SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
Domestic Relations Branch

_____
PRINT YOUR NAME

_____
STREET ADDRESS

_____
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

☐ SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS: CHECK BOX IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS BECAUSE YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.

_____DRB _____

JUDGE: _____

PLAINTIFF,

v.

_____
PRINT YOUR SPOUSE'S NAME

_____
STREET ADDRESS

_____
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE

DEFENDANT.

COMPLAINT FOR LEGAL SEPARATION
Action Involving Child Support ☐ yes ☐ no

I, _____, am the Plaintiff in this case and state that
PRINT YOUR NAME

1. This Court is the proper place to decide my request for legal separation and related issues because: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

☐ I have been a resident of the District of Columbia for more than six months immediately before filing this Complaint.

☐ My spouse has been a resident of the District of Columbia for more than six months immediately before filing this Complaint.

2. **My spouse and I were married** [CHECK ONE]

☐ by ceremony on _____, in _____.
DATE CITY AND STATE

☐ by common law on or about _____, in _____.
DATE CITY AND STATE

3. **My spouse and I separated on or about** _____.
DATE

4. **I state the following about the separation:** [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

☐ The separation has been **mutual and voluntary**, **and without cohabitation.**

☐ The separation has continued without interruption or cohabitation for a period of **one year or more** immediately before filing this Complaint.

5. **I state the following with regard to my married name:** [CHECK ONE]

☐ I did not change my name when I married my spouse.

☐ I changed my name when I married my spouse. I do not wish to return to a former name.

☐ I changed my name when I married my spouse and I now wish to return to my birth name or another legal name I used before my marriage. I have no illegal or fraudulent reason for making this request. The former name I want restored is:

_____
PRINT NAME YOU WOULD LIKE THE COURT TO RESTORE

Marital Property & Marital Debt

6. **I state the following about property from my marriage:** [CHECK ONE]

☐ My spouse and I have no marital property.

☐ My spouse and I have an agreement resolving all of our marital property issues and I am not asking the Court to divide or distribute any marital property.

☐ My spouse and I have a written agreement resolving all of our marital property issues and I am not asking the Court to divide or distribute any marital property.

☐ My spouse and I have marital property that I am asking the Court to divide or distribute, and I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment A, which I incorporate into this Complaint.

☐ I am not sure if my spouse and I have marital property.

7. I state the following about debt from my marriage: [CHECK ONE]

☐ My spouse and I have no marital debt.

☐ My spouse and I have an agreement resolving all of our marital debt issues and I am not asking the Court to assign responsibility for any marital debt.

☐ My spouse and I have a written agreement resolving all of our marital debt issues and I am not asking the Court to assign responsibility for any marital debt.

☐ My spouse and I have marital debt that I am asking the Court to assign responsibility for, and I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment A, which I incorporate into this Complaint.

☐ I am not sure if my spouse and I have marital debt.

Alimony

8. I state the following about my need for alimony from my spouse: [CHECK ONE]

☐ I need permanent and/or temporary alimony from my spouse and I believe my spouse has the ability to pay alimony to me.

☐ I do not want my spouse to pay alimony to me.

Custody

9. I state the following about our child(ren) who are under the age of 18: [CHECK ONE]

☐ My spouse and I do not have any children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 18.

☐ My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 18, but I am not asking the court to decide custody at this time.

☐ My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 18, and we have a written agreement about custody; I am not asking the court to decide custody at this time.

☐ My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 18, and I am asking the court to decide custody. I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment B, which I incorporate into this Complaint.

Child Support

10. I state the following about my request for child support: [CHECK ONE]

☐ My spouse and I do not have any children together (through birth or adoption), or our children together are over the age of 21 years and are not adult disabled children.

☐ My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 21 or who are adult disabled children, but I am not asking the Court to award child support at this time.

☐ My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 21 or who are adult disabled children, and we have an agreement regarding child support; that agreement is consistent with the Child Support Guideline of the District of Columbia and/or it is fair and just.

☐ My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under the age of 21 or who are adult disabled children, and I am asking the Court to award child support, *and* I have completed and attached the additional information required on Attachment C, which I incorporate into this Complaint.

Attachments

11. I have included the following attachment(s): [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

☐ No attachments
☐ Attachment A (Marital Property and/or Marital Debt)
☐ Attachment B (Child Custody)
☐ Attachment C (Child Support)

12. I do ☐ / do *not* ☐ know of any proceedings in the District of Columbia or in any state or territory involving the same claim or subject matter as this case. Please list state, court, and docket number for cases involving the same claim or subject matter.

Court	Case Number	Case Type

Request for Relief

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Court grant me a Legal Separation and [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

☐ Divide marital property and/or assign marital debts in a manner that is equitable, just and reasonable.

☐ Award alimony in a manner that is fair and just, including: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
- ☐ temporary alimony
- ☐ permanent alimony

☐ Award custody in the best interests of the child(ren).

☐ Hold a hearing on my request for child support within 45 days of filing and issue a Notice of Hearing and Order Directing Appearance ("NOHODA") to the other parent with the date and time of the hearing.

☐ Award child support according to the Child Support Guideline of the District of Columbia and other applicable laws, including: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]
- ☐ current child support (support starting today and continuing into the future)
- ☐ retroactive child support (support for time before today)
- ☐ medical support

☐ Note that we have an agreement. I request that the Court: [CHECK ONE]
- ☐ *include* our agreement as a part of its order.
- ☐ *not include* our agreement as a part of its order.

☐ Restore me to my former name.

I ALSO REQUEST that the Court award any other relief it considers fair and proper.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

If this document is to be signed outside the geographic boundaries of the United States, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and any territory or insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, additional requirements must be met prior to signing. See Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 2(c)(1)(B).

SIGN YOUR NAME. Add slashes to either side /like this/ to sign electonically.	DATE
PRINT YOUR NAME	PHONE NUMBER
HOME ADDRESS 1	EMAIL ADDRESS
HOME ADDRESS 2	

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