



**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMILY COURT  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

**LUTHER SURGICK**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**TIKIRA SYLVESTER,**

**Defendant.**

**CASE NO. 2024 DRB 3680**

**PRESIDING JUDGE:  
A.R. MARBLESTEIN-DEARE**

**CALENDAR JUDGE:  
M.J. DEMEO**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE BY POSTING**

This matter is scheduled before the Court for April 15, 2025, for a further initial hearing on Plaintiff's Complaint for Absolute Divorce. On February 11, 2025, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Serve by Publication or Posting on Defendant.

The Court is satisfied that Plaintiff has made a diligent investigation of the whereabouts of Defendant, for purposes of notification. Furthermore, Plaintiff has given an adequate explanation of his situation which should permit him to notify the Defendant by posting. As such, the Court will grant the motion and permit notification by posting.

Accordingly, it is this 12th day of February 2025, hereby,

**ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion to Service by Publication or Posting is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that the attached notice shall be posted in the Clerk's Office of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for a period of twenty-one (21) calendar

days in order to serve Defendant and notify her of the present action in which she is a party and as a court web posting at <https://www.dccourts.gov/services/serve-notice> for twenty-one days, starting from the date of this order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the parties shall appear for a status hearing in this matter on **April 15, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.** in Courtroom **103** of the Moultrie Courthouse, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. **The hearing will be held in person.** Failure to appear may result in a default judgment, sanctions, or dismissal.



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**A.R. MARBLESTEIN-DEARE**  
**MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**Copies To:**

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*Via email*  
*Plaintiff*

Tikira Sylvester  
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*Via USPS*  
*Defendant*

**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR INITIAL HEARING ON DIVORCE**

**Tikira Sylvester**, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT a Complaint for Divorce has been filed in the above-captioned matter.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS COMPLAINT, you must file a written objection with the Court by April 13, 2025. The Hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 103. Your objection should be directed to the Domestic Relations Branch Clerk, Family Court, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS COMPLAINT, you may consent to the relief sought prior to the next hearing. For more information on how to file a Consent Answer or Objection, please contact the Self-Help Center, (202) 879-0096, located at JM-570, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

FAILURE TO RESPOND IN THIS MATTER MAY RESULT IN THE ENTRY OF A JUDGMENT OF DEFAULT WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION.