

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT – DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF)	
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STEVE LAUTERBACH,)	
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Petitioner/Counter-Respondent,)	Case No. 2021 D2 30407
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and)	Cal. 82
)	
ANNETTE LAUTERBACH,)	
)	
Respondent/Counter-Petitioner.)	

COUNTER-PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

NOW COMES the Counter-Petitioner, ANNETTE LAUTERBACH (“Annette”), by and through her attorneys, CHICAGO FAMILY & IMMIGRATION SERVICES, LLC, and pursuant to Section 403 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, brings the following Petition for Dissolution of Marriage against the Petitioner/Counter-Respondent, STEVE LAUTERBACH (“Steve”). In support thereof, Annette states as follows:

1. Annette is 61 years of age, is unemployed, and currently resides in Niles, County of Cook, Illinois, and has been a resident of the State of Illinois for more than ninety (90) days next preceding the commencement of this action.
2. Steve is 62 years of age, is gainfully employed, and currently resides in Niles, County of Cook, Illinois, and has been a resident of the State of Illinois for more than ninety (90) days next preceding the commencement of this action.
3. Annette and Steve were married on October 8, 1983 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois where said marriage was registered.
4. Steve filed his Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on October 4, 2021, which remains pending and undetermined. There are no other dissolution proceedings pending between the parties

in any other county or state.

5. Three (3) children were born to the parties as a result of their marriage; namely: Timothy James Lauterbach, currently 33 years old; Amanda Joy Lauterbach, currently 32 years old; and Matthew Jacob Lauterbach, currently 20 years old. No other children were born to or adopted by the parties and Annette is not now pregnant.

6. The parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period of time as required by Section 401(a)(2) of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

7. Irreconcilable differences have caused an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. Efforts at reconciliation have failed, and future efforts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interests of the family.

8. Annette has been unemployed in excess of 20 years as a successful homemaker raising the parties' children and supporting the household.

9. Annette is unable to support herself financially and should receive temporary and permanent maintenance from Steve.

10. On the contrary, Steve has been gainfully employed as a transit bus driver for Pace Suburban Bus Service in excess of 30 years and earns a substantial income.

11. Upon information and belief, Steve also has substantial retirement that is marital property and should be equitably apportioned between the parties.

12. The parties have acquired real estate during their marriage and no mortgage currently exists on the Marital Residence. The equity of the Marital Residence should be equitably split between the parties.

13. Each party has acquired certain non-marital property and said non-marital property should be awarded to each party respectively.

14. The parties have acquired certain other marital property during the marriage, which should be equitably apportioned between them.

15. The parties have incurred marital debts during the marriage, which should be equitably apportioned between them.

16. Annette lacks sufficient resources from which to pay her own attorneys' fees and costs in this matter without contribution from Steve. Steven should be required to contribute toward Annette's attorneys' fees and costs incurred in these pre-decree dissolution proceedings.

17. Steve has sufficient resources from which to pay his own attorneys' fees and costs in this matter without contribution from Annette.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent/Counter-Petitioner, ANNETTE LAUTERBACH, respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Enter a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage;
- B. Bar the STEVE LAUTERBACH from seeking maintenance from ANNETTE LAUTERBACH;
- C. Award ANNETTE LAUTERBACH her non-marital property;
- D. Award ANNETTE LAUTERBACH temporary and permanent maintenance;
- E. Award STEVE LAUTERBACH his just proportion of the marital property and assets of the parties;
- F. Equitably apportion the marital assets, retirement, and debts between the parties;
- G. Order STEVE LAUTERBACH to contribute to ANNETTE LAUTERBACH's attorneys' fees and costs incurred in these proceedings;
- H. Order STEVE LAUTERBACH pay his own attorneys' fees and costs; and

I. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems equitable and just.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERIFICATION BY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury as provided by law pursuant to Section 5/109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that she verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Annette Lauterbach

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