

SELF HELP PROGRAM

FORMS PACKETS FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The packets listed in this booklet are designed for specific actions within the area of Family Law. Each is based on the Florida Statutes governing that particular area of law, and should *only* be used for its intended purpose.

Although there are many types of actions possible in Family Law, we have designed packets of forms for the most common actions undertaken by persons representing themselves in court. These are the only packets of forms available through the Self Help Program. Other sources of forms are private attorneys, private paralegal services, internet sites, bookstores, and the Florida Bar approved forms found in the book Florida Rules of Court, which is available in any Law Library.

TYPE OF ACTION

NAME OF PACKET

PURPOSE

DIVORCE

Simplified Divorce

Used when there are *no minor children*, **AND** the wife is not pregnant, **AND** both parties are available to file their papers together **AND** attend the final hearing together.

Divorce Without Minor Children

Used by a husband or wife to obtain a divorce when there are no minor children born of the marriage.

Divorce With Minor Children

Used by a husband or wife to obtain a divorce when there are minor children born of the marriage.

SUPPORT AND OTHER RELIEF FROM YOUR SPOUSE

Support and Other Relief Without Dissolution

FOR USE BY MARRIED PERSONS ONLY!!
Used to request relief (support, custody, etc.) from your spouse without requesting a divorce.

MODIFICATION

Modification of Custody or Visitation

Used to request the change of an *existing* court order or final judgment regarding the custody OR visitation of a *minor* child.

Modification of Support

Used to request the change of an *existing* court order or final judgment regarding the amount of support paid or received for a minor child.

ENFORCEMENT

Motion for Contempt/Enforcement

Used to request that the Court enforce an existing order or final judgment, for example to enforce an order establishing visitation or child support.

PATERNITY

Petition to Determine Paternity

Used by a birth mother or father to ask the court to establish paternity, custody, visitation, and child support for a minor child.

IMPORTANT: At least one of the parties filing for divorce in Florida must have been a resident for at least 6 months immediately prior to the date of filing.

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PURPOSE

CUSTODY

Temporary Custody by a Relative

Can be used **ONLY** by a brother, sister, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or cousin to obtain custody of a minor child. *This packet is not to be used by a natural mother. This packet may be used by a natural father ONLY when he is unable to locate the natural mother.*

Primary Residence after Paternity and Support

Used to obtain a court order designating primary residence (custody) of a minor child **AFTER** a support case has been established through a Department of Revenue. This petition may be used by the *receiver* of child support.

VISITATION

Establishment of Visitation after Paternity and Support

Used to obtain a court order that defines a set visitation schedule for a minor child **AFTER** a support case has been established through the Department of Revenue. This petition may be used by the *payor* of child support.

NAME CHANGE

Name Change of an Adult

Used to request a change of name for an adult.

Name Change of a Minor Child

Used to request a change of name for a minor child.

MOTION

General Motion

Used to make a simple or temporary request of the Court in an existing case. **NOT TO BE USED FOR CONTEMPT.**