

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Unit

Case No. _____

Plaintiff	Date Of Birth	Defendant	Date Of Birth
		V.	

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT AND COUNTERCLAIM

I do not have an attorney and will represent myself. If I decide to be represented by an attorney in the future, my attorney will notify the court of the change.

In representing myself, I understand that I MUST:

1. Notify the court in writing of any changes in my mailing address, phone number, or email address.
2. Give or send copies of any papers I file with the court to every other party in this case. If another party has an attorney, I will give or send copies to that party's attorney.
3. File a certificate of service with the court certifying that I have sent the papers I am filing (including this form) to all parties. I understand that I can find that form on the Vermont Judiciary website <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/> or at the courthouse.

Court Notices and Orders

I understand that the court will send all notices and orders to me at the mailing address provided below.

Documents from Other Parties in the Case

I understand that the other parties in the case are required to provide me with a copy of all documents they file with the court. If I consent, the other parties may send me documents by email instead of by mail.

I consent to receive documents from the other parties at the email provided below:

YES NO

My Mailing Address:

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (day): _____

Email Address: _____

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT
FOR DIVORCE, LEGAL SEPARATION, CIVIL UNION DISSOLUTION**

I am the Defendant in this case. This is my answer to the facts in the Plaintiff's Complaint: *(Please refer to the Plaintiff's Complaint and check whether you agree or disagree with the facts in each paragraph of the Complaint.)*

- 1. **Residence**
 - a. My Residence: Agree Disagree
 - b. Plaintiff's Residence: Agree Disagree
- 2. **Date and Place of Marriage or Civil Union:** Agree Disagree
- 3. **Grounds for Divorce, Legal Separation, Dissolution:** Agree Disagree
- 4. **Minor Children of the Parties** Agree Disagree
- 5. **Facts Related to UCCJEA Jurisdiction:** Agree Disagree
- 6. **Property, Assets and Debts:** I have listed all of the property, assets and debts that my spouse and I own either jointly or solely that are known to me, in the Financial Affidavit that I am filing with this Answer. *(form 400-00813B)*
- 7. **Public Assistance:** Don't Know Agree Disagree
- 8. **Earlier Actions for Divorce, Legal Separation, Dissolution, or Annulment:** Agree Disagree
- 9. **Relief from Abuse or protective order proceedings** Agree Disagree
- 10. **Military Status:** Agree Disagree

If you disagree with any of the facts in Plaintiff's Complaint, please write the paragraph number below and state the facts you believe to be true:

(Attach additional pages if needed)

COUNTERCLAIM

Based on the facts stated above, I ask that the Family Court grant me: *(check each box that applies)*

- Decree of Divorce
- Decree of Legal Separation
- Decree of Dissolution
- Parental Rights and Responsibilities
 - Legal Parental Rights and Responsibilities:
 - Shared Jointly
 - Given Solely to: Myself Plaintiff
 - Physical Parental Rights and Responsibilities:
 - Shared Jointly
 - Given Solely to: Myself Plaintiff
- Parent Child Contact for Myself Plaintiff
- Child Support, Medical Support and/or Maintenance Supplement.
- Division of Property (divide our marital property, assets and debts).
- Spousal Maintenance (Alimony).
- Court costs.
- Attorney fees.
- Name change: I would like to resume my former name of _____.

Date

Signature Defendant

Printed Name