

Superior Court of Orange County
Summary Dissolution
Self Help Information/Procedural Guidelines*

A shorter and easier process of getting a divorce is called a Summary Dissolution. Not everyone can use this process. **Please read the Summary Dissolution Information Booklet to make sure this is the appropriate process for you, and to assist you in completing the forms.** By signing the Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution, both parties are stating that they have both read and understand the information booklet. A Summary Dissolution is possible for couples who meet the following criteria:

- have no children together
- have been married for less than 5 years (from date of marriage to date of separation)
- don't own more than \$38,000.00 in property
- don't owe more than \$6,000.00 in debt
- have no disagreements about how their belongings and their debts are going to be divided up once they are no longer married to each other.

With this procedure you won't have to appear in court. You may not need a lawyer, but it is in your best interest to see a lawyer about the ending of your marriage.

Print and complete the documents in the order that they are listed:

1. Summary Dissolution Information with attached Judgment form
2. Joint Petition For Summary Dissolution Of Marriage (FL-800)
3. Family Law Declaration Re: Related Cases (L-1120)

You must have the following documents to open your case:

- Joint Petition For Summary Dissolution of Marriage
- Family Law Declaration Re: Related Cases
- Judgment
- Two self-addressed, stamped envelopes

The Joint Petition must have the signatures of both parties. Only one party can be listed as the submitting party (this is the person listed in the top left corner of the document.)

Court fees for filing the Summary Dissolution are \$395.00. You may pay this fee with cash, a personal check, cashier's check, money order or credit card.

Make 2 copies (front and back) of all forms that you wish to file with the court. Bring them to the Clerk's Office filing counter with the forms that have your original signatures on them. If you want the court to make your copies, the fee is \$.50 per page.

Once the original forms have been filed with the court, a set of copies should go to each party. There is no need to serve copies on the other party, since both parties have agreed to the dissolution of marriage.

Next Step: Once 6 months have passed, and neither party has filed a Notice of Revocation of Petition, the Court will issue the Judgment of Dissolution and mail a copy to each party.

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (<i>Name, State Bar number, and address</i>): TELEPHONE NO.: _____ FAX NO. (Optional): _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): _____ ATTORNEY FOR (<i>Name</i>): _____	FOR COURT USE ONLY CASE NUMBER: _____
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:	
MARRIAGE AND/OR DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP OF PETITIONER: and PETITIONER:	
JUDGMENT OF DISSOLUTION AND NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP	

If the *Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution* was filed before January 2011, use *Request for Judgment, Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment* (form FL-820) instead.

1. The *Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution of Marriage and/or Domestic Partnership* (form FL-800) was filed on (*date*):
2. The petitioners requested the dissolution of their:
 - a. marriage, entered into on (*date of marriage*):
 - b. registered domestic partnership, entered into on (*date of registration*):
3. No notice of revocation has been filed and the parties have not become reconciled.

4. THE COURT ORDERS

A judgment of dissolution of marriage and/or domestic partnership will be entered, and the parties are restored to the status of single persons effective (*date*):

- a. The judgment of dissolution of marriage and/or domestic partnership will be entered nunc pro tunc as of (*date*):
- b. The former name of Petitioner _____ is restored (*specify*):
- c. The former name of Petitioner _____ is restored (*specify*):

Both Petitioners must comply with any agreement attached to the petition.

Date: _____

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 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

NOTICE: Dissolution may automatically cancel the rights of a spouse or partner under the other spouse's or partner's will, trust, retirement benefit plan, power of attorney, pay on death bank account, transfer on death vehicle registration, survivorship rights to any property owned in joint tenancy, and any other similar thing. It does not automatically cancel the rights of a spouse or partner as beneficiary of the other spouse's or partner's life insurance policy. You should review these matters, as well as any credit cards, other credit accounts, insurance policies, retirement benefit plans, and credit reports to determine whether they should be changed or whether you should take any other actions.

CASE NAME:	CASE NUMBER:
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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

5. You are notified that a judgment of dissolution of:
- a. marriage
 - b. domestic partnership
- was entered on *(date)*:

Date: Clerk, by , Deputy

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I am not a party to this cause and that a true copy of the *Notice of Entry of Judgment* was mailed first class, postage fully prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed as shown below, and that the notice was mailed at *(place)*: California,
on *(date)*:

Date: Clerk, by , Deputy

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