



Legal Assistance Center

Case Worksheet: Divorce without Children (DO)

Requirements to File:

- You have lived in Michigan for 180 days and in Kent County for 10 days and/or
- Your spouse has lived in Michigan for 180 days and in Kent County for 10 days
- No children were born to you or your spouse during your marriage
- Neither you nor your spouse is pregnant

Initial Forms:

- Civil Case Cover Sheet (Kent County)
- Record of Divorce
- Summons
- Complaint for Divorce
- Copies of the Summons and Complaint (original + 2 copies)

Information Needed:

- Your full name
- Your full name at the time you were married
- Your current address (can be a mailing address only)
- Your date and place of birth
- Your spouse's full name
- Your spouse's full name at the time you were married
- Your spouse's current address
- Your spouse's date and place of birth
- The date you were married
- The place you were married
- If you are separated, approximately when you separated

Cost of Filing:

- LAC Divorce Case Packet \$20 (includes forms and instructions)
- Court filing fee of \$175 (waived in some cases, see below)
- Cost of copies for filing (approximately \$5 at LAC)
- Cost of certified mail for service (approximately \$12)

Waiving Court Filing Fees:

- You receive public benefits
 - Need DHS Case Number
- Based on your income and expenses the court allows fees to be waived
 - Need information about your income and monthly expenses
- !!** Only waives court filing fee, not other costs (packet, copies, mail)

Other Information/Questions:

- Do you have property to divide?
(house, car, bank accounts, retirement, furniture, household items)
- Is there any property you want returned to you by your spouse?
- Is there any property your spouse may want you to return?
- Do you have any debt to divide?
(credit cards, loans, car loans, mortgages)
- Who will be responsible for what debts?
- The legal description of your house or other property
- The description including the VIN number of any cars
- Information about bank accounts (bank name, balance, names on account)
- Information about debts (person or company owed money, the account balance, the account number, the names on the account)

Getting the Forms:

- Get the Case Packet "Divorce without Children" at the Legal Assistance Center.
 - The cost is \$20. Cash only.
 - LAC staff/ volunteers can help you and answer your questions.
- Use the Michigan Legal Help Divorce Toolkit (www.michiganlegalhelp.org)
 - No cost.
 - Informational articles are available on the website to help you.

Getting Help at the Legal Assistance Center:

- Walk in Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm. No appointment needed.
- Kent County Courthouse, 5th Floor, 180 Ottawa NW, Downtown Grand Rapids
- Call 616.632.6000

!!Caution!!

This worksheet is offered as general legal information only. Each person's situation is different. This is not legal advice for any individual case or situation. You may wish to talk to an attorney before filing for divorce.