

CHECKLIST FOR THE SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE PROCEEDING...

You have now purchased this packet or received this checklist to proceed as a self-represented (“pro se”) litigant. **You must follow the procedure of each required form. Please read each form carefully.**

After you have completed and filed the original forms with the Clerk of Court (Family Law Division), please contact the Self-Help Program at **(863) 534-5843** for a review of your file. A court specialist will inform you, at the time of your call, if your case is ready to be scheduled for hearing. If certain documents are missing or do not meet criteria, the court specialist will advise you of which forms are still required. **COURT DATES ARE ISSUED BY MAIL AND WILL NOT BE GIVEN OVER THE PHONE.**

NOTE: The Self-Help Program is only allowed to answer general questions and will not be able to tell you “how to fill out your forms.” (Please see *Notice of Limitation of Services Provided*). If you have legal questions or concerns about how to proceed, you are encouraged to seek advice from an attorney.

***Address Changes:** If your address changes at any time during this proceeding, please complete a **Notice of Current Address** form and file with the Clerk of Court (Family Law Division). The Court will not rely on forwarding address information with the postal service.

FORM 12.901(a) PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (02/18): *Please read carefully. Both parties are required to attend the hearing.*

- ✓ Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases
- ✓ Notice of Limitation of Services Provided
- ✓ Notice of Related Cases
 - ✓ Bureau of Vital Statistics Form
 - ✓ Proposed Final Judgment (original and 3 copies)
- ✓ Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage
- ✓ Affidavit of Corroborating Witness (or copy of valid Florida ID)
- ✓ Notice of Social Security Number (filed by both parties)
- ✓ Marital Settlement Agreement (agreement as to division of assets and liabilities)
- ✓ Family Law Financial Affidavits (filed by both parties and/or consent to waive)

- ✓ **New Standing Order (per Admin Order 5-51.0 must be filed and served with petition.**

**If you do not meet the criteria as required for this type of petition,
You must file a regular petition for dissolution of marriage.**

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