

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT – DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION**

IN RE MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION OF:)
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_____,)
 Petitioner,)
) **Case No.:** _____
and)
) **Calendar:** _____
_____,)
 Respondent.)

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION

NOW COMES self-represented Petitioner, _____, and
pursuant to 750 ILCS 5/401, *et seq.*, brings this Petition for Dissolution of Marriage/Civil
Union against Respondent, _____ :

1. Respondent Petitioner Both Parties is/are a resident(s) of Illinois and
has/have been a resident(s) of Illinois for more than ninety (90) days before this action
was filed or before the Court makes the finding of dissolution.

2. The parties were married/obtained a civil union on _____(date)
in _____(location) and their marriage/civil union was registered
in _____(location).

3. No other dissolution of marriage/civil union case is pending between the
parties.

4. An order of protection has been entered involving the parties yes or no
or the children yes or no and whether or not there has been involvement in any

Domestic Violence proceeding yes or no.

5. The parties separated on or about _____(date).

6. Petitioner is _____ years old, resides at _____

_____ and (check one):

is employed by _____

_____ (name & address of employer) as

_____ (job title).

is unemployed.

7. Respondent is _____ years old, resides at _____

_____ and (check one):

is employed by _____

_____ (name & address of employer) as

_____ (job title).

is unemployed.

Petitioner has no knowledge of Respondent's job status.

8. Children (Check all that apply):

No children were born to or adopted by the parties.

Petitioner Respondent is pregnant.

Neither party is pregnant.

_____(number) child(ren) was/were born to or adopted by the

parties as a result of this marriage/civil union. No other children were born to or adopted by the parties. The child(ren)'s name(s) and age(s) are: _____

9. Irreconcilable differences have caused an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. Efforts at reconciliation have failed and future efforts at reconciliation would be impracticable and not in the best interests of the family.

10. Allocation of Parental Responsibilities (Check one):

Both parties are fit and proper persons to share in decision-making responsibility for each significant issue affecting the minor child(ren) and it is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) that the parties have shared decision-making responsibility with Respondent or Petitioner having the majority of parenting time.

Petitioner is a fit and proper person to be allocated all decision-making responsibility for each significant issue affecting the minor child(ren) and it is in the best

interests of the minor child(ren) that Petitioner have sole decision-making responsibility with Respondent having reasonable parenting time.

Respondent is a fit and proper person to be allocated all decision-making responsibility for each significant issue affecting the minor child(ren) and it is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) that Respondent have sole decision-making responsibility with Petitioner having reasonable parenting time.

Not applicable because the parties have no minor children.

11. Child Support (Check / Complete A or B or C):

A) Respondent or Petitioner should pay child support to Petitioner or

Respondent in accordance with the child support guidelines set forth in the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

B) The Court should deviate from the guidelines set forth in the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act as follows:_____

Reason(s) for Deviation:_____

C) Not applicable because the parties have no minor children.

12. Maintenance/Spousal Support (Check A or Complete B):

A) The parties are able to support themselves without maintenance from the other. The parties should be barred from receiving maintenance.

B) Petitioner Respondent is unable to support him/herself without contribution from the other; _____ should be ordered to pay maintenance to _____. Respondent is able to support him/herself without contribution from Petitioner and Respondent should be barred from receiving maintenance from Petitioner.

13. Property (Check A and/or B and/or Complete C if appropriate)

A) Each party should be ordered to retain the property in his/her own possession.

B) Each party should be awarded his/her non-marital/non-civil union property.

C) The parties acquired marital/civil union property that should be divided equitably, including but not limited to:

14. Debt (Check / Complete A or B or C)

A) The parties incurred marital/civil union debt that should be assigned

equitably, including but not limited to:

B) Each party should be ordered to retain the debt in his/her own name.

C) Other: _____

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, _____, prays this

Honorable Court grant relief as follows:

- A. Award a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage/Civil Union dissolving the parties' marriage/civil union.
- B. Award the parties their non-marital property and an equitable share of the marital

property.

C. Order Respondent to be responsible for an equitable share of the marital debt.

D. Maintenance (Check one):

Bar both parties from receiving maintenance; or

Order Respondent to pay maintenance to Petitioner and bar Respondent from receiving maintenance.

E. Allocation of Parental Responsibilities (Check one):

Award both parties shared decision-making responsibility for each significant issue affecting the minor child(ren) with Petitioner or Respondent having the majority of parenting time; or

Petitioner be awarded all decision-making responsibility for each significant issue affecting the minor child(ren); or

Respondent be awarded all decision-making responsibility for each significant issue affecting the minor child(ren); or

Not applicable because the parties have no minor children.

F. Child Support (Check / Complete A or B):

A) Require Petitioner or Respondent to pay child support to

Petitioner or Respondent plus additional child-related expenses and

post-high school expenses; or

B) Not applicable because the parties have no minor children.

G. Other: _____
_____.

H. Grant other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate and equitable.

VERIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements contained in the foregoing instrument are true and correct, except as to matters stated to be on information and belief and, as to such matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that I verily believe the same to be true.

Printed Name of Petitioner

Signature Petitioner

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No. _____

Attorney No. (*Self-Represented code*): 99500