

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 filed your action with the Clerk of Court and completed the forms listed below, you may contact the Self-Help Program at **(863) 534-4015** 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.

***Form 12.915 - DESIGNATION OF CURRENT ADDRESS AND E-MAIL ADDRESS:** This form should be filed to keep the Court updated on your current and future addresses. The Court will not rely on forwarding address information from the U.S. Postal Service.

FORM 12.901(a) PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (2/18):

Please read carefully. BOTH PARTIES are required to attend the final hearing.

- ✓ Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases
 - ✓ Notice of Limitation of Services Provided (required if self-represented)
 - ✓ Notice of Related Cases (required in each Family Law case)
 - ✓ Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (signed by BOTH parties)
 - ✓ Affidavit of Corroborating Witness/Proof of Residency (required by this circuit)
 - ✓ Notice of Social Security Number (filed by BOTH parties)
 - ✓ Marital Settlement Agreement for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage (if any, signed by BOTH parties)
- *Financial affidavits ARE NOT REQUIRED with this type action only. In addition, an MSA does not act to transfer titles to property. Such transfers must be done by separate deed or supplemental final judgment.**
- ✓ ***New Standing Order (per Admin Order 5-51.0 – must be filed with this petition)***

***If you do not meet criteria regarding this type of filing, you must file a (standard) Petition for Dissolution of Marriage should be filed.**

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