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This form should be used when you are responding to a <u>petition</u> for <u>dissolution of marriage</u> and you wish to admit or deny all of the allegations in the petition.

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	proper identification to show residency for 6 months or more prior to filing). By request only	

Fees:

No filing fee is required.

Mediation fees per person:

if the combined income of the parties is \$50,000.00 or less \$ 60.00* if the combined income is \$50,000.00 or more \$ 120.00* If the combined income of the parties is greater than \$100,000.00, private mediation is required.

* Fees may be paid by cash, credit card, your personal check or money order payable to Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller, Palm Beach County.

If you do not have the money to pay the filing fee, you may obtain an Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status from the clerk, fill it out, and the clerk will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees deferred.

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORMS FOR FILING

<u>DO NOT SIGN</u> ANY DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRE A NOTARY OR DEPUTY CLERK UNTIL YOU ARE IN FRONT OF THE NOTARY OR DEPUTY CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING

- The forms should be typed or printed in black ink.
- Some of the forms must be signed before a notary or deputy clerk.
- ☐ Make 2 copies of all the documents that you complete (only ones that you are using) one for yourself and one for your spouse.
- The petitioner should file the originals with the Clerk & Comptroller's office and pay the filing fee. Each *original* form should have all pages clipped together before filing (copies may be stapled together).
- If you want your copies stamped with the date of filing, make sure you give the Clerk your copies. (If you mail your documents, make sure you provide an extra pre-addressed stamped envelope so they may return your copies)
- After mediation, the petitioner may file a **Notice for Trial** to request a final hearing.
- ☐ If mediation is not applicable then file **Notice for Trial.**
- After the Notice for Trial has been filed, the parties will be contacted by mail regarding a court date.
- You will <u>not</u> get a final hearing date for your divorce unless you file the <u>Notice for Trial</u>.

<u>REQUIREMENT:</u> Attendance at Parenting Class is required by each party. Additional fees apply. Parties must contact the appropriate agencies for fees and schedules (date, time and locations) For a list of Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course Providers please visit: http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/childwelfare/docs/ParentEducationAndFamilyStabilization.pdf

□ IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CASE

CAUTION:

Forms are to be completed in block letters or typed; NO EXCEPTIONS! Names must be the same on all forms completed by the parties; no full names on one document and initials on another. This packet may not contain all the forms you may need to file your case. Additional forms are available in the Clerk & Comptroller's Self Service Center at each courthouse location. The Clerk & Comptroller's Clerks can not suggest specific information to be included in the blanks on your forms or fill out forms for you.

REMEMBER!

BRING OR SEND PRE-ADDRESSED (PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS) STAMPED ENVELOPES WITH YOUR PAPERS FOR EACH PARTY ON YOUR CASE: Petitioner, Respondent, and/or Attorney (if applicable)

It is your responsibility to file any change to your address on the attached form.

FAMILY LAW FORMS, COMMENTARY, AND INSTRUCTIONS GENERAL INFORMATION FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS (09/13)

You should read this General Information thoroughly before taking any other steps to file your case or represent yourself in court. Most of this information is not repeated in the attached forms. This information should provide you with an overview of the court system, its participants, and its processes. It should be useful whether you want to represent yourself in a pending matter or have a better understanding of the way family court works. This is not intended as a substitute for legal advice from an attorney. Each case has its own particular set of circumstances, and an attorney may advise you of what is best for you in your individual situation.

These instructions are not the only place that you can get information about how a family case works. You may want to look at other books for more help. The Florida Statutes, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and other legal information or books may be found at the public library or in a law library at your county courthouse or a law school in your area. If you are filing a petition for Name Change and/or Adoption, these instructions may not apply.

If the word(s) is printed in **bold**, this means that the word is being emphasized. Throughout these instructions, you will also find words printed in **bold** and **underlined**. This means that the definitions of these words may be found in the glossary of common family law terms at the end of this general information section.

Commentary

1995 Adoption. To help the many people in family law court cases who do not have attorneys to represent them (pro se litigants), the Florida Supreme Court added these simplified forms and directions to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure. The directions refer to the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure or the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Many of the forms were adapted from the forms accompanying the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. Practitioners should refer to the committee notes for those forms for rule history.

The forms were adopted by the Court pursuant to Family Law Rules of Procedure, 667 So. 2d 202 (Fla. 1995); In re Petition for Approval of Forms Pursuant to Rule 10-1.1(b) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar—Stepparent Adoption Forms, 613 So. 2d 900 (Fla. 1992); Rules Regulating the Florida Bar—Approval of Forms, 581 So. 2d 902 (Fla. 1991).

Although the forms are part of these rules, they are not all inclusive and additional forms, as necessary, should be taken from the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure as provided in Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure. Also, the following notice has been included to strongly encourage individuals to seek the advice, when needed, of an attorney who is a member in good standing of the Florida Bar.

1997 Amendment. In 1997, the Florida Family Law Forms were completely revised to simplify and correct the forms. Additionally, the appendices were eliminated, the instructions contained in the appendices were incorporated into the forms, and the introduction following the Notice to Parties was created. Minor changes were also made to the Notice to Parties set forth below.

NOTICE TO PARTIES WHO ARE NOT REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE FLORIDA BAR

If you have questions or concerns about these forms, instructions, commentary, the use of the forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that you talk to an attorney. If you do not know an attorney, you should call the lawyer referral service listed in the yellow pages of the telephone book under "Attorney." If you do not have the money to hire an attorney, you should call the legal aid office in your area.

Because the law does change, the forms and information about them may have become outdated. You should be aware that changes may have taken place in the law or court rules that would affect the accuracy of the forms or instructions.

In no event will the Florida Supreme Court, The Florida Bar, or anyone contributing to the production of these forms or instructions be liable for any direct, indirect, or consequential damages resulting from their use.

FAMILY LAW PROCEDURES

Communication with the court <u>Ex parte</u> communication is communication with the judge with only one party present. Judges are not allowed to engage in ex parte communication except in very limited circumstances, so, absent specific authorization to the contrary, you should not try to speak with or write to the judge in your case unless the other <u>party</u> is present or has been properly notified. If you have something you need to tell the judge, you must ask for a <u>hearing</u> and give notice to the other party or file a written statement in the court file and send a copy of the written statement to the other party.

Filing a case. A case begins with the filing of a <u>petition</u>. A petition is a written request to the court for some type of legal action. The person who originally asks for legal action is called the <u>petitioner</u> and remains the petitioner throughout the case.

A petition is given to the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u>, whose office is usually located in the county courthouse or a branch of the county courthouse. A case number is assigned and an official court file is opened. Delivering the petition to the clerk's office is called <u>filing</u> a case. A <u>filing fee</u> is usually required.

Once a case has been filed, a copy must be given to (served on) the respondent. The person against whom the original legal action is being requested is called the <u>respondent</u>, because he or she is expected to respond to the petition. The respondent remains the respondent throughout the case.

Service. When one party files a <u>petition</u>, <u>motion</u>, or other <u>pleading</u>, the other party must be "served" with a copy of the document. This means that the other party is given proper notice of the pending action(s) and any scheduled hearings. <u>Personal service</u> of the petition and summons on the respondent by a deputy sheriff or private process server is required in all <u>original petitions</u> and <u>supplemental petitions</u>, unless <u>constructive service</u> is permitted by law. Personal service may also be required in other actions by some judges. After initial service of the original or supplemental petition and summons by a deputy sheriff or private process server, service of most motions and other documents or papers filed in the case generally may be made by regular U.S. mail, or hand delivery. However, service by <u>certified mail</u> is required at other times so you have proof that the other party actually received the papers. The instructions with each form will advise you of the type of <u>service</u> required for that form.

If the other party is represented by an attorney, you should serve the attorney and send a copy to the other party, except for original or supplemental petitions, which must be personally served on the respondent.

Other than the original or supplemental petitions, any time you file additional pleadings or motions in your case, you must provide a copy to the other party and include a <u>certificate of service</u>. Likewise, the other party must provide you with copies of everything that he or she files. Service of additional documents is usually completed by U.S. mail. For more information, see the instructions for **Certificate of Service (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914.

Forms for service of process are included in the Florida Family Law Forms, along with more detailed instructions and information regarding service. The instructions to those forms should be read carefully to ensure that you have the other party properly served. If proper service is not obtained, the court cannot hear your case.

Note: If you absolutely do not know where the other party to your case lives or if the other party resides in another state, you may be able to use <u>constructive service</u>. However, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief, which cannot include either alimony or child support. For more information on constructive service, see Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage (No Child or Financial Support), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(1), Notice of Action for Family Cases with Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a)(2), Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b), and Affidavit of Diligent Search, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(c)... Additionally, if the other party is in the military service of the United States, additional steps for service may be required. See, for example, Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a). In sum, the law regarding constructive service and service on an individual in the military is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding these issues.

<u>Default...</u> After being served with a petition or <u>counterpetition</u>, the other party has 20 days to file a response. If a response to a petition is not filed, the petitioner may file a <u>Motion for Default</u>, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), with the clerk. This means that you may proceed with your case and set a <u>final hearing</u>, and a <u>judge</u> will make a decision, even if the other party will not cooperate. For more information, see rule 12.080(c), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

<u>Answer</u> and <u>Counterpetition...</u> After being served, the respondent has 20 days to file an answer admitting or denying each of the allegations contained in the petition. In addition to an answer, the respondent may also file a counterpetition. In a counterpetition, the respondent may request the same or some other relief or action not requested by the petitioner. If the respondent files a counterpetition, the petitioner should then file an <u>Answer to Counterpetition</u>, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d), and either admit or deny the allegations in the respondent's counterpetition.

Mandatory disclosure... Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires each party in a dissolution of marriage to exchange certain information and documents, and file a Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). Failure to make this required disclosure within the time required by the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure may allow the court to dismiss the case or to refuse to consider the pleadings of the party failing to comply. This requirement also must be met in other family law cases, except adoptions, simplified dissolutions of marriage, enforcement proceedings, contempt proceedings, and proceedings for injunctions for domestic or repeat violence. The Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932, lists the documents that must be given to the other party.

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For more information see rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, and the instructions to the Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932.

Parenting Plan. If your case involves minor or dependent child(ren), a Parenting Plan shall be approved or established by the court. Parenting Plan, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form, 12.995(a), Safety-Focused Parenting Plan, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(b), or Relocation/Long Distance Parenting Plan, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.995(c). The Parenting Plan shall be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by a court. If the parents cannot agree, or if the agreed Parenting Plan is not approved, the court must establish a Parenting Plan. The Parenting Plan shall contain a time-sharing schedule and should address the issues regarding the child(ren)'s education, health care, and physical, social, and emotional well-being.

Setting a hearing or trial. Generally, the court will have hearings on motions, final hearings on uncontested or default cases, and trials on contested cases. Before setting your case for final hearing or trial, certain requirements such as completing mandatory disclosure and filing certain papers and having them served on the other party must be met. These requirements vary depending on the type of case and the procedures in your particular jurisdiction. For further information, you should refer to the instructions for the type of form you are filing.

Next, you must obtain a hearing or trial date so that the court may consider your request. You should ask the clerk of court, or <u>family law intake staff</u> about the local procedure for setting a hearing or trial, which you should attend. These family law forms contain <u>orders</u> and <u>final judgments</u>, which the judge may use. You should ask the clerk of court or family law intake staff if you need to bring one of these forms with you to the hearing or trial. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

Below are explanations of symbols or parts of different family law forms...

{specify}, {date}, {name(s)}, {street}, {city}, {state}, {phone}

Throughout these forms, you will find hints such as those above. These tell you what to put in the blank(s).

[one only] [all that apply]

These show how many choices you should check. Sometimes you may check only one, while other times you may check several choices. () This also shows an area where you must make a choice. Check the () in front of the choice that applies to you or your case.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE	(1)		J	UDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR	(2)	c	OUNTY,	FLORIDA
		Case No.:		(3)
4-1		Division: _		(4)
and				
Respondent.				

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Line 1 The clerk of court can tell you the number of your judicial circuit. Type or print it here.

Line 2 Type or print your county name on line (2).

- Line 3 If you are filing an initial petition or pleading, the Clerk of the Court will assign a case number after the case is filed. You should type or print this case number on all papers you file in this case.
- Line 4 The clerk of the court can tell you the name of the division in which your case is being filed, and you should type or print it here. Divisions vary from court to court. For example, your case may be filed in the civil division, the family division, or the juvenile division.
- Line 5 Type or print the legal name of the person who originally filed the case on line 5. This person is the petitioner because he/she is the one who filed the original petition.
- Line 6 Type or print the other party's legal name on line 6. The other party is the respondent because he/she is responding to the petition.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Signature of Petitioner

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	Printed Name:	(3)
	Address:	(4)
	City, State, Zip:	
	Telephone Number:	
	Fax Number:	
	E-mail Address:	
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Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me or	n by	
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	[Print, type, or stamp of clerk.]	commissioned name of notary or
Personally known Produced identification	•	
Type of identification produced		_
DO NOT SIGN OR FILL IN THIS PART OF ANY I	FORM. This section of the	form is to be completed by the

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {either Petitioner or Respondent; or Husband or Wife} This form was completed with the assistance of:

notary public who is witnessing your signature. General Information for Self-Represented Litigants (09/13)

Dated: _____

(name of individual }	(1)		****
(name of business)	(2)		
{address}		(3)	
{city} (4)	,{state}	(5), {telephone number} (6)	

This section should be completed by anyone who helps you fill out these forms but is **not** an attorney who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar, which means that he or she is not licensed to practice law in Florida.

Line 1 The <u>nonlawyer</u> who helps you should type or print his or her name on line 1.

Lines 2-6 The nonlawyer's business name, address, (including street, city, state, and telephone

number) should be typed or printed on lines 2–6.

In addition, a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), should be completed if a nonlawyer assists you. The disclosure is available as a family law form and should be completed before the nonlawyer helps you. This is to be sure that you understand the role and limitations of a nonlawyer. You and the nonlawyer should keep a copy of this disclosure for your records.

FAMILY LAW GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Note: The following definitions are intended to be helpful, BUT they are not intended to constitute legal advice or address every possible meaning of the term(s) contained in this glossary.

Affidavit - a written statement in which the facts stated are sworn or affirmed to be true.

Alimony-spousal support which may be ordered by the court in a proceeding for dissolution of marriage. Types of alimony include: bridge-the-gap, durational, rehabilitative, or retroactive, and may be either temporary or permanent. The court may order periodic payments, payment in lump sum, or both. In determining whether to award alimony, the court must determine whether either party has an actual need for alimony and whether the other party has the ability to pay. The court must consider the factors set forth in section 61.08, Florida Statutes, and must make certain written findings. An alimony award may not leave the paying party with significantly less net income than that of the receiving party without written findings of exceptional circumstances.

Answer - written response by a respondent that states whether he or she admits (agrees with) or denies (disagrees with) the allegations in the petition. Any allegations not specifically denied are considered to be admitted.

Appeal - asking a district court of appeal to review the decision in your case. There are strict procedural and time requirements for filing an appeal.

Asset - everything owned by you or your spouse, including property, cars, furniture, bank accounts, jewelry, life insurance policies, businesses, or retirement plans. An asset may be marital or nonmarital, but that distinction is for the court to determine if you and your spouse do not agree.

Attorney - a person with special education and training in the field of law who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and licensed to practice law in Florida. An attorney is the only person who is allowed to give you legal advice. An attorney may file your case and represent you in court, or just advise you of your rights before you file your own case. In addition to advising you of your rights, an attorney may tell you what to expect and help prepare you for court. In family law matters, you are not entitled to a court-appointed lawyer, like a public defender in a criminal case. However, legal assistance is often available for those who are unable to hire a private attorney. You may consult the yellow pages of the telephone directory for a listing of legal aid or lawyer referral services in your area, or ask your local clerk of court or family law intake staff what services are available in your area. You may also obtain information from the Florida Supreme Court's Internet site located at http://www.flcourts.org.

Bond - money paid to the clerk of court by one party in a case, to be held and paid to an enjoined party in the event that the first party causes loss or damage of property as a result of wrongfully enjoining the other party.

Beneficiary Designation-Florida law provides that a beneficiary designation made by or on behalf of a party providing for the payment or transference of an asset or benefit upon his or her death to the other spouse is void when the final judgment dissolving or declaring a marriage invalid is signed, unless the final judgment specifically states otherwise. Federal law and other statutory provisions may also apply. This includes, but is not limited to, such assets as life insurance policies, annuities, employee benefit plans, individual retirement accounts, and payable-on-death accounts. Whether or not to continue a beneficiary designation is a complex area of the law and you may wish to consult with an attorney.

Bridge-the-Gap Alimony-spousal support which is ordered to assist a party to make the transition from being married to being single. Bridge-the-Gap alimony is designed to assist a party with legitimate, identifiable short-time needs; its length cannot exceed two years and it cannot be modified.

Central Depository-the office of the clerk of court that is responsible for collecting and disbursing court ordered alimony and child support payments.

The depository also keeps payment records and files judgments if support is not paid.

Certificate of Service - a document that must be filed whenever a form you are using does not contain a statement for you to fill in showing to whom you are sending copies of the form. Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914 is the certificate of service form and contains additional instructions.

Certified Copy - a copy of an order or final judgment, certified by the clerk of the circuit court to be an authentic copy.

Certified Mail - mail which requires the receiving party to sign as proof that they received it.

Child Support - money paid from one parent to the other for the benefit of their dependent or minor child(ren).

Clerk of the Circuit Court - elected official in whose office papers are filed, a case number is assigned, and case files are maintained. The clerk's office usually is located in the county courthouse.

Concurrent Custody-(for the purposes of a petition filed pursuant to chapter 751, Florida Statutes) means that an eligible extended family member is awarded custodial rights to care for a child or children concurrently with the child(ren)'s parent or parents.

Constructive Service - notification of the other party by newspaper publication or posting of notice at designated places when the other party cannot be located for personal service. You may also be able to use constructive service when the other party lives in another state. Constructive service is also called "service by publication." However, when constructive service is used, the relief the Court may grant is limited; that relief cannot include either alimony or child support. For more information on service, see the instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Forms 12.910(a) and 12.913(b) and Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a).

Contested Issues - any or all issues upon which the parties are unable to agree and which must be resolved by the judge at a hearing or trial.

Contingent Asset - an asset that you may receive or get later, such as income, tax refund, accrued vacation or sick leave, a bonus, or an inheritance.

Contingent Liability - a liability that you may owe later, such as payments for lawsuits, unpaid taxes, or debts that you have agreed or guaranteed to pay if someone else does not.

Counterpetition - a written request to the court for legal action, which is filed by a respondent after being served with a petition.

Custody Order – a judgment or order incorporating a Parenting Plan is a child custody determination for the purposes of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, the International Child Abduction Remedies Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 11601 et seq., the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, and the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction enacted at the Hague on October 25, 1980.

Default - a failure of a party to respond to the pleading of another party. This failure to respond may allow the court to decide the case without input from the party who did not appear or respond.

Delinquent - late.

Dependent Child(ren) - child(ren) who depend on their parent(s) for support either because they are under the age of 18, have a mental or physical disability that prevents them from supporting themselves, or are in high school, between the ages of 18 and 19, and performing in good faith with a reasonable expectation of graduation before the age of 19.

Deputy Clerk - an employee of the office of the clerk of court, which is usually located in the county courthouse or a branch of the county courthouse.

Dissolution of Marriage - divorce; a court action to end a marriage.

Durational Alimony-spousal support which is ordered to provide economic assistance for a set period of time following a marriage of short or moderate duration or following a marriage of long duration if there is no ongoing need for support on a permanent basis. Durational alimony terminates upon the death of either party or upon remarriage of the party receiving support. It may be modified or terminated, but cannot exceed the length of a marriage.

Electronic Communication — Contact, other than face-to-face contact, facilitated by tools such as telephones, electronic mail or email, webcams, video-conferencing equipment and software or other wired or wireless technologies, or other means of communication to supplement fact-to face contact between a parent and that parent's minor child.

Enjoined - prohibited by the court from doing a specific act.

Ex Parte - communication with the judge by only one party. In order for a judge to speak with either party, the other party must have been properly notified and have an opportunity to be heard. If you have something you wish to tell the judge, you should ask for a hearing or file information in the clerk of court's office, with certification that a copy was sent to the other party.

Extended Family-(for the purposes of a petition filed pursuant to chapter 751, Florida Statutes) is a person who is either:

- 1) A relative of a minor child within the third degree by blood or marriage to the parent; OR
- 2) The stepparent of a minor child if the stepparent is currently married to the parent of the child and is not a party in a pending dissolution, separate maintenance, domestic violence, or other civil or criminal proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction involving one or both of the child's parents as an adverse party.

Family Law Intake Staff - a court's employee(s) who is (are) available to assist you in filing a family law case. Family law intake staff are not attorneys and cannot give legal advice. They may only assist you with filling out the form(s). Your local clerk's office can tell you if your county has such assistance available.

Filing - delivering a petition, response, motion, or other pleading in a court case to the clerk of court's office.

Filing Fee - an amount of money, set by law, that the petitioner must pay when filing a case. If you cannot afford to pay the fee, you must file an Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status, to ask the clerk to file your case without payment of the fee. This form can be obtained from the clerk's office.

Final Hearing - trial in your case.

Financial Affidavit - a sworn statement that contains information regarding your income, expenses, assets, and liabilities.

Final Judgment - a written document signed by a judge and recorded in the clerk of the circuit court's office that contains the judge's decision in your case.

Guardian ad Litem - a neutral person who may be appointed by the court to evaluate or investigate your child's situation, and file a report with the court about what is in the best interests of your child(ren). Guardians do not "work for" either party. The guardian may interview the parties, visit their homes, visit the child(ren)'s school(s) and speak with teachers, or use other resources to make their recommendation.

Hearing - a legal proceeding before a judge or designated officer (general magistrate or hearing officer) on a motion.

Health Insurance-coverage under a fee-for-service arrangement, health care maintenance organization, or preferred provider organization, and other types of coverage available to either parent, under which medical services could be provided to a minor or dependent child.

Judge - an elected official who is responsible for deciding matters on which you and the other parties in your case are unable to agree. A judge is a neutral person who is responsible for ensuring that your case is resolved in a manner which is fair, equitable, and legal.

A judge is prohibited by law from giving you or the other party any legal advice, recommendations, or other assistance, and may not talk to either party unless both parties are present, represented, or at a properly scheduled hearing.

Judicial Assistant - the judge's personal staff assistant.

Liabilities - everything owed by you or your spouse, including mortgages, credit cards, or car loans. A liability may be marital or nonmarital, but that distinction is for the court to determine if you and your spouse do not agree.

Lump Sum Alimony - money ordered to be paid by one spouse to another in a limited number of payments, often a single payment.

Mandatory Disclosure - items that must be disclosed by both parties except those exempted from disclosure by Florida Family Law Rule 12.285.

Marital Asset - generally, anything that you and/or your spouse acquired or received (by gift or purchase) during the marriage. For example, something you owned before your marriage may be nonmarital. An asset may only be determined to be marital by agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Marital Liability - generally, any debt that you and/or your spouse incurred during the marriage. A debt may only be determined to be nonmarital by agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Mediator - a person who is trained and certified to assist parties in reaching an agreement before going to court. Mediators do not take either party's side and are not allowed to give legal advice. They are only responsible for helping the parties reach an agreement and putting that agreement into writing. In some areas, mediation of certain family law cases may be required before going to court.

Modification - a change made by the court in an order or final judgment.

Motion - a request made to the court, other than a petition.

No Contact - a court order directing a party not speak to, call, send mail to, visit, or go near his or her spouse, ex-spouse, child(ren), or other family member.

Nonlawyer - a person who is not a member in good standing of The Florida Bar.

Nonmarital Asset - generally, anything owned separately by you or your spouse. An asset may only be determined to be nonmarital by either agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Nonmarital Liability - generally, any debt that you or your spouse incurred before your marriage or since your separation. A debt may only be determined to be nonmarital by either agreement of the parties or determination of the judge.

Nonparty - a person who is not the petitioner or respondent in a court case.

Notary Public - a person authorized to witness signatures on court related forms.

Obligee - a person to whom money, such as child support or alimony, is owed.

Obligor - a person who is ordered by the court to pay money, such as child support or alimony.

Order - a written decision, signed by a judge and filed in the clerk of the circuit court's office, that contains the judge's decision on part of your case, usually on a motion.

Original Petition - see Petition.

Parenting Course - a class that teaches parents how to help their child(ren) cope with divorce and other family issues.

Parenting Plan – a document created to govern the relationship between the parents relating to the decisions that must be made regarding the minor child(ren). The Parenting Plan must contain a time-sharing schedule for the parents and child(ren) and shall address the issues concerning the minor child(ren). The issues concerning the minor child(ren) may include, but are not limited to, the child(ren)'s education, health care, and physical, social, and emotional well-being. In creating the Plan, all circumstances between the parents, including their historic relationship, domestic violence, and other factors must be taken into consideration.

The Parenting Plan must be developed and agreed to by the parents and approved by the court. If the parents cannot agree to a Parenting Plan, or if the parents agreed to a plan that is not approved by the court, a Parenting Plan will be established by the court with or without the use of parenting plan recommendations.

Parenting Plan Recommendation – A nonbinding recommendation concerning one or more elements of a Parenting Plan made by a court-appointed mental health practitioner or other professional designated pursuant to either section 61.20 or 61.401, Florida Statutes, or Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.363.

Party - a person involved in a court case, either as a petitioner or respondent.

Paternity Action - A lawsuit used to determine whether a designated individual is the father of a specific child or children.

Payor - an employer or other person who provides income to an obligor.

Permanent Alimony - spousal support ordered to provide for the needs and necessities of life as they were established during the marriage for a party who lacks the financial ability to meet his or her needs

and necessities after dissolution of marriage. Permanent alimony is paid at a specified, periodic rate until: modification by a court order; the death of either party; or the remarriage of the party receiving alimony, whichever occurs first. Permanent alimony requires consideration of the factors set forth in section 61.08(2), Florida Statutes, and must include certain written findings by the court.

Personal Service - when a summons and a copy of a petition (or other pleading) that has been filed with the court are delivered by a deputy sheriff or private process server to the other party. Personal service is required for all petitions and supplemental petitions.

Petition - a written request to the court for legal action, which begins a court case.

Petitioner - the person who files a petition that begins a court case.

Pleading - a formal, written statement of exactly what a party wants the court to do in a lawsuit or court action.

Pro Se or Self-Represented Litigant - a person who appears in court without the assistance of a lawyer.

Pro Se Coordinator - see Family Law Intake Staff.

Rehabilitative Alimony - spousal support ordered to be paid for a limited period of time to allow one of the parties an opportunity to complete a plan of education or training, according to a rehabilitative plan accepted by the court, so that he or she may better support himself or herself after dissolution of marriage.

Relocation- a change in the location of the principal residence of a parent or other person in accordance with section 61.13001, Florida Statutes.

Respondent - the person who is served with a petition requesting some legal action against him or her.

Scientific Paternity Testing - a medical test to determine who the father of a child is.

Service - the delivery of legal documents to a party. Service must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Shared Parental Responsibility - an arrangement under which both parents have full parental rights and responsibilities for their child(ren), and the parents make major decisions affecting the welfare of the child(ren) jointly. Shared Parental Responsibility is presumptive in Florida.

Sole Parental Responsibility - a parenting arrangement under which the responsibility for the minor child(ren) is given to one parent by the court, with or without rights of time-sharing to the other parent.

State Disbursement Unit- the unit established and operated by the Title IV-D agency to provide one central address for the collection and disbursement of child support payments made in both Department of Revenue and non-Department of Revenue cases, in which the obligation is paid through an income deduction order.

Supervised Time-Sharing- a parenting arrangement under which time-sharing between a parent and his or her child(ren) is supervised by either a friend, family member, or a supervised visitation center.

Supplemental Petition - a petition that may be filed by either party after the judge has made a decision in a case and a final judgment or order has been entered. For example, a supplemental petition may be used to request that the court modify the previously entered final judgment or order.

Supportive Relationship-a relationship, defined in section 61.14(1)(b)1, Florida Statutes, existing between a spouse who receives alimony and a person with whom that spouse resides.

Time-Sharing Schedule – a timetable that must be included in the Parenting Plan that specifies the time, including overnights and holidays, that a minor child or children will spend with each parent. The time-sharing schedule shall either be developed and agreed to by the parents of a minor child or children and is approved by the court, or established by the court if the parents cannot agree, or if their agreed-upon schedule is not approved by the court.

Trial - the final hearing in a contested case.

Uncontested - any and all issues on which the parties are able to agree and which is part of a marital settlement agreement.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.903(b), ANSWER TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (12/10)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are responding to a <u>petition</u> for <u>dissolution of marriage</u> and you wish to admit or deny all of the allegations in the petition but you do not plan to file a <u>counterpetition</u> seeking relief. You can use this form to answer any petition for dissolution of marriage, whether or not there are minor child(ren).

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records. This must be done within 20 days of receiving the petition.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form, along with all of the other forms required with this <u>answer</u>, must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case. You have 20 days to answer after being served with the other party's petition. After you file your answer, the case will generally proceed in one of the following two ways:

<u>UNCONTESTED</u>... If you file an answer that agrees with everything in the other party's petition and you have complied with <u>mandatory disclosure</u> and filed all of the required papers, either party may call the clerk, <u>family law intake staff</u>, or <u>iudicial assistant</u> to set a <u>final hearing</u>. If you request the final hearing, you must notify the other party of the hearing by using a <u>Notice of Hearing</u> (<u>General</u>), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

CONTESTED... If you file an answer which disagrees with or denies anything in the petition, and you are unable to settle the disputed issues, either party may file a **Notice for Trial**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, after you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers. Some circuits may require the completion of <u>mediation</u> before a final hearing may be set. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for instructions on how to set your case for trial (final hearing).

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. See chapter 61, Florida Statutes, for more information.

Special notes...

With this form, you must also file the following:

Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), if the case involves a dependent or minor child(ren).

- Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), if the case involves a dependent or minor child(ren). (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been served on you).
 - Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren),
 Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), or Marital Settlement Agreement for
 Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme
 Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2), if you have reached an agreement on any or all of the
 issues
 - Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j).
 - Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the petition on you, if not filed at the time you file this answer.)

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· Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form

12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days of <u>service</u> of the petition on you, if not filed at the time you file this answer, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

Parenting and Time-sharing... If you and your <u>spouse</u> are unable to agree on parenting arrangements and a time-sharing schedule, a judge will decide for you as part of establishing a Parenting Plan. The judge will decide the parenting arrangements and time-sharing schedule based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

The judge may request a <u>parenting plan recommendation</u> or appoint a <u>guardian ad litem</u> in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

A <u>parenting course</u> must be completed prior to the entry of a final judgment. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your answer to the petition. If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications, you should speak with an attorney before going any further.

- Shared Parental Responsibility
- Sole Parental Responsibility
- Supervised Time-Sharing
- No contact
- Parenting Plan
- Parenting Plan Recommendation
- Time-Sharing Schedule

Child Support... The court may order one parent to pay child support to assist the other parent in meeting the child(ren)'s material needs. Both parents are required to provide financial support, but one parent may be ordered to pay a portion of his or her support for the child(ren) to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of both parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents and the number of overnights the child(ren) spend with each parent. You must file a Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and your spouse will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

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Alimony... Alimony may be awarded to a spouse if the judge finds that he or she needs it and that the other spouse has the ability to pay it. If you want alimony, you must request it in writing in a counterpetition. Florida Self Service Packet #18 : A Page - 18

Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(1) (with dependent or minor child(ren)), or Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(2) (no dependent or minor child(ren)). If you do not request alimony in writing before the final hearing, it is waived (you may not request it later).

Marital/Nonmarital Assets and Liabilities... Florida law requires an equitable distribution of marital assets and marital liabilities. "Equitable" does not necessarily mean "equal." Many factors, including child support, any parenting plan and time-sharing schedule, and alimony awards, may lead the court to make an unequal (but still equitable) distribution of assets and liabilities. Nonmarital assets and nonmarital liabilities are those assets and liabilities which the parties agree or the court determines belong to, or are the responsibility of, only one of the parties. If the parties agree or the court finds an asset or liability to be nonmarital, the judge will not consider it when distributing marital assets and liabilities.

Temporary Relief... If you need temporary relief regarding temporary use of assets, temporary responsibility for liabilities, parental responsibility and time-sharing with child(ren), temporary child support, or temporary alimony, you may file a Motion for Temporary Support and Time-Sharing with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(a), or, if there are no dependent or minor child(ren), Motion for Temporary Support with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(c). For more information, see the instructions for these forms.

Marital Settlement Agreement... If you and your spouse are able to reach an agreement on any or all of the issues, you should file a Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), or Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2). Both parties must sign this agreement before a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. Any issues on which you are unable to agree will be considered <u>contested</u> and settled by the judge at the final hearing.

Final Judgment Form... These family law forms contain a Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(c)(1), and Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(c)(2), which the judge may use if your case is contested. If you and your spouse reach an agreement on all of the issues, the judge may use Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(1), Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Child(ren) (Uncontested), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(2), or Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage with No Property and No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.990(b)(3). You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring a final judgment with you to the hearing. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

Nonlawyer... Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also must put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(b), Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (12/10)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.: Division:
	Petitioner,
	and
	Respondent.
	ANSWER TO PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
sworn,	I, \{full legal name\} Respondent, being certify that the following information is true:
	I agree with Petitioner as to the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the Petition and, therefore, admit those allegations: {indicate section and paragraph number}
2.	I disagree with Petitioner as to the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the Petition and, therefore, deny those allegations: {indicate section and paragraph number}
3.	I currently am unable to admit or deny the allegations raised in the following paragraphs due to lack of information: {indicate section and paragraph number}
4.	If this case involves a dependent or minor child(ren), a completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this answer.
5.	If this case involves a dependent or minor child(ren), a completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is [Choose one only] () filed with this answer or () will be filed after the other party serves his or her financial affidavit.
6.	If necessary a completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this answer.

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7. A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), [Choose only one] () is filed with this answer or () will be timely filed.

I certify that a copy of this document was [one () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below	only] () mailed () faxed and mailed v on {date}
Petitioner or his/her attorney:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	
_	affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims t for knowingly making a false statement includes fines
Dated:	
	Signature of Respondent
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary of clerk.]
Personally known	
Produced identification Type of identification produced	
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS all blanks	FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in
a nonlawyer, located at {street}	, {city}
{state} .{phone}	r}, {city},, helped {name},
who is the respondent, fill out this form. Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(b), Ans	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(b), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM) (01/15)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are involved in a family law case which requires a <u>financial affidavit</u> and your individual gross income is UNDER \$50,000 per year unless:

- (1) You are filing a simplified dissolution of marriage under rule 12.105 and both parties have waived the filing of a financial affidavit;
- (2) You have no minor children, no support issues, and have filed a written settlement agreement disposing of all financial issues; or
- (3) The court lacks jurisdiction to determine any financial issues.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the <u>petition</u> was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be served on the other <u>party</u> in your case within 45 days of being served with the petition, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285.

Special notes...

If you want to keep your address confidential because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

The affidavit must be completed using **monthly** income and expense amounts. If you are paid or your bills are due on a schedule which is not monthly, you must convert those amounts. Hints are provided below for making these conversions.

Hourly - If you are paid by the hour, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Hourly amount x Hours worked per week = Weekly amount

Weekly amount x 52 Weeks per year = Yearly amount

Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = Monthly Amount

Daily - If you are paid by the day, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Daily amount x Days worked per week = Weekly amount
Weekly amount x 52 Weeks per year = Yearly amount
Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = Monthly Amount

Weekly - If you are paid by the week, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Weekly amount x 52 Weeks per year = Yearly amount Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = **Monthly Amount**

Bi-weekly - If you are paid every two weeks, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Bi-weekly amount x 26 = Yearly amount Yearly amount ÷ 12 Months per year = **Monthly Amount**

Semi-monthly - If you are paid twice per month, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:

Semi-monthly amount x 2 = Monthly Amount

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.:
	Division:
	Petitioner,
and	
	Respondent.
	FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)
	(Under \$50,000 Individual Gross Annual Income)
I, {full legal no	ame}, being sworn, certify that the following
information is	strue:
	n: Employed by:
	ress:
Pay rate: \$ () other:	() every week () every other week () twice a month () monthly
Check he	re if unemployed and explain on a separate sheet your efforts to find employment.
All amounts ranything that	RESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME: must be MONTHLY. See the instructions with this form to figure out money amounts for is NOT paid monthly. Attach more paper, if needed. Items included under "other" should rately with separate dollar amounts.
1. \$	Monthly gross salary or wages
2.	Monthly bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips, and similar payments
	Monthly business income from sources such as self-employment, partnerships, close corporations, and/or independent contracts (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income) (Attach sheet itemizing such income and expenses.)
4	Monthly disability benefits/SSI
51	Monthly Workers' Compensation
61	Monthly Unemployment Compensation
7	Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments
81	Monthly Social Security benefits
9 1	Monthly alimony actually received (Add 9a and 9b)
9a.	From this case: \$
9b.	From other case(s):

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10		_ Monthly interest and dividends
11		Monthly rental income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses required to produce income) (Attach sheet itemizing such income and expense items.
12		Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates
13		_ Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they reduce personal living expenses
14		_ Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring gains)
15		_ Any other income of a recurring nature (list source)
16		
17. \$		TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Add lines 1–16)
PRESE	NT M	IONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:
18. \$_		_Monthly federal, state, and local income tax (corrected for filing status and allowable dependents and income tax liabilities)
	a.	Filing Status
	b.	Number of dependents claimed
		_ Monthly FICA or self-employment taxes
		_ Monthly Medicare payments
		_ Monthly mandatory union dues
		_ Monthly mandatory retirement payments
		_ Monthly health insurance payments (including dental insurance), excluding portion paid for any minor children of this relationship
24		_ Monthly court-ordered child support actually paid for children from another relationship
25		_Monthly court-ordered alimony actually paid (Add 25a and 25b)
	25	5a. from this case: \$
	25	5b. from other case(s):\$
26. \$_		TOTAL DEDUCTIONS ALLOWABLE UNDER SECTION 61.30, FLORIDA STATUTES
		(Add lines 18 through 25).
27. \$		PRESENT NET MONTHLY INCOME (Subtract line 26 from line 17)

SECTION II. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES

Proposed/Estimated Expenses. If this is a dissolution of marriage case and your expenses as listed below do not reflect what you actually pay currently, you should write "estimate" next to each amount that is estimated.

A. HOUSEHOLD: Mortgage or rent Property taxes Utilities Telephone Food Meals outside home Maintenance/Repairs Other:	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Clothing Medical/Dental (uninsured) Grooming Entertainment Gifts Religious organizations Miscellaneous Other:	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
B. AUTOMOBILE Gasoline Repairs Insurance	\$ \$ \$		\$ \$ \$ \$
C. CHILD(REN)'S EXPENSES Day care Lunch money Clothing Grooming Gifts for holidays Medical/Dental (uninsured) Other:	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	F. PAYMENTS TO CREDITORS CREDITOR:	MONTHLY PAYMENT \$ \$ \$ \$
D. INSURANCE Medical/Dental (if not listed or lines 23 or 45) Child(ren)'s medical/dental Life Other:	\$ \$		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
28. \$TOTAL MONTHI	LY EXPENSES (add ALL m	onthly amounts in A through F	above)
30. \$ TOTAL MONTH 31. \$ SURPLUS (If line of your surplus	LY EXPENSES (from line 29 is more than line 30. Enter that amount her), subtract line 30 from line 29. re.)	This is the amount
	ne 30 is more than line 2 . Enter that amount her	9, subtract line 29 from line 30. e.)	This is the amount

SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Use the nonmarital column only if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage and you believe an item is "nonmarital," meaning it belongs to only one of you and should not be divided. You should indicate to whom you believe the item(s) or debt belongs. (Typically, you will only use this column if property/debt was owned/owed by one spouse before the marriage. See the "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms and section 61.075(1), Florida Statutes, for definitions of "marital" and "nonmarital" assets and liabilities.)

A. ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check he line next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.		Nonmarital (check correct column)	
		husband	wife
Cash (on hand)	\$		
Cash (in banks or credit unions)			
Stocks, Bonds, Notes			
Real estate: (Home)			
(Other)			
Automobiles			
Other personal property			
Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)			
Other			
Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Assets (add next column)	\$		

B. LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate debt owed by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.		Nonmarital (check correct column)	
		husband	wife
Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
Second mortgage on home			
Other mortgages			
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DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate debt owed by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). LIST ONLY LAST 4 DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBERS. Check the line next to any debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.		Nonmarital (check correct column)	
		husband	wife
Auto loans			
Charge/credit card accounts			
Other		-	
Check here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add next column)	\$		

C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have any **POSSIBLE assets** (income potential, accrued vacation or sick leave, bonus, inheritance, etc.) or **POSSIBLE liabilities** (possible lawsuits, future unpaid taxes, contingent tax liabilities, debts assumed by another), you must list them here.

Contingent Assets	Possible	Nonmarital (check correct	
Check the line next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the		column)	
judge award to you.		husband	wife
	\$		
Total Contingent Assets	\$		

Contingent Liabilities Check the line next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you		Nonmarital (check correct column)	
should be responsible.	Owed	husband	wife
	>		
Total Contingent Liabilities	\$		

SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

(Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, MUST be filed with the court at or prior to a hearing to establish or modify child support. This requirement cannot be waived by the parties.)

establishment or modification of child support.	IS or WILL BE filed in this case. This case involves the IS NOT being filed in this case. The establishment or his case.
I certify that a copy of this document was [check () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below	w on {date}
Other party or his/her attorney: Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Fax Number: E-mail Address(es):	
I understand that I am swearing or affirming affidavit and that the punishment for known imprisonment.	under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this owingly making a false statement includes fines and/or
Dated:	Signature of Party Printed Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Fax Number: E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
Personally known Produced identification Type of identification produced	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or deputy clerk.]

[fill in all blanks] This form v	vas prepared for th	FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOVE: {choose only one}() Petitioner() Responde	
This form was completed wi	th the assistance o	f:	
(name of individual)			
(name of business)			
{address}			
(city)	,{state}	{telephone number}	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(d), UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT (12/10)

When should this form be used?

This form should be used in any case involving custody of, visitation with, or time-sharing with any minor child(ren). This <u>affidavit</u> is required even if the custody of, visitation, or time-sharing with the minor child(ren) are not in dispute.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a <u>notary public</u> or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should then <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in <u>bold underline</u> in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see sections 61.501-61.542, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

Chapter 2008-61, Laws of Florida, effective October 1, 2008, eliminated such terms as custodial parent, noncustodial parent, primary residential parent, secondary residential parent, and visitation from Chapter 61, Florida Statutes. Instead, parents are to develop a Parenting Plan that includes, among other things, their time-sharing schedule with the minor child(ren). If the parents cannot agree, a parenting plan will be established by the Court. However, because the UCCJEA uses the terms custody and visitation, they are included in this form.

If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), you should write confidential in any space on this form that would require you to write the address where you are currently living.

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit (12/10)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

		Case No.: Division:	
	Petitioner,		
ai	nd		
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	Respondent.		
UNIFORM CH	ILD CUSTODY JURISDICTIO	ON AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (U	JCCJEA) AFFIDAVIT
I, <i>{full lego</i> are true:	al name}	, being sworn, certify that the	following statements
birth date child has child of ea	e, and sex of each child; the pr lived within the past five (5) yeach person with whom the child	•	and places where eac
	INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT		
		Sex:	
	for the past 5 years:		
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
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Combined	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Monthly	Child	Children	Children	Children	Children	Children
Available						
Income						
3050.00	654	1016	1271	1433	1563	1671
3100.00	663	1031	1289	1453	1586	1695
3150.00	673	1045	1308	1474	1608	1720
3200.00	682	1060	1327	1495	1631	1744
3250.00	691	1075	1345	1516	1654	1769
3300.00	701	1090	1364	1537	1677	1793
3350.00	710	1105	1382	1558	1700	1818
3400.00	720	1120	1401	1579	1723	1842
3450.00	729	1135	1419	1599	1745	1867
3500.00	738	1149	1438	1620	1768	1891
3550.00	748	1164	1456	1641	1791	1915
3600.00	757	1179	1475	1662	1814	1940
3650.00	767	1194	1493	1683	1837	1964
3700.00	776	1208	1503	1702	1857	1987
3750.00	784	1221	1520	1721	1878	2009
3800.00	793	1234	1536	1740	1899	2031
3850.00	802	1248	1553	1759	1920	2053
3900.00	811	1261	1570	1778	1940	2075
3950.00	819	1275	1587	1797	1961	2097
4000.00	828	1288	1603	1816	1982	2119
4050.00	837	1302	1620	1835	2002	2141
4100.00	846	1315	1637	1854	2023	2163
4150.00	854	1329	1654	1873	2044	2185
4200.00	863	1342	1670	1892	2064	2207
4250.00	872	1355	1687	1911	2085	2229
4300.00	881	1369	1704	1930	2106	2251
4350.00	889	1382	1721	1949	2127	2273
4400.00	898	1396	1737	1968	2147	2295
4450.00	907	1409	1754	1987	2168	2317
4500.00	916	1423	1771	2006	2189	2339
4550.00	924	1436	1788	2024 .	2209	2361
4600.00	933	1450	1804	2043	2230	2384
4650.00	942	1463	1821	2062	2251	2406
4700.00	951	1477	1838	2081	2271	2428
4750.00	959	1490	1855	2100	2292	2450
4800.00	968	1503	1871	2119	2313	2472
4850.00	977	1517	1888	2138	2334	2494
4900.00	986	1530	1905	2157	2354	2516
4950.00	993	1542	1927	2174	2372	2535
5000.00	1000	1551	1939	2188	2387	2551
5050.00	1006	1561	1952	2202	2402	2567
5100.00	1013	1571	1964	2215	2417	2583
5150.00	1019	1580	1976	2229	2432	2599
5200.00	1025	1590	1988	2243	2447	2615
5250.00	1032	1599	2000	2256	2462	2631
5300.00	1038	1609	2012	2270	2477	2647
5350.00	1045	1619	2024	2270	2477	2647 2663
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

		Case No.: Division:	
	Petitioner,		
ar	nd		
	,		
	Respondent.		
UNIFORM CHI	LD CUSTODY JURISDICTIO	ON AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (U	CCJEA) AFFIDAVIT
ı, {full lego	al name}	, being sworn, certify that the	following statements
birth date child has l	, and sex of each child; the pro	o this proceeding is The esent address, periods of residence, ears; and the name, present address has lived during that time are:	and places where each
	INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT	CHILD # <u>1</u> : Sex:	
	Date of Birth: _ for the past 5 years:	Sex:	The state of the s
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
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* If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed a Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h), you should write confidential in any space on this form that would require you to enter the address where you are currently living.

	INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT Name:			
Child's Full Legal Name: Date of Birth: Sex:				
Child's Residence	for the past 5 years:			
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child	
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	for the past 5 years:			
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived		present address of Id lived with	Relationship to child
/present				
[Choose of I HAVE Not proceeding proceeding I HAVE parting this or Explain: a. Name b. Type c. Court	OT participated as a party, wing in this or any other state,	vitness, or in any ca concerning custod ss, or in any capacit ustody of or time-s	pacity in any other litig y of or time-sharing wi y in any other litigation haring with a child sub	th_a child subject to n or custody procee bject to this proceed
3. Informat [Choose o	ion about custody or time-sonly one] O INFORMATION of any cus te concerning a child subjec	sharing proceeding	g proceeding pending	

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	I HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION concerning a custody or time-sharing proceeding pending in a court of this or another state concerning a child subject to this proceeding, other than set out in item 2. Explain: a. Name of each child:
4. ——	Persons not a party to this proceeding: [Choose only one] I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON not a party to this proceeding who has physical custody or claims to have custody, visitation or time-sharing with respect to any child subject to this proceeding. I KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S) not a party to this proceeding has (have) physical custody or claim(s) to have custody, visitation, or time-sharing with respect to any child subject to this proceeding: a. Name and address of person:
	() has physical custody () claims custody rights () claims visitation or time-sharing Name of each child: b. Name and address of person: () has physical custody () claims custody rights () claims visitation. or time-sharing
	c. Name and address of person: () has physical custody () claims custody rights () claims visitation or time-sharing
5. 	Knowledge of prior child support proceedings: [Choose only one] The child(ren) described in this affidavit are NOT subject to existing child support order(s) in this or any state or territory. The child(ren) described in this affidavit are subject to the following existing child support order(s): a. Name of each child: b. Type of proceeding: c. Court and address: d. Date of court order/judgment (if any): e. Amount of child support paid and by whom:
6.	I acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to advise this Court of any custody, visitation or time- sharing, child support, or guardianship proceeding (including dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance, child neglect, or dependency) concerning the child(ren) in this state or any other state

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about which information is obtained during this proceeding.

Other party or his/her attorney:	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	
	aring or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made ent for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or
Dated:	
	Signature of Party
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed bef	fore me on by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]
Personally known	
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(e), CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET (09/12)

When should this form be used?

You should complete this worksheet if <u>child support</u> is being requested in your case. If you know the income of the other <u>party</u>, this worksheet should accompany your <u>financial affidavit</u>. If you do not know the other party's income, this form must be completed after the other party files his or her financial affidavit, and <u>serves</u> a copy on you.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should file the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit</u> <u>court</u> in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be served on the other party in your case. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see section 61.30, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

If you want to keep your address confidential because you are the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery or domestic violence, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

The chart below contains the guideline amounts that you should use when calculating child support. This amount is based on the number of children and the combined income of the parents, and it is divided between the parents in direct proportion to their income or earning capacity. From time to time, some of the amounts in the child support guidelines chart will change. Be sure you have the most recent version of the chart before using it.

Because the guidelines are based on monthly amounts, it may be necessary to convert some income and expense figures from other frequencies to monthly. You should do this as follows:

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If payment is twice per month	Payment amount	x	2	=	Monthly amount
If payment is every two weeks	Payment amount Yearly amount	x ÷		=	Yearly amount due Monthly amount
If payment is weekly	Weekly amount Yearly amount	X ÷	52 12	=	Yearly amount due Monthly amount

If you or the other parent request that the court award an amount that is different than the guideline amount, you must also complete and attach a **Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES CHART

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Combined Monthly	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Available	Child	Children	Children	Children	Children	Children
Income						
800.00	190	211	213	216	218	220
850.00	202	257	259	262	265	268
900.00	213	302	305	309	312	315
950.00	224	347	351	355	359	363
1000.00	235	365	397	402	406	410
1050.00	246	382	443	448	453	458
1100.00	258	400	489	495	500	505
1150.00	269	417	522	541	547	553
1200.00	280	435	544	588	594	600
1250.00	290	451	565	634	641	648
1300.00	300	467	584	659	688	695
1350.00	310	482	603	681	735	743
1400.00	320	498	623	702	765	790
1450.00	330	513	642	724	789	838
1500.00	340	529	662	746	813	869
1550.00	350	544	681	768	836	895
1600.00	360	560	701	790	860	920
1650.00	370	575	720	812	884	945
1700.00	380	591	740	833	907	971
1750.00	390	606	759	855	931	996
1800.00	400	622	779	877	955	1022
1850.00	410	638	798	900	979	1048
1900.00	421	654	818	923	1004	1074
1950.00	431	670	839	946	1029	1101
2000.00	442	686	859	968	1054	1128
2050.00	452	702	879	991	1079	1154
2100.00	463	718	899	1014	1104	1181
2150.00	473	734	919	1037	1129	1207
2200.00	484	751	940	1060	1154	1234
2250.00	494	767	960	. 1082	1179	1261
2300.00	505	783	980	1105	1204	1287
2350.00	515	799	1000	1128	1229	1314
2400.00	526	815	1020	1151	1254	1340
2450.00	536	831	1041	1174	1279	1367
2500.00	547	847	1061	1196	1304	1394
2550.00	557	864	1081	1219	1329	1420
2600.00	568	880	1101	1242	1354	1447
2650.00	578	896	1121	1265	1379	1473
2700.00	588	912	1141	1287	1403	1500
2750.00	597	927	1160	1308	1426	1524
2800.00	607	941	1178	1328	1448	1549
2850.00	616	956	1197	1349	1471	1573
2900.00	626	971	1215	1370	1494	1598
2950.00	635	986	1234	1391	1517	1622
3000.00	644	1001	1252	1412	1540	1647

Combined Monthly	One Child	Two Children	Three Children	Four Children	Five Children	Six Children
Available						
Income	C= 4	4046	4274	4.433	1500	1671
3050.00	654	1016	1271	1433	1563	1671
3100.00	663	1031	1289	1453	1586	1695
3150.00	673	1045	1308	1474	1608	1720
3200.00	682	1060	1327	1495	1631	1744
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4700.00	951	1477	1838	2081	2271	2428
4750.00	959	1490	1855	2100	2292	2450
4800.00	968	1503	1871	2119	2313	2472
4850.00	977	1517	1888	2138	2334	2494
4900.00	986	1530	1905	2157	2354	2516
4950.00	993	1542	1927	2174	2372	2535
5000.00	1000	1551	1939	2188	2387	2551
5050.00	1006	1561	1952	2202	2402	2567
5100.00	1013	1571	1964	2215	2417	2583
5150.00	1019	1580	1976	2229	2432	2599
5200.00	1025	1590	1988	2243	2447	2615
5250.00	1032	1599	2000	2256	2462	2631
5300.00	1038	1609	2012	2270	2477	2647
5350.00	1045	1619	2024	2283	2492	2663

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7800.00	1274	1981	2483	2792	3048	3259
7850.00	1278	1987	2491	2801	3057	3269
7900.00	1282	1992	2498	2810	3067	3279
7950.00	1286	1998	2506	2818	3076	3289
8000.00	1290	2004	2513	2827	3085	3298
8050.00	1294	2010	2521	2835	3094	3308
8100.00	1298	2016	2529	2844	3104	3318
8150.00	1302	2022	2536	2852	3113	3328
8200.00	1306	2028	2544	2861	3122	3337
8250.00	1310	2034	2551	2869	3131	3347
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8450.00	1325	2058	2581	2904	3168	3386
8500.00	1329	2064	2589	2912	3178	3396
8550.00	1333	2070	2597	2921	3187	3406
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8650.00	1341	2082	2612	2938	3205	3425
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9150.00	1380	2141	2687	3023	3298	3523
9200.00	1384	2147	2695	3032	3307	3532
9250.00	1388	2153	2702	3040	3316	3542
9300.00	1391	2159	2710	3049	3326	3552
9350.00	1395	2165	2717	3058	3335	3562
9400.00	1399	2171	2725	3066	3344	3571
9450.00	1403	2177	2732	3075	3353	3581
9500.00	1407	2183	2740	3083	3363	3591
9550.00	1411	2189	2748	3092	3372	3601
9600.00	1415	2195	2755	3100	3381	3610
9650.00	1419	2201	2763	3109	3390	3620
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9750.00	1425	2210	2772	3121	3402	3634
9800.00	1427	2213	2776	3126	3408	3641
9850.00	1430	2217	2781	3132	3414	3647
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Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (09/12)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.:
Petitioner,	
, Respondent.	
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NOTICE OF FILING CHILD SU	PPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that {name}	, is filing his/her
Child Support Guidelines Worksheet attache	ed and labeled Exhibit 1.
CER	TIFICATE OF SERVICE
certify that a copy of this Notice of Filing w [check all used]: () e-mailed () mailed (rith the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet was
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oelow on {date} Other party or his/her attorney:	
below on {date} Other party or his/her attorney: Name: Address:	
Other party or his/her attorney: Name: Address: City, State, Zip: Fax Number:	
below on {date} Other party or his/her attorney: Name: Address:	_·

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (09/12)

	CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELI	NES WORKSHEET		
		A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
1.	Present Net Monthly Income Enter the amount from line 27, Section I of Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), Financial Affidavit.			
2.	Basic Monthly Obligation There is (are) {number} minor child(ren) common to the parties. Using the total amount from line 1, enter the appropriate amount from the child support guidelines chart.			
3.	Percent of Financial Responsibility Divide the amount on line 1A by the total amount on line 1 to get Father's percentage of financial responsibility. Enter answer on line 3A. Divide the amount on line 1B by the total amount on line 1 to get Mother's percentage of financial responsibility. Enter answer on line 3B.	%	%	
4.	Share of Basic Monthly Obligation Multiply the number on line 2 by the percentage on line 3A to get Father's share of basic obligation. Enter answer on line 4A. Multiply the number on line 2 by the percentage on line 3B to get Mother's share of basic obligation. Enter answer on line 4B.			
	Additional Support — Health Inst	urance, Child Care &	Other	
5.	a. 100% of Monthly Child Care Costs [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source. See section 61.30(7), Florida Statutes, for more information.]			
	 Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).] 			

		A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
	c. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs			
	d. Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 5a + 5b +5c].			
6.	Additional Support Payments Multiply the number on line 5d by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 6A. Multiply the number on line 5d by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 6B.			
	Statutory Adjustme	ents/Credits		
7.	a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
	b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
	c. Other payments/credits actually made for any noncovered medical, dental and prescription medication expenses of the child(ren) not ordered to be separately paid on a percentage basis. (See section 61.30 (8), Florida Statutes)			
8.	Total Support Payments actually made (Add 7a though 7c)			
9.	MINIMUM CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR EACH PARENT [Line 4 plus line 6; minus line 8]			
St	ibstantial Time-Sharing (GROSS UP METHOD) If each p the overnights in the year (73 overnights in t			
		A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
10.	Basic Monthly Obligation x 150%			8

	A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
11. Increased Basic Obligation for each parent. Multiply the number on line 10 by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 11A. Multiply the number on line 10 by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 11B.			
12. Percentage of overnight stays with each parent. The child(ren) spend(s)overnight stays with the Father each year. Using the number on the above line, multiply it by 100 and divide by 365. Enter this number on line 12A. The child(ren) spend(s) overnight stays with the Mother each year. Using the number on the above line, multiply it by 100 and divide by 365. Enter this number on line 12B.	%	%	
13. Parent's support multiplied by other Parent's percentage of overnights. [Multiply line 11A by line 12B. Enter this number in 13A. Multiply line 11B by line 12A. Enter this number in 13B.]			
Additional Support — Health Insu	rance, Child Care &	Other	
 14. a. Total Monthly Child Care Costs [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source. See section 61.30(7), Florida Statutes, for more information.] b. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health 			
insurance on the child(ren).] c. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered			
Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs.			
d. Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 14a + 14b + 14c.]			

	A. FATHER	B. MOTHER	TOTAL
15. Additional Support Payments.			
Multiply the number on line 14d by the			
percentage on line 3A to determine the			
Father's share. Enter answer on line 15A.			
Multiply the number on line 14d by the			
percentage on line 3B to determine the			
Mother's share. Enter answer on line 15B.			
Statutory Adjustme	nts/Credits		
16. a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
c. Other payments/credits actually made for any noncovered medical, dental and			
prescription medication expenses of the			
child(ren) not ordered to be separately paid			
on a percentage basis.			
[See section 61.30(8), Florida Statutes]			
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17. Total Support Payments actually made			
[Add 16a though 16c]			
10 Tatal Additional Compart Transfer Amount			
18. Total Additional Support Transfer Amount			
(Line 15 minus line 17; enter any negative number as zero)			
19. Total Child Support Owed from Father to Mother			
[Add line 13A plus line 18A]	***************************************	***************************************	
20. Total Child Support Owed from Mother to Father [Add line 13B plus line 18B]			
21. Actual Child Support to Be Paid.		4	
[Comparing lines 19 and 20, Subtract the	\$		*************************************
smaller amount owed from the larger amount			
owed and enter the result in the column for			*************************************
the parent that owes the larger amount of			
support]			*************************************

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (09/12)

ADJUSTMENTS TO GUIDELINES AMOUNT. If you or the other parent is requesting the Court to award a child support amount that is more or less than the child support guidelines, you must complete and file Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943.

[ch	eck one only]
a.	Deviation from the guidelines amount is requested. The Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, is attached.
b.	Deviation from the guidelines amount is NOT requested. The Motion to Deviate from
	Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, is not attached.
[fill in a This fo	ONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: all blanks] This form was prepared for the: {choose only one} () Petitioner () Respondent rm was completed with the assistance of: of individual}
	of business}
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city, "	itelephone numbers

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet (09/12)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(j), NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

When should this form be used?

This form must be completed and filed by each party in all <u>paternity</u>, <u>child support</u>, and <u>dissolution of marriage</u> cases, regardless of whether the case involves a minor child(ren) and/or property.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not <u>served</u> on him or her with your initial papers.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see sections 61.052 and 61.13, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j). Notice of Social Security Number (9/00)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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	Division	:
Petitioner,		
and		
,		
Respondent.		
NOTICE OF SOC	IAL SECURITY	NUMBER
I, {full legal name} certify that my social security number is		,
certify that my social security number is		, as required in section
61.052(7), sections 61.13(9) or (10), section	1 742.031(3), se	ctions 742.032(1)-(3), and/or sections
742.10(1)-(2), Florida Statutes. My date of birth		
[√ one only] 1. This notice is being filed in a dissol children in common.	ution of marriage	case in which the parties have no minor
2. This notice is being filed in a patern which the parties have minor children in comm social security number(s) is/are:	ity or child suppo on. The minor c	ort case, or in a dissolution of marriage in hild(ren)'s name(s), date(s) of birth, and
Name	Birth date	Social Security Number
{Attach additional pages if necessary.}		
Disclosure of social security numbers shall be Title IV-D program for child support enforcement		urpose of administration of the

Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j). Notice of Social Security Number (9 00)

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this notice and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:	Signature
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	Address: City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before	ore me onby
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk]
Personally known Produced identification Type of identification produced:	
	OU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE
BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all bl	anks]
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Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Fo	rm 12.902(j). Notice of Social Security Number (9/00)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.932, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE (09/12)

When should this form be used?

Mandatory disclosure requires each party in a dissolution of marriage case to provide the other party with certain financial information and documents. These documents must be served on the other party within 45 days of service of the petition for dissolution of marriage or supplemental petition for modification on the respondent. The mandatory disclosure rule applies to all original and supplemental dissolution of marriage cases, except simplified dissolution of marriage cases and cases where the respondent is served by constructive service and does not answer. You should use this form to notify the court and the other party that you have complied with the mandatory disclosure rule.

Each party must provide the other party with the documents listed in section 2 of this form if the relief being sought is permanent regardless of whether it is an initial or supplemental proceeding. ONLY THE ORIGINAL OF THE COMPLETED FORM IS FILED WITH THE COURT. EXCEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT AND CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET, NO DOCUMENTS SHALL BE FILED IN THE COURT FILE WITHOUT A PRIOR COURT ORDER. THE DOCUMENTS LISTED ON THE FORM ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE OTHER PARTY. If your individual gross annual income is under \$50,000, you should complete the Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short Form), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b). If your individual gross annual income is \$50,000 or more, you should complete the Family Law Financial Affidavit (Long Form), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c).

In addition, there are separate mandatory disclosure requirements that apply to temporary financial hearings, which are listed in section 1 of this form. The party seeking temporary financial relief must serve these documents on the other party with the notice of temporary financial hearing. The responding party must serve the required documents on the party seeking temporary relief. Service by e-mail or mail shall be at least 7 days before the temporary financial relief hearing. Service by delivery shall be no later than 5:00 p.m., 2 business days before the hearing. Any documents that have already been served under the requirements for temporary or initial proceedings do not need to be reserved again in the same proceeding. If a supplemental petition is filed, seeking modification, then the mandatory disclosure requirements begin again.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records. A copy of this form must be served on any other party in your case. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

Instructions to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932, Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure (09/12)

What should I do next?

After you have provided the other party all of the financial information and documents and have filed this form certifying that you have complied with this rule, you are under a continuing duty to promptly give the other party any information or documents that change your financial status or that make the information already provided inaccurate. You should not file with the clerk any of the documents listed in the certificate of compliance other than the financial affidavit and the child support guidelines worksheet. Refer to the instructions regarding the <u>petition</u> in your case to determine how you should proceed after filing this form.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in <u>bold underline</u> in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285.

Special notes...

You may provide copies of required documents; however, the originals must be produced for inspection if the other party requests to see them.

Although the financial affidavits are based on individual gross income, either party may ask the other party to complete the Family Law Financial Affidavit (Long Form), Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(c), by serving the appropriate interrogatory form. (See Standard Family Law Interrogatories, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.930(b) (original proceedings) or (c) (modification proceedings)).

Any portion of the mandatory disclosure rule may be modified by order of the <u>judge</u> or agreement of the parties. Therefore, you and your <u>spouse</u> may agree that you will not require each other to produce the documents required under the mandatory disclosure rule. This exception does <u>not</u> apply to the <u>Financial Affidavit</u>, Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), which is required in all cases and cannot be waived.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions to Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932, Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure (09/12)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.:
	Division:
Petitioner,	
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and	
,	
Respondent.	
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WI	TH MANDATORY DISCLOSURE
ONLY THE ORIGINAL OF THIS	
FILED WITH THE COURT. <u>EXC</u>	
AFFIDAVIT AND CHILD SUPPO	<u> DRT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET.</u>
NO DOCUMENTS SHALL BE FI	LED IN THE COURT FILE
WITHOUT A PRIOR COURT OR	DER. THE DOCUMENTS
LISTED BELOW ARE TO BE GIV	
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I, {full legal name} with the mandatory disclosure required by Florida Fam	
with the mandatory disclosure required by Florida Fam	ly Law Rule 12.285 as follows:
4 TOD TELEDODADY PINIANGIAL DELICE ONLY.	
1. FOR TEMPORARY FINANCIAL RELIEF, ONLY: The date the following degree at the	
The date the following documents were served:[Check all that apply]	•
a Financial Affidavit	
() Florida Family Law Rules of Proced	lure Form 12.902(b) (short form)
() Florida Family Law Rules of Proced	
b. All personal (1040) federal tax, gift tax, ar	
returns for the preceding year; or	
() Transcript of tax return as provide	d by IRS form 4506-T; or
() IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for t	he past year because the income tax return
for the past year has not been prepare	d.
	come for the 3 months before the service of the
financial affidavit.	
2. FOR INITIAL, SUPPLEMENTAL, AND PERMANENT F	
The date the following documents were served:	•
[Check all that apply]	
a Financial Affidavit	Fa 12 002/h) /ahaut fa
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Florida Family Law Rules of Proceeding Florida Family Florid	

b	All personal (1040) federal and state income tax returns, gift tax returns, and intangible personal property tax returns for the preceding 3 years;
	() IRS forms W-2, 1099, and K-1 for the past year because the income tax return for the past year has not been prepared.
c	Pay stubs or other evidence of earned income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit.
d	A statement identifying the source and amount of all income for the 3 months before the service of the financial affidavit, if not reflected on the pay stubs produced.
e	All loan applications and financial statements prepared for any purpose or used for any purpose within the 12 months preceding the service of the financial affidavit.
f	All deeds to real estate in which I presently own or owned an interest within the past 3 years. All promissory notes in which I presently own or owned an interest within the last 12 months. All present leases in which I own an interest.
g	All periodic statements for the last 3 months for all checking accounts and for the last year for all savings accounts, money market funds, certificates of deposit, etc.
h	All brokerage account statements for the last 12 months.
i	Most recent statement for any pension, profit sharing, deferred compensation, or retirement plan (for example, IRA, 401(k), 403(b), SEP, KEOGH, etc.) and summary plan description for any such plan in which I am a participant or alternate payee.
j	The declaration page, the last periodic statement, and the certificate for any group insurance for all life insurance policies insuring my life or the life of me or my spouse.
k	All health and dental insurance cards covering either me or my spouse and/or our dependent child(ren).
l	Corporate, partnership, and trust tax returns for the last 3 tax years, in which I have an ownership or interest greater than or equal to 30%.
m	All credit card and charge account statements and other records showing my (our) indebtedness as of the date of the filing of this action and for the prior 3 months. All promissory notes on which I presently owe or owned within the past year. All lease agreements I presently owe.
n	All premarital and marital agreements between the parties to this case.
0	If a modification proceeding, all written agreements entered into between the parties at any time since the order to be modified was entered.
p	All documents and tangible evidence relating to claims for an unequal distribution of marital property, enhancement or appreciation in nonmarital property, or nonmarital status of an asset or debt.
q	Any court order directing that I pay or receive spousal support (alimony) or child support.
	copy of this document was [check all used]: () e-mailed () mailed hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date}
	r his/her attorney:
Address:	
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E-mail Address	o(co)

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932, Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure (09/12)

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the accuracy of my compliance with the mandatory disclosure requirements of Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.285 and that, unless otherwise indicated with specificity, this disclosure is complete. I further understand that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement or incomplete disclosure includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:	
	Signature of Party
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address(es):
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]
Personally known Produced identification Type of identification produced	•
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	e: {choose only one} () Petitioner () Respondent
This form was completed with the assistance of	
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{address}	
{citv} .{state}	, {telephone number}

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932, Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure (09/12)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No:
	Division:
	Petitioner,
	and
	Respondent.
	MOTION FOR MEDIATION
	I, [write your name], the [circle one] Petitioner / Respondent ove the court to enter an Order Appointing a Certified Family Law Mediator to mediate this cause and to der the parties to submit to mediation, and as grounds would state as follows:
1.	Pursuant to the Florida Statutes and the Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, the parties should attempt in good faith to resolve their disputes in family law cases by means of mediation.
2.	A motion for Court Ordered Mediation is being requested because:[√only a or b]
	aPrior to initiating any action, we are required to first submit the issue(s) to pre-filing Mediation.
	bThere is a pending action in this case. That action is for:
	Dissolution Paternity Modification Adoption
	Other more particularly described as:
3.	I would like to mediate the following matters which I have not been able to resolve with the other party and which are in dispute: [$\sqrt{\text{all that apply}}$]
	Parenting Plan and/or Time-SharingChild support Property Distribution Alimony Costs Relocation Other
4.	Our <u>combined</u> annual income <u>"Gross (before taxes)"</u> is: [Choose one]
	 Less than \$50,000 (Each party will be required to pay \$60.00 for Mediation Fees) More than \$50,000(Each party will be required to pay \$120.00 for Mediation Fees) More than \$100,000(Parties must utilize private mediation. When utilizing a private mediator, payment shall be shared equally by the parties, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.)
	*Note: If a party has been found to be indigent, that party shall bring a copy of the Determination of Indigent Status or appropriate court order to the ADR office, in which case the fee will be waived for that party.

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5.	I believe that there is a good possibility that most or all issues could be settled amicably by mediation for the benefit of the minor child(ren).				
6.	Is there a his	story of Family/Dome	stic Viole	ence between the parties?	
7.	Is there an I	njunction/No Contac	t Order i	in effect?	
	Yes	Case #:		Jurisdiction/Circuit	
8.	No	elated Child Support			
	Yes	Case #:		_Jurisdiction/Circuit	
	*Note: A co Mediation	• •	of Suppo	ort must be provided to the mediator at the time of	
sub det the	omit to medi ermining hov mediator is t I HERI) mailed ()	iation before the Cer to be paid. EBY CERTIFY that	tified Far a true and	is Court for the entry of an Order directing the parties to mily Law Mediator appointed by the Court and further d correct copy of the foregoing Motion for Mediation was ed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on	
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.924, NOTICE FOR TRIAL

When should this form be used?

Generally, the court will have <u>trials</u> (or <u>final hearings</u>) on contested cases. This form is to be used to notify the court that your case is ready to be set for trial. Before setting your case for trial, certain requirements such as completing <u>mandatory disclosure</u> and <u>filing</u> certain papers and having them <u>served</u> on the other <u>party</u> must be met. These requirements vary depending on the type of case and the procedures in your particular circuit. In some circuits you must complete <u>mediation</u> or a <u>parenting</u> <u>course</u> before you can set a final hearing by using a <u>Notice of Hearing (General)</u>, \square Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form. Other circuits may require that you set the trial using an <u>Order Setting Trial</u>. Contact the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u>, <u>family law intake staff</u>, or <u>judicial assistant</u> to determine how the <u>judge</u> assigned to your case sets trials. For further information, you should refer to the instructions for the type of form you are filing.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the clerk of the circuit court in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read AGeneral Information for Self-Represented Litigants@ found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see rule 12.440, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

These family law forms contain <u>orders</u> and <u>final judgments</u>, which the judge may use. You should ask the clerk of court, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant if you need to bring one of these forms with you to the hearing or trial. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties= names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, \square Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900 (a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

Instructions for Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, Notice for Trial (9/00)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.: Division:
Petitioner,	
and	
Respondent.	
NOTI	ICE FOR TRIAL
that the case is ready to be set for trial. The est {hours} I certify that a copy of this document w	y Law Rules of Procedure, the party signing below states cimated time needed for the parties to present their cases is: vas [√ one only] () mailed () faxed and mailed () hand
Other party or his/her attorney: Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	
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	Signature of Party Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]	OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE
a nonlawyer located at {street}	. {citv}
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who is the [\int \text{ ane only } netitioner or r	espondent, fill out this form.
who is the [v one only] petitioner of !	soponaving iiii oat and ioiiiii
Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12 924 No	ntice for Trial (9/00)

"If you are a <u>person with a disability</u> who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Tammy Anton, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, Palm Beach County Courthouse, 205 North Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, Florida 33401; telephone number (561) 355-4380 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

"Si usted es una persona minusválida que necesita algún acomodamiento para poder participar en este procedimiento, usted tiene derecho, sin tener gastos propios, a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Tenga la amabilidad de ponerse en contacto con Tammy Anton, 205 N. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401; teléfono número (561) 355-4380, por lo menos 7 días antes de la cita fijada para su comparecencia en los tribunales, o inmediatamente después de recibir esta notificación si el tiempo antes de la comparecencia que se ha programado es menos de 7 días; si usted tiene discapacitación del oído o de la voz, llame al 711."

"Si ou se yon <u>moun ki enfim</u> ki bezwen akomodasyon pou w ka patisipe nan pwosedi sa, ou kalifye san ou pa gen okenn lajan pou w peye, gen pwovizyon pou jwen kèk èd. Tanpri kontakte Tammy Anton, kòòdonatè pwogram Lwa pou ameriken ki Enfim yo nan Tribinal Konte Palm Beach la ki nan 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401; telefòn li se (561) 355-4380 nan 7 jou anvan dat ou gen randevou pou parèt nan tribinal la, oubyen imedyatman apre ou fin resevwa konvokasyon an si lè ou gen pou w parèt nan tribinal la mwens ke 7 jou; si ou gen pwoblèm pou w tande oubyen pale, rele 711."

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.900(a), DISCLOSURE FROM NONLAWYER (11/12)

When should this form be used?

This form must be used when anyone who is **not** a lawyer in good standing with The Florida Bar helps you complete any Florida Family Law Form. Attorneys who are licensed to practice in other states but not Florida, or who have been disbarred or suspended from the practice of law in Florida, are nonlawyers for the purposes of the Florida Family Law Forms and instructions.

The nonlawyer must complete this form and both of you are to sign it before the nonlawyer assists you in completing any Family Law Form.

In addition, on any other form with which a nonlawyer helps you, the nonlawyer shall complete the nonlawyer section located at the bottom of the form unless otherwise specified in the instructions to the form. This is to protect you and be sure that you are informed in advance of the nonlawyer's limitations.

What should I do next?

A copy of this disclosure, signed by both the nonlawyer and the person, must be given to the person to retain and the nonlawyer must keep a copy in the person's file. The nonlawyer shall also keep copies for at least 6 years of all forms given to the person being assisted.

Special Notes

This disclosure form does NOT act as or constitute a waiver, disclaimer, or limitation of liability.

Instructions for Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), Disclosure from Nonlawyer (11/12)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.:
	Division:
Detitioner	
Petitioner,	
and	
, Respondent.	
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DISCLOSURE FR	ROM NONLAWYER
{Name}	told me that he/she is a nonlawyer at my rights or remedies are, cannot tell me how to
and may not give legal advice, cannot tell me wh testify in court, and cannot represent me in court.	at my rights or remedies are, cannot tell me how to
under the supervision of a member of The Flosubstantive legal work for which a member of The	Florida Bar defines a paralegal as a person who works orida Bar and who performs specifically delegated Florida Bar is responsible. Only persons who meet the, informed me that he/she is not imself/herself a paralegal.
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[choose one only] I can read English. I cannot read English, but this disclosure was {name} in {langu	as read to me [fill in both blanks] by
Dated:	Signature of Party
	Signature of Farty
	Signature of NONLAWYER
	Printed Name:
	Name of Business:Address:
	Telephone Number:

Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), Disclosure From Nonlawyer (11/12)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY

			SION:
			_
Petitioner,			
and			
Respondent.		_,	
		/	
	JOINT PRET	RIAL STATEMEN	<u>I</u>
I. INFORMATION ABO	UT THE PARTIES		
Petitioner's Name:			
Petitioner's Age:	have former name restored?	Ves/No	
Petitioner's Net Monthly	• •		
	nly Income Disputed by Resp	oondent? Yes/No	
	•		
• =			
Respondent's Employer			
Respondent's Net Mont		otition on O. Moo/No.	
Is Respondent's Net Mo	onthly Income Disputed by P	etitioner/ Yes/No	
Name of each child, the	ir date of birth, and current p	lace of residence:	
Name	D.O.B.		Current Place of Residence
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Date and Place of Marriage:					
Date of Final Separation:					
Is There a Written Settlement Agreement? Yes/No					
s Child Support an issue? Yes/No If yes, attach a fully completed child support calculation vorksheet (Florida Family Rule Form 12.902(e).					
II. TRIAL INFORMATION					
Date Petition Filed:					
Docket Number:					
Date Answer Filed:					
Docket Number:					
Date Counter-Petition Filed:					
Docket Number:					
Date Answer to Counter-Petition Filed:					
Docket Number:					
Pending Motions:					
Docket Number:					
Date Parties Attended Mediation:					
Attach Petitioner's Witness List					
Attach Petitioner's Exhibit List (all exhibits must be pre-marked for trial)					
Attach Respondent's Witness List					
Attach Respondent's Exhibit List (all exhibits must be pre-marked for trial)					
Are There Any Support Arrearages? Y/N					
If yes, state the amount of the arrearage, the date and amount of the next payment due, and the date and docket entry number for the court order establishing the support that is in arrears					
List Relief Sought by Petitioner:					

List Relief Sought by Respondent:				
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Stipulated Facts:				
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ssues for the Court to Decide:				
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MARITAL ASSETS

(Complete this section if this is a dissolution of marriage action. If value is disputed, list the asset again on the next line and fill out columns 2, 3, 4, & 5 for each party. Footnote any item for which a special equity is claimed. List legal description on a separate page, if necessary)

_	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	Wife's	Proposal	Husban	d's Proposal
	<u>Description</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Liens</u>	Net Equity	Opinion Source	Wife	Husband	Wife	Husband
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MARITAL LIABLILITIES

	Description	Monthly Payment	Balance Due	Name of Person on this Liability	Opinion Source	Wife's Proposal Husb		Husban	pand's Proposal	
						Wife	Husband	Wife	Husband	
1										
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Non-Marital Assets Claimed (Complete this section if this is a dissolution of marriage action)

Description	Owner	Reason for Claim	Disputed?

Non- Marital Liabilities Claimed (Complete this section if this is a dissolution of marriage action)

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Attorney for Petitioner /Pro Se Petitioner Florida Bar Number:	Attorney for Petitioner /Pro Se Respondent Florida Bar Number:
Telephone Number:	Telephone Number:



E-SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELF REPRESENTED PARTIES

Pursuant to the Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516, self-represented parties involved in any type of case in any Florida court, may, but are not required to, serve on the opposing party's attorney court documents by e-mail.

E-mail Service to/from an Opposing Party: Self-represented parties opting to serve court documents by e-mail may do so by designating a primary e-mail address (and up to 2 secondary e-mail addresses) for receiving service in that proceeding. This designation only informs the other side of your email address. Once a party has filed an e-mail address designation in a proceeding, all court documents required or permitted to be served on a party must be served by e-mail unless the parties otherwise agree or a court orders otherwise.

<u>E-Mail Service from Participating Judges</u>: Self-represented parties who want to receive court orders and other court documents from judges who use e-mail service MUST register with the 15th Judicial Circuit's online services system at **www.15thcircuit.com/html/onlineservices**. You will NOT receive court documents from participating judges unless and until you register with the 15th Judicial Circuit's online system.

Form of Email: E-mail service is made by attaching a copy of the document to be served in PDF format to an e-mail. The e-mail's subject line must state "SERVICE OF COURT DOCUMENT" in all capital letters, followed by the case number of the relevant proceeding. The body of the e-mail must identify the: (1) court in which the proceeding is pending; (2) case number; (3) name of the initial party on each side; (3) title of each document served with that e-mail; (4) sender's name; (5) sender's telephone number. The e-mail and attachments together may not exceed 5 megabytes in size; e-mails that exceed the size requirement must be divided into separate e-mails (no one of which may exceed 5 megabytes) and labeled sequentially in the subject line. Documents served by e-mail may be signed by "/s/", "/s" or "s/" as long as the document filed with the Clerk's Office is signed in accordance with the applicable rule of procedure.

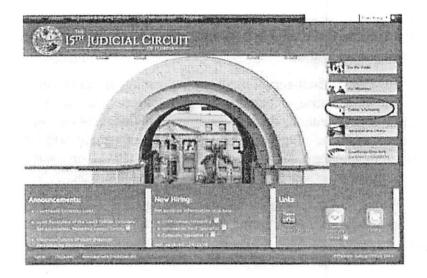
<u>Service Dates</u>: Service by e-mail is deemed complete on the date it is sent. E-mail service is treated as service by mail for the computation of time. When, in addition to service by e-mail, the sender also utilizes another means of service provided for in the Rules of Judicial Administration, the computation of time will be based on the method of service that has the shortest response time.

<u>Filing of Documents</u>: The Rules of Judicial Administration require that all documents be filed with the court either before service on the opposing party or immediately thereafter. Documents are deemed filed when they are filed with the clerk of court. If the sender learns that the e-mail did not reach the address of the person to be served, the sender must immediately send another copy by e-mail, or serve by a means authorized by subdivision (b)(2) of the Rules of Judicial Administration.

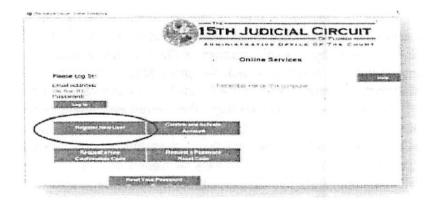
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Instructions for E-Service Registration For Self Represented Litigants



- Go to www.15thcircuit.com
- Select Online Scheduling
- Select Online Scheduling Application ⊕



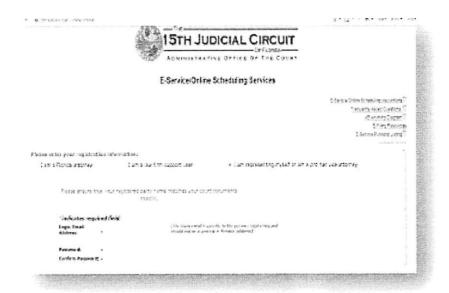
This will take you to the Log In Screen.

First time users click on "Register New User".



Select the" Pro se/ Pro hac vice" button

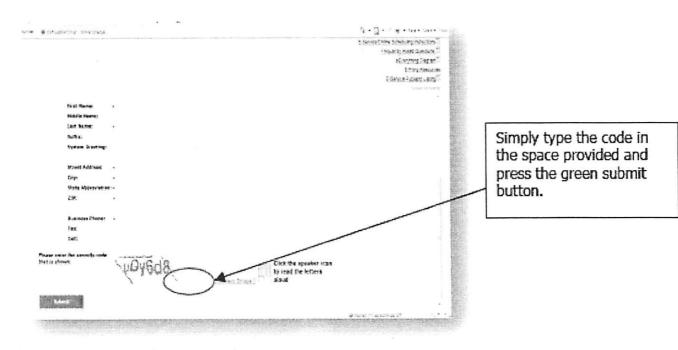
Instructions for E-Service Registration for Self Represented Litigants, (06/13)



Enter the information requested in the fields provided.

NOTE:

The e-mail address listed here is for logging into Court e-service applications. This address is NOT FOR USE as an e-service email address unless you want it to be.



The account has now been created.

A confirmation email will be sent to registered login email address.

IMPORTANT:

The user MUST accept and login within 24 hours.

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IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	CASE NO.:
	Plaintiff/Petitioner,
v.	
*•	
	,
	Defendant/Respondent.
DIE	DESIGNATION OF CURRENT MAILING AND E-MAIL ADDRESS AND RECTIONS TO PROVIDE E-MAIL ADDRESS TO COURT ADMINISTRATION
	I, (full legal name), being sworn, certify that
my cur	rent mailing address is: {Street}
{Citv}	, {State}, {Zip}
	hone No.} {Fax No.}
I design	nate as my current e-mail address(es) (up to 3 different email address):
1.	I understand that in order to receive court orders from <u>participating</u> judicial divisions in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit/Palm Beach County, I must register my email address with Court Administration by going to <u>www.15thcircuit.com/html/onlineservices.</u>
2.	I further understand that simply listing an email address on this form will NOT inform the judge or case manager of my email address and that I MUST register on line with the Court's online e-registration system.
3.	Once registered, I agree to accept email service of court orders or documents sent by the court.
4.	By completing this form I am authorizing participating Judicial Divisions and the Court of the Clerk, of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida to send copies of orders/judgment, notices or other written communications to me by e-mail and not through regular U.S. Mail.
5.	I understand that I must keep the clerk's office and the opposing party or parties notified of my current mailing and e-mail address(es) and that all future papers in this lawsuit will be served at the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.

Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address and Directions to Provide E-mail Address to Court Administration (04/13)

6. I will ensure the software filters have been with my ability to receive any of the above	n removed from my computer, so it does not interfere e documents.
I certify that a copy of this document was {check () hand-delivered to the person(s) listed below (
Other party or his/her attorney	
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:Fax Number:	
E-Mail Address(es):	
	 ·
Dated:	Signature of Party
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk]
Personally Known Produced Identification Type of identification produced	
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OF BLANKS BELOW:	UT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE
[fill in all blanks] This form was prepared for the	e: {choose only one} () Petitioner ()Respondent
This form was completed with the assistance of:	
{name of individual}	
{name of business}	
{street}	
	state} {telephone number}
Posignation of Current Mailing and F-Mail Address and Directions	to Provide F-mail Address to Court Administration (04/13)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you make any changes to your mailing/e-mailing address at anytime during the course of the case.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the</u> <u>circuit court</u> in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms. The words that are in "bold underline" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 742, Florida Statutes.

Special notes...

It is the party's responsibility to timely update their address. If you do not update your address timely, you may not receive documents filed in your case.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

	Case No.:
	Division:
Plaintiff/Petitioner,	
V.	
Defendent/Desendent	
Defendant/Respondent.	
NOTICE O	OF CHANGE ADDRESS
Please be advised that the undersigned	has changed their mailing address to:
Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip code:	
Please be advised that the undersigned Email Address:	has changed his/her email address to the following:
	Signature
	Printed Name
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I certify that a copy of this document w the following date:	vas mailed to the person listed below by U.S. Mail on
Other party or his/her attorney: Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip: E-Mail:	
	Signature