

Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure Self Help Information/Procedural Guidelines*

Each spouse in a dissolution, legal separation or nullity case must inform the other spouse of their income, debts, money, property and money-related rights. (Family Code 2100 et.seq.) Generally, you must do this twice: (1) at the same time or after the petition is served on your spouse (Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure) **and** (2) before you and your spouse enter into an agreement or 45 days before trial if no agreement is reached (Final Declaration of Disclosure).

First Declaration - Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure:

- Complete the Declaration of Disclosure (form FL-140) and serve it on your spouse. Also, be sure to complete and attach those statements required to fully answer questions 3, 4 and 5 on the Declaration of Disclosure form (no forms are available for responding to questions 3-5).

You must also attach the following:

Schedule of Assets and Debts (form FL-142)

and

Income and Expense Declaration (form FL-150)

- When you have completed FL-140, FL-142 and FL-150 attach the forms & statements to the Declaration of Disclosure **and serve on your spouse**. Do NOT file them with the Court.
- Finally, in order to show the Court that you have served these forms on your spouse, you must complete questions 1 and 2 on the Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure (form FL-141) and file this form with the Family Law Clerks Office, 7th floor, 341 City Drive, Orange, CA 92863.

Family Law forms are available on the Orange County Superior Court's website:
www.occourts.org and California Courts Self Help Center, www.courtinfo.gov

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