

<b>STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT</b>  _____ COUNTY	<b>PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE / CIVIL UNION</b> (DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN)	For Court Use Only
Instructions ▼	_____ <b>Petitioner</b> ( <i>First, middle, last name</i> )  v.  _____ <b>Respondent</b> ( <i>First, middle, last name</i> )	_____ <b>Case Number</b>
Directly above, enter the county where you will file this case.		
Enter your name as Petitioner.		
Enter the name of your spouse as Respondent.		
The Circuit Clerk will add a Case Number.		

**1. I am Petitioner in this case.**

**2. I am providing the following information about where I live and where Respondent (*my spouse*) lives:**

- a. I live in Illinois  
 Yes, since: \_\_\_\_\_  No  
*Date*
- b. Respondent lives in Illinois  
 Yes, since: \_\_\_\_\_  No  Do not know  
*Date*

**3. I am providing the following information about myself:**

- a. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. I am employed (*check all that apply*):  
 Yes  No  I receive Social Security benefits  
 I am employed as: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Job Title*  
 I am employed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Employer Name*
- c. I would like to go back to a maiden or a former married name:  
 Yes  No  
 Former name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First* *Middle* *Last*

**4. I am providing the following information about Respondent (*my spouse*):**

- a. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. I know Respondent's current address:  Yes  No  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, Apt #* *City* *State* *ZIP*
- c. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In <b>2a</b> , if you check "Yes," enter the date you started living in Illinois.
In <b>2b</b> , if you check "Yes," enter the date Respondent started living in Illinois.
In <b>3a</b> , enter your age.
In <b>3b</b> , check all boxes that apply to you. If you are employed, enter your job title and the name of your employer.
In <b>3c</b> , if you want to go back to a former name, check "Yes" and enter that name.

In <b>4a</b> , enter Respondent's age.
In <b>4b</b> , check the box that applies. Enter Respondent's current complete address if known.
In <b>4c</b> , enter Respondent's current phone number.

In **4d**, check all boxes that apply to Respondent.  
If Respondent is employed, enter their job title and the name of their employer.

In **4e**, check the box that applies.  
If Respondent is on active duty with the military, you cannot use this form unless Respondent files an appearance.

- d. Respondent is employed:  
 Yes     No     Do not know  
 Respondent receives Social Security benefits  
 Respondent is employed as: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Job Title*  
 Respondent is employed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Employer Name*
- e. Respondent is currently on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America:  
 Yes     No     Do not know

In **5**, check whether it is a marriage or civil union.  
 In **5a**, enter the date you were married/ united.  
 In **5b**, enter the county, state, and country where the marriage/ civil union happened.  
 In **5c**, check "Yes" if this is the first time you or Respondent have filed for divorce from each other.  
 In **5d**, enter the date you separated.  
 In **6a**, first check "Yes" if you are pregnant. Then say if the child is Respondent's.  
 In **6b**, first check "Yes" if Respondent is pregnant. Then say if the child is yours.

- 5. I am providing the following information about the**     **Marriage**     **Civil Union:**
- a. We were married/united on: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*
- b. We were married/united in: \_\_\_\_\_  
*County*                      *State*                      *Country*
- c. This is the first time that either Respondent or I have filed for dissolution of marriage or civil union in Illinois or any other state:  
 Yes     No
- d. We have been separated since: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*
- e. Irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage or civil union.

- 6. I am providing the following information about children:**
- a. I am pregnant.  
 Yes     No  
 Respondent is the parent of the unborn child:  
 Yes     No     Do not know
- b. Respondent is pregnant.  
 Yes     No     Do not know  
 I am the parent of the unborn child:  
 Yes     No     Do not know
- c. The minor children (*under the age of 18*) born to or adopted together by me and Respondent before or during our marriage/civil union are:  
 *None (if you check this box, do not complete Sections 6 (d-g) or Section 7)*

	Name	Date of Birth
1.		
2.		
3.		

I have listed additional minor children on the attached *Additional Minor Children* form.

In **6c**, check "None" if you have no children with Respondent, who are under the age of 18. Otherwise, list the name and date of birth of each child in the box.

In **6d**, check the box that applies to the children listed in **6c**.  
If one or more of the children live with someone else, enter the first and last name of the non-parent, and the names of the children who live with the non-parent.

- d. The minor children currently live:
- Primarily with me.
  - Primarily with Respondent.
  - With both of us.
  - Not with either parent, but with someone else:

	Name of Non-Parent	Names of Children Living with the Non-Parent
1.		
2.		
3.		

Other places the minor children have lived in the last 5 years:

	City	State
1.		
2.		
3.		

In the past 5 years the children have lived with someone else and not with either parent:

- Yes     No

	Name of Non-Parent	City	State
1.			
2.			
3.			

In **6e**, check "Yes" if the children listed in 6c have lived in Illinois for at least 6 months.

- e. The minor children listed in Section 6c have lived in Illinois for the last 6 months:  
 Yes     No

In **6f**, check "None" if you have no children with Respondent who are 18 or older. Otherwise, list the name and age of each child 18 or older.

- f. The adult children (*age 18 or older*) born to or adopted together by me and the Respondent before or during our marriage/civil union are:  
 None

	Name	Age	Disabled		In School	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I have listed additional adult children on the attached *Additional Adult Children* form.

In **6g**, check "None" if the only children you had during the marriage/civil union are listed in **6c** and **6f**.  
If you or Respondent separately had or adopted other children during the marriage/civil union, list their names and birthdates here.  
Check the box to say whether the child belongs to you or Respondent.

- g. The **other** children born to or adopted by either me or Respondent, but not both of us, during this marriage/civil union are:  
 None

	Name	Date of Birth	Born to or Adopted by	
1.			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
2.			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent
3.			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner	<input type="checkbox"/> Respondent

I have listed additional children on the attached *Additional Other Children* form.

In **7a**, check the box that applies to the children listed in **6c**. Check "Yes" only if there is a court order giving someone else rights to the children or if there is a current court case in which someone else is asking for rights to the children.

In **7b**, check the box that applies to the children listed in **6c**. If there is or was another court case, enter the county and state where it is or was and whether the case is still going on. If the case is still going on, enter the next court date.

In **7c**, check the first box if you are attaching the *Parenting Plan* form. Check the second box if you will file it within 120 days of the date you file this *Petition*.

In **8a**, check "Yes" if you or Respondent have unpaid debts from after the date of the marriage/civil union. Check "No" only if you are sure there are no unpaid debts.

In **8b**, check "Yes" only if you and Respondent have agreed on who will pay which debts.

In **9a**, check "Yes" if either of you got any personal property after the date of the marriage/civil union. Check "No" only if you are sure there is no personal property.

In **9b**, check "Yes" only if you and Respondent have already divided all the personal property.

**7. I am providing the following information about the care of the children:**

- a. There is another person, that is not Respondent or me, who claims to have an allocation of parental responsibility or parenting time (*custody/visitation rights*):

Yes  No

Information about the person claiming allocation of parental responsibility or parenting time:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street, Apt # City State ZIP*

- b. I know of other court cases about the allocation of parental responsibility or parenting time:

Yes  No

Information about the other court cases:

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Petitioner v. Respondent*

Case Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
*County State*

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This case is still ongoing:  Yes  No

The next court date is: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

- c. Allocation of parental responsibility:

I have attached my *Parenting Plan* form to this *Petition*

I will file my *Parenting Plan* form within 120 days of the date I file this *Petition*

**8. I am providing the following information about all of the debts that Respondent and I have after the date we got married/united (*both individually and as a couple*):**

- a. Respondent and I have debts from the time of the marriage/civil union that are still owed (*either together or individually*):

Yes  No

- b. Respondent and I have already divided the debts from the time of the marriage/civil union that are still owed:

Yes  No

**9. I am providing the following information about all of the personal property including bank accounts that Respondent and I own (*both individually and as a couple*):**

- a. Respondent and I own personal property and/or bank accounts obtained during the marriage/civil union.

Yes  No

- b. Respondent and I have already divided the personal property and/or bank accounts obtained during the marriage/civil union.

Yes  No

In <b>10a</b> , check "Yes" if together you and Respondent own a home, have a mortgage, or have a contract for deed.
In <b>10b</b> , check "Yes" if you own a home, have a mortgage, or have a contract for deed.
In <b>10c</b> , check "Yes" if Respondent owns a home, has a mortgage, or has a contract for deed.
In <b>11a</b> , check the box that applies to you.
In <b>11b</b> , check the box that applies to Respondent.
In <b>12</b> , check "Yes" if you have any claims that you are owed for money damages or injuries, whether you have filed the case or not.
In <b>13a</b> , check "Yes" if you can support yourself. Check "No" if you need support from Respondent.
In <b>13b</b> , check "Yes" if Respondent can support himself/herself.

**10 I am providing the following information about real estate:**

- a. Respondent and I own or are buying real estate together:
  - Yes     No
- b. I own or am buying real estate separately:
  - Yes     No
- c. Respondent owns or is buying real estate separately:
  - Yes     No     Do not know

**11 I am providing the following information about pension/retirement accounts:**

- a. I have pension or retirement accounts (*including IRAs*):
  - Yes     No
- b. Respondent has pension or retirement accounts (*including IRAs*):
  - Yes     No     Do not know

**12. I have a claim for money for injuries or damages that I have suffered (*worker's compensation, personal injury, accident, etc.*):**

- Yes     No

**13. I am providing the following information about maintenance (*also known as alimony*):**

- a. I am able to support myself without maintenance:
  - Yes     No
- b. Respondent is able to support himself/herself without maintenance:
  - Yes     No     Do not know

**I ASK THE COURT TO ORDER:**

- A.** A Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union (*Divorce With Children*) for me and my spouse.
- B.** That the *Parenting Plan* for the minor children that I file be approved.
- C.** Child support for the care or education of the minor children:
  - Yes     No
- D.** Support for the care or education of the adult children:
  - Yes     No
- E.** That I get to keep all of my non-marital/non-civil union property.
- F.** That Respondent gets to keep all of their non-marital/non-civil union property.
- G.** A fair division of the marital/civil union property.
- H.** A fair division of the debts obtained during the marriage/civil union.

In <b>C</b> , check "Yes" if you want child support to be ordered.
In <b>D</b> , check "Yes" if you want support for an adult disabled child or for college expenses for an adult child.

In **I**, check "Me" if you want to get maintenance from Respondent. Check "Respondent" if you want to pay maintenance to Respondent. Check "Neither" if you do not want to get or pay maintenance.

**I.** That maintenance be awarded to:  
 Me     Respondent     Neither

**J.** That after the divorce I be allowed to return to using my former name:  
 Yes     No     Not applicable

In **J**, check "Yes" if you want to go back to using a former name.

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#), making a statement on this form that you know to be false is perjury, a Class 3 Felony.

**I certify that everything in the *Petition For Dissolution Of Marriage / Civil Union (Divorce with Children)* is true and correct. I understand that making a false statement on this form is perjury and has penalties provided by law under [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*/s/*  
*Your Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Your Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City, State, ZIP*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Telephone*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email*

If you are completing this form on a computer, sign your name by typing it. If you are completing it by hand, sign and print your name.

Enter your complete address, telephone number, and email address if you have one. If you need to keep your addresses secret from your spouse because of domestic violence, you may use another address. Those addresses must be ones at which you can receive mail about the case.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Attorney # (if any)*

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