

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).
- ◆ Certificate of Compliance (JDF 1104) (Both parties must complete their own).
- ◆ Separation Agreement (Civil Union) (JDF 1256) (Both parties must sign).
- ◆ Parenting Plan (1113) (Both parties must sign).
- ◆ 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.