

## **SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

A joint simplified dissolution (divorce) of marriage is a court procedure that lets people divorce faster. To qualify for a joint simplified dissolution, you and your spouse must:

- Not depend on each other for monetary support;
- Be willing to waive the right to maintenance ("alimony");
- Have been married for 8 years or less;
- Have continued to live apart for at least 6 months before filing your petition (or be able to show that your marriage cannot be saved because of "irreconcilable differences");
- Not have children together or be pregnant;
- Not own a house or have any interest in any real property;
- Not have any interest in retirement benefits unless they are in individual retirement accounts and the total value of all of these accounts is less than \$10,000;
- Not have a total fair market value of marital property that's more than \$50,000;
- Not individually have a yearly income (from all sources) of more than \$30,000;
- Disclose to each other all assets and liabilities and tax returns for all years of marriage; and
- Have a written agreement dividing all assets worth more than \$100 and dividing who is responsible for each debt and liability.

Either you or your spouse must have lived in Illinois for at least 90 days before filing your petition.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name) **Plaintiff**

VS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print Defendant's Name) **Defendant**

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

**JOINT PETITION FOR SIMPLIFIED DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

Now come Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_, without counsel, and Defendant, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name) (Type or Print Defendant's Name)  
without counsel, and hereby petition this Honorable Court for a dissolution of the marriage between Plaintiff  
and Defendant. In support of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, the parties state as follows:

1. The Plaintiff is presently \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; Plaintiff's occupation is \_\_\_\_\_;  
Plaintiff resides at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois;  
(Street Address) (City)  
and  has  has not resided in the State of Illinois for at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding the  
(Check one) filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
2. The Defendant is presently \_\_\_\_\_ years of age; Defendant's occupation is \_\_\_\_\_;  
Defendant resides at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois;  
(Street Address) (City)  
and  has  has not resided in the State of Illinois for at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding the  
(Check one) filing of this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
3. The Plaintiff and Defendant have been married for less than eight (8) years prior to the filing of this petition;  
they were married on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; and the marriage was registered in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year) County, \_\_\_\_\_  
(State)
4. No children were born to the Plaintiff and Defendant during their relationship; no children were adopted by  
the parties; and \_\_\_\_\_, to her knowledge, is not pregnant.  
(Type or Print Wife's Name)
5. The parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period in excess of six (6) months and  
irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of their marriage; efforts at reconciliation  
have failed and future attempts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interests of the  
parties. The parties have signed an affidavit waiving the requirement for a continuous period living separate  
and apart in excess of two (2) years. The parties have lived separate and apart since \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.  
(Month and Day) (Year)

6. Neither party is dependent on the other party for spousal support (also known as alimony or maintenance), or each party is willing to waive the right to spousal support. Both parties understand that consulting with attorneys may help determine eligibility for spousal support. Both Plaintiff and Defendant waive any rights to maintenance.
7. Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant has any interest in real property (real estate).
8. The parties have disclosed to each other all assets and their tax returns for all years of the marriage.
9. Neither party has a gross annualized income in excess of \$20,000; the Plaintiff's gross annual income from all sources is \$ \_\_\_\_\_; the Defendant's gross annual income from all sources is \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and the total annual income of the parties is less than \$35,000.00.
10. The total fair market value of all marital property, after deducting all encumbrances, is less than \$10,000.00 and the parties have executed a written agreement dividing all assets in excess of \$100.00 in value and allocating responsibility for debts and liabilities between the parties. A copy of the written agreement, signed by both parties, is filed with this petition.

11. (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_'s former/maiden name was  
(Type or Print Wife's Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print Wife's Maiden OR Former Name)

**WHEREFORE, the parties pray as follows:**

- A. That the parties be awarded a Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them.
- B. That the written agreement of the parties dividing marital assets, debts and liabilities, a copy of which is filed with this petition, be incorporated into the final order and judgment of this Court granting the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
- C. (Optional) That \_\_\_\_\_ be restored to her former/maiden name,  
(Type or Print Wife's Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type or Print Wife's Maiden OR Former Name)
- D. That this Court grant the parties such other and further relief as may be just.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Plaintiff** (Plaintiff's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Defendant** (Defendant's Signature)





**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) **SS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon oath,  
(Type or Print Plaintiff's Name)  
depose and say that I have read the foregoing Joint Affidavit, understand the contents thereof, and believe the same to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Plaintiff** (Plaintiff's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 )  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) **SS**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn upon oath,  
(Type or Print Defendant's Name)  
depose and say that I have read the foregoing Joint Affidavit, understand the contents thereof, and believe the same to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Defendant** (Defendant's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**



## Marital Debts and Liabilities

<u>Description of Debt or Liability</u> <small>(List all Marital Debts and Liabilities)</small>	<u>Amount</u> <small>(List total balance due)</small>	<u>Account Number</u> <small>(List Account Number where applicable)</small>	<u>Party to Pay Debt</u> <small>(Enter name of Party [Husband or Wife] who will be responsible for paying the Debt or Liability)</small>
1. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
2. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
3. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
4. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
5. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
6. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
7. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
8. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
9. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
10. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
11. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
12. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
13. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
14. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
15. _____	\$ _____	_____	_____

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Plaintiff's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Defendant's Signature**

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Notary Public**

(Notary)

(Notary)

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**JUDGMENT FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

This cause having come on for hearing on the Joint Petition for Simplified Dissolution of Marriage filed by the parties hereto; the Court having examined and considered the Petition, the Affidavit of the parties, and all other pleadings and exhibits filed in this matter; the Court having heard the testimony presented herein; and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the parties hereto.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ and/or \_\_\_\_\_ now, and for ninety  
Type or Print Plaintiff's Name and/or Defendant's Name, or Both Names  
(90) days continuously and immediately preceding this date, have been residents of the State of Illinois.
3. The parties have been married for less than eight (8) years prior to the filing of this petition; the parties were married on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_; and the marriage was registered in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Day) (Year) (County)  
County, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(State)
4. The parties have lived separate and apart for a continuous period in excess of six (6) months; irreconcilable differences have caused the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage; efforts at reconciliation have failed; and, further efforts at reconciliation would not be in the best interests of the parties.
5. The parties have each signed an affidavit waiving the requirement for a continuous period living separate and apart in excess of two (2) years.
6. The parties have each signed a waiver of any right to a bifurcated hearing in this cause.
7. No children were born to or adopted by the parties during their relationship and to the best of her knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ is not pregnant at this time.  
(Type or Print Wife's Name)
8. Both the Plaintiff and Defendant have waived any right to maintenance.
9. Neither Plaintiff nor Defendant has any interest in real property. The parties have disclosed to each other all assets and their tax returns for all years of the marriage. Neither party has a gross annualized income in excess of \$20,000, and the total annualized income of the parties is less than \$35,000.

