

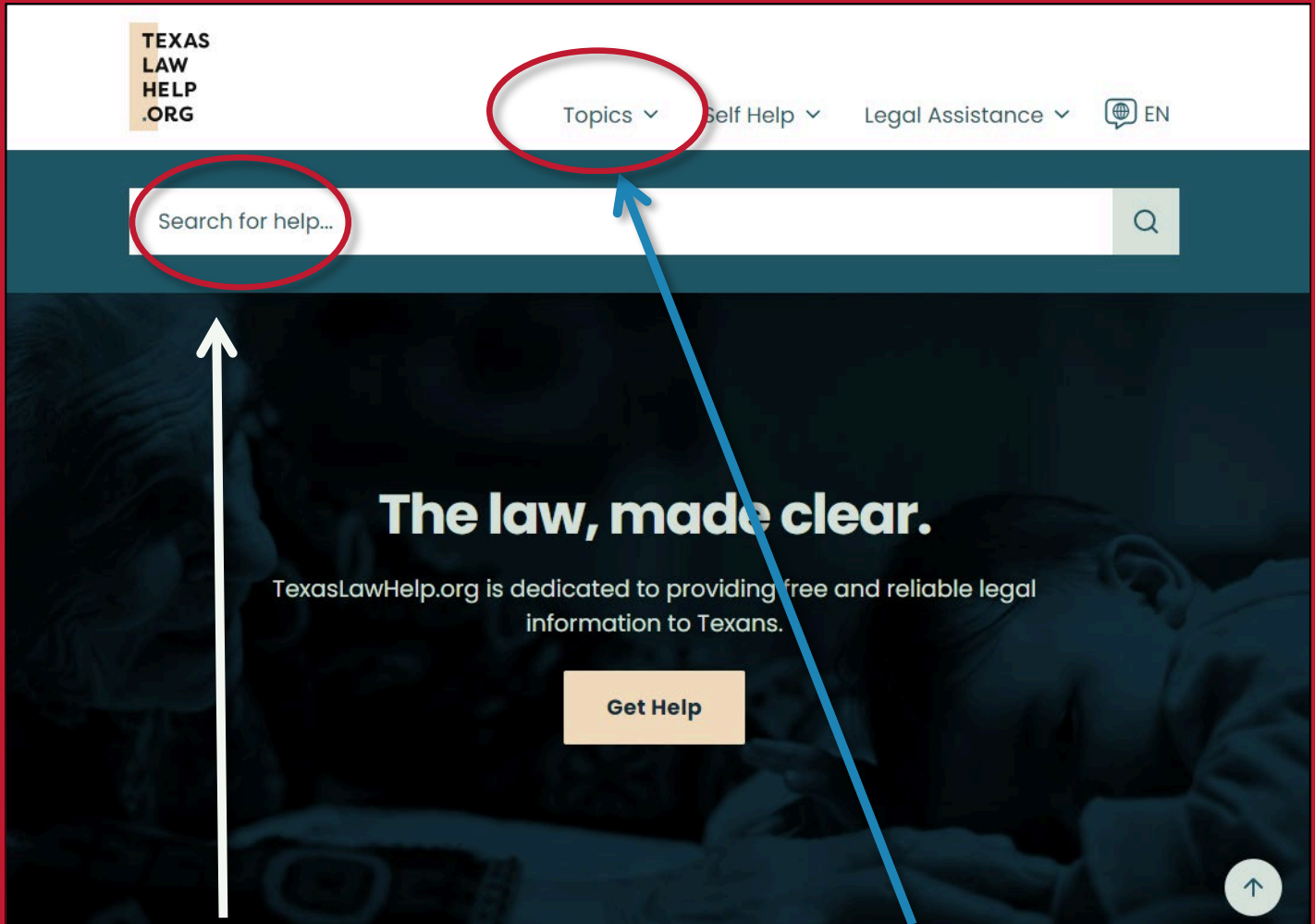
USER GUIDE
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**NAVIGATING THE TEXAS LAW HELP
WEBSITE TO LOCATE FORMS AND OTHER
HELPFUL INFORMATION**

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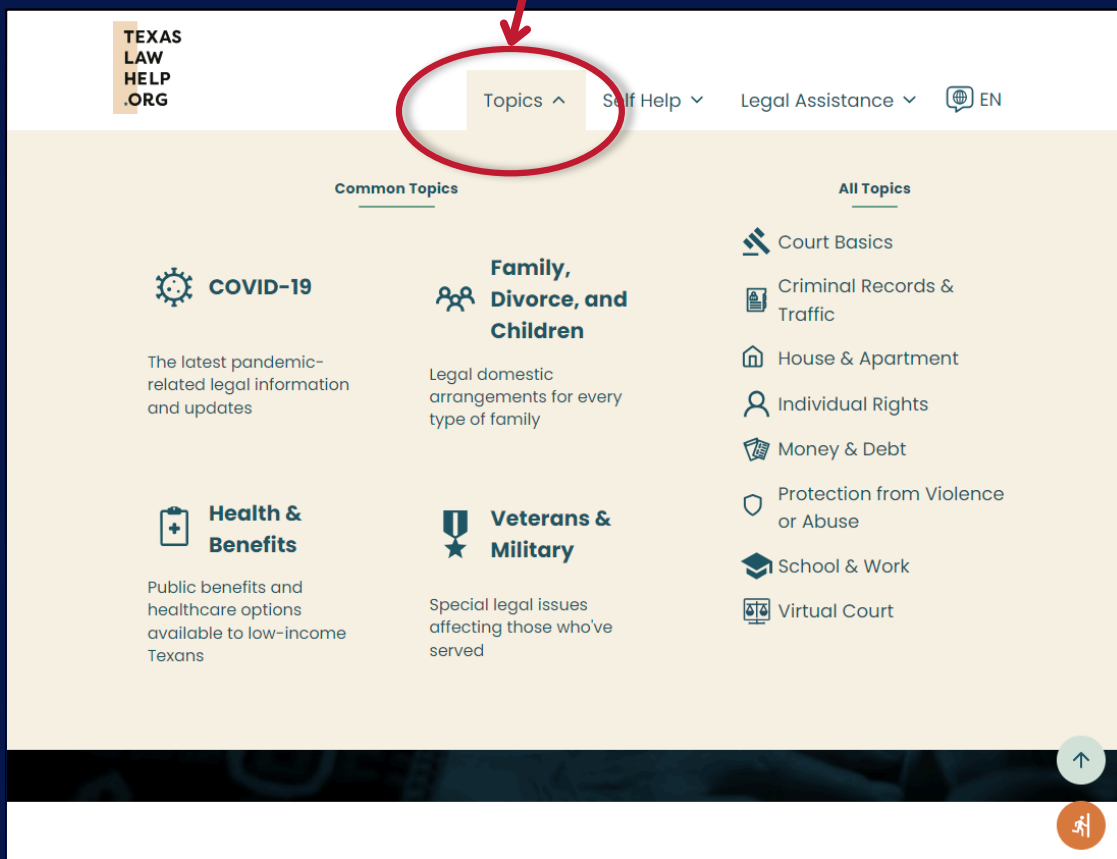
To find specific information or forms, use the "**Search**" bar and type in the name of the information or form you need.

Press the "**Topics**" link/icon to search by legal subject area.

Follow these simple steps to Access Subject Area Guides:

- Click on the **“Topics”** button.
- Several subject area guides will appear on the screen.
- Select the area that best suits the information or form you need.
- If you can't locate the topic you need, try searching for it using the search bar.

Please note that not every type of information or form is available on this site, you may need to consult a lawyer or other resources.



The screenshot shows the Texas Law Help .ORG website interface. At the top left is the logo 'TEXAS LAW HELP .ORG'. To the right of the logo are navigation links: 'Topics ^', 'Self Help v', 'Legal Assistance v', and a language selector 'EN'. The 'Topics ^' link is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it from above. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into two columns: 'Common Topics' and 'All Topics'. Under 'Common Topics', there are four categories: 'COVID-19' (with a gear icon), 'Family, Divorce, and Children' (with a family icon), 'Health & Benefits' (with a plus icon), and 'Veterans & Military' (with a star icon). Each category has a brief description. Under 'All Topics', there is a list of eight categories: 'Court Basics', 'Criminal Records & Traffic', 'House & Apartment', 'Individual Rights', 'Money & Debt', 'Protection from Violence or Abuse', 'School & Work', and 'Virtual Court'. At the bottom right of the page, there is an upward arrow icon and a search icon.



Family, Divorce & Children

Whatever your family looks like, this section can help you. Parents, spouses, and caregivers of children can find resources and instructions to help their families move forward. Changing or establishing domestic relationships may involve legal filings and procedures. The self-help guides and articles below will help you make informed decisions about your family's domestic arrangements.

After you select a topic, subtopics will appear. Once you are in the subtopic, choose the area that best applies to your situation.

All Family, Divorce & Children Topics

Adoption

Annulment & Void Marriages

Child Custody & Visitation

Child Protective Services (CPS)

Child Support & Medical Support


Court How-Tos (Civil Procedure)

Divorce

Grandparents & Other Nonparent Caregivers

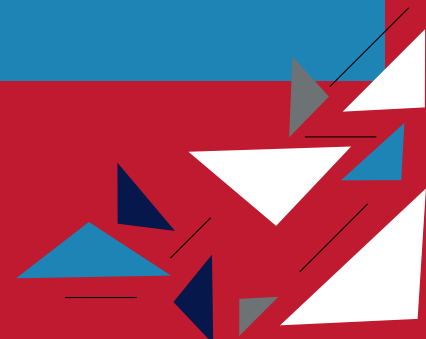
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Other Family Issues



In the example above, the topic of Family, Divorce & Children was selected.

If you are looking for divorce forms, click **“Family, Divorce, & Children,”** and then **“Divorce.”** You can do the same for other topics.



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Instructions and Forms for a Default Divorce without Children

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Refer to the overview and instructions for definitions that may assist in determining an agreed or default case, or to aid in defining other terms.

Many of the guides have forms and instructions. Note that there may be different sets for different situations. The **“Overview”** tab will give you general information. The **“Instructions & Forms”** tab will give you form templates and explain the steps for filing the documents.

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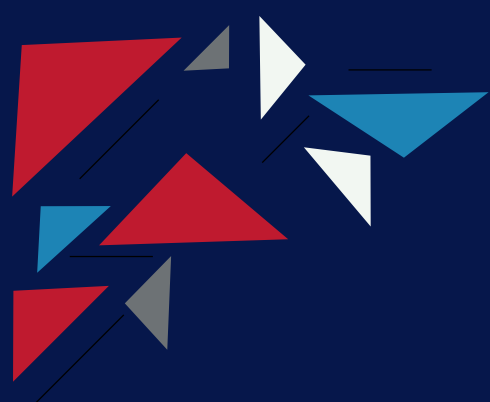
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To determine the necessary steps and forms for your specific case, please refer to the provided overview and instructions.

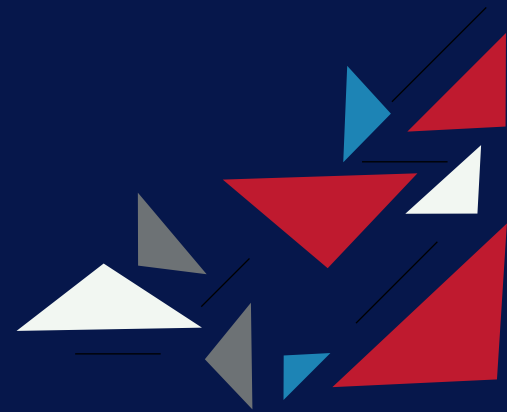
Upon accessing the "Instructions & Forms" tab, you may be presented with various options for steps and forms. In such cases, you will need to expand the menu to reveal a comprehensive list of instructions and forms.



Checklist Steps	
Step 1: Determine where to file your divorce.	Expand ↓
Step 2: Fill out the starting forms.	Expand ↓
Step 3: File (turn in) your starting forms.	Expand ↓
Step 4: Notify the Office of the Attorney General (if applicable).	Expand ↓



When your instructions involve multiple steps, it's crucial to expand each one to gain a better understanding. Make sure to read the instructions thoroughly because some steps may direct you to additional links or forms.



Step 2: Fill out the starting forms.

Fill out this **starting form**:

- **Original Petition for Divorce (Set B)** (called the Petition for short)

Forms appear as bolded text that either open a PDF file you can print or lead to another site.

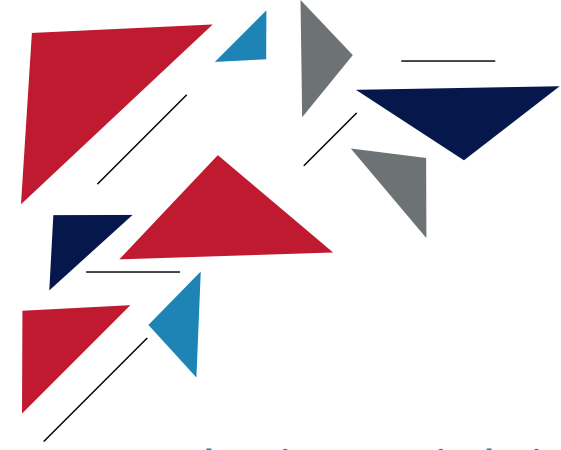
In the example above, the Original Petition for Divorce is bolded and, when clicked, opens a PDF file.

Forms Required

<p>FM-DIVB-100</p> <p>Original Petition for Divorce [Divorce Set B]</p> <p>Use to file for divorce if you have minor children, and there are no prior custody orders for the children.</p> <p>Download Form</p>	<p>PR-GEN-116</p> <p>Civil Case Information Sheet</p> <p>Information sheet that must be attached to civil, family, probate, and mental health petitions.</p> <p>Download Form</p>	<p>CB-CFFW-100</p> <p>Fee Waiver (Bilingual) - Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs or an Appeal Bond</p> <p>Use to ask a court to waive court costs, appeal bonds, or cash deposits; based on your inability to pay.</p> <p>Download Form</p>
<p>VS-165</p> <p>Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship (Excluding Adoptions)</p> <p>Information sheet for reporting divorce, annulment, and SAPCR cases to Texas Vital Statistics Unit.</p> <p>Download Form</p>	<p>FP-OSP-302</p> <p>Exhibit: Out-of-State Party Declaration</p> <p>Do not file this form on its own. It is an exhibit. Use this form if anyone that is named as a party in your Texas custody case lives out of state...</p> <p>Download Form</p>	<p>FM-DIV-DISC-101</p> <p>Required Initial Disclosures in Divorces, Annulments, and Suits to Declare Marriage Void (for suits filed before September 1, 2023)</p> <p>Use this form to provide required information to the opposing party in a divorce, annulment, or suit to void marriage.</p> <p>Download Form</p>

All of the forms discussed in the multiple steps appear at the bottom of screen - scroll down to see all the forms.

Forms appear in squares like the example above. A reminder to read all the directions because you may or may not need all the listed forms.

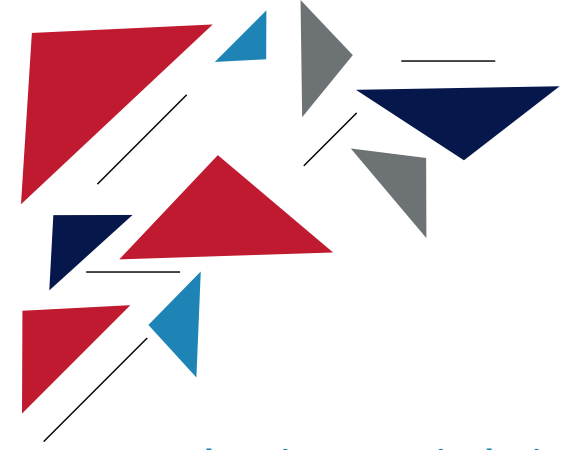


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- **Divorce (Petition, Answer/Waiver, Final Decree & other forms)**
 - Set A: Opposite-Sex Spouses, no children together
 - Set B: Opposite-Sex Spouses, children together
 - Set C: Opposite-Sex Spouses, children together with final custody and support court order
 - Set D: Same-sex spouses, no children together
 - Texas Supreme Court Divorce Form Set 1 (no children, no real property)
- **Annulment**
- **Children**
 - Income Withholding for Support
 - SAPCR (Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship): How to ask the court for custody, visitation, child support, and medical support orders when you're not getting divorced and the paternity of the children has been established.
 - Changing a Court Order/Modification: Changing a court order for custody, visitation, child support, or medical support.
 - Paternity
 - Mistaken Paternity
 - Termination of Withholding for Child Support
 - Visitation Enforcement Kit
 - Habeas Corpus - I want a court to order my child returned.
 - Temporary Orders in a Child Custody Emergency
 - CPS - Intervene when CPS has Temporary Managing Conservatorship



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- Adult Adoption
- Civil Answer Forms (Civil non-family)
- Continuance
- Expunction
- Eviction
- Generic Civil Motion
- Name Change - Adult
- Name Change - Child
- Nunc Pro Tunc - Correct a clerical mistake
- Notice of Current Address and Notice of Employer's Address
- Occupational Driver's License
- Transfer a Case to Another Court - Venue Transfer
- Transfer on Death Deed - Pass on a House or Land without Probate
- Voluntary Dismissal (Nonsuit) Information Sheet & Forms