

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Did your spouse file divorce paperwork or the parent or guardian to your child(ren) file paperwork for custody against you?

If so, this is packet is for you and you need to respond.

Instructions- 2 pages

Domestic Relations Sheet- 1 page

Response to Petition- 3 pages

STEP 1

MAKE SURE THIS PACKET IS RIGHT FOR YOU

- You can only use this packet if your spouse filed for divorce or the other parent or guardian of your child(ren) filed paperwork for custody against you. **DO NOT USE THIS PACKET in a CIVIL CASE**, things like if someone has sued you, foreclosed on your home or filed a temporary restraining order against you. If any of those things have happened ask for a **CIVIL ANSWER** packet.

STEP 2

DOMESTIC RELATIONS INFORMATION SHEET

- Fill out ALL the information about yourself, the other party & the child(ren).

STEP 3

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- Print the names of the parties involved (use the same caption as your other case with the same case number) & the county.
- Make sure to fill out the rest of the blanks when applicable.
- Identify which paragraphs in the other party's petition that you agree with or admit, that you don't agree with or deny and those that you do not have enough information about. Try to explain your answers and if you want to explain anything else list that in Number 4.
- If you need extra space, get an extra sheet of paper & staple it to the form.

STEP 4

MAKING COPIES OF YOUR PAPERWORK

- Domestic Relations Sheet- give the original to the court & if you would like a copy make 1 for yourself.
- Response to Petition- The original goes to the court, make 1 copy for yourself & 1 copy for the other party.

Filing this paperwork will not get you a Divorce or Custody of your child(ren) more paperwork is necessary to complete the process.

STEP 5

FILE YOUR PAPERWORK AT COURT

- Go to the clerk's office.
- Bring your originals & copies and 1 ENVELOPE with STAMP (if you send it in the mail to the other party).
- Hand your originals & your copies to the clerk. You will get back the copies that you made with a file-stamp in the upper right-hand corner.

STEP 6

SERVE YOUR COPIES

- Mail or hand-deliver a copy of your Response Petition to the other party.
- This is YOUR responsibility to serve the other party the court WILL NOT do this for you