



Is Nonadversarial Divorce for You?

What is a nonadversarial divorce?

A simplified process by which eligible parties can obtain a divorce within 35 days without having to appear before a judge.

What are the benefits of a nonadversarial divorce?

- You can obtain a divorce in 35 days or less as compared to the regular process, which takes at least 3 months
- You don't have to take time off from work to come to court
- You can move on with your life more quickly

Obtain a divorce in **35 days or less** as compared to the regular process.

Are you eligible?

If you and your spouse can check off each box below, you **may** be eligible:

- We have been married 9 years or less
- Neither of us is pregnant
- No children were born to us or adopted by us before or during the marriage
- Neither of us has any interest or title in any real property
- The total value of all property owned by us is less than \$80,000
- Neither of us has a defined benefit pension plan
- Neither of us has a pending bankruptcy
- Neither of us is applying for or receiving Title XIX Nursing Home/Home Care Benefits
- There is no other action for dissolution of our marriage pending
- There are no restraining or protective orders between us

How do I apply?

Please visit the Clerk's Office, the Court Service Center or the Judicial Branch's website at www.jud.ct.gov to get the forms that you need to start the process.

The Forms you will need to obtain a Nonadversarial Divorce

Complete the forms in this Booklet

The forms in this booklet are the forms that you will need to file a petition for a nonadversarial divorce. Please read the instructions on each form. In most cases, the forms ask you to put information into the blank or box, or to check off the correct answer for your situation. The forms need to be filled out completely or they will be returned to you for you to fill out the parts that are missing.

You may complete the court forms by printing the information in ink, by typing the information, or by using the fillable forms on the Judicial Branch website at www.jud.ct.gov under "Forms." The forms are also available at all Judicial District clerks' offices and at the Court Service Centers.

The booklet contains the following forms: *(Please click the hyperlinks below for online forms)*

- [Joint Petition – Nonadversarial Divorce \(Dissolution of Marriage\) JD-FM-242](#)
- [Notice of Automatic Court Orders – Nonadversarial Divorce JD-FM-260](#)
- [Financial Affidavit JD-FM-6 SHORT \(two copies – one for each spouse\)](#)
- [Appearance JD-CL-12 \(two copies – one for each spouse\)](#)
- [Agreement – Nonadversarial Divorce \(Dissolution of Marriage\) JD-FM-243 \(if applicable\)](#)
- [Certification of Notice in Family Cases \(Public Assistance\) JD-FM-175. \(Please note that you do not need to complete this form if you or your spouse never received public assistance.\)](#)