

# Guide to Getting a Dissolution or Legal Separation of Civil Union With Children Of This Civil Union

## Decide How to File.....? "Jointly" or "On Your Own"

### Filing – "On Your Own" - Complete

- ◆ JDF 1000 – Case Information
- ◆ JDF 1250 - Petition
- ◆ JDF 1251 - Summons

### Filing "Jointly" - Complete

- ◆ JDF 1000 – Case Information
- ◆ JDF 1250 - Petition

**Either party must reside in Colorado for at least 91 days prior to filing a case.**

- ◆ File in the County where you or your partner reside, or where your Civil Union Certificate was issued.
- ◆ Pay Filing Fees.

- ◆ Review Documents received by the Courts.
- ◆ Mark Initial Status Conference on your Calendar, if required by the Court.

### Complete Service – If Filing "On Your Own:"

- ◆ A disinterested person who is 18 years or older must serve copies of all documents to the other party.
- ◆ Provide Proof of Service (Notarized Return of Service) to the Court.

**Complete Forms. The Court may also require other documents to be provided, please read the Case Management Order (CMO) for such details.**

- ◆ Sworn Financial Statement (JDF 1111) (Both parties must complete their own and sign before a Notary).
- ◆ Certificate of Compliance (JDF 1104) (Both parties must complete their own).
- ◆ Separation Agreement (Civil Union) (JDF 1256) (Both parties must sign before a Notary).
- ◆ Parenting Plan (1113) (Both parties must sign before a Notary).
- ◆ Decree (JDF 1257) – Complete Caption Only
- ◆ Support Order (JDF 1117)
- ◆ Pretrial Statement (JDF 1129) Only complete this form if you and your partner do not agree on all issues identified in the Separation Agreement.

### Status Conference and Parenting Class.

You may be required to attend – check with the Court regarding their procedures.

#### If you and the other party agree on all issues:

- ◆ Attend Final Hearing.

The Decree and Support Order may be entered on or after the 92nd day.

#### If you and the other party do not agree on all issues.

- ◆ You may be required to attend Mediation.
- ◆ A Contested Hearing may be set.

The Decree and Support Order may be entered at the conclusion of your Final Hearing.