

## **DISSOLUTION (DIVORCE) – NO DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms>

### **TO FILE FOR DISSOLUTION, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORMS:**

- Petition for Dissolution **WPF DR 01.0100**
- Summons **WPF DR 01.0200** if serving spouse OR
- Joinder **WPF DRPSCU 01.0330** if both parties are signing
- Confidential Information Form **WPF DRPSCU 09.0200**
- Vital Stats – the facilitator or clerk will provide you with this form

You will also need additional paperwork if you are requesting **Temporary Orders** (Court orders that are in effect while your case is pending).

### **MAKE COPIES OF ALL THE FORMS AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THEM**

The Clerk's office will keep the original documents for your court file and you will need a set of copies for yourself and another set to serve on the other party.

**FILE THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS** at the Clerk's office with the \$280 filing fee (No Personal Checks). Take your copies with you to stamp the case number and filed date on them.

**SERVE THE OTHER PERSON** – Personal service must be done by a person over the age of 18 and not involved in the case. The person doing service **MUST COMPLETE**:

- Return of Service **WPF DRPSCU 01.0250** or their own form if you use a process server

Your spouse has 20 days (if served in Washington) OR 60 days (if served outside this State) to file a Response to your Petition. (If you need to serve by publication or by mail, you must ask the court for permission to do so. Please see the Facilitator for assistance.)

### **EX-PARTE ORDERS**

- Motion/Declaration for Ex Parte Restraining Order and Order to Show Cause **WPF DR 04.0150** Be VERY specific when explaining to the judge what has recently happened. Use current dates and specific details.
- Declaration **WPF DRPSCU 01.0100** – optional form for you or another person to explain something or describe what was witnessed for the judge
- Ex Parte Restraining Order / Order to Show Cause **WPF DR 04.0170**
- Law Enforcement Information **WPF All Cases 01.0400**

Ex Parte paperwork must be filed by 11:00 am in order to see the judge at 1:00 that same day to ask the judge to sign your ex-parte orders.

### **TEMPORARY ORDERS**

File (Original) And Serve (Copy):

- Motion and Declaration for Temporary Order **WPF DR 04.0100**
- Financial Declaration **WPF DRPSCU 01.1550**
- Sealed Financial Source Documents **WPF DRPSCU 09.0200** (two years tax returns with W-2's and six months pay stubs or quarterly report.)

Bring (Original) to Court Hearing:

\_\_\_ Temporary Order **WPF DR 04.0250**

Check with the Facilitator for available court dates for a hearing on temporary orders, file and serve the other party with that as well.

**SET HEARING DATE** (get a court date from the Facilitator or clerk's office)

There is a 90 day waiting period that must elapse before you can finalize your divorce. The time begins on the date of filing a joint petition or from the date the other person was served. You may see the Facilitator before you are ready to schedule a court hearing date. The Facilitator can review your service or joinder and verify that you have the following ready:

**FINAL HEARING** (bring the following documents to the court hearing)

\_\_\_ Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law **WPF DR 04.0300**

\_\_\_ Decree of Dissolution **WPF DR 04.0400**

\_\_\_ Certification (Facilitator or Clerk will give you this form)

If the other person did NOT file a response, also bring:

\_\_\_ Motion and Declaration for Default **WPF DRPSCU 03.0100**

\_\_\_ Order of Default **WPF DRPSCU 03.0200**

**OTHER**

\_\_\_ Petition for Legal Separation **WPF DR 01.0110**

\_\_\_ Petition for Invalidity/Annulment **WPF DR 01.0120**

\_\_\_ Motion to Convert Legal Sep to Divorce **WPF DR 08.0100**

\_\_\_ Order to Convert Legal Sep to Divorce **WPF DR 08.0200**