



# PETITION FOR DIVORCE

(DIVORCE NO CHILDREN UNDER 18)  
IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

*County Where You Are Filing the Case*

**PETITIONER:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Who started the case. First, Middle, and Last Name*

**Case Number**

*(Clerk fills in)*

**RESPONDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Who the case was filed against. First, Middle, and Last Name*

You may have questions as you fill out the form. Learn more by reading the *How To Get A Divorce Instructions* at [ilcourts.info/how-to-divorce](http://ilcourts.info/how-to-divorce).



This form may take between 30-45 minutes to fill out. Some questions involve personal finances, so you may need to refer to other documents to complete it. There are fees to file court forms like this one, but you may qualify to file for free. Check with your Circuit Clerk for cost and fee waiver information.



## 1. PETITIONER (YOU)

*The Petitioner is the person who starts a case by making a formal request to the judge. In this case, the Petitioner is asking the judge to divorce them from the Respondent.*

A. I live in Illinois:

Yes     No

B. I have lived in Illinois for longer than 90 days:

Yes     No

The county I currently live in is: \_\_\_\_\_.

C. My age is: \_\_\_\_\_.

D. I am employed: (check all that apply)

Yes     No     I receive Social Security, unemployment or other types of benefits

I am employed as: \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Job title*

I am employed by: \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Employer's name*

E. I would like to go back to a maiden or a former married name:

Yes     No

If yes, my maiden or former name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
*First, Middle, and Last Name*



## 2. RESPONDENT (YOUR SPOUSE)

*The Respondent is the person who a petition is filed against. The Respondent will get a chance to tell the judge whether they agree or disagree with what the Petitioner is asking for.*

A. My spouse lives in **Illinois**:

Yes     No

B. My spouse has lived in Illinois for longer than **90 days**:

Yes     No

C. My spouse's **age** is: \_\_\_\_\_.

D. I know my spouse's **current address**:

Yes — If yes, enter your **spouse's current address**:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. #, City, State, and Zip Code

No — See page 10 of the [instructions](#) before completing the form.

E. My spouse is **employed** (*check all that apply*):

Yes     No     I Don't Know

My spouse receives Social Security, unemployment or other types of benefits

My spouse is employed as: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Job Title*

My spouse is employed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Employer's Name*

F. My spouse is currently on **active duty** as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America:

Yes     No     I Don't Know



## 3. MARRIAGE or CIVIL UNION

*The union of two people as spouses which has been made official by law.*

A. I am providing the following information about the marriage or civil union:

We were married/united on: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month, Day, and Year*

We were married/united in: \_\_\_\_\_  
*County, State, and Country*

B. I or my spouse filed a case to dissolve this marriage or civil union in Illinois or another state or country:

No     I Don't Know     Yes, in: \_\_\_\_\_  
*County, State, or Country*

C. We have been **separated** since: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month, Day, and Year*

D. Irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of the **marriage or civil union**.

## 4. PREGNANCY

*This section tells the judge there are no unborn children belonging to you and your spouse.*

- I am not pregnant.
- I am pregnant, but my spouse is not the parent of the unborn child.
- My spouse is not pregnant.
- My spouse is pregnant, but I am not the parent of the unborn child.

## 5. CHILDREN

*This section tells the judge there are no children who need support.*

- There are no children born or adopted by you and your spouse during this marriage/civil union.
- There are only adult children who do not need support to attend school or because of a disability.

List the names and ages of your adult children:

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If there are children who need support, do not use these forms. Use the [Divorce with Children](#) forms.

## 6. CURRENT ARRANGEMENT

*Let the judge know if maintenance (alimony) is being paid.*

Is maintenance (alimony) currently being paid from one spouse to the other?

- Yes       No

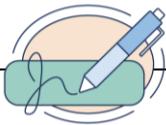


## 7. WHAT ARE YOU ASKING THE JUDGE TO DO?

*Make your official request to the judge to end your marriage or civil union. This section contains requests that are **always included** when filing for divorce.*

I ask the judge to order:

- A. A *Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union (Divorce No Children)* for me and my spouse.
- B. That **each party** gets to keep all of their non-marital/non-civil union property.
- C. A **fair division** of the marital/civil union property.
- D. A **fair division of the debts** obtained during the marriage/civil union.
- E. Each party be assigned their non-marital/non-civil union **debt**.
- F. That maintenance be awarded, if appropriate.
- G. That I be allowed to return to using my former name if I wish.
- H. For any other relief that is appropriate.

**SIGN**

Under [735 ILCS 5/1-109](#), your signature means that:

- 1) everything in this document is true and correct, or I have been informed or I believe it to be true and correct, and
- 2) I understand that making a false statement on this form is perjury and has penalties provided by law.

*If you are filling out this form online, sign your name by typing it. If you are filling out this form by hand, sign and print your name. Enter your complete current address and telephone number. If you need to keep your address secret from your spouse because of domestic violence, you may use another address. That address must be one at which you can receive mail about the case.*

Your Signature /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ Print Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I am using an alternative address because disclosing my address would put me or my household at risk.

Be sure to **check your email every day** so you do not miss important information, court dates, or documents from other parties.



### **NEXT STEP FOR PERSON FILLING OUT THIS FORM:**

- File this form with the Circuit Clerk in the county you live in or in the county your spouse lives in. For more information on where to file, go to [ilcourts.info/clerks](#).
- Arrange to notify your spouse that you have filed for divorce. Information on how to do that can be found at [ilcourts.info/how-to-divorce](#).
- Confirm that the Sheriff has notified your spouse by serving them with the forms.



Learn more about each step in the process by reading the *How To Get A Divorce Instructions* at [ilcourts.info/how-to-divorce](#).

### **NEXT STEP FOR PERSON RECEIVING THIS DOCUMENT**

- You must file an official form with the court called an *Appearance* and a form called an *Answer or Response* no later than 30 days from the date you received this *Petition and Summons*.
- If you do not file an *Appearance* and an *Answer or Response* on time, the judge may decide the case without hearing from you. This is called "default." As a result, you could lose the case.
- *Appearance and Answer or Response* forms can be found at [ilcourts.info/forms](#).