

Superior Court of California
County of Orange

**Response to Dissolution, Legal Separation or Nullity
Self Help Information/Procedural Guidelines***

If you would like to respond to the divorce, legal separation or nullity papers filed by your spouse, you must do so in a timely manner. Your responding documents must be filed within 30 days from the date you received your copies of the documents filed by your spouse. Please review your copy of the documents filed by your spouse to see which type of papers were filed, dissolution, legal separation or nullity.

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) Response (FL-120)
- 2) Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement (FL-105) (Complete this form ONLY if you have minor children with your spouse.)
- 3) Proof of Service by Personal Delivery or Mail (FL-330 or FL335)
- 4) All forms within Packet – Declaration of Disclosure (L-1130)
- 5) Schedule of Assets and Debts (FL-142)
- 6) Income and Expense Declaration (FL- 150)
- 7) Declaration (MC-030)

The completed Response and Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement forms (listed above as #1 & #2) **should be served on the other party before you bring your papers to the court for filing.** Once served, **complete the Proof of Service** (listed as #3) and file it along with your other papers.

Service: A set of copies of all your responding documents that you file with the court must be served on the other party. You cannot serve these papers on your spouse. You should get someone over the age of 18 to serve them on your behalf, and that person must fill out the Proof of Service by Personal Delivery or Mail form. This form lists the different ways that the papers can be served on the other party. You can choose which way is best for you.

Make 2 copies (front and back) of all forms that you wish to file with the court. Bring them to the Clerk’s Office filing counter with the forms that have your original signature on them. If you want the court to make your copies, the fee is \$.50 per page. Keep one set of copies for yourself.

The court fee for filing your response papers is \$435.00. You may pay this fee with cash, a personal check, cashier's check, money order or by credit card.

The Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure must be served on the other party. Read the information sheet carefully and follow the directions. This step is required. Your case cannot be finalized if you don't complete the requirements regarding disclosure.

Next Step: After you have filed your papers, you may proceed to Step 3.

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