# SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FAMILY DIVISION DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH

EDWARD WELDON :

:

v. : Case No. 2019 DRB 003263

Judge Deborah J. Israel

PATRICIA PRICE-BROWN :

# ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE BY POSTING

By order entered June 26, 2020, this Court found that Plaintiff met the necessary requirements to obtain an order allowing service by publication. Unfortunately, the Plaintiff was unable to complete the required number of weeks of publication by the date of the hearing set in the notice that was published. For that reason, the Court was required to reschedule the matter and Plaintiff's counsel was informed that a new publication with a new date would be required. Since that time, Plaintiff provided the Court with exhibits demonstrating that Plaintiff has limited income. In light of such evidence, the Court finds that Plaintiff qualifies for service by posting, instead of service by publication. *See* D.C. Code § 13-340(a) (authorizing service by posting in lieu of publication).

Accordingly, it is, this 28th day of January, 2021, hereby,

**ORDERED**, that the Clerk's Office of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia shall post the following notice on the Court's website for a period of twenty-one calendar days.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "An order, judgment or decree may not be entered against an absent or nonresident defendant upon proof of notice by publication, unless the plaintiff, his agent, or attorney files in the action an affidavit showing that at least twenty days before applying for the order, judgment or decree he mailed, postpaid, a copy of the advertisement or the order of the publication posted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, directed to the party therein ordered to appear, at his last known place of residence, or that after diligent effort he has been unable to ascertain the last place of residence of the party." D.C. Code § 13-340(b).

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Case No. 2019 DRB 003263

Edward Weldon, Plaintiff,

Versus

Patricia Price-Brown, Defendant.

Plaintiff Edward Weldon has filed a Complaint for Divorce.

The Court will hold a remote hearing on this request on April 21, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. If Defendant Price-Brown does not appear at the hearing or otherwise respond to the Complaint, the Court may enter default against Defendant and thereafter proceed without her.

So ordered on January 28, 2021.

Judge Deborah J. Israel, Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the parties shall appear for a <u>remote</u> Status Hearing on <u>April 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.</u> Failure to appear may result in the issuance of a default judgment, a dismissal, or sanctions.

# Instructions to Attend Remote Hearing or Trial Before Judge Deborah J. Israel in Remote Courtroom JM5

If you are able to do so, please participate by video. If you are unable to participate by video, you may participate by telephone. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact chambers at JudgeIsraelChambers@dcsc.gov. If you don't have access to email, you may leave a voicemail at 202-879-1844, and we will return your call.

#### Please note:

- If you are placed in the courtroom lobby, please wait until the Court admits you to the remote courtroom.
- When you reach the remote courtroom, there may already be a hearing in progress. Please wait for the judge or courtroom clerk to address you before you speak.
- Before and during your hearing, please mute your video/phone whenever you are not speaking. Doing so makes it easier for the Court to understand those speaking.

# To access the remote courtroom by computer with video (two options):

- (1) Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and enter: https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbjm5. Select Join Meeting. **OR**
- (2) Open Web Browser in Google Chrome and enter: https://dccourts.webex.com. Select Join Meeting, enter Meeting ID: 129 641 6611.

#### To access the remote courtroom by smartphone or tablet with video:

Go to App Store, Download WebEx App (Cisco WebEx Meetings), select Join Meeting, enter: https://dccourts.webex.com/meet/ctbjm5, enter your name and e-mail.

#### To access the remote courtroom by phone, no video (or with video on mute):

Call 1 (202) 860-2110 or 844-992-4726 and enter Meeting ID:129 641 6611##.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Judge Deborah J. Israel

Copies to:

Chidinma Iwuji, Esq. Counsel for Plaintiff Via CaseFileXpress

# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FAMILY COURT

#### **Domestic Relations Branch**

Edward L. Weldon	
PRINT Your Name 5563 Central Ave. SE	19 DRB 3263
Street Address Washington, DC 20019	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE	
☐ SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS: CHECK BOX IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS BECAUSE YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.	RELATED CASES:
PLAINTIFF, v.	
Patricia D. Price-Brown	
Print Your Spouse's Name 4717 North Knoxville Ave.	
Street Address Peoria, III 61614	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE	
DEFENDANT.	
COMPLAINT I Action Involving	FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE Child Support  yes  no
I, Edward L. Weldon PRINT YOUR NAME	_, am the Plaintiff in this case and state that
1. This Court is the proper place to debecause: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]	cide my request for divorce and related issues
I have been a resident of the Dimmediately before filing this Cor	District of Columbia for more than six months mplaint.
My spouse has been a resident immediately before filing this Con	t of the District of Columbia for more than six months mplaint.

2. My spouse and I were married [CHECK ONE]	
05/12/2007	Cook County, III
by ceremony on	CITY AND STATE
by common law on or about	in
DATE	CITY AND STATE
3. My spouse and I separated on or about	2015
	DATE
4. I state the following about the separation: $[CHECK]$	ALL THAT APPLY]
The separation has been <b>mutual and volunt</b> interruption or cohabitation for a period of more filing this Complaint.	tary, and has continued without than six months immediately before
The separation has continued without interrumore than one year immediately before filing the	ption or cohabitation for a period of his Complaint.
5. I state the following with regard to my married n	ame: [Check One]
I did not change my name when I married m	y spouse.
I changed my name when I married my spouname.	se. I do not wish to return to a former
I changed my name when I married my spou name or another legal name I used before my m reason for making this request. The former name	arriage. I have no illegal or fraudulent
PRINT THE FORMER NAME YOU WOULD LIK	ETHE COURT TO RESTORE
Monital Durante C. M	
Marital Property & M	arital Debt
6. I state the following about property from my mar	riage: [CHECK ONE]
My spouse and I have no marital property.	
My spouse and I have an agreement resolving am not asking the Court to divide or distribute a	g all of our marital property issues and I ny marital property.
My spouse and I have a written agreement re and I am not asking the Court to divide or distrib	solving all of our marital property issues oute any marital property.

<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>My spouse and I do have children together (through birth or adoption) who are under</li> </ul>
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. 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]
<ul> <li>No attachments</li> <li>Attachment A (Marital Property and/or Marital Debt)</li> <li>Attachment B (Child Custody)</li> <li>Attachment C (Child Support)</li> </ul>

# Request for Relief

# I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Court grant me an Absolute Divorce and [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

l debts in a manner that is equitable, just
ust, including: [Check All That Apply]
ild(ren).
ort within 45 days of filing and issue a nce ("NOHODA") to the other parent
Support Guideline of the District of [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY] today and continuing into the future) time before today)
nat the Court: [Check One] order.
f its order.
relief it considers fair and proper.
Columbia or in any state or territory
ia or in any state or territory involving the first page of this Complaint

I solemnly swear or affirm under criminal penalties for the making of a false statement that I have read the foregoing Complaint for Absolute Divorce and that the factual statements made in it are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward L. Weldon
SIGN YOUR NAME
09/05 <mark>/2</mark> 019
Date (mm <mark>/dd/yyyy</mark> )
5563 Central Ave. SE
STREET ADDRESS
Washington, DC 20019
City,Sta <mark>te</mark> and Zip Code
202-8 <mark>5</mark> 3-1978
TELEPHINE NUMBER
Email Address

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HARASSMENT OR HARM

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

Edward L Weldon	
PRINT PLAINTIFF'S NAME	
PLAINTIFF, v.	DRB
Patricia D. Price-Brown	JUDGE:
PRINT DEFENDANT'S NAME	
DEFENDANT.	
ATTACHMENT REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR MARITAL P	
Edward L. Weldon , am the PRINT YOUR NAME	PLAINTIFF in this case. DEFENDANT
1. My spouse and I have the following marital propodivide or distribute: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]	erty that I am asking the Court to
<ul> <li>☐ The part of my spouse's pension and/or remarriage.</li> <li>☐ Real property (such as homes or land) pure</li> <li>☐ Personal property (motor vehicles, bank as furniture, household items, jewelry and other in Other property.</li> </ul>	chased or improved during the marriage.
2. My spouse and I have the following marital debt responsibility for: [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]	that I am asking the Court to assign
<ul> <li>□ Credit card or charge card bills.</li> <li>□ Medical, education, utility or household bi</li> <li>□ Motor vehicle loans.</li> <li>□ Mortgages or land purchase contracts.</li> <li>□ Other personal or bank loans.</li> <li>□ Court judgments.</li> <li>□ Other debt.</li> </ul>	ills.

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

BECAUSE YOU FEAR HARASSMENT OR HARM.

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).

Edward J. Welden SIGN YOUR NAME Edward L. Welden	09/05/2019 Date 202-853-1978	
PRINT YOUR NAME 5563-Central Ave. S.E. HOME ADDRESS I Washington DC 20019	PHONE NUMBER  EMAIL ADDRESS	
HOME ADDRESS 2  SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS: CHECK BOX IF YOU HAVE WRITTEN SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDRESS		

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TRIBUNAL SUPERIOR DEL DISTRITO DE COLUMBIA FAMILY COURT - DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH JUZGADO DE FAMILIA- DIVISIÓN DE RELACIONES DOMÉSTICAS

500 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

in the watter of:		
En la causa de:		
EDWARD L WELDON		
Plaintiff	Jacket Number	
Demandante	Número del expediente	2019 DRB 003263
vs.		
PATRICIA D PRICE-BROWN		
Defendant		
Demandado		
	REISSUED	
	SUMMONS	
	NOTIFICACIÓN	
TO:	.000	
A:		
PATRICIA D PRICE-BROWN		

4717 NORTH KNOXVILLE AVENUE PEORIA, IL 61614

You are hereby SUMMONED to the Family Court of D.C. Superior Court on March 11, 2020 at 10:00 am and required to answer the attached complaint. Your answer must be filed with the clerk in the Family Court Central Intake Center, D.C. Superior Court, Room JM-540, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Your answer must be properly filed within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons and complaint on you. This 21-day period does not include the day on which you were served. If you need additional time to file your answer, you should file a motion for extension of time with the court before the end of the 21-day period. A copy of your answer must be served on the plaintiff's attorney or plaintiff, whichever is indicated below. If you do not file your answer on time, or you do not appear in court at the listed date and time, the plaintiff may ask the court to enter a default judgment against you, affecting your marriage, your property, and custody and visitation of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees. You may seek the advice of an attorney to assist you in this case.

Por medio de la presente se le CONVOCA al Juzgado de Familia del Tribunal Superior de D.C. el March 11, 2020 at 10:00 am está obligado a Responder a la Demanda adjunta. Se debe presentar su Respuesta ante el Secretario de este Tribunal en el Centro de Ingreso de Escritos del Juzgado de Familia, Tribunal Superior del Distrito de Columbia, Oficina JM-540, 500 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Su Respuesta debe ser presentada correctamente en un plazo de veintiún (21) días posteriores a la entrega de este Citatorio y Demanda a usted. Este período de 21 días no incluye el día en que se le notificó. Si necesita tiempo adicional para presentar su Respuesta, debe presentar una petición de extensión de tiempo ante el tribunal antes de que termine el período de 21 días. Una copia de su Respuesta debe ser entregada al abogado del demandante o al demandante, el que se indique a continuación. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, o si no comparece ante el tribunal en la fecha y hora indicadas, el juez puede dictar un fallo en su contra que afecte su matrimonio, sus bienes y la custodia y visitas de sus hijos. Es posible que se le ordene pagar manutención y honorarios de abogados. Se recomienda que busque el asesoramiento de un abogado para que le ayude en este caso.

#### PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR PLAINTIFF ABOGADO DEL DEMANDANTE O DEMANDANTE

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Nombre:	EDWARD L WELDON	Dirección:	5563 CENTRAL AVENUE, SE
			WASHINGTON, DC 20019

Witness, the Honorable Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and seal of said Court. Doy fe, el Honorable Juez Presidente del Tribunal Superior del Distrito de Columbia y el sello de dicho tribunal.

SEAL Sello Clerk of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia Actuario del Tribunal Superior del Distrito de Columbia

Date of Issue:

Fecha de emisión:

01/29/20

By:

Deputy Clerk

如需翻译,请打电话 (202) 879-4828 Veuillez appeler au (202) 879-4828 pour une traduction Để có một bài dịch, hãy gọi (202) 879-4828 번역을 원하시면, (202) 879-4828 로 전화주십시요 የአማርኛ ትርጉም ለማግኘት (202) 879-4828 ይደውሉ

<sup>\*</sup>This summons expires 60 days from the date of issue noted above. This case will be dismissed if the Plaintiff fails to comply with Rule 4(i). (See back)

<sup>\*</sup> Este citatorio se vence 60 días después de la fecha de emisión. Esta causa será sobreseída si el demandante no cumple con la Regla 4(i).

# Relevant D.C. Superior Court Rules

#### **Domestic Relations Rule 4 Process:**

4(i)(1) Within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, the plaintiff must file proof of service of the summons, the complaint, and any order directed by the court to the parties at the time of filing. A separate proof must be filed as to each defendant who has not responded to the complaint.

4(i)(2) Prior to the expiration of the 60-day time period, the party may file a motion to extend the time for service.

4(i)(3) The plaintiff's failure to comply with the requirements of this rule may result in the dismissal without prejudice of the complaint. The clerk may enter the dismissal and serve notice on all the parties.

#### Domestic Relations Rule 55. Default; Default Judgment or Order:

(a)(1) When a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead or otherwise defend, the clerk or court must enter the party's default.

(a)(2) Any default entered on the court's or the clerk's own initiative, including a default for failure to respond to the complaint or petition within the time prescribed in Rule 12(a), will not take effect until 14 days after the date on which it is docketed and must be vacated if the court grants a motion filed by the defendant or respondent within the 14-day period showing good cause why the default should not be entered.

(a)(3) Before a default is issued, the time to plead or otherwise defend may be extended by one of the following:

(A) an order granting a motion, which shows good cause for the extension; or

(B) a document, signed by the parties or their representatives, and filed with the court, which provides for a one-time extension of not more than 21 days within which to plead or otherwise respond.

(b) (1) Except as provided in Rule 55(b)(2), a party must move for entry of a default judgment or order no more than 60 days after default is entered.

#### **General Information**

Divorce Cases- In matters involving a complaint for divorce; you must present an original or certified copy of your marriage license to the court at the time of your final hearing.

Custody Cases- In matters involving a complaint for custody, you must present an original or certified copy of each child's birth certificate to the court at the time of your final hearing.

#### **Helpful Resources**

#### The Family Court Self-Help Center

The Family Court Self-Help Center is a free walk-in service that provides unrepresented people with general legal information in a variety of family law matters (such as divorce, custody, visitation, and child support).

The Center staff can:

- Provide you with information about D.C. family law matters;
- Inform you of legal rights and obligations;
- Describe you legal options;
- Help you determine which forms are most appropriate for you and how to complete them;
- Explain how to navigate the court process, and what to expect in court; and
- Refer you to other helpful clinics and programs.

The Family Court Self-Help Center is located in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Room JM-570.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:30pm (walk-ins will not be accepted after 5:00pm).

# The Family Court Mediation Program

The Family Mediation Program is a free service, which helps settle disputes between parties with family law issues. The goal of the program is to educate parties, improve communication and allow parties to reach workable solutions regarding their children and other family matters in a private setting.

The program is available to DC residents and their significant others. You do not need to be represented and you do not even need to have a pending case in court. Consider using the Family Mediation Program if you and your significant other need help resolving disputes regarding:

- Division of Property and Debts
- Custody and Visitation Rights
- Child Support
- Spousal Support

The Family Mediation Program of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia is located at 410 E. St., NW, Suite 2900, Washington DC. Call 202-879-1549 or stop in to speak with a Dispute Resolution Specialist.

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#### Reglas aplicables del Tribunal Superior del Distrito de Columbia

#### Regla 4 de Relaciones Domésticas, Notificación:

4(i)(1) En un plazo de 60 días posteriores a la presentación de la demanda, el demandante debe presentar constancia de notificación del citatorio, la demanda y cualquier orden emitida por el juez a las partes en el momento del registro del caso. Se debe presentar un comprobante separado para cada demandado que no haya respondido a la demanda.

4(i)(2) Antes de que venza el período de 60 días, la parte puede presentar una petición para extender el tiempo para la notificación.

4(i)(3) El incumplimiento con los requisitos de esta regla por parte del demandante puede resultar en el sobreseimiento de la demanda sin prejuicio. El secretario puede anotar la desestimación y notificar a todas las partes.

Regla 55 de Relaciones Domésticas. Incomparecencia:(a)(1) Cuando una parte contra la cual se solicita un fallo de amparo afirmativo no ha respondido o no se ha defendido de otra manera, el secretario judicial o el tribunal debe declarar la incomparecencia de dicha parte.

(a)(2) Cualquier fallo por incomparecencia por iniciativa propia del tribunal o del secretario, inclusive un fallo por incomparecencia por no responder a la demanda o petición en el tiempo prescrito en la Regla 12(a), no entrará en vigor hasta 14 días después de la fecha en que haya sido anotado en el registro judicial y deberá ser anulado si el tribunal otorga una petición presentada por el demandado dentro del período de 14 días que demuestre una justificación por la cual no se debe emitir un fallo por incomparecencia.

(a)(3) Antes de que se dicte un fallo por incomparecencia, el plazo para presentar un escrito o cualquier otra defensa podría extenderse por uno de los siguientes:

(A) una orden que otorga una petición, que demuestre justificación para la extensión; o

(B) un documento, firmado por las partes o sus representantes, y presentado ante el tribunal, que brinda una extensión única de no más de 21 días para presentar un escrito o responder de otra manera.

(b) (1) Salvo lo dispuesto en la Regla 55.b)2), una parte debe solicitar que se emita un fallo u orden por incomparecencia en un plazo máximo de 60 días a partir de la fecha en que el fallo fue emitido.

#### Información General

Causas de Divorcio- En causas donde la demanda es para el divorcio, debe presentarle al juez el acta de matrimonio, ya sea original o copia certificada, en su audiencia final.

Causas por tutela- En causas donde la demanda es por la tutela, debe presentar el acta de nacimiento, ya sea original o copia certificada, en su audiencia final.

#### Recursos Útiles

#### El Centro de Asistencia Personal en el Juzgado de Familia ("Family Court Self-Help Center")

El centro es un servicio gratuito donde no se requiere cita previa. Se le brinda información general a las personas que no tengan representación de un abogado. Dicha información legal cubre diferentes temas relacionados con el Juzgado de Familia (como lo son el divorcio, la tutela, visitas y manutención.)

El personal del centro puede:

- Brindarle información sobre temas del tribunal de familia en DC;
- · Informar sobre derechos y obligaciones legales;
- Describir sus opciones legales;
- Determinar cuáles son los formularios adecuados y asistirle en llenarlos,
- Explicar el sistema del tribunal y cómo seguirlo, al igual que explicar lo que puede esperar en el tribunal; y
- Brindarle información sobre otros programas útiles.

El centro está ubicado en el Tribunal Superior del Distrito de Columbia, Oficina JM-570. Atención al público de lunes a viernes, 8:00am a 5:30 p.m. (no se atenderá al que se presente después de las 5:00p.m.).

# El Programa de Mediacion para el Juzgado de Familia

La mediación para el tribunal de familia es un servicio gratuito que ayuda a resolver disputas entre las partes en asuntos de derecho familiar. El objetivo del programa es la educación de las partes en un ambiente privado, para mejorar la comunicación y permitirles llegar a soluciones viables en cuanto a los hijos y otros temas sobre la familia.

El programa, a disposición de residentes de D.C. y sus compañeros sentimentales allegados. No necesitan representación de un abogado, ni necesitan tener una causa pendiente en el tribunal. Considere el uso del centro si usted y su pareja necesitan resolver disputas sobre lo siguiente:

- División de bienes y deudas
- Derechos de tutela y visitas
- Manutención (de menores)
- Pensión alimenticia (cónyuge)

El programa de mediación para la familia del Tribunal Superior del Distrito de Columbia, está ubicado en 410 E. St., NW, Suite 2900, Washington DC ("Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Division"). Llame al 202-879-1549 o preséntese para hablar con un especialista de resolución de disputas.