table

The papers the private process server or sheriff served on the other party explain that the other party has **20** days to file a written **“Response”** or **“Answer”** to the court if the papers were served in Arizona. If a private process server or sheriff served the other party outside Arizona, the other party has **30** days to file a written **“Response”** or **“Answer.”**

If the other party signed an **“Acceptance of Service,”** the other party has **20** days to file a written **“Response”** or **“Answer”** to the court if the other party lives in Arizona. If the other party does not live in Arizona and signs an **“Acceptance of Service,”** the other party has 30 days to file a written **“Response”** or **“Answer.”**

If the other party lives outside Arizona, you mailed the documents to the other party, and the other party signed a “Green Receipt” saying he/she received the court papers, then the other party has **30** days to file a written **“Response”** or **“Answer.”**

If you need additional information about service by publication, refer to the “Service of Court Papers” packet for instructions.

Requirement for Default

If the other party has filed a written **“Response”** or **“Answer”** with the court within the time allowed by law, you **cannot** proceed by default. Both parties will be scheduled for Early Resolution Conference with Family Services of the Conciliation Court.

If you want to get a default hearing, you must complete the **“Application for Default and Entry of Default”** and file it with the Clerk of the Court. You must be sure service of process was complete, and that the other party **did not** file a written **“Response”** or **“Answer”** with the court.

After the Clerk of the Court enters the default, be sure you have two (2) copies of the **“Application for Default and Entry of Default”** conformed stamped by the Clerk. You must mail or hand-deliver one copy to the other party **the day** that you filed the **“Application for Default and Entry of Default”** with the Clerk of the Court.

At the time of filing the **“Application for Default and Entry of Default”** with the Clerk of the Court, the Deputy Clerk will provide the Petitioner with a pamphlet regarding the Decree Assistance Project.

The Decree Assistance Project is designed to assist the Petitioner complete the final stage of the Dissolution process and schedule a Default Hearing.

After ten working days from the day **after** filing the **“Application for Default and Entry of Default,”** the Petitioner is required to contact Family Services of the Conciliation Court at (520) 866-7349 or 1-800-208-6897 x7387 to schedule a Default Hearing.

If the tenth day falls on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday the Respondent has until the end of the following work day to submit a Response.

If a “Response” or “Answer” is Filed

If a “Response” or “Answer” was filed by the Respondent, your case is not eligible for Default and your case will be scheduled for an **Early Resolution Conference**.

What is Early Resolution Conference:

It is an efficient and economical opportunity to resolve outstanding issues between the parties with an impartial third party who can draft your agreements. Family Services of the Conciliation Court will schedule a hearing and both parties will receive an Order to Appear for an Early Resolution Conference in the mail.

ADDRESS INFORMATION

It is **very important** for you (Petitioner and Respondent) to keep the court informed of your most current address. This means that if the address information is incorrect or if you change addresses, you must contact the Clerk of the Court and give them your new or current address.

DO NOT BRING CHILDREN TO COURT.

WHEN AND HOW TO FILE AN APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR DEFAULT IN FAMILY COURT CASES

PROCEDURES:

WHEN TO FILE THE APPLICATION FOR DEFAULT:

- after the other party has been served with the court papers, AND
- the appropriate response period has passed (see Default Timetable below), AND
- the other party has not filed a response or answer with the court.

STEP 1: COUNT. Look at the **Default Timetable** below to find the method of service you used and the number of calendar days to count before you can apply for a default hearing or order.

- **BEGIN COUNTING THE DAY AFTER THE OTHER PARTY WAS SERVED WITH THE PETITION.**
- **INCLUDE WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS** until you reach the number of days listed.
- **If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, do NOT count that day.**

<u>DEFAULT TIMETABLE</u>		
<u>SERVICE BY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Acceptance of Service in Arizona	21 Days	After the other party signs the "Acceptance of Service"
Process Server in Arizona	21 Days	After other party receives papers from a process server
Sheriff in Arizona	21 Days	After other party receives papers from Sheriff
Registered Mail in Arizona	21 Days	After other party signs Green Return Receipt Card
Acceptance of Service out of State	31 Days	After the other party signs the "Acceptance of Service"
Process Server out of State	31 Days	After other party receives papers from a process server
Sheriff out of State	31 Days	After other party receives papers from Sheriff
Registered Mail out of State	31 Days	After other party signs Green Return Receipt Card
Publication	61 Days	After the 1 st date of publication

STEP 2: WAIT. Wait until the day after the number of days indicated in the Default Timetable above. If the other party did not file an **Answer/Response** with the Court you may file the Application and Affidavit for Default as instructed in Steps 3-6 below. Please read Steps 3-6 prior to completing the form. **YOU MUST TAKE THIS ACTION FOR YOUR CASE TO PROCEED.**

STEP 3: COMPLETING THE FORM:

- **DO NOT SIGN** and date the **"Application and Affidavit for Default"** before the amount of time shown in the Default Timetable has passed.
- On page one (1) of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default please make sure the name, address, phone number for the Petitioner are provided in the top left of the form.
- On page one (1) of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default list both party names on the document under **"Name of Petitioner"** this is the person who opened case and **"Name of Respondent"** this is the Responding party.
- On page one (1) of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default you will list your case number. Your case number was provided and stamped on all documents

when the case was initially filed and opened with the Court.

- On page one (1) of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default question number two (2) must be answered. One box must be checked. By checking one box you are indicating the method of service you used to serve the initial court papers upon the Responding party.
- On page three (3) of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default the Clerk at the filing window will complete the "Entry of Default" section at the time this form is submitted to the window for filing. Please leave this blank.
- On page three (3) of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default the Certificate of Mailing must be completed as follows:
 - ✓ The date entered must be the same date the form is submitted to the Court or any date after the filing of the document. There cannot be a date listed that is prior to filing the form with the Clerk of the Superior Court.
 - ✓ You must indicate that after filing a copy of the Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default it will be either mailed or hand delivered to the Responding party. A box must be marked. If hand delivered is marked, please indicate on the line provided who will be delivering the copy to the Respondent.
 - ✓ The Respondents address must be listed in the address lines provided.
 - ✓ The Petitioner must sign their signature at the bottom of the form on the "Signed" line certifying that the actions marked will be completed.

STEP 4: AFTER FORM IS COMPLETE:

- After the form has been completed in full you must have the document signed in front of a notary. DO NOT sign the document prior to signing in front of a notary. You may have any notary notarize the document.
- **AFTER** the document has been completed, signed and notarized, you will make two (2) copies. One copy will be for your records and the additional copy will be for the Respondent.

STEP 5: FILING THE DOCUMENT WITH THE COURT

- The Application and Affidavit for Default and Entry of Default may be filed at any one of our office locations:
 - Main office in Florence, 971 Jason Lopez Circle Bldg., A, Florence, AZ 85132. Office hours are Monday – Friday open from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.
 - Apache Junction Satellite Office, 575 N. Idaho Road Suite 109, Apache Junction, AZ 85119. Office hours are Monday – Friday open 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. **closing from 12:00 -1:00 for lunch.**
 - Casa Grande Satellite Office, 820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Bldg. B, Casa Grande, AZ 85122. Office hours are Monday – Friday open from 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. **closing from 12:00 -1:00 for lunch.**
- Hand the original and both copies of the Application and Affidavit for Default to the Clerk at the filing window. The Clerk will file and keep the original, date stamp both copies and return the stamped copies to you.

STEP 6: MAILING A COPY TO THE OTHER PARTY:

- After filing you must mail one of the date-stamped copies of the Application and Affidavit for Default to the Responding party on the same day that you have indicated in the Certificate of Mailing section located on page three (3) of the document.
- You will keep the additional copy for your records. This is your proof that you have filed this document with the Court.

STEP 7: SCHEDULING YOUR FINAL HEARING:

- At the time you submit your Application and Affidavit for Default to the Clerk of the Superior Court, the Clerk at the filing window will provide to you a Decree Assistance Project Screening Checklist. The checklist will instruct you to contact the Family Services of the Conciliation Court.
- You will contact the Conciliation Court ten (10) Court business days after the mailing of the Application and Affidavit for Default to the Responding party. You will start counting from the day after the date indicated on page three (3) of the Application and Affidavit for Default under the Certificate of Mailing or Delivery section. This is the date you indicated the document would be mailed to the Responding Party. Do not count holidays.
- The Decree Assistance Project Screening Checklist received from the Clerk of the Court's Office must be completed and with you when you contact the Conciliation Court Services.
- After answering the screening questions, if approved, the Conciliation Court will schedule your final hearing date.
- The Decree Assistance Project Screening Checklist will only be provided to customers who have filed an Application and Affidavit for Default in their case.
- **DO NOT** contact the Conciliation Court Services prior to filing the Application and Affidavit for Default.

STEP 8: PREPARE THE PAPERWORK YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BRING TO THE COURT HEARING:

- A complete list of documents you are required to bring to your default hearing is available in the Decree Assistance Project Screening Checklist that was provided to you by the Clerk of the Court under "*Items Needed for Default Hearing*".
- Any additional forms are available at www.pinalcountyz.gov/coscForms. All forms may be downloaded for free from our website. If forms are requested at a Clerk of the Court location there will be a charge of \$0.50 per page.

Name of Person Filing: _____
 Street Address: _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____
 Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney
 If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
 PINAL COUNTY**

 Name of Petitioner CASE NUMBER: DO2

**APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT
 FOR DEFAULT & ENTRY OF DEFAULT**

 Name of Respondent HONORABLE: _____

NOTICE: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT COURT DOCUMENT. When this document is properly completed and filed, Default has been applied for and entered. The Default will be effective ten (10) days after the filing of this completed document, unless the Respondent files an Answer/Response or otherwise defends before the ten day period expires.

1. I am the Petitioner in this court case. I understand and make the following statements under oath. I give notice that I am requesting entry of default against the other party, the Respondent because they have **not** filed an Answer/Response.
2. Service of the court papers on Respondent has been accomplished as follows: (check **ONLY** one box)
 - The Respondent has signed an **“Acceptance of Service”** and has accepted service of the **“Summons,”** Complaint or Petition and other papers. The Respondent has **not** filed an **“Answer/Response,”** or otherwise appeared or defended in this court case. Default may be entered.
 - OR**
 - I have served the Respondent according to law with the **“Summons,”** Complaint or Petition and other papers. Respondent has **not** appeared, answered, responded or otherwise defended in the time required by law.
3. The Respondent is either **not** in the active military service of the United States or has otherwise waived his/her rights under the Service Members Civil Relief Act (formerly “Soldier’s and Sailor’s Civil Relief Act”).
4. By completing the Certificate of Mailing or Delivery at the bottom of this form, I certify that I am mailing or delivering a copy of this Application and Affidavit to the Respondent as notice that I have applied for default and default has been entered in this court case.

NOTE: If the Respondent fails to file a responsive pleading or otherwise defend in this action within **10 days** of the filing of this Application, a default judgment will be entered. The Petitioner must still attend the default hearing at the court.

Date

Signature

State of Arizona)

County of _____)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

by _____
Name of Signer

Commission Expires

Notary Public

ENTRY OF DEFAULT

It appearing to the Clerk of this Court from the "***Application of Default and Entry of Default***" that the respondent in this action, having been regularly served with process (or waived the same) has failed to plead or otherwise defend as to the Petition for Dissolution, Annulment, Legal Separation, Paternity, Legal Decision-Making or Parenting Time on file in this action, and the time allowed having expired, the default of the respondent is hereby entered. This default shall not be effective if respondent pleads or otherwise defends prior to the expiration of ten (10) days from the date hereof.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT

_____ Date

CHAD A. ROCHE
Clerk of the Superior Court

By _____
Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR DELIVERY

On (date) _____ a copy of this document was (check ONLY one box):

Mailed postage pre-paid, **OR**

Delivered by _____ (name of person who did the delivery) to the

Respondent at the following:

Address: _____

Signed: _____

DECREE

FOR DIVORCE OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN



PINAL COUNTY

NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE

To Get the Divorce Order/Decree

INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS

Provided as a Public Service by
CHAD A. ROCHE
Clerk of the Superior Court

DECREE FOR DISSOLUTION FOR A NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE

This packet contains court forms and instructions to get a decree of divorce for a non-covenant marriage with children. The documents should appear in order as follows.

Order	Title	# of Pages
1	Table of Contents (this page)	1
2	Instructions: How to fill out the "Decree of Dissolution with Children"	5
3	"Decree of Dissolution with Children"	12
Following Documents: Please Refer to Your Copies From "Petition For Dissolution Packet"		
4	"Parenting Plan" (Please Attach Copy of Your Original File)	
5	"Child Support Worksheet" (Please Attach Copy of Your Original File)	

You have permission to use these documents for any lawful purpose. These forms shall not be used to engage in the unauthorized practice of law. The Court assumes no responsibility and accepts no liability for actions taken by users of these documents, including reliance on their contents. The documents are under continual revision and are current only for the day they were received. It is strongly recommended that you verify on a regular basis that you have the most current documents.

INSTRUCTIONS

Decree of Dissolution (Divorce) For a Non-Covenant Marriage with Minor Children

Use these instructions **only** with the “*Decree of Dissolution of a Non-Covenant Marriage (Divorce) With Minor Children.*” If there are no minor children, by birth or adoption, common to you and your spouse, use the form for a “*Decree of Dissolution of a Non-Covenant Marriage without Minor Children.*”

What the Decree Means to You. The Decree is the Court Order that legally ends your marriage. The Decree, once the judge or commissioner has signed it, is important because it determines the rights and responsibilities of both you and your ex-spouse. It tells the parties what they can and cannot do. If either party does not do what the Decree tells him/her to do, then the other party may ask the court for help. **This is a very important document.** Once it has been signed by the judge, your rights and responsibilities are affected forever.

Failure to do what the Decree tells you to do could get you into trouble with the court. This does not mean that the court will police whether you are following the Decree. It does mean you or your ex-spouse can request a Contempt Order or an Order to enforce parts of the Decree if you or your ex-spouse fails to do what the Decree tells you to do.

Getting Your Divorce Finalized. Before your divorce can become final, a judicial officer must sign what we call a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage. The Decree tells you who will get the property, who pays the debts, who gets Legal Decision-Making, who pays support and so forth.

Divorce by Default. If you have a Default Hearing, you must repeat as closely as possible what you requested in your Petition. You cannot mark something different in the Decree from what you asked for in the Petition, unless your spouse has provided written consent. If you try to do this, the judicial officer will not sign the Decree. If you want to change your requests to the court, you must file an amended Petition. It is a good idea to have your Petition handy when you follow the instructions to fill out your Decree.

The Decree. Fill out the Decree before you go to your hearing or before you give it to the judge to sign. Do not fill in the judge's signature and date. If the judge disagrees with anything you have written, he or she will change it before signing the Decree.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE DECREE

(The section number in front of each paragraph below corresponds with the section number on the Decree. For example: Read Section 1-3d below. Turn to Sections 1-3d on the Decree. Each section below will help you fill out each section of the Decree.) **TYPE OR WRITE IN BLACK INK ONLY.**

SECTION: INSTRUCTION

(A) Write in the name of the person filing the document or the lawyer's name, current address, city, state, zip code, and the telephone number. If you have an ATLAS number, write in the number. If you are represented by an attorney write in the lawyer's state bar number, then indicate whether you represent yourself or if you are the lawyer whether you represent Petitioner or Respondent.

(B) Write in the name of the Petitioner and the name of the Respondent and the case number in the space provided. This should appear the same way it does on the Petition.

(C) THE COURT FINDS:

1-3 a-d. This section tells you that before the judge or commissioner signs the Decree, he/she will have determined that the court has the legal power to make the orders in your case. It also says that the Petitioner or the Respondent lived in Arizona at least 90 days before the Petition for divorce was filed, and that the parties are unable to get back together and save their marriage.

Also, if you served the other party *by publication*, the court cannot sign a Decree that divides community property and/or debt, or orders the other party to pay spousal maintenance (alimony) or child support until you find and serve notice on your spouse. You will, however, be able to get a court order for Legal Decision-Making of your minor children and a divorce decree.

- 3e. Community Property and Debt.** Mark the first box **only** if you and your spouse did not get any property together while you were married and do not owe money to anyone for property or services you got while you were married. Otherwise, mark the box that tells the court that the parties have not agreed to a division, but the community property is divided pursuant to the Decree.
- 3f. Pregnancy.** Mark the first box if the wife is not pregnant. Mark the second box if the wife is pregnant and then mark whether the husband is the father. Mark the third box if the parties had any children together that were born before the marriage. Then list the name and date of birth for those children.
- 3g. Spousal Maintenance/Support.** Mark this box if you have requested spousal maintenance/ support (alimony) in the Petitioner you have had a trial and the judge has ordered one party to pay spousal maintenance/support.
- 3h. Parent Information Program.** Mark this box only if the Petitioner has completed the Parent Information Program class and has filed the Certificate of Completion with the court. If the Petitioner has not attended the class, check the appropriate box. Follow the same instructions for the Respondent. Leave the box empty for the judicial officer to check as to whether the person will be denied any requested relief to enforce or modify the decree until the class has been completed.
- 3i. Deviation from Child Support.** Leave this section blank. The judicial officer will fill in this section if there is a deviation for child support.
- 3j. Physical Legal Decision-Making Adjustment.** Leave this section blank. The judicial officer will fill in this section if there is an adjustment.
- 3k. Ability to Pay Child Support.** Leave this section blank. The judicial officer will fill in this section.
- 3l. Legal Decision-Making of the Minor Child(ren).** Mark this box only if Legal Decision-Making was contested (you and the other party did not agree about Legal Decision-Making), or if you and the other party have agreed to joint Legal Decision-Making. You must write the reasons in the space provided.
- 3m. Supervised or No Parenting Time.** Mark this box only if you asked for supervised or no parenting time by the non-custodial spouse in your Petition, or the parties have agreed to this, or the judge has ordered supervised or no parenting time after a trial. You must have a very good reason for such a request and you must write the reasons in the space provided.
- 3n. Domestic Violence.** If the parties are going to have joint Legal Decision-Making of the child(ren), check the box to say whether there has been no domestic violence or if domestic violence has occurred it has not been significant. Then explain why joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interest of the child(ren) even though domestic violence has occurred.

(D) THE COURT ORDERS:

- 1. MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED.** This section ends your marriage.
- 2. NAMES.** Write in the former name of the wife/husband here **ONLY** if wife or husband wants to use and/or be called by the former/maiden name. (The law does not require you to use your former/maiden name.)
- 3. ENFORCEMENT OF TEMPORARY ORDERS.** If the court ordered temporary payment of child support, spousal maintenance/support (alimony), debt division, or other temporary orders, fill in the dates of ALL of the temporary orders. This section allows you to enforce nonpayment of those debts.

4. CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING, PARENTING TIME, and CHILD SUPPORT. This section deals with child Legal Decision-Making, parenting time and child support, pregnancy and paternity.

4a. PREGNANCY and PATERNITY. If the wife is pregnant, write in the expected date of birth for the unborn child. You must also write the names of the minor child(ren) common to the marriage, either natural or adopted, and the child(ren)'s date(s) of birth in the space provided.

4b. CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING. The Legal Decision-Making box you mark should be the same as what you asked for in your Petition for Dissolution, unless you and the other party have signed a Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement and you are attaching it to the Decree OR you have had a trial and the judge has ordered something different than what is in your Petition.

i. For sole Legal Decision-Making of the child(ren), mark who is to have sole Legal Decision-Making, Petitioner or Respondent. Then mark **only** one of the three types of parenting time: 1) parenting time to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making; or 2) supervised; or 3) no parenting time. If both spouses agree to a Parenting Plan, both must complete the Plan and sign it. If only one spouse agrees to the Parenting Plan and you have a default divorce hearing, you still must complete the Parenting Plan and tell the Court what you think should be the parenting time arrangement. If parenting time is supervised and you have a default hearing or you agree, write in the name of person who will supervise the parenting time and any restrictions. Mark who will be paying for the costs of supervision. If no parenting time is to be given to the Petitioner or the Respondent, check this box.

ii. For Joint Legal Decision-Making you should not have marked box 1 above. Remember, you must attach a copy of the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement and Parenting Plan as Exhibit B signed by both parents, which the judicial officer must approve if you want Joint Legal Decision-Making. The Agreement will be included as part of the Court Order ending your marriage.

4c. CHILD SUPPORT: Mark who is to pay the child support and how much to the other party based on the request in the Petition for Dissolution, or on the party's agreement. Otherwise, leave the space blank and the judicial officer will fill in the amount. Remember, if you are the person who filed for divorce, you are the Petitioner, and your spouse is the Respondent.

4d. MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION CARE INSURANCE, PAYMENTS and EXPENSES: Mark who will be responsible for medical, dental and vision care insurance. Mark what percent each party will pay for uninsured expenses.

5. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE (ALIMONY).

5a. Mark this box if neither party is requesting spousal maintenance.

5b. Mark this box if you requested spousal maintenance (alimony) in the Petition and you have a Default Hearing. (You cannot get spousal maintenance if the other party was served by publication.) **OR**, Mark this box if the parties agreed that one party would pay the other party spousal maintenance.

Then mark who is to pay the spousal maintenance and who will receive the spousal maintenance. If the parties agree, put in the amount and the date the spousal maintenance will end. Otherwise, you should leave the amount and number of months of spousal maintenance blank until the judge approves the request. Be prepared to tell the judge what amount you are asking for, for what period, and why.

6. PROPERTY, DEBTS and TAX RETURNS.

6a. Mark the first two boxes, if each party will pay the debts that are unknown to the other party. By marking the third box under 6.a., you are telling the court you do **not** want to pay for bills your spouse got after you separated. Write the approximate date you separated on the line provided.

6b. Mark this box if there is property and debts to be divided, even if you have already divided the

property. You can give the court this information on **“EXHIBIT A: COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND DEBTS”** that you must attach to the Decree if you mark this box. Instructions for Exhibit A are included at the end of this instruction.

- 6c.** This states that you and your spouse get to keep property that you owned from the marriage or that was a gift to you during the marriage. You also can keep any personal items, clothing, and any other property you own that is not considered community property.
- 6d.** This means either spouse can record the Decree if there is a transfer of title to certain property, like a house. This section also requires each spouse to sign documents to transfer other property, like titles to cars, and so forth. If you have a quit claim deed that transfers property from one spouse to the other spouse, attach a copy of the deed to the Decree, and check this box. Write in the date that both parties shall transfer all real and personal property.
- 6e.** Mark this box and tell the court whether the parties will file joint or separate tax returns for previous years if taxes have not been paid. For this calendar year, and future calendar years neither you nor your spouse can file joint tax returns. According to the IRS, State law governs whether you are married, divorced, or legally separated. If you are divorced under a final decree by the last day of the year, you are considered unmarried for the whole year. See a lawyer or accountant for advice if you are not sure which box to check OR call the **IRS** at **1-800-829-4477** or visit their INTERNET site at www.irs.ustreas.gov for help.
- 7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXCHANGES:** This shows that the parties must share/exchange financial information every 24 months. This information is important in determining amounts of child support or other related issues.
- 8. TAX EXEMPTIONS:** Decide which parent will claim the children on income tax forms, for which year. Federal and state laws apply here. If you are not sure what to do, ask a lawyer or an accountant for help.
- 9. CHILD(REN) TO WHOM THE DECREE DOES NOT APPLY:** Mark this box **only** if a child(ren) was born during the marriage, but is not common to the marriage. Mark which party should have no legal rights to the minor child(ren). If you mark this box, list the name of any such minor child(ren) with the date(s) of his/her birth(s) in the space provided. Also, mark if the wife is pregnant with a child not common to the marriage, and include the expected due date of the child.
- 10. FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER.** This decree/order/judgment is a final order and may be appealed.
- 11. OTHER ORDERS.** List any other orders that are not described in the Decree.
- (E) SIGNATURES SECTION:**
- Do not sign or date the Decree for the judge or commissioner
 - If there is a Default Hearing, you, the Petitioner, must mail a copy of the Decree to the Respondent, after the judge has signed it.
- (F) “EXHIBIT A: COMMUNITY PROPERTY and DEBT” SECTION:**
IF YOU MARKED the first box of **3.e.** ON YOUR DECREE AND HAVE NO COMMUNITY PROPERTY OR DEBTS, **STOP HERE;** you have completed your Decree. If you have community property or community debt listed in your Petition, copy that information from your Petition to **“Exhibit A”**. **REMEMBER:** If you are going by default, the division of property must be identical to the list in your petition. You cannot add new community property to the list, although you can give your spouse more property than is listed on your petition. Make sure it is **very clear** who gets what property. Describe the property **in detail** and then designate whether Petitioner or Respondent gets that property.

1. **Division of Community Property.** Mark the first box about community property, if you have community property. Mark the box next to each type of community property you own, and describe the property. Then mark the box showing which party the property is being given to.
2. **Mark the box** “award each party the personal property in his or her possession,” if you want the court to order this. Mark the box “continued on reverse side or see attached list” if this is true.
3. **Retirement, Pension, Deferred Compensation.** Decide what you want to do about these assets. Generally, each spouse is entitled up to a half interest in the pension or retirement or deferred compensation benefits of the other spouse based upon the length of time the parties were married. This is **very complicated, and very important** to both spouses. If you are entitled to any interest in your spouse’s retirement assets, you may be required to file a **Qualified Domestic Relations Order**.

This is a very important document. The Court does not have this document. See a lawyer for help. Check the box that describes what you asked for in the Petition or what the parties have agreed to.
4. **Division of Real Property:** Use this section if you own a home or real estate together. This information, including the address and legal description should also be the same as what you provided in the Petition. Decide which spouse gets the property, OR whether it should be sold and any proceeds divided.
5. **Division of Debts:** List all debts you listed on your Petition for Dissolution. You can update the amounts owed, only if the amounts are less than those amounts in the Petition or the parties agree to update the amounts. Then put which debts are to be the responsibilities of which party.

Also, decide if you want the order to divide debts incurred by a spouse that are not listed to be paid by the spouse who incurred the debt. Remember, just because the Decree orders either spouse to pay debts does not mean that the creditor cannot pursue collection from the other spouse, even after the divorce decree.
6. **Separate Property.** List your separate property and the other party’s separate property. Then check the box to say who gets the property.
7. **Separate Debt.** List your separate debt and the other party’s separate debt. Then check the box to say who pays the debt.

PARENTING PLAN and JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENT

Now you must complete the **Parenting Plan** to decide how Legal Decision-Making, parenting time, and all the details will work after the court order. The best thing to do is for both parents to complete this plan together.

Refer to “**Planning for Parenting Time: Arizona’s Guide for Parents Living Apart**” to help make your new parenting plan. The **Guide** may be viewed online and downloaded for **free** from the state courts’ web page at: <http://goo.gl/46aAw>

If you want Joint Legal Decision-Making, **both** parents must complete and sign the Parenting Plan AND the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement.

REMINDER:

1. **Be sure to attach “EXHIBIT A” about property and debts to your decree.**
2. **Be sure to attach the Child Support Worksheet, and the Parenting Plan, if you have marked joint Legal Decision-Making or if the parties have signed a Parenting Plan.**
3. **Be sure to include a quit claim deed, if a quit claim deed has been signed.**

(A)

Name of Person Filing: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

ATLAS Number (if applicable) _____

Representing Self (No Attorney) or Represented by Attorney

If Attorney, Bar Number: _____

**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner (B)

CASE NUMBER: _____

**DECREE OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(DIVORCE) WITH MINOR CHILDREN**

Name of Respondent

HONORABLE: _____

THE COURT FINDS: (C)

- 1. This case has come before this court for a final “**Decree of Dissolution of Marriage with Minor Children.**” The court has taken all testimony needed to enter a Decree, or the court has determined testimony is not needed to enter the Decree.
- 2. This court has jurisdiction over the parties under the law and the provisions of this Decree are fair and reasonable under the circumstances, and are in the best interests of the minor child(ren) as to Legal Decision-Making, parenting time, and support.

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION:

If Respondent was served by publication and was not personally served, this court cannot make a legal order, with respect to issues of child support, medical and dental insurance, payments, expenses for the minor child(ren), community property or debt, or spousal maintenance/support. The court reserves jurisdiction until personal service is made upon Respondent to consider the maintenance/support of either spouse, the disposition of community property or debts, child support, and any other relief requested in the Petition or orders deemed necessary by the court.

3. THE COURT FURTHER FINDS THAT:

- a. **90 Day Requirement:** At the time this action was filed, the Petitioner or the Respondent had lived in Arizona for more than 90 days, or had lived in Arizona while a member of the United States Armed Forces for more than 90 days.
- b. **Conciliation Court:** The provisions relating to the Conciliation Court either do not apply or have been met.
- c. **Irretrievably Broken:** The marriage is irretrievably broken or the parties desire to live separate and apart. The marriage is not a covenant marriage.

d. **Legal Decision-Making, Support, Spousal Maintenance/Support, Division of Property and Debt:** Where it has the legal power and where it is applicable to the facts of this case, this court has considered, approved, and made Orders relating to issues of child Legal Decision-Making, parenting time, child support, spousal maintenance/support (alimony), and the division of property and/or debts.

e. **Community Property and Debt:** (Select One)

- The parties **DID NOT** acquire any community property or debt during the marriage, **OR**
- The parties **HAVE** agreed to a division of community property and/or debt as evidenced by their signatures on "**Exhibit A**" attached to and incorporated into this Decree.
- The parties **HAVE NOT** agreed as to division of community property and debt, but all community property and debt is divided pursuant to this Decree.

f. **Pregnancy or Paternity:** (Select one.)

- Wife is not pregnant, **OR**
- Wife is pregnant, and the husband **IS** **OR** **IS NOT** the father of the child.
- The husband is the father of these children born to the parties before the marriage:

Name(s)

Date(s) of Birth

g. **Spousal Maintenance/Support.** (Select one.)

- The Petitioner, **OR**
- The Respondent lacks enough property, including given to him or her as part of this divorce, to provide for his or her reasonable needs, and is unable to support himself or herself through an appropriate job, or he or she is providing the primary care to a child(ren) of young age or is of a condition that they should not be required to look for work outside the home, or lacks earning ability necessary to support himself or herself, or contributed significantly to the educational opportunities of the other spouse, or had a marriage that lasted a long time and is of an age that may severely limit the possibility of getting a job to support himself or herself.

h. **Parent Information Program.**

1. Petitioner has attended the Parent Information Program class as evidenced by the "**Certificate of Completion**" in the court file. **OR**
- Petitioner has not attended the Parent Information Program class and shall be denied any requested relief to enforce or modify this decree until Petitioner has completed the class.
2. Respondent has attended the Parent Information Program class as evidenced by the "**Certificate of Completion**" in the court file. **OR**
- Respondent has not attended the Parent Information Program class and shall be denied any requested relief to enforce or modify this decree until Petitioner has completed the class.

i. **Deviation from Child Support.** The court, having considered the best interests of the minor child(ren), deviates from the guidelines for the following reasons:

- Application of the guidelines is inappropriate
- Application of the guidelines is unjust

The court makes the following finding regarding the deviation:

- The child support order would have been \$ _____
- The child support order after deviation is \$ _____

j. **Physical Legal Decision-Making Adjustment.** Court Approved Discretionary Parenting Time Adjustment and/or other Adjustments. (The court must make written findings if any of these adjustments are made.) :

k. **Ability to Pay Child Support.** The Court finds that the person responsible for paying child support has the ability to pay child support:

- In the amount entered on Line 34 of the Worksheet of \$ _____
- In an adjusted amount calculated using the self-support reserve on line 35 of the Worksheet for \$ _____

l. **Legal Decision-Making of Minor Child(ren).** (Check/complete only if Legal Decision-Making is contested or joint Legal Decision-Making is ordered.)

The Legal Decision-Making order or agreement is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) for the following reasons: List the reasons.

m. **Supervised or No Parenting Time.** (Check and complete only if supervised or no Parenting Time is ordered.)

- Supervised Parenting Time** between the minor children and
 Petitioner **OR** Respondent,
 - OR**
 - No Parenting Time** by Petitioner **OR** Respondent, is in the best interest of the child(ren), for the following reasons: (Explain the reasons)
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-
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n. **Domestic Violence.** If the court enters an order for joint Legal Decision-Making of the child(ren), check box "1" or box "2" and explain.

1. Domestic violence has not occurred during this marriage, **OR**
 2. Domestic violence has occurred during this marriage.
Explain why joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) even though domestic violence has occurred:
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-

THE COURT ORDERS: (D)

1. **MARRIAGE IS DISSOLVED:** The marriage of the parties is dissolved and the parties are restored to the legal status of single persons.

2. **NAMES:**

The name of the Wife **OR** The Husband, whose complete married name is:

Is restored to: (List the complete legal name or maiden name as before the marriage)

3. **ENFORCEMENT OF TEMPORARY ORDERS:** All obligations ordered to be paid by the parties in Temporary Orders dated (fill in dates of ALL temporary orders here)

are satisfied in full **OR** judgment is awarded against the party with the obligation up to the amount due and owing as of the date of this Decree, with the highest legal interest allowed by law, for the total amount of \$ _____

4. **CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT:**

a. **PREGNANCY AND PATERNITY:**

A child who is common to the parties is expected to be born this date: _____. All orders below as to Legal Decision-Making, parenting time, support, and medical insurance/expenses include this minor child and all other minor children named below.

i. **MINOR CHILDREN:** This Decree includes all minor children common to the parties as follows:

Name(s) Of Minor Child(ren)	Date(s) of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ii. **PATERNITY:** The husband is declared to be the father of the minor children named below, born before the marriage:

Children Born BEFORE the Marriage	Date(s) of Birth/Social Security No.
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

FOR ANY MINOR CHILD(REN) BORN IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA, THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO THE OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS, WHICH IS ORDERED TO AMEND THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE(S) AS FOLLOWS:

iii. The father's name shall be entered on the minor child's birth certificate.

NAME CHANGE: (Optional) The names of one or more of the minor children for whom paternity has been established above shall be changed as follows:

Current Legal Name

New Name

b. CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING: (Select one)

i. **SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:** Sole Legal Decision-Making of the minor child(ren) is awarded to: Petitioner, **OR** Respondent, subject to Parenting Time as follows:

Parenting Time to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making, according to the terms of the Parenting Plan attached as "**Exhibit B**" and made a part of this Decree. **OR,**

No Parenting Time rights to Petitioner **OR** Respondent. **OR**

Supervised Parenting Time to Petitioner **OR** Respondent according to the terms of the Parenting Plan attached as "**Exhibit B**". Parenting Time may only take place in the presence of another person, named below or otherwise approved by the court.

(See Option b.ii for Joint Legal Decision-Making)
Name of supervisor (if applicable):

Restrictions on parenting time (if applicable):

OR

ii. **JOINT LEGAL DECISION-MAKING:** Petitioner and Respondent agree to act as joint custodians of the minor child(ren), as set forth in the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement/Parenting Plan by the parties, signed by both parties and attached to this Decree as "**Exhibit B**." There have been no significant acts of Domestic Violence by either parent. The court adopts the terms of the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement/Parenting Plan describing the Legal Decision-Making and Parenting Time agreement between the parties. By attaching the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement/Parenting Plan to the Decree, the Agreement becomes part of the Decree and carries the same legal weight as the Decree.

c. **CHILD SUPPORT:** Petitioner **OR** Respondent shall pay child support to the other party in the amount of \$ _____ per month, beginning **THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH** following the date this Decree is signed by the judge until further order of the court. Child Support is based on the information in the Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount attached hereto and incorporated by reference. All child support payments shall be made by wage assignment (if

applicable) through the Support Payment Clearinghouse, and must include the statutory fee by the Order of Assignment signed this date. Payments will be in equal installments made on the 1st and 15th of each month.

d. MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION CARE FOR MINOR CHILDREN:

- Petitioner** is responsible for providing: Medical Dental Vision Care Insurance
 Respondent is responsible for providing: Medical Dental Vision Care Insurance

Medical, dental, and vision care insurance, payments and expenses are based on the information in the Parent's Worksheet for Child Support attached and incorporated by reference. The party ordered to pay must keep the other party informed of the insurance company name, address and telephone number, and must give the other party the documents necessary to submit insurance claims.

NON-COVERED EXPENSES:

- Petitioner** is ordered to pay _____%
 Respondent is ordered to pay _____%

Of all reasonable uncovered and/or uninsured medical, dental, vision care, prescription and other health care charges for the minor child(ren), including co-payments.

5. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT:

- a. **Neither party shall pay** spousal maintenance/support (alimony) to the other party, **OR**
b. **Petitioner OR**

Respondent

Is ordered to pay to the other party the sum of \$_____ per month in spousal maintenance/support **BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH** after this Decree is signed. Each payment shall be made by the first day of each month after that and shall continue until the receiving party is remarried or deceased or until (date) _____. All payments shall be made through the Clerk of this Court by automatic wage assignment, until all required payments have been made under this Decree. Payments made shall be included in receiving spouse's taxable income and is tax deductible from the paying spouse's income as required by law. Spousal maintenance/support payments end if the receiving party is remarried or deceased.

6. PROPERTY, DEBTS AND TAX RETURNS: (Select any that apply.)

- a. Petitioner is ordered to pay all debts unknown to Respondent.
 Respondent is ordered to pay all debts unknown to Petitioner.
 Each party is ordered to pay his or her debts from the following date, _____.
- b. Other orders and relief relating to property or debt, if any, are contained in "**Exhibit A**", which is attached and incorporated into this Decree.
- c. Each party is assigned his or her separate property and Petitioner must pay his/her separate debt, and Respondent must pay his/her separate debt.
- d. This Decree can be used as a transfer of title and can be recorded. Parties shall sign all documents necessary to complete all transfer of title ordered in this Decree, such as motor vehicles, houses, and financial institution accounts. The parties shall transfer all real and personal property as described in "**Exhibit A**" to the other party on or before _____ by 5:00 p.m.

If the party required to transfer the property has not transferred the property to the party entitled to receive the property on or before the date and time listed above, the party entitled to receive

the property is entitled upon application to a Writ of Assistance or Writ of Execution to be issued by the Clerk of the Court commanding the sheriff to put him or her in possession of the property.

- e. For previous calendar years, pursuant to IRS rules and regulations, the parties will file:
- Joint federal and state income tax returns and hold each other harmless from half of all income taxes and costs, if any, and each party will share equally in tax refunds, if any,
 - OR**
 - Separate federal and state income tax returns.
 - AND**
 - This calendar year and continuing thereafter, each party will file separate federal and state income tax returns.
 - AND**
 - Each party shall give the other party all necessary documentation to file all tax returns.

7. FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXCHANGES: The parties shall exchange financial information (tax returns, spousal affidavits, earning statements and/or other related financial statements) every twenty-four months.

8. TAX EXEMPTION: The parties shall claim as income tax dependency exemptions on federal and state tax returns as follows. A party required to pay child support is only entitled to claim minor child(ren) as an income tax dependency exemption if that parent has paid all of the child support due and owing for the year that party is entitled to the exemption:

Parent Entitled To Claim	Name of Child	Tax Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____

9. MINOR CHILDREN TO WHOM THIS DECREE DOES NOT APPLY: It is ordered that Petitioner, **OR** Respondent has no legal obligation or right to the minor child(ren) born during the marriage but not common to the marriage. These minor children include: (Use additional paper if necessary)

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
 Child expected to be born this date: _____

10. FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER: Pursuant to Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, Rule 81, this final judgment/decree is settled, approved and signed by the court and shall be entered by the clerk.

11. OTHER ORDERS: (List any other orders.)

SIGNATURES (E)

DONE IN OPEN COURT: _____

JUDGE OR COURT COMMISSIONER

If this Decree was issued as a “Default,” *and* the Petitioner served the papers to begin this case by any means other than by publication, a copy of this Decree shall be mailed or delivered to the Respondent within 24 hours of the court hearing as follows:

Respondent’s Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Email Address: _____
By Petitioner: _____
Date: _____

COMMUNITY PROPERTY: - continued	(Be specific)	AWARD TO	
		Petitioner	Respondent
Cash, bonds of \$ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Continues on attached page(s).			

3. DIVISION OF RETIREMENT, PENSION, DEFERRED COMPENSATION:

(WARNING. You should see a lawyer about your retirement, pension, deferred compensation, 401k plans and/or benefits. If you do not see a lawyer regarding these assets, you risk losing any interest you have in these plans and/or benefits. There are certain documents the plan administrator must have. Only a lawyer can help you prepare these documents.)

- Neither party has a retirement, pension, deferred compensation, 401K Plan and/or benefits.
- OR**
- Award each party his/her interest in any and all retirement benefits, pension plans, or other deferred compensation described as:

- OR**
- Each party **WAIVES AND GIVES UP** his/her interest in any and all retirement benefits, pension plans, or other deferred compensation of the other party:

4. DIVISION OF REAL PROPERTY: (Land and Buildings) Section A is for one piece of property. Section B is for another, separate property.

A. Real property located at (address)

The **legal description** of this property, **as quoted from the DEED to the property*** is:

*** If you do not provide a correct legal description, you may have to come back to court to amend the Decree to include the correct legal description.**

The real property ("A") described above is awarded as the sole and separate property of:

- Petitioner** or **Respondent** **OR**
- Shall be sold and the proceeds divided as follows:**

_____ %	or \$ _____	To Petitioner.
_____ %	or \$ _____	To Respondent.

B. Real property located at (address)

The **legal description** of this property, **as quoted from the DEED to the property* is:**

*** If you do not provide a correct legal description, you may have to come back to court to amend the Decree to include the correct legal description.**

The real property ("B") described above is awarded as the sole and separate property of:

- Petitioner** or **Respondent** OR
 Shall be sold and the proceeds divided as follows:

_____% or \$_____ **To Petitioner.**
_____% or \$_____ **To Respondent.**

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5. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEBT: (Debts incurred during the marriage) (You should see a lawyer about how to divide secured and unsecured debts.)

Community debts shall be divided as follows:

Creditor Name	Amount Owed	Amount to be paid by Petitioner	Amount to be paid by Respondent
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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Any debts or obligations incurred by either party before the date of separation, that are not identified in the list above or attached, shall be paid by the party who incurred the debt or obligation and that party shall indemnify and hold the other party harmless from such debts.

6. **SEPARATE PROPERTY:** (Property acquired before the marriage or by gift or bequest to one party.)

Property recognized as the separate property of the Petitioner or Respondent, is assigned below:

Description	Value	To Petitioner	To Respondent
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. **SEPARATE DEBT:** (Debt acquired before the marriage.)

Debt recognized as the separate debt of the Petitioner or Respondent, is assigned below:

Creditor Name	Debt Amount	Petitioner Pays	Respondent Pays
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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