

DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE) – NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

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TO FILE FOR DISSOLUTION, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

- Petition for Dissolution **WPF DR 01.0100**
- Summons **WPF DR 01.0200** if serving spouse OR
- Joinder **WPF DRPSCU 01.0330** if both parties are signing
- Confidential Information Form **WPF DRPSCU 09.0200**
- Vital Stats – the facilitator or clerk will provide you with this form

You will also need additional paperwork if you are requesting **Temporary Orders** (Court orders that are in effect while your case is pending).

MAKE COPIES OF ALL THE FORMS AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THEM

The Clerk's office will keep the original documents for your court file and you will need a set of copies for yourself and another set to serve on the other party.

FILE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS at the Clerk's office with the \$280 filing fee (No Personal Checks). Take your copies with you to stamp the case number and filed date on them.

SERVE THE OTHER PERSON – Personal service must be done by a person over the age of 18 and not involved in the case. The person doing service **MUST COMPLETE**:

- Return of Service **WPF DRPSCU 01.0250** or their own form if you use a process server

Your spouse has 20 days (if served in Washington) OR 60 days (if served outside this State) to file a Response to your Petition. (If you need to serve by publication or by mail, you must ask the court for permission to do so. Please see the Facilitator for assistance.)

EX-PARTE ORDERS

- Motion/Declaration for Ex Parte Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause **WPF DR 04.0150** Be VERY specific when explaining to the judge what has recently happened. Use current dates and specific details.
- Declaration **WPF DRPSCU 01.0100** – optional form for you or another person to explain something or describe what was witnessed for the judge
- Ex Parte Restraining Order / Order to Show Cause **WPF DR 04.0170**
- Law Enforcement Information **WPF All Cases 01.0400**

Ex Parte paperwork must be filed by 11:00 am in order to see the judge at 1:00 that same day to ask the judge to sign your ex-parte orders.

TEMPORARY ORDERS

File (Original) And Serve (Copy):

- Motion and Declaration for Temporary Order **WPF DR 04.0100**
- Financial Declaration **WPF DRPSCU 01.1550**
- Sealed Financial Source Documents **WPF DRPSCU 09.0200** (two years tax returns with W-2's and six months pay stubs or quarterly report.)

Bring (Original) to Court Hearing:

___ Temporary Order **WPF DR 04.0250**

Check with the Facilitator for available court dates for a hearing on temporary orders, file and serve the other party with that as well.

SET HEARING DATE (get a court date from the Facilitator or clerk's office)

There is a 90 day waiting period that must elapse before you can finalize your divorce. The time begins on the date of filing a joint petition or from the date the other person was served. You may see the Facilitator at least one week before you are ready to schedule a court hearing date. The Facilitator can review your service or joinder and verify that you have the following ready:

FINAL HEARING (bring the following documents to the court hearing)

___ Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law **WPF DR 04.0300**

___ Decree of Dissolution **WPF DR 04.0400**

___ Certification (Facilitator or Clerk will give you this form)

If the other person did NOT file a response, also bring:

___ Motion and Declaration for Default **WPF DRPSCU 03.0100**

___ Order of Default **WPF DRPSCU 03.0200**

OTHER

___ Petition for Legal Separation **WPF DR 01.0110**

___ Petition for Invalidity/Annulment **WPF DR 01.0120**

___ Motion to Convert Legal Sep to Divorce **WPF DR 08.0100**

___ Order to Convert Legal Sep to Divorce **WPF DR 08.0200**