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My wife is suing me for divorce and/or legal separation. We have lived our entire 29 years of marriage in Idaho, but on 5/30/2019 she filed the petition in a California Superior Court.

California (like Idaho) requires at least one party to be a legal resident, at the time of filing. I certainly was not a resident of California. Although my wife checked the box on the petition indicating California residency, I believe that she did not, and still does not, satisfy the residency requirements.

She has explained, several times, that she is using a California court in an attempt to increase the value of her part of a potential judgment (e.g. spousal support). I now understand that this strategy is called "forum shopping."

I am asking that the California suit be dismissed, for the reasons below.

The following was true on the petition date, and is still true:

1. Her driver's license is issued in Idaho.
2. Her car is registered and titled in Idaho.
3. She is registered to vote in Idaho.
4. She pays state-income tax in Idaho.
5. She is on the title of our home in Idaho.
6. She has never paid rent outside of Idaho.

I believe she meets the residency requirements of *Idaho*, so how can she also meet the residency requirements of another state?

Originally, I had a footnote in my FL-18 Case Management Hearing statement, regarding, regarding date of separation:

The amended petition was filed on 6/13/2019, but we have not lived together, permanently, since 2015. We have visited each other, during that time, several times a year, sometimes for months at a time, but never with an intent to stay.

On 6/20/2020, she talked me into removing that footnote, by saying she "always considered the possibility of getting back together." I believe this also supports my claim that she is still an Idaho resident, rather than a California resident.

We have never lived, as husband and wife, in California. Our entire 29 years of marriage has been in Idaho. Over that time, we have owned three homes in Idaho, Eagle and Boise.