

## **Default Hearing Re: Dissolution, Legal Separation or Nullity Self Help Information/Procedural Guidelines\***

If you and your spouse do not have a written agreement, signed by both parties, you must get a court hearing and appear before a judicial officer to complete your divorce or legal separation. All nullity cases must appear in court.

### **Print and complete the documents in the order that they are listed.**

Forms beginning with “FL” can be located at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm)

Forms beginning with “L” are found at [www.occourts.org/forms/formsfamily.html](http://www.occourts.org/forms/formsfamily.html)

1. Memorandum For Setting For Hearing (L-0124)
2. Judgment (FL-180)
3. Child Custody And Visitation Order Attachment (FL-341)
4. Child Support Information And Order Attachment (FL-342)
5. Non-Guideline Child Support Findings Attachment (FL-342(A))
6. Spousal Or Family Support Order Attachment (FL-343)
7. Notice of Rights and Responsibilities and Information Sheet On Changing A Child Support Order (FL-192)
8. Child Support Case Registry Form (FL-191)
9. Notice of Entry of Judgment (FL-190)

If an instruction sheet is available for the form you are printing, it will be listed right below the form itself.

**Form #1, Memorandum For Setting For Hearing, must be submitted to the court to get a hearing date.** Mail or bring this form, (and 2 copies) to the Family Law Clerk’s Office. **Include a self addressed stamped envelope** so that your copies can be returned to you once they are filed. You will drop it off; it will not be processed while you wait. You should receive your papers back, with a hearing date, within 2 weeks.

**You may prepare your Judgment using the attachments listed above or by typing out all of the orders** you would like the judicial officer to make on pleading paper. (Pleading paper is paper that has numbers listed in the left hand column, it is form L-0930 on the Court’s website.) If you decide to type your own Judgment, you must include all the language that is required by law to be written into your Judgment. (Most of this language can be found in the attached forms.)

**On the day of the court hearing, bring to court the following forms:**

- Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure and Income and Expense Declaration (if you have not already filed with the court.)
- Judgment with the necessary attachments
- 2 copies of the Judgment form with all attachments
- 1 additional copy of the Judgment form (both sides)
- 3 copies of the Notice of Entry of Judgment
- Stamped envelopes, addressed EXACTLY as the address are listed on the Notice of Entry of Judgment.

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