



OVERVIEW OF A DIVORCE

SELF-HELP MANAGEMENT PROJECT
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The earliest you can be single is six months after the Respondent has been served. You will not be single, however, until a Judgment is signed by a Judge. This could take longer than six months.

PREPARE, FILE & SERVE FIRST FORMS - PETITION
(WORKSHOP ONE)



YOU MUST WAIT 30 DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF STEP ONE DOCUMENTS ON THE RESPONDENT BEFORE YOU CAN CONTINUE TO NEXT STEP

DEFAULT

No Response filed within 30 days. Petitioner must file Request to Enter Default

RESPONSE

Has been filed by Respondent before Default is entered

Full Agreement

Parties reach agreement on all issues
("Uncontested")

No Agreement
Parties are unable to reach an agreement
("Contested")

PREPARE PRELIMINARY DEC. OF DISCLOSURE AND REQUEST TO ENTER DEFAULT (Form FL-165)
(WORKSHOP TWO)

NO MATTER HOW YOUR MATTER PROCEEDS - BY DEFAULT, UNCONTESTED OR CONTESTED, PETITIONER MUST COMPLETE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS (RESPONDENT MUST COMPLETE THESE IF HE/SHE FILES A RESPONSE OR WILL BE SIGNING THE JUDGMENT. IF THE RESPONDENT DOES PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVORCE, PETITIONER & RESPONDENT MUST DO FINAL DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE JUDGE WILL SIGN THE JUDGMENT.

SUBMIT DEFAULT JUDGMENT OR REQUEST FOR DEFAULT SETTING
(WORKSHOP THREE)

SUBMIT UNCONTESTED JUDGMENT & FORMS
JUDGMENT SIGNATURES MUST BE NOTARIZED.
(WORKSHOP THREE)

SUBMIT REQUEST FOR TRIAL SETTING
(WORKSHOP THREE)

YOUR DIVORCE IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL A JUDGE SIGNS THE JUDGMENT!

If you receive a Rejection letter from the court you must correct the Judgment and resubmit the Judgment.

TRIAL
Both Petitioner and Respondent must prepare, serve and file a TRIAL BRIEF with Court