

CIRCUIT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, MISSOURI

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF)
 _____ and)
 _____)
 _____,)
 SSN: XXX-XX-____)
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 Petitioner,)
)
 vs.)
)
 _____,)
 SSN: XXX-XX-____)
)
 Respondent.)

Case No: _____

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Comes now the Petitioner, by and through attorney, _____, and for his/her cause of action states:

1. Petitioner has been a resident of the State of Missouri for at least 90 days immediately preceding the filing of this petition, and is now residing at _____, _____, County of _____, State of Missouri.

2. Respondent has been a resident of the State of Missouri for at least 90 days immediately preceding the filing of this petition, and is now residing at _____, _____, County of _____, State of Missouri.

OR

The parties have consented in writing to venue in _____

County, Missouri.

- 3. The parties have lived in the State of Missouri as husband and wife.
- 4. Petitioner is currently employed.
- 5. Petitioner's social security number is as set forth in the caption above.
- 6. Respondent is currently employed.
- 7. Respondent's social security number is as set forth in the caption above.
- 8. Petitioner and Respondent were married on _____, with said marriage registered in the County of _____, State of _____.
- 9. Petitioner and Respondent separated on or about _____.
- 10. There were no children born of the parties, during the marriage, or adopted by the parties during the marriage.

OR

There were ____ children born of the parties or adopted by the parties during the marriage. The unemancipated children have been living in the custody of **Petitioner Respondent** at _____ for sixty (60) days immediately preceding the filing of this petition, have been residents of the State of Missouri for at least six (6) months prior to the filing of this action.

Name	Age	Social Security Number
_____	_____	XXX-XX-____
_____	_____	XXX-XX-____

- 11. The female spouse is not pregnant.
- 12. The parties have not participated in any capacity in any other litigation

concerning the custody of the unemancipated children of the marriage in this or any other state except: _____

13. Petitioner has no information concerning any custody proceeding regarding said minor children pending in any court of this or any other state; that Petitioner knows of no other person not a party to this cause of action who has actual physical custody of said children, or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to said children.

14. **(If applicable)** Respondent has been abusive and neglectful of the minor children and a Guardian ad Litem needs to be appointed. An order for the Court's signature has been attached.

15. There is no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved and, therefore, the marriage is irretrievably broken.

16. Neither of these parties are now members of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty.

OR

17. **Petitioner Respondent** is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty.

18. Petitioner and Respondent are each able-bodied and able to earn sufficient sums of money and are possessed of property and neither are entitled to maintenance.

OR

19. Petitioner lacks sufficient property, including marital property that may be

apportioned to him/her, to provide for reasonable needs and is unable to support herself/himself through appropriate employment, the needs of Petitioner and the unemancipated children and the conduct of the parties during the marriage make it appropriate that maintenance be awarded to Petitioner.

20. It is in the best interests of the unemancipated children that the parties be awarded joint legal and joint physical custody pursuant to parenting plan filed with the Court.

OR

It is in the best interests of the minor children that the parties be awarded joint legal custody and **Petitioner Respondent** be awarded sole physical custody pursuant to parenting plan filed with the Court.

It is in the best interests of the unemancipated children that **Petitioner Respondent** be awarded sole legal and sole physical custody pursuant to parenting plan filed with the Court.

21. The parties hereto have accumulated property and incurred debts since the date of the marriage and that said property and debts should be divided by this Court.

OR

The parties have accumulated property and incurred debts since the date of the marriage and they have entered into a Property Settlement and Separation Agreement which will be submitted to the Court for consideration.

22. **(If applicable)** The parties have separate, non-marital property that

should be set aside to each.

23. **(If applicable) Petitioner Respondent** has requested that her name be changed to _____.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the marriage of Petitioner and Respondent be dissolved;

(plus any of the following provisions appropriate for the case:)

custody of the unemancipated children be awarded to **Petitioner Respondent** ;
appropriate orders of child support be entered in accordance with the court rules;
the Court appoint a Guardian ad Litem for the minor children; Respondent be ordered to pay maintenance to Petitioner; Respondent be ordered to pay attorney fees and suit monies; the Court divide the marital property and marital debts;
the Court set aside to each party his/her separate property; and the Court make such other orders as may be just and proper under the circumstances.

Attorney Name and Bar Number
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
Attorney Address
Attorney Telephone Number
Attorney email address

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

_____, of lawful age, being duly sworn on his/her oath, states that he/she is the Petitioner named above; and that the facts stated therein are true according to the best knowledge and belief of Petitioner.

Petitioner name

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

_____, Notary Public
State of Missouri
County of _____
My term expires: _____