

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Contested Divorce/Legal Separation/Civil Union Dissolution Without Minor Children

Filing fees:

Without an agreement (stipulation) - \$295.00 (+ service fees if the court serves).

Filing and service fees must be paid upon filing unless an Application to Waive Filing Fees and Service Costs (form 600-00228) is filed and granted.

Form #	Required Forms
_____ 800	Information Sheet
_____ 400-00836	Complaint for Divorce/Legal Separation/Civil Union Dissolution (without children)
_____ 400-00849	Statement of Confidential Information
_____ 400-00831	Notice of Appearance for Self-Represented Litigant
_____ VDH-VR-DIV or VDH-VR-DISS	Department of Health Record of Divorce or Annulment OR Department of Health Record of Civil Union Dissolution or Annulment Form (not required for Legal Separation filings)

Service:

The Plaintiff is responsible for making sure the other party receives a copy of the filed documents if there are no minor children. The court can assist in executing service but there is an extra service fee that is required to be paid at the time of filing.

There are a few ways to serve the other person in the case that is acceptable to the court: Acceptance of Service (form 400-00844) (no fee), First Class Mail with Notice of Action and Request for Waiver of Service of Summons (form 400-00820) (service fee is \$3.00), Certified Mail (service fee is \$13), Personal Service by sheriff, and Service by publication (fee varies-contact court staff for details).

Service must be completed within (90) days of filing and the Plaintiff must file proof of service and a Certificate of Service form (form 600-00264) with the clerk of the family division where the case is filed. If you have paid the appropriate fee to the court, service will be attempted based on the contact information you have provided, but you are responsible that service has occurred.

Information and forms are available at: www.vermontjudiciary.org/family