STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Stipulated Divorce/Legal Separation/Civil Union Dissolution With Minor Children

Filing fees:

With an agreement (stipulation) - \$90.00 (+ 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 (<u>form 600-00228</u>) is filed and granted.

Form #		Required Forms
	<u>800</u>	Information Sheet
	400-00836	Complaint for Divorce/Legal Separation/Civil Union Dissolution (with children)
	400-00849	Statement of Confidential Information
	400-00831	Notice of Appearance for Self-Represented Litigant
	<u>VDH-VR-DIV</u> or <u>VDH-VR-DISS</u>	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)
	400-00837 *	Notice of Appearance, Answer to the Complaint and Counterclaim (with children) (signed by the defendant) *
	400-00878 *	Final Stipulation Property, Debt and Spousal Support (signed by both parties) *
	400-00825 *	Final Stipulation Parental Rights and Responsibilities (signed by both parties) *
	400-00802 *	Child Support Order with VT Guidelines. Use the <u>Child Support Calculator</u> to show the child support obligation (signed by both parties) *
	400-00813A	Financial Affidavit (required from both parties)
	400-00813B	Financial Affidavit – Property and Assets (required from both parties)
	400-00844 *	Acceptance of Service – Family Division (signed by defendant) *

^{*} Indicates a document that must be either signed by both parties or by the Defendant and filed to be considered a proposed stipulation.

Stipulations must be approved by the court.

If the case becomes contested, an additional filing fee must be paid to the court before it issues a final order.

Service:

The Court is responsible for making sure the other party receives a copy of the filed documents if there are minor children. Since the court executes service 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: First Class Mail with Notice of Action and Request for Waiver of Service of Summons (<u>form 400-00820</u>) (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 will be attempted based on the contact information you have provided, and the appropriate service fee paid to the court.

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