

**RESPONDENT'S  
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(These forms shall be used by a person responding to their spouse's *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.)

### Introduction

These forms are available to you at no cost on the Representing Yourself website. Some courts may provide paper copies of these forms for a fee. Only a lawyer may charge you a fee for preparing these forms. You are required to complete the Litigant Awareness Program on selfrepresent.mo.gov before preparing these forms. Your local court may also have other educational programs available to help you in the preparation of these forms.

### General Information about Forms

The forms must be downloaded with Adobe Acrobat Reader or Adobe Acrobat DC to save the information you enter. Adobe Acrobat Reader DC is available for free from the Adobe website. Save the forms before you begin entering information. After you have filled in the forms on your computer, save the information and print the forms to file them with the court.

If you are working on a public computer, **don't save your personal information on the public computer.** Use a USB memory stick or other removable device.

The forms listed below are interactive. If you fill in the forms on your computer, some of the information you enter on one line may automatically transfer to another line. The forms also contain bookmarks that help you to navigate through the forms. In addition, there are "links" embedded in the forms. These links are usually blue and can take you to a related location in the forms or to a related website.

**You are the Respondent. Your spouse is the Petitioner.**

### Upon Completion of the Forms

1. Along with *Respondent's Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, you must file the following forms with the court:
  - *Statement of Income and Expenses*
  - *Statement of Property and Debt and Proposed Separation Agreement*
  - If you and your spouse have child(ren), *Parenting Plan*, Parts A and B
  - *Certificate of completion of Litigant Awareness Program*

**You must also provide a copy of these forms to your spouse or your spouse's attorney.**

2. You should also keep a copy of these forms for your records.
3. You should check with your local court to see if additional forms are required.

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### 1. Respondent's Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage (Form CAFC010-R)

This is the first form you should complete. You will complete this form in response to your spouse's *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*. By signing this form, you agree to allow the court to decide your case. You may use this form to agree or disagree with statements in your spouse's petition.

### 2. Statement of Income and Expenses (Form CAFC050-R)

This form requires you to list income and expenses for both you and your spouse.

### 3. Statement of Property and Debt and Proposed Separation Agreement (Form CAFC040-R)

**Read the instructions on this form carefully.**

If both you and your spouse agree on how you want to dispose of property and debt and all issues concerning maintenance (also known as alimony), you may both sign this form. This *Statement of Property and Debt and Proposed Separation Agreement* can then be introduced into evidence at your hearing.

### 4. Parenting Plan (Form CAFC501)

This form is only required if there are unemancipated children of this marriage. If there are no unemancipated children of this marriage, then you do not have to print this form, nor do you have to file this form.

There are two parts to this form, Part A and Part B. Part A deals with custody issues of the children, and Part B deals with support issues of the children. You must complete both parts of the *Parenting Plan*.

If you have different custody or support arrangements for some of the children, you must complete a separate *Parenting Plan* for each set of children.

If both you and your spouse agree on the *Parenting Plan*, you may both sign and file one plan. This *Parenting Plan* can then be introduced into evidence at your hearing for the court to approve.