

Superior Court of California
County of Orange

**Trial Re: Dissolution, Legal Separation or Nullity
Self Help Information/Procedural Guidelines***

If you and your spouse do not have a written agreement that is 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

Forms beginning with "L" are found at www.occourts.org/forms/formsfamily.html

1. Declaration of Disclosure (FL-140)
2. Schedule of Assets and Debts (FL-142)
3. Income and Expense Declaration (FL-150)
4. Declaration (MC-030)
5. Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure and Income and Expense Declaration (FL-141)
6. At-Issue Memorandum For Trial Setting (L-0031)

For use after the court hearing:

8. Judgment (FL-180)
9. Child Custody And Visitation Order Attachment (FL-341)
10. Child Support Information And Order Attachment (FL-342)
11. Non-Guideline Child Support Findings Attachment (FL-32(A))
12. Spousal Or Family Support Order Attachment (FL-343)
13. Notice of Rights and Responsibilities and Information Sheet On Changing A Child Support Order (FL-192)
14. Child Support Case Registry Form (FL-191)
15. 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 #6, At-Issue Memorandum For Trial Setting, 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. You should receive notice of your hearing date by mail, within 2 weeks. If you have not already done so, serve your Final Declaration of Disclosure and file the Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure and Income and Expense Declaration with the court.

Bring paper and a pen to the court hearing. You will be expected to take notes so that you can prepare your own Judgment after the hearing is over.

Hint: Bring a self addressed, stamped envelope to court and ask the courtroom clerk to mail you a copy of the minute order. You should receive the minute order within a few days. This will be a second set of notes and help you to prepare your Judgment.

You may prepare your Judgment using the attachments listed or by typing out all of the orders on pleading paper. (Pleading paper is paper that has numbers listed in the left hand column.) 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.)

Once you have prepared the Judgment, you must serve the Judgment on the other party. You must observe the rules for service, see California Rule of Court 3.1590(e). In part, California Rule of Court 3.1590(e) reads:

The court may notify a party to prepare, serve and submit the proposed judgment to the court within 10 days. Any party affected by the judgment may, within 10 days after service of the proposed judgments, serve and file objections thereto.

The court shall, within 10 days after expiration of the time for filing objections to the proposed judgment or, if a hearing is held, within 10 days after the hearing, sign and file its judgment.

Submit the following completed forms to the Family Law Clerk's Office:

- 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.
- An envelope addressed to yourself with enough postage so that all the forms can be mailed back to you once they have been processed.

You will leave your papers with the court; they will not be processed while you wait. You should receive your papers back within 2-3 weeks.

**The Self Help Information/Procedural Guidelines are intended to provide basic assistance and are not a substitute for legal advice.*