

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

Unit

FAMILY DIVISION

Case No. _____

Plaintiff Name	v.	Defendant Name
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Plaintiff Information:

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 Mailing Address (if different from Street Address): _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____
 Attorney Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Evening Phone: _____
 Attorney Phone: _____

Defendant Information:

Name: _____
 Street Address: _____
 Mailing Address (if different from Street Address): _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____
 Attorney Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Evening Phone: _____
 Attorney Phone: _____

SUMMONS

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO: _____
Name of Defendant

- 1. PLAINTIFF** _____ **IS SEEKING A**

Name of Plaintiff

☐ **DIVORCE**
☐ **CIVIL UNION DISSOLUTION**

The Plaintiff's Complaint begins on the next page. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights.

2. TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS. Your written response is called an Answer. You can get an official court form for an Answer to a Divorce Complaint at any Vermont Family Court or on the Judiciary web site at <http://www.vermontjudiciary.org>.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you should say so in your Answer.

4. IF YOU DO NOT FILE AN ANSWER OR FILE AN APPEARANCE, THE COURT IS NOT REQUIRED TO NOTIFY YOU OF HEARINGS. If you do not attend the court hearings, the Plaintiff may receive everything requested in the Complaint. You will not get a chance to tell your side of the story.

5. **YOU MUST GIVE OR SEND A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER TO THE PLAINTIFF.** If the Plaintiff has an attorney, you must give or send a copy of your answer to the plaintiff's attorney.
6. **YOU MUST GIVE OR SEND YOUR ORIGINAL ANSWER TO THE COURT at this address:**
7. **LEGAL ASSISTANCE:** You may wish to get help from a lawyer. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still give the Court a written Answer to protect your rights.

Dated

Signature of Court Clerk

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE/DISSOLUTION

FACTS

The Plaintiff states that the following facts are true:

1. Residence:

(A) I am now a resident of _____, _____.
County State

☐ Upon information and belief, the state where I reside will not recognize our Vermont marriage/civil union for purposes of divorce/dissolution.

(B) Defendant is now a resident of _____, _____.
County State

☐ Upon information and belief, the state where I reside will not recognize our Vermont marriage/civil union for purposes of divorce/dissolution.

2. ☐ Marriage:

We were married in Vermont in _____, _____.
City State

on _____ and are still married.
Month/Date/Year

☐ **Civil Union:**

Our civil union took place at _____, _____.
City State

on _____ and it has never been dissolved.

3. Grounds for Divorce/Dissolution: The reason I am asking for a

☐ Divorce ☐ Dissolution

Is that:

☐ **Six Month Separation:** We have or will have lived separate and apart for more than six (6) consecutive months and it is not reasonably probable that we can resume our relationship. The Defendant and I separated on: _____.

Month/Date/Year – this field is required

☐ **Other:** (Please explain) _____

4. Children of the Marriage/Civil Union: There are no minor children of the marriage/civil union.

5. Property, Assets and Debts: The Defendant and I have reached a complete agreement (stipulation) with respect to all matters related to our divorce including the division of our personal property, assets and debts, the allocation of any real estate we may own, and spousal maintenance (alimony). A signed written agreement (stipulation) is attached to this Complaint.

6. Public Assistance:

☐ I receive assistance from the Division of Economic Services.

☐ The Defendant receives public assistance from the Division of Economic Services.

7. Earlier actions for divorce, legal separation, dissolution, annulment:

- ☐ I have not filed for divorce, legal separation, dissolution or annulment in any court against the Defendant, as far as I know, the Defendant has not filed for divorce, legal separation, dissolution or annulment against me.
- ☐ I have filed OR the Defendant has filed for divorce, legal separation, dissolution or annulment before the date of the filing of this petition. *(If you check this box, you must complete the information below. Use an additional page if necessary.)*

Type of Action	Who Filed	Where Filed (Court, County, State)	Year Filed
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please attach a copy of any Court Order issued in a case listed above.

8. Relief from abuse or protective order proceedings:

- ☐ I have not filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against the Defendant AND, as far as I know, the Defendant has not filed such an action against me.
- ☐ I have filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against the Defendant OR the Defendant has filed a complaint for relief from abuse or a request for a protective order against me. *(If you check this box, you must complete the information below. Use an additional page if necessary.)*

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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

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9. Military Service:

- ☐ My spouse is in the military service.
- ☐ My spouse is not in the military service.
- ☐ I am in the military service.
- ☐ I am not in the military service.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

- ☐ 1. I ask that the Family Court grant me: *(check each box that applies)*
- ☐ Decree of Divorce ☐ Decree of Dissolution
- ☐ 2. Division of Property as provided in the attached stipulation.
- ☐ 3. Spousal Maintenance (Alimony) as provided in the attached stipulation.
- ☐ 4. Court costs.
- ☐ 5. Name change: I would like to resume my former name of: _____

I declare that the above statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if the above statement is false, I will be subject to the penalty of perjury, or other sanctions in the discretion of the court

Dated

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR SIGNED STIPULATION WITH THIS FILING.