File Petition for Divorce with clerk of court

Process Server personally serves spouse with petition for divorce and has 30 days to file a written response with the clerk of court

Has spouse filed a written response?

Yes

No

Request for finding of default against spouse. Court schedules court date for default prove-up.

Judge grants divorce

Is there a full agreement on parental decision-making and parenting time?

Yes. Prepare and file a Parenting Plan.

Hearing on Temporary Financial issues

No. Mediation is required.

Parents do not reach an agreement in mediation.

Parents reach an agreement in mediation

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Hearing on temporary financial issues

Hearing on Temporary Issues of Parenting and Financial. Guardian Ad Litem may be appointed to represent interests of children.

Discovery is conducted. Parties are required to exchange information regarding income, assets, debts and parenting issues if not already resolved.

Settlement Negotiations

Agreement is reached. Settlement documents are submitted to the judge.

No Agreement. Trial is held. Judge decides any issues that have not been resolved.

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