

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. 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 400-00813A)
- 5. Public Assistance:**  Agree  Disagree  Don't know
- 6. Earlier Actions for Divorce, Legal Separation, Dissolution, or Annulment:**  Agree  Disagree
- 7. Relief from abuse or protective order proceedings:**  Agree  Disagree
- 8. 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:**

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*(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
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated

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Signature Defendant

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Printed Name