IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Saline, MISSOURI
(County where court is located. City of Saint Louis is considered a county.)

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CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT
SALINE COUNTY MO

In re the Marriage of:

Eric (First Name) Leroy (Middle Name) Browder (Last Name) ____ (Jr./Sr./III)
Petitioner, *(Enter your full legal name above)*

-and-

Amber (First Name) Yvette (Middle Name) Browder (Last Name) ____ (Jr./Sr./III)
Respondent. *(Enter your spouse's full legal name above)*

Case Number 23SA-CV00676
(Will be assigned when case is filed)

Division Number 6
(Will be assigned when case is filed)

Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

Throughout this entire case, you, Eric (First Name) Leroy (Middle Name) Browder (Last Name) ____ (Jr./Sr./III), will always be the Petitioner.

Your spouse, Amber (First Name) Yvette (Middle Name) Browder (Last Name) ____ (Jr./Sr./III), will always be the Respondent.

Information about Petitioner *(Enter your name on the lines)* Eric (First Name) Leroy (Middle Name) Browder (Last Name) ____ (Jr./Sr./III)

1. How many petitions have you filed in this case? *(Check one of the three boxes)*
   - ☐ This is the first petition I have filed in this case. (Original petition)
   - ☐ This is the second petition I have filed in this case.
   - ☐ This is the third petition I have filed in this case.

2. What is your mailing address?
   This is the address the court will use to send information about 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. This address is not necessarily the same as the address at which you live. Even if you do not wish to give the address at which you live, you **must** still give the court a mailing address. Because court actions are a matter of public record, the address you list will be available to the public.

   411 N. Linn (Street)
   Malta Bend (City) Mo (State) 65339 (Zip)
   [redacted] (Telephone Number with Area Code) ____ (E-mail Address - Optional)

3. What are the last four numbers of your social security number?
   The last four digits of your social security number are required by §452.312, RSMo.

   XXX-XX- [redacted]

4. Are you over the age of eighteen? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
   - ☐ Yes
   - ☐ No

5. I live in ☐ the United States ☐ another country, which is _____.

6. I live in ☐ Missouri ☐ another state, which is _____.
   Missouri law requires that one party to a dissolution of marriage proceeding must have been a resident of the State of Missouri for at least 90 days. If the time is less than four months, state the number of days you have lived in the state.

   46 _____ _____
   Years *Months* *Days*
   (Length of time you have lived in this state)

7. In what county do you currently live and for what length of time have you lived there?
   City of Saint Louis is considered a county. If you live in the city of Saint Louis, you should enter "Saint Louis city" in the blank.

   Saline _____ 46 _____ _____
   (County) *Years* *Months* *Days*
   (Length of time you have lived in this county)

8. What is your current employment status? *(Check one of the three boxes)*
   - ☐ Employed
   - ☐ Unemployed
   - ☐ Self-employed

9. If you are employed or self-employed, where do you currently work?
   If you are self-employed, enter a brief description of the type of work you perform such as "Landscaping" or "Day care" on the line for the name of your employer. If you are self-employed, you should also enter the address information for your self-employment.

   N/A
   (Employer's name or type of self-employment)

   _____
   (Street)

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

10. What is your total monthly gross income from all sources?
    Gross income is the amount of money a person earns before anything such as taxes is deducted. For a more detailed definition of "gross income" see Supreme Court Form No. 14.

    N/A
    (Total monthly gross income)

11. Can you support yourself through the combined income from your employment and income from property that you will receive in the dissolution? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
    This does not include supporting any minor children.
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

Information about Respondent Amber Yvette Browder _____
(Enter your spouse's name on the lines) *(First Name)* *(Middle Name)* *(Last Name)* *(Jr./Sr./III)*

12. What is your spouse's mailing address?

This is the address that the court will use to send information about your case to your spouse. If you do not know your spouse's current address, you should enter the last known address of your spouse.

800 S. Miami apt #8
(Street)

Marshall Mo 65340
(City) *(State)* *(Zip)*

(660) 631 [redacted]
(Telephone Number with Area Code) *(E-mail Address - Optional)*

13. What are the last four numbers of your spouse's social security number?

The last four digits of your spouse's social security number are required by §452.312, RSMo. Do not leave this field blank. If you do not know your spouse's social security number, enter "Unknown" in this field.

XXX-XX- [redacted]

14. Is your spouse over the age of eighteen? *(Check one of the two boxes)*

☑ Yes
☐ No

15. My spouse lives in ☑ the United States ☐ another country, which is _____.

16. My spouse lives in ☑ Missouri ☐ another state, which is _____.

If the time is less than four months, state the number of days your spouse has lived in the state.

39 ____ ____
Years *Months* *Days*
(Length of time they have lived in this state)

17. In what county does your spouse currently live and for how long has your spouse lived there?

If you do not know in which county your spouse lives and cannot find out this information, then you should enter "Unknown." City of Saint Louis is considered a county.

Saline 39 ____ ____
(County) *Years* *Months* *Days*
(Length of time they have lived in this county)

18. If your spouse does **not** now live in Missouri, did you and your spouse live together in Missouri during your marriage? *(Check one of the three boxes)*

If you and your spouse have never lived together in the State of Missouri during your marriage and they do not voluntarily enter their appearance in this proceeding, the court will lack personal jurisdiction over your spouse. **This means that the court cannot award any money judgment to you. It may be better to file this case in the state where your spouse lives. You should consult a lawyer for further information.**

☑ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not Applicable (My spouse currently lives in Missouri)

19. What is your spouse's current employment status? *(Check one of the four boxes)*

☐ Employed
☑ Unemployed
☐ Self-employed
☐ Unknown

20. If your spouse is employed or self-employed, where do they currently work?

If your spouse is self-employed, enter a brief description of the type of work they perform, such as "Landscaping" or "Day care," on the line for the name of the employer. If your spouse is self-employed you should also enter the address information for their self-employment.

N/A

_____
(Employer's name or type of self-employment)

_____
(Street)

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

21. What is your spouse's total monthly gross income from all sources?

Gross income is the amount of money a person earns before anything such as taxes is deducted. If you do not know the exact amount of monthly gross income for your spouse, you should enter your best estimate here.

N/A

_____
(Total monthly gross income)

22. Can your spouse support themselves through the combined income from their employment and income from property that they will receive in the dissolution? *(Check one of the three boxes)*

This does not include supporting any minor children born of the marriage.

- ☑ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unknown

23. Is your spouse on active duty in the military? *(Check one of the two boxes)*

If your spouse is on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) may prevent you from getting a dissolution of marriage without your spouse's consent. You should contact a lawyer about this situation prior to filing this *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

- ☐ Yes
- ☑ No

Information about the Marriage

24. What date were you married? 4 / 13 / 2012
(mm/dd/yyyy)

25. Where did you get your marriage license? *(Check one of the two boxes)*

Enter the state, county and country where your marriage is registered. This is not necessarily the same as the county where you were married. City of Saint Louis is considered a county. If your marriage is registered in the city of Saint Louis, enter "Saint Louis city."

- ☑ In the United States, in the State of Missouri, County of Saline.
- ☐ In another country, which is _____.

26. What date did you and your spouse separate? 8 / 2 / 2023
(mm/dd/yyyy)

27. Is there any reasonable likelihood that your marriage can be preserved? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

28. Is your marriage irretrievably broken? *(Check one of the two boxes)*
    - ☐ Yes
    - ☐ No

29. Are you or your spouse pregnant? *(Check all that apply)*
    - ☐ Yes, I am pregnant.
    - ☐ Yes, my spouse is pregnant.
    - ☐ No, neither me nor my spouse are pregnant.

You **must** enter a number on each line below, even if it is 0. Include children no matter how old they are. Do not include deceased children.

30. How many living children do you and your spouse have together that were born **after** the date of this marriage?

    Include in this number all living children born to you and your spouse during this marriage as a result of sexual intercourse or artificial insemination.

    None
    (Number of Children)

31. How many living children did you and your spouse **adopt**?

    If you have already accounted for this child in paragraph 30, do not count them in this paragraph. Include in this number all living children who were: (a) born to you or your spouse and later adopted by the other spouse; or (b) adopted by both parties.

    _____
    (Number of Children)

32. How many living children do you and your spouse have together that were born **before** the date of this marriage?

    Include in this number all living children born to you and your spouse before this marriage as a result of sexual intercourse or artificial insemination. **You should attach a copy of the birth certificate(s) for these children to your *Petition*.**

    _____
    (Number of Children)

33. A. How many living children were born to you (if you are female) with someone other than your spouse during this marriage? (This number includes children born after the parties separated.)

    Additional information may be required before the court proceeds with your case.

    _____
    (Number of Children)

    B. How many living children were born to your spouse (if they are female) with someone other than you during this marriage? (This number includes children born after the parties separated.)

    Additional information may be required before the court proceeds with your case.

    _____
    (Number of Children)

34. Enter the total number of children from lines 30, 31, 32 and 33 A and B.

    _____
    (Total Number of Children)

Directions for Service on Respondent Spouse

Before your case can proceed, your spouse must be given notice that you have filed this case. This notice must be given in one of the methods described in this section.

If you do not know the location of your spouse and you have no way of contacting them, you must attempt to serve your spouse at their last known address or place of employment. Once you make an honest and reasonable effort to personally serve your spouse and are still unable to get service, then you may file a *Request for Service by Publication* asking the court to publish notice of your *Petition* in the local newspaper. The *Request for Service by Publication* is available on the Representing Yourself website at selfrepresent.mo.gov. **If you have service by publication, you are not entitled to obtain any kind of money judgment against your spouse for such things as child support. This option should only be used as a last resort.**

☒ Respondent Spouse has signed a verified *Respondent's Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, which is being filed with the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*. Therefore, do not issue a summons.

If you check this box, you must file the *Respondent's Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* at the same time you file this petition. The *Respondent's Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* must be signed by your spouse in front of a notary public.

☐ Respondent Spouse should be served with a summons at their home:

Your spouse must be served within 30 days of the issuance of the summons. **If you are going to have your spouse served, you must file another copy of all your documents in this case to be served on your spouse.**

_____
(Street)

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

☐ Respondent Spouse should be served with a summons at their place of employment:

Your spouse must be served within 30 days of the issuance of the summons. **If you are going to have your spouse served, you must file another copy of all your documents in this case to be served on your spouse.**

_____ _____
(Employer's Name) *(Hours of Employment)*

_____
(Street)

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

☐ Respondent Spouse cannot be served in Missouri. Therefore, service by registered mail is requested. A copy of the *Affidavit for Service by Mail* is attached to this form. See Missouri Supreme Court Rule 54.12(b).

If you listed children in this *Petition* and either you or your spouse receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, you must serve the Family Support Division with a copy of your *Petition* and *Parenting Plan*.

☐ Me or my spouse currently receive TANF benefits through the Family Support Division. The Family Support Division shall be served at the following address:

Director, Family Support Division
615 Howerton Court
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

If you request a summons to be served outside of the county where you filed this *Petition*, the court will mail the summons to you. You must then deliver the summons to the sheriff of the county where the summons will be served. You must also pay the appropriate service fee to that sheriff.

Sign Below in the Presence of a Notary Public

Your *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is required to be verified in the presence of a notary public by §452.310.1, RSMo.

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

▶ _____ _____
(Sign above in the presence of a Notary Public) *(Print your name above)*

The following information must be completed by a notary public.

STATE OF Missouri)
) SS
COUNTY OF Saline)

On this 22nd day of August, 2023, before me personally appeared Eric Browder, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same as his/her free act and deed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County and State aforesaid, the day and year first above written.

Prayleen Haidy
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Saline County
My Commission Expires 05/22/2026
Commission #22343047

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Prayleen Haidy, Notary Public
Saline County, State of Missouri

My commission expires: 05/22/2026

Attorney Information

This information may be completed by your attorney. Do not enter any information here if you are filing this case without the assistance of an attorney.

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

_____ _____
(Attorney - Sign above) *(Missouri Bar Number)*

_____
(Attorney - Print your name above)

_____
(Street)

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

( ) _____ ( ) _____ _____
(Telephone Number with Area Code) *(Fax Number with Area Code)* *(E-mail Address - Optional)*