

How to Obtain a Simplified Dissolution of Marriage

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(Keep It Simple, Silly!)

First, ask yourself these questions:

Are any of our children still minors or otherwise dependent?

Am I or my spouse pregnant right now?

Do I want spousal support?

Is there property for the court to divide?

If the answer to ANY of those questions is YES, you CANNOT file for a simplified dissolution.

Next, ask yourself this:

Will my spouse sign the petition too?

Will my spouse attend the final hearing with me?

If the answers to BOTH of those questions are YES you CAN file for a simplified dissolution. Here's how to do it...

File these documents:

A petition for simplified dissolution of marriage. *Both parties must sign!*

Florida Supreme Court Form 12.901(a) is available for your use at www.flcourts.org. Go to the Self-Help tab in the middle of the page and click on Family Law Forms. Scroll down to the Petitions.

A Vital Statistics Information Sheet

A Civil Cover Sheet

A Notice of Related Cases – even if there aren't any related cases.

A Notice of Social Security Number – one for each of you.

A copy of your Florida Driver's license

OR

Affidavit of Corroborating Witness.

(Only one of you must prove residency.)

Once you have filed everything the Clerk will hand you a Notice of Hearing which both of you will sign to acknowledge that **YOU BOTH MUST ATTEND THE FINAL HEARING.**