**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF _____, MISSOURI**
*(County where court is located)*

**In re the Marriage of**

_____ _____ _____ _____
*(First)* *(Middle)* *(Last)* *(Jr./Sr./III)*
**Petitioner,** *(Your full name should be entered here)*

**-and-**

_____ _____ _____ _____
*(First)* *(Middle)* *(Last)* *(Jr./Sr./III)*
**Respondent.** *(Enter your spouse's full name here)*

**Case No.** _____
*(Will be assigned when case is filed)*

**Division No.** _____
*(Will be assigned when case is filed)*

## Respondent's Answer to Petitioner's Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

1. I am answering the following pleading (One of the following MUST be checked)
   - ☐ The first petition my spouse filed in this case (Original Petition)
   - ☐ The second petition my spouse filed in this case (First Amended Petition)
   - ☐ The third petition my spouse filed in this case (Second Amended Petition)

2. I understand that by voluntarily entering my appearance and filing this pleading, I am subjecting myself to the jurisdiction of this court, and the court may enter such orders and judgments as are authorized by law, including orders awarding maintenance (formerly alimony), child support, child custody, parenting time/visitation, division of property, division of debts, and attorney's fees.

3. I admit as true EVERYTHING my spouse stated in his or her Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and incorporate all of those allegations herein EXCEPT the following:

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*Instructions: Any allegation not specifically denied will be deemed admitted and you will not have the opportunity to disagree with this allegation when the case is presented to the court. Identify each paragraph that contains any allegation with which you disagree.*

4. What are the last four numbers of your social security number?

   XXX-XX-_____
   *(Social Security Number)*

*Instructions: The last four digits of your social security number are required by §452.312.2(6), RSMo.*

5. Check ONE of the following boxes:
   - ☐ I am not on active duty in the armed services of the United States of America.
   - ☐ I am on active duty in the armed services of the United States of America, but waive my rights pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act of 2003.

## Request for Relief

I want the court to do the following: *(Check all that apply)*

- ☒ Grant a dissolution of my marriage
- ☒ Grant custody of the child(ren) of the marriage as stated herein (if applicable)
- ☒ Enter appropriate orders with respect to the support of the child(ren) (if applicable)
- ☒ Divide the marital property and debts
- ☐ Award maintenance to me
- ☐ Award maintenance to my spouse
- ☐ Change my name to my former name of _____.
- ☐ I am without sufficient funds to pay for my attorney and I request that the other party pay my attorney's fees.
- ☐ Other (Please state the other requests)

_____

_____

I certify under oath that I have given the other party a copy of this Answer pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 43.01(d) by:
*(You MUST check at least ONE of the following five boxes)*

☐ Mailing a copy to the other party or his or her attorney on _____ *(Date)* at the following address:

_____
*(Street)*

_____ _____ _____
*(City)* *(State)* *(Zip)*

☐ Handing a copy to the other party or his or her attorney on _____*(Date)*.

☐ Sending a copy to the other party or his or her attorney by fax to _____ *(fax number)* on _____ *(Date)* at _____ *(Time)*.

☐ Sending a copy via electronic mail to the other party or his or her attorney at _____ *(Email Address)* on _____ *(Date)*.

**NOTICE**

**Some local rules may also require that you file an income and expense statement and a property statement at the time you file your answer. Failure to do so could cause your answer to be stricken. Also, if there are any unemancipated children, you are required to file a proposed parenting plan within 30 days after the date you were served or the date you filed this answer. You may file a joint parenting plan with your spouse. See §452.310.7, RSMo.**

## MAILING ADDRESS OF RESPONDENT (THIS MUST BE COMPLETED)

**If you do not complete this portion of this document, the court will have no way to notify you of court dates and other proceedings in your case. The court will then be forced to proceed without giving you notice.**

_____
*(Street)*

_____ _____ _____
*(City)* *(State)* *(Zip)*

_____ _____
*(Telephone Number)* *(E-Mail Address - Optional)*

*This is the address that the court will use to send information concerning your case to you. If you move during the time this case is pending, you must send a letter to the court notifying it of your new address. It is your duty to keep the court informed as to your correct address.*

*This address is not necessarily the same as the address at which you reside. Even if you do not wish to disclose the address at which you reside, you MUST still provide the court with a mailing address.*

*Instructions: The following information MUST be filled in before a notary public. Your answer is required to be verified before a notary public. §452.310.1, RSMo.*

COUNTY OF _____ }
} ss.
STATE OF _____ }

Respondent, of lawful age, being duly sworn on his or her oath, states that he or she is the respondent named above and that the facts stated in Respondent's Answer to Petitioner's Petition for Dissolution of Marriage are true according to his or her best knowledge and belief.

▶ _____ _____
Respondent – SIGN HERE Respondent – PRINT YOUR NAME HERE

Subscribed and sworn to this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

_____

The Respondent must sign this answer in front of a Notary Public.

**ATTORNEY INFORMATION** *(May be completed by your attorney)*

_____ _____
*Attorney – SIGN HERE* *Missouri Bar Number*

_____
*Attorney for Respondent – PRINT YOUR NAME HERE*

_____
*(Street)*

_____ _____ _____
*(City)* *(State)* *(Zip)*

_____ _____ _____
*(Telephone Number)* *(Fax Number)* *(Email Address)*

*Do not enter any information here if you are filing this answer without the assistance of a lawyer.*
*This information may be completed by your attorney.*

☐ *I have assisted Respondent in the preparation of these pleadings, but I am not entering my appearance on behalf of Respondent.*