

Superior Court of Washington, County of _____

In re the marriage of:

Petitioner (*person who started this case*):

And Respondent (*other spouse*):

No. _____

Response to Petition about a Marriage
(RSP)

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Use this form to respond to a Petition for Divorce, Petition for Legal Separation, or Petition to Invalidate (Annul) Marriage.

1. Your response

Look at each section of the *Petition*. Check below to say if you agree or disagree with what the other party said in each section, or say if you don't know because you don't have enough information. (If you disagree with any part of a section, check "I disagree.") List your reasons for disagreeing on page 2.

Section in the Petition	Your response (<i>check one</i>)		
1. <i>Information about the parties</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
2. <i>Information about the marriage</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
3. <i>Request...</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. <i>Jurisdiction over the spouses</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
5. <i>Is one of the spouses pregnant?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
6. <i>Children of the marriage</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
6.a. <i>Children's home/s</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
6.b. <i>Other people with a legal right to spend time with a child</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I agree	<input type="checkbox"/> I disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know

Section in the Petition	Your response (<i>check one</i>)		
6.c. Other court cases involving a child	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
7. Jurisdiction over the children	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
8. Parenting Plan	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
9. Child Support	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
10. Children from other relationships	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
11. Written Agreements	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
12. Real Property (land or home)	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
13. Personal Property (possessions, assets or business interests of any kind)	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
14. Debts	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
15. Spousal Support (maintenance/alimony)	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
16. Fees and Costs	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
17. Protection Order	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
18. Restraining Order	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
19. Name Change	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know
20. Other requests, if any	[] I agree	[] I disagree	[] I don't know

If you checked "Disagree" for any of the sections, list your reasons here:

Section #: _____ Reasons: _____

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(If you need more space, you may add more pages to this Response. Number, date, and sign each page that you add.)

2. Protection Order

Do you want the court to issue an Order for Protection as part of the final orders in this case?

No. (Skip to **3**.)

Yes. (You must file a Petition for Order for Protection, form DV-1.015 for domestic violence, or form UHST-02.0200 for harassment. You may file your Petition for Order for Protection using the same case number assigned to this case.)

Important! If you need protection **now**, ask the court clerk about getting a Temporary Order for Protection.

There already is an Order for Protection between my spouse and me.

Court that issued the order: _____

Case number: _____

Expiration date: _____

3. Restraining Order

Do you want the court to issue a Restraining Order as part of the final orders in this case?

No. (Skip to **4**.)

Yes. Check the type of orders you want:

Do not disturb – Order the Petitioner not to disturb my peace or the peace of any child listed in the *Petition*.

- Stay away** – Order the Petitioner not to go onto the grounds of or enter my home, workplace, or school, and the daycare or school of any child listed in *Petition*
- Also, not knowingly to go or stay within _____ feet of my home, workplace, or school, or the daycare or school of any child listed in *Petition*.

- Do not hurt or threaten** – Order the Petitioner:
- Not to assault, harass, stalk, or molest me or any child listed in the *Petition*; and
 - Not to use, try to use, or threaten to use physical force against me or the children that would reasonably be expected to cause bodily injury.

Warning! *If the court makes this order, the court must consider if weapons restrictions are required by state law; federal law may also prohibit the Restrained Person from possessing firearms or ammunition.*

- Prohibit weapons and order surrender** – Order the Petitioner:
- Not to access, possess, or obtain any firearms, other dangerous weapons, or concealed pistol licenses until the Order ends, and
 - To immediately surrender any firearms, other dangerous weapons, and any concealed pistol licenses that he/she possesses to (*check one*): the police chief or sheriff. his/her lawyer. other person (*name*): _____.
- Other restraining orders:** _____

Important! *If you want a restraining order now, you must file a Motion for Temporary Family Law Order and Restraining Order (FL Divorce 223) or a Motion for Immediate Restraining Order (Ex Parte) (FL Divorce 221).*

4. Requests

I ask the court to approve the following order about my marriage (*check one*):

- Final Divorce Order (Dissolution Decree). The marriage is irretrievably broken.*
- Invalid Marriage Order (Annulment Decree)*
- Final Legal Separation Order*
- Valid Marriage Order (Decree)*

I also ask the court to (*check all that apply*):

- approve Respondent's proposed *Parenting Plan*
- approve a *Child Support Order*, according to the Washington State Child Support Schedule
- approve the separation contract.
- divide the property and debts as requested above (or fairly and equitably if no specific request is made).
- order reasonable spousal support as requested above (or fairly and equitably if no specific request is made).
- order payment of lawyer fees, other professional fees, and costs for this case.
- change the Respondent's name to: _____
first middle last
- approve an *Order for Protection*
- approve a *Restraining Order*

other (specify): _____

Respondent fills out below:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (including any attachments) are true.

I have attached (number): _____ pages.

Signed at (city and state): _____ Date: _____

▶ _____
Respondent signs here Print name

I agree to accept legal papers for this case at (check one):

my lawyer's address, listed below.

the following address (this does **not** have to be your home address):

_____ _____ _____ _____
street address or PO box city state zip

(If this address changes before the case ends, you **must** notify all parties and the court clerk in writing. You may use the Notice of Address Change form (FL All Family 120).)

Note: You and the other party/ies may agree to accept legal papers by email under Civil Rule 5 and local court rules.

Important! You must fill out and file a Confidential Information form (FL All Family 001) with the court clerk.

Lawyer (if any) fills out below:

▶ _____
Lawyer signs here Print name and WSBA No. Date

_____ _____ _____ _____
Lawyer's address city state zip

Email (if applicable): _____