# **PACKET #5**

Forms Associated with

# Modification of Child Custody



EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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Notice that Action is at Issue
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## WARNING

IF THERE IS ANY QUESTION in your mind concerning these forms, the use of these forms, or your legal rights, it is strongly recommended that you obtain the services of an attorney. If you do not know an attorney, you may contact the Florida Lawyer Referral Service at 1-800-342-8011. If you are filing for divorce in a case involving domestic violence and are financially unable to afford the services of an attorney, you may contact Three Rivers Legal Services at (352) 372-0519 or 1-800-372-0936 to see if you are eligible for their services.

DUE TO THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE LAW, the forms and information contained in this packet may become outdated. Therefore, you should review and research statutes and rules of procedure referenced in the instructions to ensure that the forms are accurate and current.

IN NO EVENT will the Florida Supreme Court, the Florida Bar, the Eighth Judicial Circuit Office of the Court Administrator, the Clerk of the Court or anyone contributing to the production of these forms, commentary, instructions, and appendices be liable for any indirect or consequential damages resulting from the use of the packet.

Use these forms at your own risk. These forms may or may not be appropriate in your particular case. Any desired outcome from the use of these forms cannot be predicted or guaranteed. It is strongly recommended that you seek legal advice.

When the forms refer to: "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants," information is found at http://www.flcourts.org or the form is available in the Alachua County Law Library, Room 413, Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601.



### EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

### Resources for Litigants Filing a Family Law Action Without Legal Counsel

**Video-** for people filing for divorce, there is a video, "How to File for Divorce in Florida without an Attorney," that is available for viewing in the Law Library at the Courthouse during courthouse hours, 8:15 am. - 5:00 pm.

**Internet Access-** information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

http://www.circuit8.org/prose/index.html or http://www.flcourts.org (choose Florida State Courts, select Self Help from the menu, then select Family Forms)

Internet access is available from the Law Library or the Alachua County Public Library.

**Florida Supreme Court Website** - additional forms may be found at: http://www.firn.edu/supct/osca/divisions/family/bin/index.html

## FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



#### SERVING ALACHUA COUNTY A PROGRAM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURT

The Family Court Case Management Program staff is employed by the Court to assist the Family Law Judges by making sure that all cases in which the petitioner is not represented by an attorney have met procedural requirements.

As in all matters involving law, it is recommended that you obtain the services of a competent lawyer. It is important for you to understand that the Court and Program staff do not represent you. **YOU** represent yourself.

If you decide to proceed without a lawyer, the Family Court Case Management Program the staff **will**:

- explain procedures
- conduct an instructional seminar to explain how to file forms
- · inform you about additional court requirements
- help you set a hearing with the judge

#### The staff will not:

- give legal advice or explain rights
- represent you in court
- tell you what forms to file
- tell you how to present your case
- notify you that your case is ready to file

### **PROCEDURES**

- 1. If you have decided to file a family law case without a lawyer, please follow these steps:
- 2. Purchase the applicable form &/or packet from the Clerk of the Courts or the Law Library.
- 3. If you wish to attend the instructional seminar, sign up for the seminar that is for the type of case you are filing. Sign up sheets are in room 400.
- 4. Complete the packet of forms in ink or typed. Court staff cannot assist you in completing the forms.
- 5. Further instructions regarding filing and procedures are addressed in the packet. Procedural questions can be answered by calling Family Court. They are also addressed at the seminar.
- 6. Attend the seminar if you have signed up in room 400. Phone calls and seminars are your opportunity to have your procedural questions answered directly by the Family Court Case Management staff.
- 7. Instructions regarding procedures after filing are addressed in the packet. Your case will be monitored for procedural requirements by the Family Court Case Manager.

### **OTHER SERVICES**

In addition to the instructional seminar, the Family Court Case Management Program offers assistance to self represented litigants in a variety of ways.

**Internet Access-** information on how to file family law cases without an attorney in the State of Florida can be found at:

<u>http://circuit8.org/prose/index.html</u> or <u>http://FLcourts.org</u> (choose Florida State Courts then select self help center from the menu)

Internet access is available from the Law Library or the Alachua County Public Library.

**Legal Clinic-** cases that are complex or present unusual situations may be referred by the staff to the University of Florida School of Law. The clinic is seasonal and available at certain times of the school year. To be eligible, litigants must also meet certain financial requirements. For more information, call Family Court at 352/374-3694.

**Florida Supreme Court Website** - additional forms may be found at: http://www.firn.edu/supct/osca/divisions/family/bin/index.html



#### MODIFICATION OF CHILD CUSTODY PACKET INFORMATION

This packet is divided into two sections, "A" and "B". Use Section "A" when the parties are in agreement with all issues. The petitioner will fill out and file section "A" with the Clerk's office at the Family/Civil Justice Center. If you decide to have your spouse served through the Sheriff's office you must use the forms in section "B" and the forms in section "A."

### **SECTION "A"**

Section "A" includes the following forms:

#### PETITIONER'S FORMS:

- Notice of Limited Service Provided
- Supplemental Petition for Modification of Child Custody or Visitation
- Financial Affidavit (short form)
- Notice of Social Security Number
- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit\*
- Notice of Related Cases
- Notice of Filing the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet and the Guidelines Worksheet (this should be filed no later than 45 days after filing the initial petition)
- Proof of attendance of an approved "Parenting Stabilization Course" (certificate filed by provider)

After filling out the forms and having them notarized, make two copies, one for yourself and one for the other party. File the original forms with the Clerk's office at the Family/Civil Justice Center and provide the other party with a copy.

#### **RESPONDENT'S FORMS:**

The other party, known as the respondent, in turn will have to file the following forms:

- Answer and Waiver
- Financial Affidavit

Once both parties have filed their required forms you can proceed to schedule a hearing. To do so fill in the "Notice That Action is at Issue and Motion for Hearing/Non-Jury Trial" and follow the instructions provided. **Do not file the request for a hearing until all of the above have been completed.** If the respondent has filed an answer and waiver, the forms in section "B" will not be needed.



### EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

### NOTICE OF LIMITATION OF SERVICES PROVIDED/DISCLAIMER

The personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court are not acting as your lawyer or providing legal advice to you.

Clerk of Court personnel are not acting on behalf of the court or any judge. The presiding judge in your case may require amendment of a form or substitution of a different form. The judge is not required to grant the relief requested in a form.

The personnel in the office of the Clerk of the Court cannot tell you what your legal rights or remedies are, represent you in court, give legal advice or instructions on completing forms or tell you how to testify in court.

In all cases, it is best to consult with your own attorney, especially if your case presents significant issues regarding children, child support, alimony, retirement or pension benefits, assets, or liabilities.

I can read English. - (Go to signature line)

(Name)

I cannot read English, but this notice was read to me by

in

(Language)

YOUR SIGNATURE

#### **CHECKLIST FOR MODIFICATION PETITIONS**

- □ NOTICE OF LIMITED SERVICE/DISCLAIMER
- □ SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION
- □ UCCJEA
- □ FAMILY LAW AFFIDAVIT AND NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- □ RESPONSE (OTHER PARTY)
- □ SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT/ MEDIATION AGREEMENT (FOR MEDIATION CALL 352-491-4417)

**OR** (IF NO RESPONSE)

- □ PROOF OF SERVICE (PERSONAL)
- □ AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE OUT OF STATE
- □ MOTION FOR DEFAULT

#### IF NEEDED

- □ FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (PETITIONER)
- □ FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (RESPONDENT)
- □ CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OF PARENTING STABILIZATION COURSE (IF NOT ALREADY ATTENDED)
- □ NOTICE OF FILING CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

\* This checklist is not intended as legal advice, it is a list of what the court needs in order to go forward with your case. You must provide the information that is listed above before your court hearing.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.905(a), SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY CUSTODY OR VISITATION AND OTHER RELIEF

#### When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are asking the court to change current court-ordered custody or visitation arrangements. The court can change an order granting <u>shared parental responsibility</u>, including a <u>primary residential responsibility</u>/custody order if the <u>judge</u> finds that there has been a **substantial change in the circumstances** of the parties and the change is in the child(ren)'s best interests.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. You should **file** this form in the county where the original order was entered. If the order was entered in another state, or if the child(ren) live(s) in another state, you should speak with an **attorney** about where to file this form. You should file the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

For your case to proceed, you must properly notify the other party in your case of the <u>supplemental</u> <u>petition</u>. If you know where he or she lives, you should use <u>personal service</u>. If you absolutely do not know where he or she lives, you may use <u>constructive service</u>. You may also be able to use constructive service if the other party resides in another state or country. However, if constructive service is used, other than granting a divorce, the court may only grant limited relief. For more information on constructive service, see Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a), and Affidavit of Diligent Search and Inquiry, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b). If the other party is in the military service of the United States, additional steps for service may be required. See, for example, Memorandum for Certificate of Military Service, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(a). In sum, the law regarding constructive service and service on an individual in the military service is very complex and you may wish to consult an attorney regarding these issues.

If personal service is used, the other party has 20 days to <u>answer</u> after being served with your supplemental petition. Your case will then generally proceed in one of the following three ways:

**DEFAULT...** If after 20 days, no answer has been filed, you may file a **Motion for Default**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922(a), with the clerk of court. Then, if you have filed all of the required papers, you may call the clerk, <u>family law intake staff</u>, or <u>judicial assistant</u> to set a <u>final hearing</u>. You must notify the other party of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

**<u>UNCONTESTED</u>**... If the <u>respondent</u> files an answer that agrees with everything in your supplemental petition or an answer and waiver, **and** you have complied with <u>mandatory disclosure</u> and filed all of the required papers, you may call the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to set a final hearing. You must notify the other party of the hearing by using a **Notice of Hearing (General)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

**<u>CONTESTED</u>**... If the respondent files an answer or an answer and <u>**counterpetition**</u>, which disagrees with or denies anything in your supplemental petition, **and** you are unable to settle the disputed issues, you should file a **Notice for Trial**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, after you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers. Some circuits may require the completion of <u>**mediation**</u> before a final hearing may be set. Then you should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for instructions on how to set your case for <u>**trial**</u> (final hearing). If

the respondent files an answer and counterpetition, you should answer the counterpetition within 20 days using an **Answer to Counterpetition**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(d).

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see chapter 61, Florida Statutes.

#### Special notes...

If you do not have the money to pay the filing fee, you may obtain an Application for Determination of Civil Indigent Status from the clerk, fill it out, and the clerk will determine whether you are eligible to have filing fees deferred.

With this form, you must also file the following:

- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d).
- Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been served on you.)
- Settlement Agreement, if you have reached an agreement on any or all of the issues. Although there is no form for this in these Florida Family Law Forms, you may construct a settlement agreement using the pertinent sections contained in Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1).
- Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), if not previously filed.
- **Family Law Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the supplemental petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the supplemental petition.)
- Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days of <u>service</u> of the supplemental petition on the respondent, if not filed at the time of the supplemental petition, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

**Child Custody...** If you and the respondent are unable to agree about with whom the child(ren) will live most of the time, a judge will decide for you. The judge will decide the parenting arrangements based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

The judge may request a **parenting evaluation** or appoint a **guardian ad litem** in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes.

Some circuits may require the completion of a **parenting course** before a final hearing may be set. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses or mediation where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your supplemental petition. If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications,

you should speak with an attorney before going any further.

- <u>Shared Parental Responsibility</u>
- <u>Sole Parental Responsibility</u>
- Rotating Custody
- Primary Residential Responsibility
- Secondary Residential Responsibility
- Reasonable visitation
- Specified visitation
- <u>Supervised visitation</u>
- No contact

**Child Support...** The court may order one parent to pay <u>child support</u> to assist the other parent in meeting the child(ren)'s material needs. Both parents are required to provide financial support, but one parent may be ordered to pay a portion of his or her support for the child(ren) to the other parent. If you are requesting custody or primary residential responsibility for one or more children, you should request child support in your supplemental petition. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of both parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents. You must file a Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and the other parent will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

**Temporary Relief...** If you need temporary relief regarding parental responsibility and visitation with child(ren), or temporary child support, you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(a). For more information, see the instructions for that form.

**Settlement Agreement...** If you and the respondent are able to reach an agreement on any or all of the issues, you should file a Settlement Agreement. Although there is no form for this in these Florida Family Law Forms, you may construct a settlement agreement using the pertinent sections contained in **Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1). Both parties must sign this agreement before a <u>notary public</u>. Any issues on which you are unable to agree will be considered <u>contested</u> and settled by the judge at the final hearing.

**Final Judgment** Form... These family law forms contain a **Supplemental Final Judgment Modifying Parental Responsibility/Visitation**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.993(a), which the judge may use. You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring it with you to the hearing. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

**Nonlawyer...** Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: Division:

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY CUSTODY **OR VISITATION AND OTHER RELIEF**

I, *{full legal name}*, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

- The parties to this action were granted a final judgment of ( ) dissolution of marriage ( ) 1. paternity on *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of the final judgment and any modification(s) is attached.
- 2. Paragraph(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ( ) final judgment or ( ) most recent modification thereof describes the present custody and/or visitation ordered.
- Since the final judgment or last modification thereof, there has been a substantial change in 3. circumstances, requiring a modification in custody or visitation. Those substantial changes are as follows: {explain}

\_\_\_\_\_

I ask the Court to modify the ( ) custody ( ) visitation as follows: *{explain}* 4.

5. This modification is in the best interests of the child(ren) because: {explain}

- 6. If the requested modification is granted, Petitioner requests that child support be modified, consistent with the modification of custody or visitation. A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is, or will be filed.
- 7. A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), is, or will be, filed.
- 8. A completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this petition.
- 9. If not previously filed in this case, a completed Notice of Social Security Number, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this petition.
- 10. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this petition and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:	
	Signature of Petitioner
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or deputy clerk.]
Personally known Produced identification; Type of identification;	fication produced
BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]	OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE
1, <i>[juit legal name and trade name of nonlawyel</i>	r}
a nonlawyer, located at {street}	, {city}
	, helped {name},
who is the petitioner, fill out this form.	

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(b), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)

#### When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are involved in a family law case which requires a <u>financial affidavit</u> and your individual gross income is UNDER \$50,000 per year.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a **notary public** or **deputy clerk**. You should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where the **petition** was filed and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other **<u>party</u>** in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. This must be accomplished within 45 days of service of the petition.

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at** <u>http://www.flcourts.org</u> (choose Florida State Courts, select Self Help from the menu, then select Family Forms). The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

#### Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

The affidavit must be completed using **monthly** income and expense amounts. If you are paid or your bills are due on a schedule which is not monthly, you must convert those amounts. Hints are provided below for making these conversions.

<b>Hourly</b> - If you are paid by the hour	r. vou ma	v convert your income to mont	hlv as foll	ows:		
Hourly amount	X	Hours worked per week	=	Weekly amount		
Weekly amount	х	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount		
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	Monthly Amount		
Daily - If you are paid by the day, y	ou may c	onvert your income to monthly	as follow	s:		
Daily amount	X	Days worked per week	=	Weekly amount		
Weekly amount	Х	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount		
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>		
Weekly - If you are paid by the wee	ek, you m	ay convert your income to mon	thly as fo	llows:		
Weekly amount	Х	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount		
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>		
Bi-weekly - If you are paid every tw	vo weeks,	you may convert your income	to monthl	y as follows:		
Bi-weekly amount	Х	26	=	Yearly amount		
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>		
Semi-monthly - If you are paid twice per month, you may convert your income to monthly as follows:						
Semi-monthly amount	х	2	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>		

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.:	
Division:	

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

### FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)

I, <i>{full legal</i> following information				,	being	sworn,	certify	that	the
My Occupation:			Employed by:						
Business Address:									
Pay rate: \$	(	) every week (	) every other week (	) twice a month (	) mo	onthly (	) other:		

Pay rate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_() every week () every other week () twice a month () monthly () other: \_\_\_\_\_ □ Check here if unemployed and explain on a separate sheet your efforts to find employment.

#### SECTION I. PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME:

All amounts must be MONTHLY. See the instructions with this form to figure out money amounts for anything that is NOT paid monthly. Attach more paper, if needed. Items included under "other" should be listed separately with separate dollar amounts.

1.	Monthly gross salary or wages	1.	\$
2.	Monthly bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips, and similar payments		
3.	Monthly business income from sources such as self-employment, partnerships,		
	close corporations, and/or independent contracts (gross receipts minus ordinary		
	and necessary expenses required to produce income) ( Attach sheet itemizing		
	such income and expenses.)	3.	
4.	Monthly disability benefits/SSI	4.	
5.	Monthly Workers' Compensation	5.	
6.	Monthly Unemployment Compensation	6.	
7.	Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments	7.	
8.	Monthly Social Security benefits	8.	
9.	Monthly alimony actually received		
	9a. From this case: \$		
	9b. From other case(s): Add 9a and 9b	9.	
10.	Monthly interest and dividends	10.	
11.	Monthly rental income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses		
	required to produce income) ( Attach sheet itemizing such income and		
	expense items.)	11.	
12.	Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates		
	Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they		
	reduce personal living expenses	13.	
14.	Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring		
	gains)	14.	
15.	Any other income of a recurring nature (list source)	15.	
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17.	PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Add lines 1–16) TOTAL:	1	7.\$
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#### **PRESENT MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:**

18.	Monthly federal, state, a allowable dependents and			ted for filing s	tatus and			
	<ul><li>a. Filing Status</li><li>b. Number of dependence</li></ul>	lents claimed				18 \$		
19	Monthly FICA or self-em					10. <u>.</u>		_
	Monthly Medicare payme					20.		_
	Monthly mandatory union					21.		_
	Monthly mandatory retire		ts			22.		_
	Monthly health insurance			al insurance).	excluding			_
	portion paid for any minor				0	23.		
24.	Monthly court-ordered c			or children fron	another			—
	relationship		5 1			24.		
25.	Monthly court-ordered ali	mony actually	y paid					
	25a. from th	nis case:	\$					
		ther case(s):		Add 25a ar	nd 25b	25.		
26.	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS			CTION 61.30,				
	FLORIDA STATUTES							
PR	ESENT NET MONTHLY	INCOME (	Subtract line 26	from line 17)		27. \$		
			<b>`</b>	,		_		
SE	CTION II. AVERAGE M	IONTHLY E	XPENSES					
A.	HOUSEHOLD:			Other:			\$	
	Mortgage or rent	\$						
	Property taxes	\$		E. OTHER I	EXPENSE	S NOT		
	Utilities	\$		Clothing			\$	
	Telephone	\$		Medical/D	ental (unin	sured)	\$	
	Food	\$		Grooming			\$	
	Meals outside home	\$		Entertainn	nent		\$	
	Maintenance/Repairs	\$		Gifts			\$	
	Maintenance/Repairs Other:	\$			organizatio	ons	\$	
				Miscellane			\$	
B.	AUTOMOBILE			Other:			\$	
	Gasoline	\$					\$	
	Repairs	\$					\$	
	Insurance	\$					\$	
							\$	
	CHILD(REN)'S EXPEN							
	Day care						\$	
	Lunch money	\$						
	Clothing	\$		F. PAYMEN	TS TO CH	REDITO	ORS	
	Grooming	\$						MONTHLY
	Gifts for holidays	\$		CREDITOR				PAYMENT
	Medical/Dental (uninsured					\$		
	Other:	\$	<u> </u>			\$		
n	DIGUDANCE					\$		
D.	INSURANCE	¢				\$		
	Medical/Dental	\$				\$		
	Child(ren)'s medical/denta	up				\$		
	Life	\$				\$		
28.	TOTAL MONTHLY EX	<b>XPENSES</b> (ad	ld ALL monthly	amounts in				

A through F above)

29.	TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY NET INCOME		
	(from line 27 of SECTION I. INCOME)	29. \$ <u></u>	
30.	TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (from line 28 above)	30. \$	
31.	<b>SURPLUS</b> (If line 29 is more than line 30, subtract line 30 from line 29.		
	This is the amount of your surplus. Enter that amount here.)	31. \$ <u></u>	
32.	(DEFICIT) (If line 30 is more than line 29, subtract line 29 from line 30.		
	This is the amount of your deficit. Enter that amount here.)	32. (\$	)

#### SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Use the nonmarital column only if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage and you believe an item is "nonmarital," meaning it belongs to only one of you and should not be divided. You should indicate to whom you believe the item(s) or debt belongs. (Typically, you will only use this column if property/debt was owned/owed by one spouse before the marriage. See the "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" at section 61.075(1), Florida Statutes, for definitions of "marital" and "nonmarital" assets and liabilities.)

#### A. ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage).	Current Fair Market Value	Nonmarital (√ correct column)		
DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. $\checkmark$ the box next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.		husband	wife	
Cash (on hand)	\$			
Cash (in banks or credit unions)				
□ Stocks, Bonds, Notes				
□ Real estate: (Home)				
□ (Other)				
□ Other personal property				
□ Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)				
□ Other				
$\Box \checkmark$ here if additional pages are attached.				
Total Assets (add next column)	\$			

#### **B. LIABILITIES:**

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate debt owed by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any debt(s) for which you believe	Current Amount Owed	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
you should be responsible.		husband	wife
Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
Second mortgage on home			
Other mortgages			
Auto loans			
Charge/credit card accounts			
<u> </u>			
Other			
<u> </u>			
$\Box \checkmark$ here if additional pages are attached.			
Total Debts (add next column)	\$		

#### C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have any **POSSIBLE assets** (income potential, accrued vacation or sick leave, bonus, inheritance, etc.) or **POSSIBLE liabilities** (possible lawsuits, future unpaid taxes, contingent tax liabilities, debts assumed by another), you must list them here.

Contingent Assets	Possible Value	Nonmarital (√ correct column)		
$\checkmark$ the box next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.		husband	wife	
	\$			
а				
Total Contingent Assets	\$			

Contingent Liabilities	Possible Amount	Nonmarital (√ correct column)		
$\checkmark$ the box next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.	Owed	husband	wife	
	\$			
Total Contingent Liabilities	\$			

#### SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

(Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, MUST be filed with the court at or prior to a hearing to establish or modify child support. This requirement cannot be waived by the parties.)

[**✓ one** only]

- \_\_\_\_\_ A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS or WILL BE filed in this case. This case involves the establishment or modification of child support.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS NOT being filed in this case. The establishment or modification of child support is not an issue in this case.

I certify that a copy of this document was [ $\checkmark$  one only] () mailed () faxed and mailed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on *{date}*.

Other party or his/her attorney:

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:		
	Signature of Party	
	Printed Name:	
	Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	
	Telephone Number:	
	Fax Number:	
STATE OF FLORIDA		
COUNTY OF		
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by	
	NOTARY PUBLIC or I	DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp c or deputy clerk.]	commissioned name of notary
Personally known		
Produced identification		
Type of identification produced		
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL (	UT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUS	ST FILL IN THE BLANKS
BELOW: [fill in all blanks]		
I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}		
a nonlawyer, located at {street}	, {city	·},
{state}, {phone}, helped {	name}	,

 $\{state\}$ ,  $\{phone\}$ , helped  $\{name\}$ who is the  $[\checkmark one only]$  petitioner or \_\_\_\_\_ respondent, fill out this form.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.902(j), NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

#### When should this form be used?

This form must be completed and filed by each party in all <u>paternity</u>, <u>child support</u>, and <u>dissolution of</u> <u>marriage</u> cases, regardless of whether the case involves a minor child(ren) and/or property.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where your case was filed and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not <u>served</u> on him or her with your initial papers.

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at** <u>http://www.flcourts.org</u> (choose Florida State Courts, select Self Help from the menu, then select Family Forms). The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see sections 61.052 and 61.13, Florida Statutes.

#### Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**,  $\mathcal{P}\square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  $\mathscr{P}\square$  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.:	
Division:	

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

#### NOTICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

I, *{full legal name}*, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as required in section 61.052(7), sections 61.13(9) or (10), section 742.031(3), sections 742.032(1)-(3), and/or sections 742.10(1)-(2), Florida Statutes. My date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

[✓ one only]

- 1. This notice is being filed in a dissolution of marriage case in which the parties have **no** minor children in common.
  - 2. This notice is being filed in a paternity or child support case, or in a dissolution of marriage in which the parties have minor children in common. The minor child(ren)'s name(s), date(s) of birth, and social security number(s) is/are:

Name	Birth date	Social Security Number

{Attach additional pages if necessary.}

**Disclosure of social security numbers shall be limited** to the purpose of administration of the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this notice and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:	
	Signature
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA	
COUNTY OF ALACHUA	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by
s worm to of arminica and signed obtore me on	
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk]
Personally known	
Produced identification	
Type of identification produced	

## IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [>> fill in all blanks]

I, {full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}\_

1, fjull legal name	and trade name of nonia	wyer;	
a nonlawyer, locat	ed at {street}	, {city}	
{state}	, {phone}	, helped <i>{name}</i>	
who is the [ $\checkmark$ one	only] petitioner or	_ respondent, fill out this form.	

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(e), CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

#### When should this form be used?

You should complete this worksheet if <u>child support</u> is being requested in your case. If you know the income of the other <u>party</u>, this worksheet should accompany your <u>financial affidavit</u>. If you do not know the other party's income, this form must be completed after the other party files his or her financial affidavit, and <u>serves</u> a copy on you.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You should file the original with the <u>clerk of the</u> <u>circuit court</u> in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not <u>served</u> on him or her with your initial papers.

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see section 61.30, Florida Statutes.

#### Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i).

The chart below contains the guideline amounts that you should use when calculating child support. This amount is based on the number of children and the combined income of the parents, and it is divided between the parents in direct proportion to their income or earning capacity. From time to time, some of the amounts in the child support guidelines chart will change. Be sure you have the most recent version of the chart before using it.

Because the guidelines are based on monthly amounts, it may be necessary to convert some income and expenses figures from other frequencies to monthly. You should do this as follows:

If payment is twice per month	Payment amount	×	2	=	Monthly amount
If payment is every two weeks	Payment amount Yearly amount	× ÷	26 12	= =	Yearly amount due Monthly amount
If payment is weekly	Weekly amount Yearly amount	× ÷	52 12	=	Yearly amount due <b>Monthly amount</b>

If you or the other parent request that the court award an amount that is different than the guideline amount, you must also complete and attach a **Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law

Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page if every form he or she helps you complete.

#### **CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES CHART**

Combined						
Monthly	One	True	Thurs	Farm	Eine	C:
Available	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six Children
Income	Child 74	Children 75	Children 75	Children 76	Children 77	78
650.00 700.00	119	120	121	123	124	125
750.00	164	120	121	123	124	123
800.00	104	211	213	216	218	220
850.00	202	257	213	262	265	220
900.00	202	302	305	309	312	315
950.00	213	347	351	355	359	363
1000.00	235	365	397	402	406	410
1050.00	235	382	443	448	453	458
1100.00	258	400	489	495	500	505
1150.00	269	417	522	541	547	553
1200.00	280	435	544	588	594	600
1250.00	290	451	565	634	641	648
1300.00	300	467	584	659	688	695
1350.00	310	482	603	681	735	743
1400.00	320	498	623	702	765	790
1450.00	330	513	642	724	789	838
1500.00	340	529	662	746	813	869
1550.00	350	544	681	768	836	895
1600.00	360	560	701	790	860	920
1650.00	370	575	720	812	884	945
1700.00	380	591	740	833	907	971
1750.00	390	606	759	855	931	996
1800.00	400	622	779	877	955	1022
1850.00	410	638	798	900	979	1048
1900.00	421	654	818	923	1004	1074
1950.00	431	670	839	946	1029	1101
2000.00	442	686	859	968	1054	1128
2050.00	452	702	879	991	1079	1154
2100.00	463	718	899	1014	1104	1181
2150.00	473	734	919	1037	1129	1207
2200.00	484	751	940	1060	1154	1234
2250.00	494	767	960	1082	1179	1261
2300.00	505	783	980	1105	1204	1287
2350.00	515	799	1000	1128	1229	1314
2400.00	526	815	1020	1151	1254	1340
2450.00	536	831	1041	1174	1279	1367
2500.00 2550.00	547 557	847 864	1061	1196 1219	1304	1394
	568	804 880	1081 1101	1219	1329 1354	1420 1447
2600.00 2650.00	508 578	880 896	1101	1242	1379	1447 1473
2030.00	588	912	1121	1203	1403	1473
2750.00	588 597	912 927	1141	1308	1403	1500
2800.00	607	927	1178	1328	1420	1524
2850.00	616	956	1197	1328	1448	1573
2900.00	626	971	1215	1370	1494	1598
2950.00	635	986	1215	1391	1517	1622
3000.00	644	1001	1254	1412	1540	1647
3050.00	654	1016	1252	1433	1563	1671
3100.00	663	1010	1289	1453	1586	1695
3150.00	673	1031	1308	1474	1608	1720
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3200.00	682	1060	1327	1495	1631	1744
3250.00	691	1075	1345	1516	1654	1769
3300.00	701	1090	1364	1537	1677	1793
3350.00	710	1105	1382	1558	1700	1818
3400.00	720	1120	1401	1579	1723	1842
3450.00	729	1135	1419	1599	1745	1867
3500.00	738	1149	1438	1620	1768	1891
3550.00	748	1164	1456	1641	1791	1915
3600.00	757	1179	1475	1662	1814	1940
3650.00	767	1194	1493	1683	1837	1964
3700.00	776	1208	1503	1702	1857	1987
3750.00	784	1221	1520	1721	1878	2009
3800.00	793	1234	1536	1740	1899	2031
3850.00	802	1248	1553	1759	1920	2053
3900.00	811	1261	1570	1778	1940	2075
3950.00	819	1275	1587	1797	1961	2097
4000.00	828	1288	1603	1816	1982	2219
4050.00	837	1302	1620	1835	2002	2141
4100.00	846	1315	1637	1854	2023	2163
4150.00	854	1329	1654	1873	2044	2185
4200.00	863	1342	1670	1892	2064	2207
4250.00	872	1355	1687	1911	2085	2229
4300.00	881	1369	1704	1930	2106	2251
4350.00	889	1382	1721	1949	2127	2273
4400.00	898	1396	1737	1968	2147	2295
4450.00	907 016	1409	1754	1987	2168	2317 2339
4500.00 4550.00	916 924	1423 1436	1771 1788	2006 2024	2189 2209	2339
4530.00	924 933	1450	1804	2024 2043	2230	2301
4650.00	933	1463	1804	2043	2250	2384 2406
4700.00	942 951	1403	1821	2002	2271	2400
4750.00	959	1490	1858	2100	2292	2428
4800.00	968	1503	1855	2100	2313	2430
4850.00	977	1505	1888	2138	2334	2494
4900.00	986	1530	1905	2150	2354	2516
4950.00	993	1542	1927	2174	2372	2535
5000.00	1000	1551	1939	2188	2387	2551
5050.00	1006	1561	1952	2202	2402	2567
5100.00	1013	1571	1964	2215	2417	2583
5150.00	1019	1580	1976	2229	2432	2599
5200.00	1025	1590	1988	2243	2447	2615
5250.00	1032	1599	2000	2256	2462	2631
5300.00	1038	1609	2012	2270	2477	2647
5350.00	1045	1619	2024	2283	2492	2663
5400.00	1051	1628	2037	2297	2507	2679
5450.00	1057	1638	2049	2311	2522	2695
5500.00	1064	1647	2061	2324	2537	2711
5550.00	1070	1657	2073	2338	2552	2727
5600.00	1077	1667	2085	2352	2567	2743
5650.00	1083	1676	2097	2365	2582	2759
5700.00	1089	1686	2109	2379	2597	2775
5750.00	1096	1695	2122	2393	2612	2791
5800.00	1102	1705	2134	2406	2627	2807
5850.00	1107	1713	2144	2418	2639	2820
5900.00	1111	1721	2155	2429	2651	2833
5950.00	1116	1729	2165	2440	2663	2847
6000.00	1121	1737	2175	2451	2676	2860
6050.00	1126	1746	2185	2462	2688	2874

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6100.00	1131	1754	2196	2473	2700	2887
6150.00	1136	1762	2206	2484	2712	2900
6200.00	1141	1770	2216	2495	2724	2914
6250.00	1145	1778	2227	2506	2737	2927
6300.00	1150	1786	2237	2517	2749	2941
6350.00	1155	1795	2247	2529	2761	2954
6400.00	1160	1803	2258	2540	2773	2967
6450.00	1165	1811	2268	2551	2785	2981
6500.00	1170	1819	2278	2562	2798	2994
6550.00	1175	1827	2288	2573	2810	3008
6600.00	1179	1835	2299	2584	2822	3021
6650.00	1184	1843	2309	2595	2834	3034
6700.00	1189	1850	2317	2604	2845	3045
6750.00	1193	1856	2325	2613	2854	3055
6800.00	1196	1862	2332	2621	2863	3064
6850.00	1200	1868	2340	2630	2872	3074
6900.00	1204	1873	2347	2639	2882	3084
6950.00	1208	1879	2355	2647	2891	3094
7000.00	1212	1885	2362	2656	2900	3103
7050.00	1216	1891	2370	2664	2909	3113
7100.00	1220	1897	2378	2673	2919	3123
7150.00	1224	1903	2385	2681	2928	3133
7200.00	1228	1909	2393	2690	2937	3142
7250.00	1232	1915	2400	2698	2946	3152
7300.00	1235	1921	2408	2707	2956	3162
7350.00	1239	1927	2415	2716	2965	3172
7400.00	1243	1933	2423	2724	2974	3181
7450.00	1247	1939	2430	2733	2983	3191
7500.00	1251	1945	2438	2741	2993	3201
7550.00	1255	1951	2446	2750	3002	3211
7600.00	1259	1957	2453	2758	3011	3220
7650.00	1263	1963	2461	2767	3020	3230
7700.00	1267	1969	2468	2775	3030	3240
7750.00	1271	1975	2476	2784	3039	3250
7800.00	1274	1981	2483	2792	3048	3259
7850.00	1278	1987	2491	2801	3057	3269
7900.00	1282	1992	2498	2810	3067	3279
7950.00	1286	1998	2506	2818	3076	3289
8000.00	1290	2004	2513	2827	3085	3298
8050.00	1294	2010	2521	2835	3094	3308
8100.00	1298	2016	2529	2844	3104	3318
8150.00	1302	2022	2536	2852	3113	3328
8200.00	1306	2028	2544	2861	3122	3337
8250.00	1310	2034	2551	2869	3131	3347
8300.00	1313	2040	2559	2878	3141	3357
8350.00	1317	2046	2566	2887	3150	3367
8400.00	1321	2052	2574	2895	3159	3376
8450.00	1325	2058	2581	2904	3168	3386
8500.00	1329	2064	2589	2912	3178	3396
8550.00	1333	2070	2597	2921	3187	3406
8600.00	1337	2076	2604	2929	3196	3415
8650.00	1341	2082	2612	2938	3205	3425
8700.00	1345	2088	2619	2946	3215	3435
8750.00	1349	2094	2627	2955	3224	3445
8800.00	1352	2100	2634	2963	3233	3454
8850.00	1356	2106	2642	2972	3242	3464
8900.00	1360	2111	2649	2981	3252	3474
8950.00	1364	2117	2657	2989	3261	3484

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9000.00	1368	2123	2664	2998	3270	3493
9050.00	1372	2129	2672	3006	3279	3503
9100.00	1376	2135	2680	3015	3289	3513
9150.00	1380	2141	2687	3023	3298	3523
9200.00	1384	2147	2695	3032	3307	3532
9250.00	1388	2153	2702	3040	3316	3542
9300.00	1391	2159	2710	3049	3326	3552
9350.00	1395	2165	2717	3058	3335	3562
9400.00	1399	2171	2725	3066	3344	3571
9450.00	1403	2177	2732	3075	3353	3581
9500.00	1407	2183	2740	3083	3363	3591
9550.00	1411	2189	2748	3092	3372	3601
9600.00	1415	2195	2755	3100	3381	3610
9650.00	1419	2201	2763	3109	3390	3620
9700.00	1422	2206	2767	3115	3396	3628
9750.00	1425	2210	2772	3121	3402	3634
9800.00	1427	2213	2776	3126	3408	3641
9850.00	1430	2217	2781	3132	3414	3647
9900.00	1432	2221	2786	3137	3420	3653
9950.00	1435	2225	2791	3143	3426	3659
10000.00	1437	2228	2795	3148	3432	3666

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

#### **NOTICE OF FILING CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that {name} \_\_\_\_\_, is filing his/her

Child Support Guidelines Worksheet attached and labeled Exhibit 1.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this Notice of Filing with the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet was [ $\sqrt{$  one only]

() mailed () mailed and faxed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date}

#### Other party or his/her attorney:

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	

Signature of Party	
Printed Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Fax Number:	

#### **CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET**

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELIN	ES WORKSHE	ET	
	A. FATHER	<b>B.</b> MOTHER	TOTAL
<b>1.</b> Present Net Monthly Income Enter the amount from line number 27 of Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), Financial Affidavit			
<b>2.</b> Basic Monthly Obligation There is (are) <i>[number]</i> minor child(ren) common to the parties. Using the total amount from line 1, enter the appropriate amount from the child support guidelines chart.			
<b>3.</b> Percent of Financial Responsibility Divide the amount on line 1A by the total amount on line 1 to get Father's percentage financial responsibility. Enter answer on line 3A. Divide the amount on line 1B by the total amount on line 1 to get Mother's percentage financial responsibility. Enter answer on line 3B.	.%	.%	
<b>4.</b> Share of Basic Monthly Obligations Multiply the number on line 2 by the percentage on line 3A to get Father's share of basic obligation. Enter answer on line 4A. Multiply the number on line 2 by the percentage on line 3B to get Mother's share of basic obligation. Enter answer on line 4B.			
Additional Support – Health Insuran	ce, Child Care &	& Other	
<ul> <li>5a. 75% of Monthly Child Care Costs</li> <li>[Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source for the child(ren). See section 61.30(7), Fla. Stat. for more information.]</li> <li>5b. Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost</li> </ul>			
[This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).] <b>5c.</b> Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and			
Prescription Medication Costs			
<b>5d.</b> Total Monthly Child Care & Health Costs [Add lines 5a+5b+5c]			
<b>6.</b> Additional Support Payments Multiply the number on line 5d by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 6A. Multiply the number on line 5d by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 6B.			
Statutory Adjustments	s/Credits		
7a. Monthly child care payments actually made			
7b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made			
<b>7c.</b> Other payments/credits actually made for any noncovered medical, dental and prescription medication expenses of the child(ren) not ordered to be separately paid on a percentage basis. [See § 61.30(8), Florida Statutes]			
8. Total Support Payments actually made [Add 7a through 7c]			
9. MINIMUM CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION FOR EACH PARENT [Line 4 plus line 6; minus line 8]			
Substantial Shared Parenting (GROSS UP METHOD) If the ne percent of the overnights in the year (146 overnights in			
10. Basic Monthly Obligation x 150% [Multiply line 2 by 1.5]			
<b>11.</b> Increased Basic Obligation for each parent Multiply the number on line 10 by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 11A. Multiply the number on line 10 by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 11B.			
<b>12.</b> Percentage of overnight stays with each parent The child(ren) spend(s) overnight stays with the father each year. Using the number on the above line, multiply it by 100 and divide by 365. Enter this number on line 12A. The child(ren) spend(s) overnight stays with the mother each year. Using the number on the above line, multiply it by 100 and divide by 365. Enter this number on line 12B.	.%	.%	
<b>13.</b> Parent's support multiplied by other Parent's percentage of overnights [Multiply line 11A by line 12B. Enter this number on line 13A. Multiply line 11B by line 12A. Enter this number in 13B.]			

CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET							
Additional Support – Health Insuran	Additional Support – Health Insurance, Child Care & Other						
<b>14a.</b> Total Monthly Child Care Costs [Child care costs should not exceed the level required to provide quality care from a licensed source for the child(ren). See section 61.30(7), Fla. Stat. for more information.]							
<b>14b.</b> Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Health Insurance Cost [This is only amounts actually paid for health insurance on the child(ren).]							
<b>14c.</b> Total Monthly Child(ren)'s Noncovered Medical, Dental and Prescription Medication Costs							
14d. Total Monthly Child Care & Heath Costs [Add lines 14a+14b+14c]							
<b>15.</b> Additional Support Payments Multiply the number on line 14d by the percentage on line 3A to determine the Father's share. Enter answer on line 15A. Multiply the number on line 14d by the percentage on line 3B to determine the Mother's share. Enter answer on line 15B.							
Statutory Adjustments	s/Credits						
16a. Monthly Child Care payments actually made							
16b. Monthly health insurance payments actually made							
<b>16c.</b> Other payments/credits actually made for any noncovered medical, dental and prescription medication expenses of the child(ren) not ordered to be separately paid on a percentage basis. [See § 61.30(8), Florida Statutes]							
17. Total Support Payments actually made [Add 16a through 16c]							
<b>18.</b> Total Additional Support Transfer Amount [Line 15 minus line 17; Enter any negative number as zero]							
<b>19.</b> Total Child Support Owed from Father to Mother [Add line 13A+18A]							
<b>20.</b> Total Child Support Owed from Mother to Father [Add line 13B+18B]							
<b>21. Actual Child Support to Be Paid.</b> [Comparing lines 19 and 20, Subtract the smaller amount owed from the larger amount owed and enter the result in the column for the parent that owes the larger amount of support]	\$or- \$						

**ADJUSTMENTS TO GUIDELINES AMOUNT**. If you or the other parent is requesting the Court to award a child support amount that is more or less than the child support guidelines, you must complete and file Motion to Deviate from Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943.  $[\checkmark \text{ one only}]$ 

a. **Deviation from the guidelines amount is requested.** The Motion to Deviate from the Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, is attached.

b. **Deviation from the guidelines amount is NOT requested.** The Motion to Deviate from the Child Support Guidelines, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.943, is not attached.

### IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [Fill in all blanks]

I, {full legal name an	d trade name of nonlawyer}		.,
a nonlawyer, located	at {street}	, {city}	,
{state}	, {phone}	_, helped {name}	,
who is the [ $\checkmark$ one	only] petitioner or	respondent, fill out this form.	

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#### When should this form be used?

This form should be used in any case involving custody of or visitation with any minor child(ren). This **affidavit** is **required** even if the custody and visitation of the minor child(ren) are not in dispute.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a **<u>notary public</u>** or <u>**deputy clerk**</u>. You should then <u>**file**</u> the original with the <u>**clerk of the circuit**</u> **<u>court</u>** in the county where the petition was filed and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers.

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see sections 61.501-61.542, Florida Statutes.

#### Special notes...

If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, *P* Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i), you should write "confidential" in any space on this form that would require you to write the address where you are currently living.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  $\mathscr{P} \square$  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

#### UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT (UCCJEA) **AFFIDAVIT**

I, *{full legal name}*, being sworn, certify that the following statements are true:

The number of minor child(ren) subject to this proceeding is . The name, place of 1. birth, birth date, and sex of each child; the present address, periods of residence, and places where each child has lived within the past five (5) years; and the name, present address, and relationship to the child of each person with whom the child has lived during that time are:

#### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # 1 :

Child's Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_

Child's Residence for the past 5 years.

Clind's Residence for the past 5 years:						
Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child			
/present*						
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\* If you are the petitioner in an injunction for protection against domestic violence case and you have filed Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address,  $\mathscr{P} \bac{\square}$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(i), you should write "confidential" in any space on this form that would require you to enter the address where you are currently living.

#### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # \_\_\_\_:

#### Child's Residence for the past 5 years:

Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
/present*			
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#### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS TRUE ABOUT CHILD # \_\_\_\_\_:

Child's Full Legal Name: _		
Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:	Sex:

#### Child's Residence for the past 5 years:

Dates (From/To)	Address (including city and state) where child lived	Name and present address of person child lived with	Relationship to child
/present*			
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#### 2. **Participation in custody proceeding(s):**

[✓ one only]

I HAVE NOT participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation or custody proceeding in this or any other state, concerning custody of a child subject to this proceeding.
 I HAVE participated as a party, witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation or custody proceeding in this or another state, concerning custody of a child subject to this proceeding. Explain:

a. Name of each child:
b. Type of proceeding:
c. Court and state:
d. Date of court order or judgment (if any):
3. Information about custody proceeding(s):
[ <b>v</b> one only]
I HAVE NO INFORMATION of any custody proceeding pending in a court of this or any other
state concerning a child subject to this proceeding.
I HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION concerning a custody proceeding pending in a
court of this or another state concerning a child subject to this proceeding, other than set out in
item 2. Explain:
a. Name of each child:
b. Type of proceeding:
c. Court and state:
d. Date of court order or judgment (if any):
4. Persons not a party to this proceeding:
$[\checkmark \text{ one only}]$
I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY PERSON not a party to this proceeding who has physical custody or
claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child subject to this proceeding.
I KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON(S) not a party to this proceeding has
(have) physical custody or claim(s) to have custody or visitation rights with respect to any child
subject to this proceeding:
a. Name and address of person:
( ) has physical custody ( ) claims custody rights ( ) claims visitation rights.
Name of each child:
b. Name and address of person:
( ) has physical custody ( ) claims custody rights ( ) claims visitation rights.
Name of each child:
c. Name and address of person:
( ) has physical custody ( ) claims custody rights ( ) claims visitation rights.
Name of each child:
5. Knowledge of prior child support proceedings:
$[\sqrt{\text{one only}}]$
The child(ren) described in this affidavit are NOT subject to existing child support order(s) in this
or any state or territory.
The child(ren) described in this affidavit are subject to the following existing child support order(s):
a. Name of each child:
b. Type of proceeding:
c. Court and address:
d. Date of court order/judgment (if any):
e. Amount of child support paid and by whom:

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6. I acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to advise this Court of any custody, visitation, child support, or guardianship proceeding (including dissolution of marriage, separate maintenance,

## child neglect, or dependency) concerning the child(ren) in this state or any other state about which information is obtained during this proceeding.

I certify that a copy of this document was  $[\checkmark \text{ one only}]()$  mailed () faxed and mailed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on *{date}*.

Other party or his/her attorney:
Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Fax Number:

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:	
	Signature of Party
	Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number:
	Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed befor	e me on by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]
Personally known	
Produced identification	
Type of identification produce	
	J FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE
BLANKS BELOW: [>> fill in all bla	
I, {full legal name and trade name of n	nonlawyer}, {city}
a nonlawyer, located at {street}	, {city}
	1 - 1 - 1
{state}, {pnone}	, helped <i>{name}</i> or respondent, fill out this form.

#### NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

## NOTICE OF RELATED CASES

Pursuant to Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.545(d), the (Petitioner/Plaintiff/Respondent/Defendant) by and through his/her undersigned attorney, hereby gives notice that the following court action(s) involving one or more of the above-named persons, the children of these persons in the case of a family law matter, or the same issues, is/are pending:

1.\_\_\_\_

Case caption and case number -If unknown, state the names of the parties and the county in which the action is pending. For juvenile cases, children may be identified by initials.

Brief statement as to how the cases are related

If a family law case, a statement as to whether assignment to one judge or another method of coordination will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of the actions

2. \_\_\_\_

Case caption and case number -If unknown, state the names of the parties and the county in which the action is pending. For juvenile cases, children may be identified by initials.

CASE NO.\_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION

If a family law case, a statement as to whether assignment to one judge or another method of coordination will conserve judicial resources and promote an efficient determination of the actions

If the related cases involve the minor children of the parties, list the children's names and date of birth.

Name	Date of birth
Name	Date of birth
Name	Date of birth
Name	Date of birth

Name

Use additional sheets if necessary for either cases or children's names.

If any related cases are identified, a copy of this notice must be served on the presiding judges, the administrative judge, and all parties in the related cases and the following certificate of service must be completed.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of this Notice of Related Cases has been provided either by hand-delivery or U.S. mail to the following addressees on , 200 .

Presiding judge

Administrative judge

Party to related case

Presiding judge

Party to related case

Party to related case

Name Address Telephone

## SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5.1120(e) ORDER AND NOTICE FOR PARENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE

This summary has been prepared to help the parties in certain types of family division cases involving children understand what is required of them by the administrative order. A copy of the complete administrative order can be obtained from the civil clerk's office or online at <u>www.circuit8.org</u>, under Circuit Information, then Administrative Orders, then Family.

## 1. Both parties must attend a parent education and family stabilization course in the following types of cases:

- a. Dissolution of marriage (divorce) where minor children are involved
- b. Paternity actions involving issues of parental responsibility
- c. Actions to modify (change) visitation
- d. Actions to modify (change) primary parental responsibility
- 2. For dissolution actions, all petitioners are required to complete the parenting course within 45 days after filing the petition and all others must complete the course within 45 days after service of the petition.
- 3. For paternity actions, petitioners must complete the course within 45 days after filing the petition and all others must complete the course within 45 days after acknowledgment of paternity by that party, an adjudication of paternity of that party, or an order granting visitation to, or support from, that party.
- 4. The parties may attend separate courses.
- 5. The fee for the course is \$40.00 for each person. Either party may request that the Court reduce the fee to \$5.00, based on the party's financial affidavit of indigence.
- 6. All parties must file a certificate of completion with the court before the entry of the final judgment.

## APPROVED PARENTING EDUCATION COURSES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

The following are approved courses in the Eighth Judicial Circuit that meet the requirements of section 61.21, Florida Statutes, and Administrative Order No. 5.1120 (D). PLEASE CALL EACH PROVIDER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

## **A Positive Divorce Resolution**

Classes are held weekly in Gainesville, Monthly in Starke and Macclenny. Call (352) 375-4399 in Gainesville or toll free (888) 747-5362 (24 hour/day 7 days/week). Class schedules and online registration are available at <u>www.divorce-resolution.com</u>.

## In The Best Interest Of Children And Family

When Parents are No Longer a Couple Courses are offered twice monthly: Tuesdays 6:00PM to 10:00PM & Saturdays 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Gainesville Family Institute, 1031 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Bldg. C, Gainesville, FL 32601 Phone: (352) 376-5543 Fax: (352) 376-2042

## Parents, Children And Divorce

Offering classes throughout the Eighth Judicial Circuit as well as most counties in the State of Florida. Classes are offered evenings and Saturday mornings. Web Site: <u>www.educationprograms.com</u> E-mail: <u>pcd@educationprograms.com</u> Phone: (800) 767-8193

## Parent Education And Family Stabilization Course

Alliance for Better Co-Parenting, Inc. Alachua County, 2nd and 4th Thursday (6:00 pm) and 2nd and 4th Saturday (1:00 pm) of each month. Satellite Offices: (Bradford, Levy and Union Counties): call (866) 632-7296 for location and schedule. Main Office - 4509 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Suite 4, Gainesville, FL 32606 Phone: (352) 379-4665 Fax: (352) 377-0002 email contact: (for Info/Class Schedule) <u>mentalhealth@prodigy.net</u>

## List of Approved Web-Based Courses

www.parentingchoice.com

www.onlinedivorceprogram.com

www.divorce-resolution.com

www.floridaparentingcourse.com

www.floridaparenting.com

www.floridadivorceeducation.com

**NOTE:** Online courses will be accepted upon showing a special need, such as disability, military service, or residence in a State where such a course is not available.

Revised July 13, 2006

# FORMS FOR THE RESPONDENT (the person responding to the supplemental petition for modification)

The following <u>blank</u> forms are included in this packet for the Respondent to fill out:

- Answer and Waiver\*
- Family Law Financial Affidavit\*

\* Must be signed by Respondent and notarized by a Notary Public.

## **IMPORTANT**

The Respondent must file the original documents with the Clerk of Court, CIVIL Department, and furnish the Petitioner with a set of copies of all forms completed by the Respondent. The Clerk of the Court is located on the first floor of the Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601. Documents (with filing fee if petitioner's documents) may also be submitted to the Clerk of Court by mail at P.O. Box 600, Gainesville, FL 32602. The Clerk of Court may be reached by calling (352) 374-3636.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.903(e), ANSWER TO SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION

#### When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are responding to a <u>supplemental petition</u> for modification of custody or visitation, child support, or alimony. This form is used to admit or deny all of the allegations in the supplemental petition if you do not plan to file a <u>counterpetition</u>. There is no form for a counterpetition to a supplemental petition in these Family Law Forms. If you want to file a counterpetition to a supplemental petition you will need to either seek legal assistance or create a form yourself. You may construct an answer and counterpetition using the pertinent sections contained in the **Answer to Petition and Counterpetition for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**,  $\mathscr{M} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(1), or **Answer to Petition and Counterpetition for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No Dependent or Minor Minor Child(ren)**,  $\mathscr{M} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.903(c)(2).

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a **<u>notary public</u>** or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the case was filed and keep a copy for your records. This must be done within 20 days of receiving the supplemental petition.

## What should I do next?

A copy of this form, along with all of the other forms required with this **answer**, must be mailed or hand delivered to the other party in your case. Regardless of whether you file a counterpetition, you have 20 days to answer after being served with the other **party**'s supplemental petition. After you file your answer, the case will generally proceed in one of the following two ways:

**<u>UNCONTESTED</u>**... If you file an answer that agrees with everything in the other party's supplemental petition **and** you have complied with <u>mandatory disclosure</u> and filed all of the required papers, either party may call the clerk, <u>family law intake staff</u>, or <u>judicial assistant</u> to set a <u>final hearing</u>. If you request the hearing, you must notify the other party of the hearing by using a Notice of Hearing (General),  $\mathcal{A} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.923, or other appropriate notice of hearing form.

**CONTESTED**... If you file an answer which disagrees with or denies anything in the supplemental petition, and you are unable to settle the disputed issues, either party may file a Notice for Trial,  $\mathcal{P}$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.924, after you have complied with mandatory disclosure and filed all of the required papers. Some circuits may require the completion of <u>mediation</u> before a final hearing may be set. If you request the hearing, you should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant for instructions on how to set your case for trial (final hearing).

#### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. See chapter 61, Florida Statutes, for more information.

## Special notes...

With this form, you must also file the following:

- Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, P Grovida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), if the case involves child(ren).
- Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, I DFlorida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), if child support is an issue. (If you do not know the other party's income, you may file this worksheet after his or her financial affidavit has been served on you.)
- Settlement Agreement, if you have reached an agreement on any or all of the issues. Although there is no form for this in these Florida Family Law Forms, you may construct a settlement agreement using the pertinent sections contained in Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), C Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), or Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2).
- Notice of Social Security Number, P Grida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(j), if not previously filed.
- Family Law Financial Affidavit, I Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). (This must be filed within 45 days of service of the supplemental petition on you, if not filed at the time you file your answer.)
- Certificate of Compliance with Mandatory Disclosure, *P*□Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.932. (This must be filed within 45 days of <u>service</u> of the supplemental petition on you, if not filed at the time of you file your answer, unless you and the other party have agreed not to exchange these documents.)

**Child Custody...** If this case involves child custody issue and if you and the other party are unable to agree about with whom the child(ren) will live most of the time, a judge will decide for you. The judge will decide the parenting arrangements based on the child(ren)'s best interests. Regardless of whether there is an agreement, the court reserves jurisdiction to modify issues relating to the minor child(ren).

The judge may request a **parenting evaluation** or appoint a **guardian ad litem** in your case. This means that a neutral person will review your situation and report to the judge concerning parenting issues. The purpose of such intervention is to be sure that the best interests of the child(ren) is (are) being served. For more information, you may consult section 61.13, Florida Statutes. Some circuits may require the completion of a **parenting course** before a final hearing may be set. You should contact the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant about requirements for parenting courses or mediation where you live.

Listed below are some terms with which you should become familiar before completing your supplemental petition. If you do not fully understand any of the terms below or their implications, you should speak with an attorney before going any further.

- <u>Shared Parental Responsibility</u>
- <u>Sole Parental Responsibility</u>
- <u>Rotating Custody</u>
- Primary Residential Responsibility
- <u>Secondary Residential Responsibility</u>
- <u>Reasonable visitation</u>

- <u>Specified visitation</u>
- Supervised visitation
- <u>No contact</u>

**Child Support...** If this case involves child support issues, the court may order one parent to pay <u>child</u> <u>support</u> to assist the other parent in meeting the child(ren)'s material needs. Both parents are required to provide financial support, but one parent may be ordered to pay a portion of his or her support for the child(ren) to the other parent. Florida has adopted guidelines for determining the amount of child support to be paid. These guidelines are based on the combined income of both parents and take into account the financial contributions of both parents. You must file a Family Law Financial Affidavit, I Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c), and the other parent will be required to do the same. From your financial affidavits, you should be able to calculate the amount of child support that should be paid using the Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, I Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e). Because the child support guidelines take several factors into consideration, change over time, and vary from state to state, your child support obligation may be more or less than that of other people in seemingly similar situations.

**Temporary Relief...** If you need temporary relief regarding parental responsibility and visitation with child(ren), child support or alimony, you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support with Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**,  $\mathscr{P} \square$ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(a) or, if you need temporary relief regarding alimony and there are no dependent or minor child(ren), you may file a **Motion for Temporary Support with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren)**,  $\mathscr{P} \square$ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.947(c). For more information, see the instructions for these forms.

Settlement Agreement... If you and the other party are able to reach an agreement on any or all of the issues, you should file a Settlement Agreement. Although there is no form for this in these Florida Family Law Forms, you may construct a settlement agreement using the pertinent sections contained in Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with Dependent or Minor Child(ren), ✓□ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(1), or Marital Settlement Agreement for Dissolution of Marriage with No Dependent or Minor Child(ren), ✓□ Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(f)(2). Both parties must sign this agreement before a notary public or deputy clerk. Any issues on which you are unable to agree will be considered contested and settled by the judge at the final hearing.

**Final Judgment Form...** These family law forms contain a **Supplemental Final Judgment Modifying Parental Responsibility/Visitation**, *P* Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.993(a), a **Supplemental Final Judgment Modifying Child Support**, *P* Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.993(b), and a **Supplemental Final Judgment Modifying Alimony**, *P* Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.993(c), which the judge may use, as appropriate. You should check with the clerk, family law intake staff, or judicial assistant to see if you need to bring a final judgment with you to the hearing. If so, you should type or print the heading, including the circuit, county, case number, division, and the parties' names, and leave the rest blank for the judge to complete at your hearing or trial.

**Nonlawyer...** Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  $\mathscr{P} \square$ Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

\_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_\_
Division: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner.

and

Respondent.

## **ANSWER TO SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION**

I, {full legal name} \_\_\_\_\_, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

- I agree with Petitioner as to the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the 1. Supplemental Petition and, therefore, **admit** those allegations: *{indicate section and paragraph* number}\_\_\_\_\_
- I disagree with Petitioner as to the allegations raised in the following numbered paragraphs in the 2 Supplemental Petition and, therefore, **deny** those allegations: *{indicate section and paragraph* number}
- I currently am unable to admit or deny the following paragraphs due to lack of information: 3. {indicate section and paragraph number}

A completed Family Law Financial Affidavit, *P* Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 4. 12.902(b) or (c), is, or will be, filed.

- A completed Notice of Social Security Number, PDFlorida Supreme Court Approved Family 5 Law Form 12.902(j), is filed with this answer, if one has not been previously filed in this case.  $[\checkmark if applies]$
- 6. This case involves custody or visitation with a minor child(ren), and a completed Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Affidavit, Plorida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.902(d), is filed with this answer.
- 7. This case involves child support, and a completed Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, □Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), is filed or will be filed with the court.

I certify that a copy of this document was  $[\checkmark \text{ one only}]()$  mailed () faxed and mailed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on {date}

#### **Petitioner or his/her attorney:**

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Fax Number:	

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this answer and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:	
	Signature of Respondent Printed Name:
	Address:
	City, State, Zip:
	Telephone Number: Fax Number:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on _	by
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK

[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or clerk.]

Personally known \_\_\_\_\_

Produced identification

Type of identification produced

## IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE **BLANKS BELOW:** [Sefill in all blanks]

I, {full legal nam	ne and trade name of nonlawyer	r}	,
a nonlawyer, loc	ated at {street}	, {city}	2
{state}	, {phone}	, helped {name}	,
who is the roome	ndant fill out this form	· · · ·	

who is the respondent, fill out this form.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.902(b), FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)

#### When should this form be used?

This form should be used when you are involved in a family law case which requires a <u>financial affidavit</u> and your individual gross income is UNDER \$50,000 per year.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should sign the form before a **<u>notary public</u>** or <u>deputy clerk</u>. You should <u>file</u> the original with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where the <u>petition</u> was filed and keep a copy for your records.

#### What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand delivered to the other **<u>party</u>** in your case, if it is not served on him or her with your initial papers. This must be accomplished within 45 days of service of the petition.

## Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at** <u>http://www.flcourts.org</u> (choose Florida State Courts, select Self Help from the menu, then select Family Forms). The words that are in "<u>bold underline</u>" in these instructions are defined there. For further information, see rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

#### Special notes...

If this is a domestic violence case and you want to keep your address confidential for safety reasons, do not enter the address, telephone, and fax information at the bottom of this form. Instead, file **Petitioner's Request for Confidential Filing of Address**, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.980(h).

The affidavit must be completed using **monthly** income and expense amounts. If you are paid or your bills are due on a schedule which is not monthly, you must convert those amounts. Hints are provided below for making these conversions.

Hourly - If you are paid by the hour	, you ma	y convert your income to mont	hly as foll	ows:
Hourly amount	x	Hours worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	х	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>
Daily - If you are paid by the day, y	ou may c	onvert your income to monthly	as follow	S:
Daily amount	х	Days worked per week	=	Weekly amount
Weekly amount	х	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>
Weekly - If you are paid by the wee	k, you m	ay convert your income to mon	thly as fol	llows:
Weekly amount	х	52 Weeks per year	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>
Bi-weekly - If you are paid every tw	vo weeks,	you may convert your income	to monthl	y as follows:
Bi-weekly amount	х	26	=	Yearly amount
Yearly amount	÷	12 Months per year	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>
Semi-monthly - If you are paid twice	e per mo	nth, you may convert your inco	ome to mo	onthly as follows:
Semi-monthly amount	x	2	=	<b>Monthly Amount</b>

Expenses may be converted in the same manner.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of a **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.:	
Division:	

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

## FAMILY LAW FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT (SHORT FORM)

(Under \$50,000 Individu	al Gross Annual Income)
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I, <i>{full legal</i> following information			,	being	sworn,	certify	that	the
My Occupation:		Employed by:						
Business Address:								
Pay rate: \$	( ) every week (	) every other week (	) twice a month (	) mo	onthly (	) other:		

□ Check here if unemployed and explain on a separate sheet your efforts to find employment.

#### SECTION I. PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME:

All amounts must be MONTHLY. See the instructions with this form to figure out money amounts for anything that is NOT paid monthly. Attach more paper, if needed. Items included under "other" should be listed separately with separate dollar amounts.

1.	Monthly gross salary or wages	1.	\$ <u></u>
2.	Monthly bonuses, commissions, allowances, overtime, tips, and similar payments		
3.	Monthly business income from sources such as self-employment, partnerships,		
	close corporations, and/or independent contracts (gross receipts minus ordinary		
	and necessary expenses required to produce income) ( Attach sheet itemizing		
	such income and expenses.)	3.	
4.	Monthly disability benefits/SSI	4.	
5.	Monthly Workers' Compensation	5.	
6.	Monthly Unemployment Compensation	6.	
7.	Monthly pension, retirement, or annuity payments	7.	
8.	Monthly Social Security benefits	8.	
9.	Monthly alimony actually received		
	9a. From this case: \$		
	9b. From other case(s): Add 9a and 9b	9.	
10.	Monthly interest and dividends	10.	
11.	Monthly rental income (gross receipts minus ordinary and necessary expenses		
	required to produce income) ( Attach sheet itemizing such income and		
	expense items.)	11.	
12.	Monthly income from royalties, trusts, or estates		
	Monthly reimbursed expenses and in-kind payments to the extent that they		
	reduce personal living expenses	13.	
14.	Monthly gains derived from dealing in property (not including nonrecurring		
	gains)	14.	
15.	Any other income of a recurring nature (list source)	15.	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	16.	
17.	PRESENT MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Add lines 1–16) TOTAL:	1	7.\$
			· .

## **PRESENT MONTHLY DEDUCTIONS:**

18.	Monthly federal, state, an allowable dependents and it			for filing status and			
	<ul><li>a. Filing Status</li><li>b. Number of depended</li></ul>	ents claimed			18 \$		
19	Monthly FICA or self-emp				19. <u> </u>		—
	Monthly Medicare payment				20.		_
	Monthly mandatory union				21.		_
	Monthly mandatory retiren		5		22.		_
	Monthly health insurance			nsurance), excluding			—
	portion paid for any minor			,, 0	23.		
24.	Monthly court-ordered ch			nildren from another			—
	relationship		• •		24.		
25.	Monthly court-ordered alir	nony actually	paid				
		is case:					
	25b. from oth	her case(s):		Add 25a and 25b	25.		_
26.	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	ALLOWAB	LE UNDER SECT	ION 61.30.			
	FLORIDA STATUTES (			,	26. \$		
PR	ESENT NET MONTHLY	INCOME (S	Subtract line 26 from	line 17)	27. \$		
				,			
	CTION II. AVERAGE M	ONTHLY EX	<b>KPENSES</b>				
A.	HOUSEHOLD:	<b>•</b>		Other:		\$	
	Mortgage or rent	\$					
	Property taxes	\$	E.	OTHER EXPENSE	ES NOT		
	Utilities	\$		Clothing		\$	
	Telephone	\$		Medical/Dental (uni	nsured)	۵ <u> </u>	
	Food	\$		Grooming		\$	
	Meals outside home	\$		Entertainment			
	Maintenance/Repairs Other:	\$		Gifts		\$	
	Other:	\$		Religious organizati	ons	\$	
n				Miscellaneous		\$	
в.	AUTOMOBILE	¢		Other:		\$	
	Gasoline	\$					
	Repairs	\$					
	Insurance	<u>э</u>					
C	CHILD(REN)'S EXPENS	FS					
	Day care						
		<b>A</b>				φ	
	-	\$\$		PAYMENTS TO C	'REDIT	OPS	
	e			TATMENTS TO C	KEDII	UNS	MONTHLY
		\$\$		CREDITOR:			PAYMENT
	Medical/Dental (uninsured)	Ψ \\$		CREDITOR.		\$	FAIMENI
	Other:	\$				ς	
		۵ 				\$ \$	
D.	INSURANCE					\$	
	Medical/Dental	\$			:	\$	
	Child(ren)'s medical/dental	\$				\$	
	Life	\$				\$	
28.	TOTAL MONTHLY EX	PENSES (add	l ALL monthly amo	unts in			

A through F above)

#### SUMMARY

29.	TOTAL PRESENT MONTHLY NET INCOME		
	(from line 27 of SECTION I. INCOME)	29. \$ <u></u>	
30.	TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES (from line 28 above)	30. \$ <u></u>	
31.	<b>SURPLUS</b> (If line 29 is more than line 30, subtract line 30 from line 29.		
	This is the amount of your surplus. Enter that amount here.)	31. \$ <u></u>	
32.	(DEFICIT) (If line 30 is more than line 29, subtract line 29 from line 30.		
	This is the amount of your deficit. Enter that amount here.)	32. (\$ <u></u>	)

#### SECTION III. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Use the nonmarital column only if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage and you believe an item is "nonmarital," meaning it belongs to only one of you and should not be divided. You should indicate to whom you believe the item(s) or debt belongs. (Typically, you will only use this column if property/debt was owned/owed by one spouse before the marriage. See the "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at section 61.075(1), Florida Statutes, for definitions of "marital" and "nonmarital" assets and liabilities.)

#### A. ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate item owned by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage).	Current Fair Market Value	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. $\checkmark$ the box next to any asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.		husband	wife
Cash (on hand)	\$		
□ Cash (in banks or credit unions)			
□ Stocks, Bonds, Notes			
□ Real estate: (Home)			
□ (Other)			
□ Other personal property			
□ Retirement plans (Profit Sharing, Pension, IRA, 401(k)s, etc.)			
□ Other			
$\Box  \sqrt{\text{here if additional pages are attached.}}$			
Total Assets (add next column)	\$		

## **B. LIABILITIES:**

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S). List a description of each separate debt owed by you (and/or your spouse, if this is a petition for dissolution of marriage). DO NOT LIST ACCOUNT NUMBERS. √ the box next to any debt(s) for which you believe	Current Amount Owed	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
you should be responsible.		husband	wife
Mortgages on real estate: First mortgage on home	\$		
Second mortgage on home			
Other mortgages			
Auto loans			
Charge/credit card accounts			
<u> </u>			
Other			
$\Box \sqrt{\text{here if additional pages are attached.}}$			
Total Debts (add next column)	\$		

## C. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have any **POSSIBLE assets** (income potential, accrued vacation or sick leave, bonus, inheritance, etc.) or **POSSIBLE liabilities** (possible lawsuits, future unpaid taxes, contingent tax liabilities, debts assumed by another), you must list them here.

Contingent Assets	Possible Value	Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
$\sqrt{1}$ the box next to any contingent asset(s) which you are requesting the judge award to you.		husband	wife
	\$		
Total Contingent Assets	\$		

Contingent Liabilities	Possible Amount		Nonmarital (√ correct column)	
$\boldsymbol{}$ the box next to any contingent debt(s) for which you believe you should be responsible.	Owed	husband	wife	
	\$			
Total Contingent Liabilities	\$			

#### SECTION IV. CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES WORKSHEET

(Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(e), Child Support Guidelines Worksheet, MUST be filed with the court at or prior to a hearing to establish or modify child support. This requirement cannot be waived by the parties.)

$[\sqrt{\text{one only}}]$
<ul> <li>A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS or WILL BE filed in this case. This case involves the establishment or modification of child support.</li> <li>A Child Support Guidelines Worksheet IS NOT being filed in this case. The establishment or modification</li> </ul>
of child support is not an issue in this case.
I certify that a copy of this document was $[\sqrt{\text{one only}}]()$ mailed () faxed and mailed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on <i>{date}</i> .
Other party or his/her attorney:
Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Fax Number:
I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

Dated:			
	Signature of Party		
	Printed Name:		
	Address:		
	City, State, Zip: Telephone Number:		
	Fax Number:		
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF			
Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on	by		
	NOTARY PUBLIC or DEPUTY CLERK		
	[Print, type, or stamp commissioned name of notary or deputy clerk.]		
Personally known           Produced identification           Type of identification produced			
<b>BELOW:</b> [fill in all blanks] I, <i>{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}</i> _	OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS		

a nonlawyer, located at (s	treet}		, {city}
{state}	_, {phone},	helped {name}	
who is the [ $$ one only]_			

## **SECTION "B"**

This section is to be used when you are going to have the other party in your case served by the Sheriff's Office. The petitioner will have to fill out the forms in section "A" and file them with the clerk's office at the Courthouse. Take a copy of the forms you have filed and the following SHERIFF'S FORMS from section "B":

-Memorandum to Sheriff (with directions)

-Summons

-Affidavit for Personal Service Outside the State of Florida (used when the other party resides in another State). Failure to use this document can result in the Sheriff's service being invalid.

Contact the Sheriff's Office where the other party resides to find out what they require of you. Deliver or mail a complete copy of what you have filed and the Sheriff's forms, including any fees, and envelopes. On serving these papers on the other party the Sheriff's Office will send you a "Notice of Service" which is proof that the other party was served. When the twenty (20) day time line has expired and the other party has not filed a response you can file the following DEFAULT PAPERS:

-Motion for Default -Notice That Action is at Issue and Motion for Hearing/Non-Jury Trial (follow the instructions provided with the above form)

## DIRECTIONS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS MEMORANDUM TO SHERIFF

This form should be sent to the sheriff's department in the county of the state where you wish to have the Respondent served.

With this form you can inform the sheriff's department of the best times to find the Respondent at work and/or home. (You may also include a map to the Respondent's home or work place to help the sheriff find the Respondent and deliver the summons.)

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU:

- 1. <u>Contact the Sheriff of that county and get the following information:</u>
  - Their address
  - Cost of service
  - Whether they will take a check or money order.
  - Anything else they may require for service of process.
- 2. <u>Mail or Deliver to the Sheriff:</u>
  - a) Memorandum to Sheriff
  - b) Original Summons
  - c) Set of photocopies of all the papers that you filed
  - d) Self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The self-addressed, stamped envelope is for the Sheriff to mail you the <u>original</u> Return of Service. \*\*

## \*\*UPON RECEIVING THE RETURN OF SERVICE, DELIVER IT OR MAIL IT TO THE CLERK OF COURT IN THE COUNTY WHERE YOU FILED!

Pay attention to the date the Return of Service says the respondent was served with the summons. Remember, the Respondent is required to file a written response to your petition within 20 days from the day after being served.

## SERVICE OF PROCESS MEMORANDUM TO SHERIFF

TO:	Sheriff of State of	County,	, Civil Division
RE:			
			, Respondent.
	In the Circuit Cou	rt, County of	, Florida
	Case Number:		
	DATE:		
proc	ess along with the s	find a check or money orde ummons and petition to be	served on the respondent.
	Respondent:		
	Residence Addres	s:	
	Work Address:		
	SPECIAL INSTRU	CTIONS for locating the Res	-
Affid		closed self-addressed stamp ervice. Thank you for you t	
		Petitioner's Signature Printed Name:	
		Telephone No.: ( )	

## AFFIDAVIT FOR PERSONAL SERVICE OUTSIDE THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Sections 48.193 and 48.194, Fla. Stat.

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_

BEFORE ME, this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_\_, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that the following information is true and correct according to his/her best knowledge and belief:

Respondent \_\_\_\_\_\_ is subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Florida, and to personal service of process outside the state of Florida, for a cause of action <u>arising</u> out of the following: (check one or more)

With respect to a proceeding for alimony, child support, and/or property division in connection with a dissolution of marriage while maintaining a marital domicile in Florida or if the defendant resided in Florida before the commencement of the action, whether cohabitating during that time or not.

With respect to a proceeding for support for dependant(s) in an independent action while maintaining a marital domicile in Florida or if the defendant resided in Florida before commencement of the action, whether cohabitating during that time or not.

With respect to paternity actions when the father had sexual intercourse in Florida from which the child could have been conceived.

			Petitioner's Signature Printed name
Address			_
City	State	Zip	_
Telephone (ar	ea code and numb	er)	_
Sworn to and subscribed before me on by <i>{name}</i> Produced identification. Type of identif			who is Personally known <b>OR</b>

## NOTARY PUBLIC—STATE OF FLORIDA

**NOTE**: Service of process on persons outside Florida must be made in the same manner as service in Florida by any officer authorized to serve process in the state where the person is served. **AN AFFIDAVIT OF THE OFFICER SHALL BE FILED STATING THE TIME, MANNER, AND PLACE OF THE SERVICE.** 

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.910(a), SUMMONS: PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL

## When should this form be used?

This form should be used to obtain **<u>personal service</u>** on the other **<u>party</u>** when you begin your lawsuit. <u>Service</u> is required for **all** documents filed in your case. Service means giving a copy of the required papers to the other party using the procedure that the law requires. Generally, there are two ways to make service: (1) personal service, or (2) service by mail or hand delivery. A third method for service is called <u>**constructive service**</u>; however, the relief a court may grant may be limited in a case where constructive service has been used.

The law requires that certain documents be served by **personal service** if personal service is possible. **Personal service** means that a summons (this form) and a copy of the forms you are filing with the court that must be personally served are delivered by a deputy sheriff or private process server

- directly to the other party, or
- to someone over the age of fifteen with whom the other party lives.

Personal service is required for **all <u>petitions</u>**, including petitions for modification. You cannot serve these papers on the other party yourself or by mail or hand delivery. Personal service must be made by the sheriff's department in the county where the other party lives or works or by a private process server certified in the county where the other party lives or works.

In many counties, there are private process servers who, for a fee, will personally serve the summons and other documents that require personal service. You should look under "**process servers**" in the yellow pages of the telephone book for a list of private process servers in your area. You may use a private process server to serve any paper required to be personally served in a family law case **except** a petition for injunction for protection against domestic or repeat violence.

## How do I start?

When you begin your lawsuit, you need to complete this form (summons) and a **Process Service Memorandum**,  $\mathscr{A} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b). The forms should be typed or printed legibly in black ink. Next, you will need to take these forms and, if you have not already done so, <u>file</u> your petition with the <u>clerk of the circuit court</u> in the county where you live. You should keep a copy of the forms for your records. The clerk will sign the summons, and then the summons, a copy of the papers to be served, and the process service memorandum must be delivered to the appropriate sheriff's office or to a private process server for service on the other party.

IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN THE COUNTY WHERE SUIT IS FILED: Ask the clerk in your county about any local procedures regarding service. Generally, if the other party lives in the county in which you are filing suit and you want the sheriff's department to serve the papers, you will file the summons along with a **Process Service Memorandum**,  $\mathcal{P}\square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), with the clerk and the clerk will forward those papers to the sheriff for service. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons. You may also need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you, after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. However, in some counties the sheriff may send the proof of service directly to the clerk. If you are instructed to supply a self-addressed, stamped envelope and you receive the proof of service, you should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the

sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

If you want a private process server to serve the other party, you should still bring the summons to the clerk's office and have the clerk sign it for you. You should deliver the summons, along with the copy of your initial petition and any other papers to be served, and a **Process Service Memorandum**,  $\mathscr{P}\Box$  Florida Supreme\_Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b), to the private process server. The private process server will charge you a fee for serving the papers. After service is complete, proof of service by the private process server must be filed with the clerk. You should discuss how this will occur with the private process server.

**IF THE OTHER PARTY LIVES IN ANOTHER COUNTY:** If the other party lives in another county, service needs to be made by a sheriff in the county where the other party lives or by a private process server certified in the county where the other party lives. Make sure that you attach a copy of the papers you want personally served to the summons as well as the **Process Service Memorandum**,  $\mathscr{P} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.910(b). If you want the sheriff to serve the papers, the clerk may send your papers to that sheriff's office for you, or you may have to send the papers yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. Either way, you will need to provide the sheriff with a stamped envelope addressed to you. This will allow the sheriff to send the proof of service to you, after the sheriff serves your papers on the other party. You should file the proof of service with the clerk after you receive it from the sheriff. Also, you will need to find out how much the sheriff charges to serve the papers. Personal checks are not accepted. You should attach to the summons a cashier's check or money order made payable to the sheriff, and either give it to the clerk for delivery to the sheriff or send all of the paperwork and the fee to the sheriff yourself. The clerk will tell you which procedure to use. The costs for service may be waived if you are indigent.

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IF THE OTHER PARTY CANNOT BE LOCATED OR DOES NOT LIVE IN FLORIDA: If, after you have made a diligent effort to locate the other party, you absolutely cannot locate the other party, you may serve the other party by publication. Service by publication is also known as <u>constructive service</u>. You may also be able to use constructive service if the other party does not live in Florida. However, Florida courts have only limited jurisdiction over a party who is served by constructive service and may have only limited jurisdiction over a party living outside of Florida regardless of whether that party is served by constructive or personal service; that is, the judge's power to order the other party to do certain things may be limited. For example, the judge may be able to grant your request for a divorce, but the judge may not be able to address issues such as child support, spousal support (alimony), or division of property or debts.

Regardless of the type of service used, if the other party once lived in Florida but is living outside of

Florida now, you should include in your petition a statement regarding the length of time the party lived in Florida, if any, and when. For example: "Respondent last lived in Florida from *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to *{date}* \_\_\_\_\_\_."

# This area of the law is very complex and you may need to consult with an attorney regarding the proper type of service to be used in your case if the other party does not live in Florida or cannot be located.

## What happens when the papers are served on the other party?

The date and hour of service are written on the original summons and on all copies of it by the person making the service. The person who delivers the summons and copies of the petition must file a proof of service with the clerk or provide a proof of service to you for filing with the court. It is your responsibility to make sure the proof of service has been returned to the clerk and placed in your case file.

### Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read "General Information for Self-Represented Litigants" found at** <u>http://www.flcourts.org</u> (choose Florida State Courts, select Self Help from the menu, then select Family Forms). For further information regarding service of process, see chapters 48 and 49, Florida Statutes, and rule 1.070, Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as the instructions for **Notice of Action for Dissolution of Marriage**,  $\mathcal{A} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.913(a), and **Affidavit of Diligent Service and Inquiry**,  $\mathcal{A} \square$  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.913(b).

## Special notes...

If you have been unable to obtain proper service on the other party within **120 days** after filing your lawsuit, the court will dismiss your lawsuit against the other party unless you can show the court a good reason why service was not made within **120 days**. For this reason, if you had the local sheriff serve the papers, you should check with the clerk every couple of weeks after completing the service papers to see if service has been completed. You may need to supply the sheriff with a new or better address. If you had a private process server or a sheriff in another county serve the papers, you should be in contact with that person or sheriff until you receive proof of service from that person or sheriff. You should then file the proof of service with the clerk immediately.

If the other party fails to respond, i.e., fails to file a written response with the court, within **20 days** after the service of the summons, you are entitled to request a <u>default</u>. See the instructions to Motion for **Default**,  $\mathscr{A} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.922 (a), and **Default**, Florida Supreme Court\_Approved Family Law Form 12.922(b), for further information. You will need to file a **Nonmilitary Affidavit**,  $\mathscr{A} \square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912(b), before a default may be granted.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  $\mathscr{P} \square$  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

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# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: Division:

Petitioner.

and

Respondent.

## SUMMONS: PERSONAL SERVICE ON AN INDIVIDUAL ORDEN DE COMPARECENCIA: SERVICIO PERSONAL EN UN INDIVIDUO **CITATION: L'ASSIGNATION PERSONAL SUR UN INDIVIDUEL**

TO/PARA/A: {enter other party's full legal name} {address(including city and state)/location for service}

## IMPORTANT

A lawsuit has been filed against you. You have 20 calendar days after this summons is served on you to file a written response to the attached complaint/petition with the clerk of this circuit court, located at: *{street address}* 

A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be **filed** if you want the Court to hear your side of the case.

If you do not file your written response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may be taken thereafter without further warning from the Court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

If you choose to file a written response yourself, at the same time you file your written response to the Court, you must also mail or take a copy of your written response to the party serving this summons at:

{Name and address of party serving summons} \_\_\_\_\_

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents, upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, 27 Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

#### **IMPORTANTE**

Usted ha sido demandado legalmente. Tiene veinte (20) dias, contados a partir del recibo de esta notificacion, para contestar la demanda adjunta, por escrito, y presentarla ante este tribunal. Localizado en: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Una llamada telefonica no lo protegera. Si usted desea que el tribunal considere su defensa, debe presentar su respuesta por escrito, incluyendo el numero del caso y los nombres de las partes interesadas. Si usted no contesta la demanda a tiempo, pudiese perder el caso y podria ser despojado de sus ingresos y propiedades, o privado de sus derechos, sin previo aviso del tribunal. Existen otros requisitos legales. Si lo desea, usted puede consultar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a una de las oficinas de asistencia legal que aparecen en la guia telefonica.

Si desea responder a la demanda por su cuenta, al mismo tiempo en que presente su respuesta ante el tribunal, usted debe enviar por correo o entregar una copia de su respuesta a la persona denominada abajo.

Si usted elige presentar personalmente una respuesta por escrito, en el mismo momento que usted presente su respuesta por escrito al Tribunal, usted debe enviar por correo o llevar una copia de su respuesta por escrito a la parte entregando esta orden de comparencencia a:

Nombre y direccion de la parte que entrega la orden de comparencencia:

Copias de todos los documentos judiciales de este caso, incluyendo las ordenes, estan disponibles en la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito [Clerk of the Circuit Court's office]. Estos documentos pueden ser revisados a su solicitud.

Usted debe de manener informada a la oficina del Secretario de Juzgado del Circuito de su direccion actual. (Usted puede presentar \_\_\_\_\_\_ el Formulario: Ley de Familia de la Florida 12.915, [// ] Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915], Notificacion de la Direccion Actual [Notice of Current Address].) Los papelos que se presenten en el futuro en esta demanda judicial seran env ados por correo a la direccion que este registrada en la oficina del Secretario.

ADVERTENCIA: Regla 12.285 (Rule 12.285), de las Reglas de Procedimiento de Ley de Familia de la Florida [Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure], requiere cierta revelacion automatica de documentos e informacion. El incumplimient, puede resultar en sanciones, incluyendo la desestimacion o anulacion de los alegatos.

### IMPORTANT

Des poursuites judiciaries ont ete entreprises contre vous. Vous avez 20 jours consecutifs a partir de la date de l'assignation de cette citation pour deposer une reponse ecrite a la plainte ci-jointe aupres de ce tribunal. Qui se trouve a: {L'Adresse} \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Un simple coup de telephone est insuffisant pour vous proteger; vous etes obliges de deposer votre reponse ecrite, avec mention du numero de dossier ci-dessus et du nom des parties nommees ici, si vous souhaitez que le tribunal entende votre cause. Si vous ne deposez pas votre reponse ecrite dans le delai requis, vous risquez de perdre la cause ainsi que votre

salaire, votre argent, et vos biens peuvent etre saisis par la suite, sans aucun preavis ulterieur du tribunal. Il y a d'autres obligations juridiques et vous pouvez requerir les services immediats d'un avocat. Si vous ne connaissez pas d'avocat, vous pourriez telephoner a un service de reference d'avocats ou a un bureau d'assistance juridique (figurant a l'annuaire de telephones).

Si vous choisissez de deposer vous-meme une reponse ecrite, il vous faudra egalement, en meme temps que cette formalite, faire parvenir ou expedier une copie au carbone ou une photocopie de votre reponse ecrite a la partie qui vous depose cette citation.

Nom et adresse de la partie qui depose cette citation:

Les photocopies de tous les documents tribunals de cette cause, y compris des arrets, sont disponible au bureau du greffier. Vous pouvez revue ces documents, sur demande.

Il faut aviser le greffier de votre adresse actuelle. (Vous pouvez deposer  $\square$  Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, Notice of Current Address.) Les documents de l'avenir de ce proces seront envoyer a l'adresse que vous donnez au bureau du greffier.

ATTENTION: La regle 12.285 des regles de procedure du droit de la famille de la Floride exige que l'on remette certains renseignements et certains documents `a la partie adverse. Tout refus de les fournir pourra donner lieu a des sanctions, y compris le rejet ou la suppression d'un ou de plusieurs actes de procedure.

### THE STATE OF FLORIDA

TO EACH SHERIFF OF THE STATE: You are commanded to serve this summons and a copy of the complaint in this lawsuit on the above-named person.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By:

Deputy Clerk

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW FORM

## REQUEST TO ENTER DEFAULT/DEFAULT (COMBINED FORM)

If the other party has failed to file or serve any documents on you in response to your lawsuit as required, and the other party was properly served (i.e., by process, or by publication, etc.), you may ask the Clerk of the Court to enter a default against that person by completing this form and filing it with the clerk.

## STEP 1:

First you must determine how the other party was served:

- □ The other party was served by Process (summons): Generally, the other party has 20 days to respond to your petition.
- □ The other party was **served by Publication or Posting**: The Notice of Action that was posted or published contains the date by which the other party must respond to your petition (between 30 90 days).

## **STEP 2:**

You must provide to the Clerk one of the following documents to prove that the other party has defaulted (failed to respond to your petition within the prescribed time period):

- □ the <u>original</u> Sheriff's Affidavit for Return of Service—**if served by process** or
- the Editor's Certificate of Publication—if served by publication or
- □ the Clerk's Certificate of Posting—if served by posting

## **STEP 3:**

Once the default is entered against the other party by the Clerk of Court, you may request that your case be set for trial.

- □ You will need to fill out the top portion of the NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE and your address on the second page
- □ Make **three copies** of the request.
- □ File the **original** Notice with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- $\Box$  A copy of the form must be sent by mail to the opposing party.
- □ Bring a copy of the NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE and two stamped business size #10 envelopes to room 400 to be placed in the Case Manager's "In" box. Have one of the envelopes addressed to yourself and the other addressed to the opposing party.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Petitioner,

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION:

VS.

Respondent.

## **MOTION/REQUEST TO ENTER DEFAULT**

TO THE CLERK OF COURT: Please enter a default against the Respondent who has failed to respond to the petition.

DATED:

Signature

Name Address

## **DEFAULT**

A default is entered in this action against the Respondent for failure to serve or file a response or any paper as is required by law.

DATED:

J.K. "BUDDY" IRBY CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk

## Requesting a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial in a Family Court Case in Alachua County, Florida

## DO NOT SUBMIT THE NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE. Until:

- 1. All the appropriate forms or documents have been filed to include financial affidavits, child support worksheet, parenting stabilization course, etc.
- 2. You have filed Proof of Service of Process Or Proof of Publication AND the Clerk has entered a default.
- 3. Or the Respondent has filed a response or an Answer and Waiver.
- 4. AND Mediation (352) 491-4417 has been completed if necessary.

You will use the combined form titled *"Notice that Action is at Issue and Request for a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial"* to request a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial on your motion or petition. If you do so before the above has taken place a Hearing/Non-Jury Trial will **not** be scheduled.

## Fill in the following information:

- Parties' names (Petitioner and Respondent)
- Case number and Division
- Your name (Comes Now \_\_\_\_\_)
- Amount of time you think necessary for the judge to hear all the issues in your case. If your case has no disputed issues, it may take only ten minutes.
- Today's date
- Your signature (no Notary needed)
- The Respondent's name and address

## Make 2 copies of the original:

- File the original with the clerk's office.
- Mail or hand deliver one copy to the Respondent.

•Mail or hand deliver one copy to the **Case Manager in Room 400** (Family Courts) in the Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center along with 2 stamped business size envelopes, one addressed to you and the other addressed to the Respondent. You may submit these items by mail to the Case Manager at the Alachua County Family/Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Room 400, Gainesville, FL 32601.

In about **three weeks**, you should receive a response from the judge's office. If not, you may call Family Courts at (352) 374-3694 to ask about the status of your request for a court hearing.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.:

DIVISION:

and

Respondent.

## NOTICE THAT ACTION IS AT ISSUE AND REQUEST FOR HEARING/NON-JURY TRIAL

COMES NOW\_\_\_\_\_\_, and shows that this action is at issue and ready for a hearing/non-jury trial. The hearing/trial is on the original action. It is estimated that the trial will require \_\_\_\_\_\_ minutes. Therefore, the undersigned requests the court schedule a hearing/non-jury trial in this action.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ (today's date)

YOUR SIGNATURE

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Action has

been furnished by U.S. Mail or hand delivery on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, to:

(Print the respondent's name and address below)

Your Signature

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jan Phillips, ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Courthouse, 201 E. University Ave., Gainesville FL 32601 at (352) 337-6237 within two working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770.