

Pro Se Dissolution of Marriage

You choose to be unrepresented, you must be prepared. Visit www.in.gov and read what the court expects of you and what you can expect when going to court without a lawyer.

Indianalegalhelp.org > Self-Help Forms > Divorce Forms

INITIAL FILING: ORIGINAL and 1 COPY of each form listed.

Copies are \$1 fee per page made at the Clerk's office.

- ♦ **Appearance Form**
- ♦ **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage**
- ♦ **Summons** (must have good address)
- ♦ **Two self-address stamped envelopes** for both parties
- ♦ **Court cost** (listed below)

COURT You specify which Court to use since you are acting as your own attorney

If you have cases involving CHINS or Juvenile Paternity (JP), it will be heard in Circuit Court.

If you have a case involving a Protective Order (PO), the case must be in the Court the PO is assigned.

- » **Circuit Court** / Honorable Chad E Kukelhan
- » **Superior Court** / Honorable Patrick R Miller

CASE TYPE

- **DC Domestic Relations with children**
- **DN Domestic Relations without children**

Filing fee **\$157.00** – Cash, cashier check or money order on date of filing

SERVICE

Certified Mail

Sheriff Service - **\$28 additional fee**; payable by cash, cashier check or money order.

AFTER 60 DAYS: Provide the ORIGINAL and 1 COPY of each form filled out and signed

You are not notified by court when the 60 days has elapsed.

♦ If parties **AGREE:**

- **Waiver of Final Hearing**
- **Decree of Dissolution** (requires notarized signatures of both parties)

♦ If parties **DO NOT AGREE** or wish to have a hearing before the Court:

- **Motion for Final Hearing**
- **Decree of Dissolution**

You are acting as your own attorney. Explaining the meaning of words on forms constitutes the practice of law and this can only be done by a licensed attorney. Do NOT ask or EXPECT help or LEGAL ADVICE from the Clerk's staff, the Court's staff nor the Judge. What you submit to the Clerk will be submitted to the Court.

Also posted on adams-county.com website under Clerk's Office.