

## **“Nonadversarial (Simplified) Divorce”**

Complete and file the following forms with the court:

- Joint Petition - Nonadversarial Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-242)
- Financial Affidavits (JD-FM-6) for each spouse
- Notice of Automatic Court Orders – Nonadversarial Divorce (JD-FM-260)
- Appearance (JD-CL-12) for each spouse
- If either spouse has ever received public assistance: Certification of Notice in Family Cases (Public Assistance) (JD-FM-175)
- If dividing property, money, or debt: Agreement – Nonadversarial Divorce (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-243)

***Divorce may be granted in approximately 35 days without the need to see a judge.***

## **“Divorce with an Agreement – Waive 90”**

Complete and file Motion to Waive Statutory Time Period by Agreement of the Parties – Divorce or Legal Separation (JD-FM-247) with the court. If you have not already done so, also complete and file the following with the court:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summons Family Actions (JD-FM-3)</li><li>• Divorce Complaint (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-159)</li><li>• Notice of Automatic Court Orders (JD-FM-158)</li><li>• Financial Affidavits (JD-FM-6) for each spouse</li><li>• Dissolution Agreement (JD-FM-172)</li><li>• Certification of Waiver of Service of Process – Divorce, Legal Separation, Annulment (JD-FM-249)</li><li>• Appearance (JD-CL-12)</li><li>• If either spouse has ever received public assistance: Certification of Notice in Family Cases (Public Assistance) (JD-FM-175)</li></ul> | <p>If minor children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worksheet for the Connecticut Child Support and Arrearage Guidelines (CCSG-1)</li><li>• Advisement of Rights Re: Income Withholding (JD-FM-71)</li><li>• Affidavit Concerning Children (JD-FM-164)</li><li>• Parenting Education Program – Order, Certificate and Results (JD-FM-149) for each spouse</li></ul> |
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***You and your spouse will be provided a court date. Both you and your spouse must see a judge on that date.***

## **“Default – Waive 90”**

Complete and file the following forms with the court:

- Motion to Waive Statutory Time Period Upon Defendant’s Failure to Appear and Affidavit – Divorce or Legal Separation (JD-FM-272)

- Financial Affidavit (JD-FM-6)
- Affidavit Concerning Military Service (JD-FM-178)

***If papers were delivered (“served”) to the other spouse and certain conditions are met, the court may waive the 90-day waiting period and grant the divorce without having to see a judge. If the conditions are not met, a court date will be provided and you will be required to see a judge.***

## **“Divorce Without an Agreement – Part 1”**

**Step 1:** Begin the process by completing the following forms and bring to the clerk’s office:

- Summons Family Actions (JD-FM-3)
- Divorce Complaint (Dissolution of Marriage) (JD-FM-159)
- Notice of Automatic Court Orders (JD-FM-158)
- If you need temporary orders: Motion for Orders Before Judgment (Pendente Lite) in Family Cases (JD-FM-176)
- If either spouse has ever received public assistance: Certification of Notice in Family Cases (Public Assistance) (JD-FM-175)

**Step 2:** Deliver (“serve”) the completed forms, along with a blank Appearance (JD-CL-12) to the other spouse

**NOTE:** Your spouse can agree to waive service by completing and filing a Certification of Waiver of Service of Process – Divorce, Legal Separation, Annulment (JD-FM-249) and an Appearance (JD-CL-12)

**Step 3:** After paperwork has been delivered (“served”) to the other spouse, return the original paperwork with proof of delivery to the clerk’s office

## **“Divorce Without an Agreement – Part 2”**

If other spouse files an appearance and there is still no agreement, you and your spouse must wait the required 90 days for the Case Management Date. A conference is scheduled this day to determine how your case will proceed. File the following forms with the court on or before the Case Management Date:

- Case Management Agreement/Order (JD-FM-163)
- Financial Affidavits (JD-FM-6)
- Parenting Plan (if custody of minor children in dispute)

***You and your spouse may be required to see a judge on the Case Management Date depending on the issues.***

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