

Union County Supplemental Forms
ANSWER/COUNTERCLAIM – DIVORCE WITHOUT CHILDREN

This packet is designed to help litigants respond to a divorce action filed in Union County, Ohio. We suggest you read these instruction pages completely before starting to complete the included forms.

You are receiving a packet of documents to respond, pro se, to a divorce action filed in Court by your spouse. Pro se means you will complete these documents on your own, file them, and represent yourself. Please note that this packet is intended to help you comply with the local rule requirements of the Common Pleas Court of Union County, Domestic Relations Division at the time this packet was created. The Local Rules may change and you may want to check the local rules, at <https://www.unioncountyoohio.gov/localrules> before you file. You will need another packet with Ohio Supreme Court Forms, in addition to this packet of forms, to respond to the divorce action. Please make sure you have both packets of forms before you file.

When you have completed the forms in this packet and the Ohio Supreme Court forms you are ready to file at the Clerk of Courts. You will file at The Clerk of Court, located in the Common Pleas Court of Union County, 215 W. Fifth St., Marysville, Ohio. We suggest you bring copies when you file. Copies should be made after you have the documents fully completed and notarized. You should bring three (3) copies of every filing. If you do not have copies made, the Clerk will make copies at a charge to you. We do not know what this charge will be. We suggest you keep a copy of everything you file, and everything your spouse files, with your important papers.

CAUTION: Divorce and custody affect important rights and involve difficult legal concepts. If you can afford an attorney, it would be reckless to proceed without one. Even licensed attorneys often refer the division of certain assets, such as retirement accounts and real estate, to specialists.

Remember, your spouse's attorney does not represent you and you should not rely upon them for advice or explanations.

By providing these forms, the Legal Aid Society of Columbus and the attorneys who are on its staff have **NOT** agreed to represent you and **WILL NOT** be available to answer your questions regarding these forms.

Forms & Information Needed to File For Divorce in Union County	
Form Name	Purpose
Classification Form	This form is required only if you file a Counterclaim. Provide the requested information to the best of your ability. Write the words “pro se” by Ohio Supreme Court Registration Number and Trial Attorney. In most cases you will place an “X” by “TERMINATION OF MARRIAGE N/ CHILDREN . . B”
Duty to Keep Court Advised of Address Form	This form is recommended if you file a Counterclaim, but it is not required. Complete the blank sections and attach a copy to your Counterclaim (Uniform Domestic Relations Form 9), found in the Ohio Supreme Court Packet. Read this Notice carefully. It outlines your and your spouse’s duty to keep the Court informed of your address during the case.
Restraining Order	This Order is required only if you file a Counterclaim. Attach a copy of this Order to your Counterclaim (Uniform Domestic Relations Form 9), found in the Ohio Supreme Court Packet. Please read this Order carefully because local rule 18.021 states that this standard mutual restraining order will be enforceable against the Plaintiff upon filing. This Restraining Order will remain in effect until the case is over or otherwise modified by the Court.

CLASSIFICATION FORM

CASE NO. _____

CASE NAME: _____

Please Indicate Classification Into Which This Case Falls:

CIVIL

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

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| () PROFESSIONAL TORT...A | () TERMINATION OF MARRIAGE W/CHILDREN..A |
| () PRODUCT LIABILITY...B | () TERMINATION OF MARRIAGE N/CHILDREN..B |
| () OTHER TORTS.....C | () DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE W/CHILDREN..C |
| () WORKERS COMP.....D | () DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE N/CHILDREN..D |
| () FORECLOSURE.....E | () CHANGE OF CUSTODY.....E |
| () ADMIN. APPEAL.....F | () VISITATION ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION..F |
| () COMPLEX LITIGATION..G | () SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION....G |
| () OTHER CIVIL.....H | () DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....H |
| | () U.R.E.S.A.....I |
| | () ALL OTHERS.....K |

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW

Date: _____

Trial Attorney: _____

Ohio Supreme Court

Registration No.: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____

DUTY TO KEEP COURT ADVISED OF ADDRESS

During the pendency of any case or Motion, all Notices directed to a Party to the case will be sent to the address the Party has listed upon the Complaint, Petition or Motion. All Parties to a case not represented by an attorney, must, during the pendency of the case advise the Court, in writing, of his or her address if the address is different than that listed upon the Complaint, Petition or Motion or if the address otherwise changes during the pendency of the case. Failure to do so may result in Hearings being had and relief granted in default of a Party's appearance.

The Form contained herein may be used to comply with this Rule and should be sent or delivered to the Union County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relation Division, 215 West Fifth St., Marysville, Ohio 43040. .

TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF UNION COUNTY, DOMESTIC RELATION DIVISION:

REGARDING CASE NAME: _____

CASE NUMBER: _____

Now comes _____, the

Plaintiff/Petitioner/Defendant/Respondent (please circle)

herein, and advises the Court that my addresses are as follows:

Residence address:

Mailing address, if different

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, UNION COUNTY, OHIO
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

RESTRAINING ORDER

Pursuant to Local Rule 18.21, IT IS ORDERED that effective on the date a Complaint is filed, each spouse is enjoined from committing any of the following acts:

1. Removing, or causing to be removed, the child(ren) born or adopted by the parties and/or the child(ren) of either or both spouses, if any, from the Court's jurisdiction;
2. Causing physical abuse, annoying, afflicting bodily injury, attempting to cause or recklessly cause bodily injury, threatening the use of force or imminent physical harm, stalking, harassing, interfering with or imposing any restraint of the personal liberty of the other spouse, committing any act with respect to a child in violation of the Revised Code or Ohio;
3. Incurring debt in the name of the other spouse except for necessary food, housing, utilities, medical care, and necessary transportation;
4. Selling, removing, transferring, encumbering, pledging, hypothecating, damaging, hiding, concealing, assigning or disposing of any and all property, real and personal, owned by both or either spouse or a child (including household goods, vehicles, financial accounts, and the personal property of each) without the prior written consent of the spouse or the Court. Excluded is any account now used for the payment of living expenses;
5. Voluntarily changing the term of, or beneficiary of, terminating coverage of, cashing in, borrowing against, encumbering, transferring, canceling or failing to renew any type of insurance, including health, automobile, life, home, liability, disability, or fire insurance that provides coverage for a spouse or child(ren) born or adopted by the parties;
6. Voluntarily liquidating, cashing in, changing the beneficiary of, terms, or conditions of any type of retirement or pension plan or program that provides any benefit to a spouse or child(ren) born or adopted by the parties and/or of either or both spouses;
7. Voluntarily interrupting or terminating any utility service to the marital residence without prior written consent of the other spouse or the Court.

Nothing in the above restraining order precludes either spouse from using his/her property to pay necessary and reasonable attorney fees, litigation and court costs in this action.

WARNING

This is an official Court Order. If you disobey any order of the Court, you may be found in contempt of Court, sentenced to jail, fined, and ordered to pay costs and attorney fees in addition to any other legal remedy available to the spouse, child(ren), or other dependent affected. This order is in effect until: (1) the Court issues an Order which modifies or terminates it; or (2) a judgment for divorce or legal separation is filed with the Clerk of Courts.