STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT _____ COUNTY	PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE / CIVIL UNION (DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN)	*For Court Use Only*

Instructions ▼		
Enter above the county name where you will file this case.		
Enter your name as Petitioner.	_____ **Petitioner** *(First, middle, last name)*	
Enter the name of your spouse/partner as Respondent.	v.	
The Circuit Clerk will add a Case Number.	_____ **Respondent** *(First, middle, last name)*	_____ **Case Number**

In **2a**, enter only the year you were born. **DO NOT** enter your entire date of birth.	**1. I am the Petitioner in this case.**
In **2b**, enter your complete current address.	**2. I am providing the following information about myself:** a. Year of Birth: _____ b. Address: _____ *Street, Apt # City State ZIP*
In **2c**, enter your current phone number.	c. Phone Number: _____
In **2d**, check the box that applies to you.	d. I have been living in Illinois for 90 days or more: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
In **2e**, check all boxes that apply to you. If you are employed, enter your job title and the name of your employer.	e. I am employed *(Check all that apply)*: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I receive Social Security benefits** I am employed as: _____ *Job Title* I am employed by: _____ *Employer Name*
In **2f**, if you want to go back to a former name, check "Yes" and enter that name.	f. I would like to go back to using my maiden or a former married name: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** Former name: _____ *First Middle Last*
In **3a**, enter only the year the Respondent was born. **DO NOT** enter the entire date of birth.	**3. I am providing the following information about the Respondent *(my spouse/partner)*:** a. Year of Birth: _____
In **3b**, check the box that applies. If you check "Yes," enter the Respondent's current complete address. If you check "No," you must have tried to find Respondent's address.	b. I know where the Respondent currently lives: ☐ **Yes** Address: _____ *Street, Apt # City State ZIP* ☐ **No**, but I tried to find the Respondent and could not find his/her current address.
In **3c**, enter the Respondent's current phone number.	c. Phone Number: _____

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In **3d**, check the box that applies to the Respondent.

In **3e**, check all boxes that apply to the Respondent.

If the Respondent is employed, enter his/her job title and the name of his/her employer.

In **3f**, check the box that applies.

If the Respondent is on active duty with the military, you cannot use this form, unless the Respondent files an appearance.

d. Respondent has lived in Illinois for 90 days or more:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

e. The Respondent is employed *(Check all that apply)*:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

☐ **Respondent receives Social Security benefits**

The Respondent is employed as: _____
Job Title

The Respondent is employed by: _____
Employer Name

f. The Respondent is currently on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

In **4**, check whether it is a marriage or civil union.

In **4a**, enter the date you were married/united.

In **4b**, enter the county, state, and country where the marriage/civil union happened.

In **4c**, check "Yes" if this is the first time you or Respondent have filed for divorce from each other.

In **4d**, check the box(es) next to the reason(s) you want a divorce.

You can check more than one box.

4. I am providing the following information about the ☐ Marriage ☐ Civil Union:

a. We were married/united on: _____
Date

b. We were married/united in: _____
County *State* *Country*

c. This is the first time that either the Respondent or I have filed for divorce from each other in Illinois or any other state:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

d. The reason I am asking for a divorce is *(Check all that apply)*:

☐ We have been separated for more than 2 years, **AND** irreconcilable differences have caused an irretrievable breakdown of our marriage/civil union.

☐ We have been separated for at least 6 months, but not more than 2 years, **AND** irreconcilable differences have caused an irretrievable breakdown of our marriage/civil union, **AND** we have signed or we will sign a waiver of the 2 year separation requirement.

☐ The Respondent has been extremely and repeatedly mentally cruel to me, which I have not caused.

☐ The Respondent has been extremely and repeatedly physically cruel to me, which I have not caused.

☐ The Respondent deserted me, which I did not cause, and has been gone for at least 1 year.

In **5a,** part one, check "Yes" if you are pregnant.

In **5a,** part two, check "Yes" if the child is the Respondent's.

5. I am providing the following information about children:

a. I am pregnant.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The unborn child is the Respondent's:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

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In **5b,** part one, check "Yes" if the Respondent is pregnant.

In **5b,** part two, check "Yes" if the child is yours.

b. The Respondent is pregnant.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

The unborn child is mine:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

In **5c**, check "None" if you have no children with the Respondent, who are 17 or younger. Otherwise, list the initials, years of birth, and addresses of the children.

DO NOT list the full names or dates of birth.

c. The **minor** children *(age 17 or younger)* born to or adopted together by me and the Respondent before or during our marriage/civil union are:

☐ **None** *(if you check this box, do not complete paragraphs 5 (d-g) or paragraph 6)*

	Initials of Minor Child	**Year of Birth of Minor Child**	**Address of Minor Child**
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

In **5d**, check the box that applies to the children listed in 5c.

If one or more of the children live with someone else, enter: the first and last name of the non-parent and the initials of the children who live with the non-parent.

d. The **minor** children currently live:

☐ primarily with me.

☐ primarily with the Respondent.

☐ with both of us.

☐ not with either parent, but with someone else:

	Name of Non-Parent ***(First, last name)***	**Initials of Children Living with Non-Parent**
1.		
2.		
3.		

In **5e**, check "Yes" if the children listed in 5c have lived in Illinois for at least 6 months.

e. The **minor** children listed in section 5(c) have lived in Illinois for the last 6 months:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

In **5f**, check "None" if you have no children with the Respondent who are 18 or older. Otherwise, list the initials and years of birth of the children.

DO NOT list the full names or dates of birth.

f. The **adult** children *(age 18 or older)* born to or adopted together by me and the Respondent before or during our marriage/civil union are:

☐ **None**

	Initials of Adult Child	**Adult Child Year of Birth**
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

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In **5g**, check "None" if the only children you had during the marriage/civil union are listed in 5c and 5f.

If you or the Respondent separately had or adopted other children during the marriage/civil union, list their initials here.

Check the box to say whether the child belongs to you or the Respondent.

g. The **other** children born to or adopted by either me or the Respondent, but not both of us, during this marriage/civil union are:

☐ **None**

	Initials of Child	Year of Birth of Child	Born To or Adopted By
1.			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent
2.			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent
3.			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent
4.			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent
5.			☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent

In **6a**, check the box that applies to the children listed in 5c.

Check "Yes" only if there is a court order giving someone else custody or visitation rights or if there is a current court case in which someone else is asking for custody or visitation.

6. I am providing the following information about the custody of the minor children:

a. There is another person, that is not the Respondent or me, who claims to have custody rights or visitation rights to the minor children:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Information about the person claiming custody or visitation rights:

Name: _____
First *Last*

Address: _____
Street, Apt # *City* *State* *ZIP*

In **6b**, check the box that applies to the children listed in 5c.

If there is or was another court case, enter the county and state where it is or was and whether the case is still going on.

If the case is still going on, enter the next court date.

b. I know of another court case about the custody, visitation or child support of the minor children:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Information about the other court case:

Case Name: _____
Petitioner v. Respondent

Case Location: _____
County *State*

Case Number: _____

This case is still ongoing: ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

The next court date is: _____
Date

In **6c**, check one box. See the instruction book for the difference between sole and joint custody.

c. Child custody:

☐ I am capable of caring for our children and it is best if I get sole custody.

☐ The Respondent is capable of caring for our children and it is best if the Respondent gets sole custody.

☐ The Respondent and I are capable of caring for our children and it is best if we are given joint custody.

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In **7a**, check "Yes" if either of you have unpaid debts from after the date of the marriage/civil union. Check "No" only if you are sure there are no unpaid debts.

In **7b**, check "Yes" only if you and the Respondent have agreed on who will pay which debts.

7. I am providing the following information about all of the debts that the Respondent and I have after the date we got married/united *(both individually and as a couple)***:**

a. The Respondent and I have debts from the time of the marriage/civil union that are still owed *(either together or individually)*:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b. The Respondent and I have already divided the debts from the time of the marriage/civil union that are still owed:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

In **8a**, check "Yes" if either of you got any personal property after the date of the marriage/civil union. Check "No" only if you are sure there is no personal property.

In **8b**, check "Yes" only if you and the Respondent have already divided all the personal property.

8. I am providing the following information about all of the personal property including bank accounts that the Respondent and I own *(both individually and as a couple)***:**

a. The Respondent and I own personal property and/or bank accounts obtained during the marriage/civil union.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b. The Respondent and I have already divided the personal property and/or bank accounts obtained during the marriage/civil union.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

In **9a**, check "Yes" if you own a home, have a mortgage, or have a contract for deed.

In **9b**, check "Yes" if the Respondent owns a home, has a mortgage, or has a contract for deed.

9. I am providing the following information about real estate:

a. I own OR have a mortgage OR have a contract for deed for real estate:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b. The Respondent owns OR has a mortgage OR has a contract for deed for real estate:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

In **10a,** check the box that applies to you.

In **10b,** check the box that applies to the Respondent.

10. I am providing the following information about pension/retirement accounts:

a. I have pension or retirement accounts:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b. The Respondent has pension or retirement accounts:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **I do not know**

In **11**, check "Yes" if you have a way to support yourself. Check "No" if you seek money from the Respondent to support yourself in the future.

11. I am able to support myself without maintenance or spousal support:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

I ASK THE COURT TO ORDER:

In **B**, check the box that applies to the children listed in 5c. Check "Not applicable" if you checked "None" in 5c.

A. A *Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union* for me and my spouse/partner.

B. That decisions over care, custody, control and education of our minor children be made by:

☐ **Me** ☐ **The Respondent** ☐ **The Respondent and me jointly**

☐ **Not applicable**

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In **C**, check the box that applies to the children listed in 5c. Check "Not applicable" if you checked "None" in 5c.

C. That the minor children primarily live with:

☐ **Me** ☐ **The Respondent** ☐ **Not applicable**

In **D**, check the box that applies to the visitation of the children listed in 5c.

D. That visitation with the minor children should be awarded to the parent that the children do not primarily live with:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

In **E**, check "Yes" if you want child support to be ordered.

E. Child support for the care or education of the children:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

F. That I get to keep all of my non-marital/non-civil union property.

G. That the Respondent gets to keep all of his/her non-marital/non-civil union property.

H. A fair division of the marital/civil union property.

I. A fair division of the debts obtained during the marriage/civil union.

In **J**, check "Me" if you want to get spousal support from the Respondent; check "The Respondent" if you want to pay spousal support to the Respondent; or check "Neither" if you do not want to get or pay spousal support.

J. That maintenance or spousal support be awarded to:

☐ **Me** ☐ **The Respondent** ☐ **Neither**

In **K**, check "Yes" if you want to go back to using a former name.

K. That after the divorce I be allowed to return to using my former name:

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **Not applicable**

Check the box if you need language help and enter the language you speak.

Language Access

☐ If language help is available in court, I would like help. I speak: _____
Language

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, 735 ILCS 5/1-109, making a statement on this form that you know to be false is perjury, a Class 3 Felony.

I certify that everything above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that making a false statement in this form could be perjury.

After you finish this form, sign and print your current name.

Enter your complete current address and telephone number.

_____
Your Signature

_____
Street Address

_____
Your Current Name

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City, State, ZIP

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