

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

BRENDA MARTINEZ GIRON

v.

MIGUEL MARTINEZ

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Case No. 2025 DRB 001257
Judge Danny Lam Nguyen

ORDER GRATING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Brenda Martinez Giron's Motion for Alternative Service, filed on April 22, 2025. In the Motion, Ms. Giron represents that she has been unable to serve Defendant Miguel Martinez despite diligent efforts. She asks the Court on the basis of these representations to permit her to serve Mr. Martinez by posting notice on the D.C. Superior Court website.

Before an order allowing service by publication or posting may be issued, a Plaintiff must demonstrate he or she made a diligent but futile effort to locate the Defendant, and must furnish the Court with the following:

(1) the time and place at which the parties last resided together; (2) the last time the parties were in contact with each other; (3) the name and address of the last employer of the Defendant either during the time the parties resided together or at a later time if known to the Plaintiff; (4) the names and addresses of those relatives known to be close to the Defendant; and (5) any other information which could furnish a fruitful basis for further inquiry by one truly bent on learning the present whereabouts of the Defendant. From such basic information, the Plaintiff should then detail for the Court the particular efforts which have been made in the effort to ascertain the Defendant's present address.

Bearstop v. Bearstop, 377 A.2d 405, 408 (D.C. 1977).

In this case, the Court finds that Ms. Giron has demonstrated diligent efforts of attempting to serve Mr. Martinez. Furthermore, Ms. Giron has given an adequate explanation of her situation

regarding Mr. Martinez's incarceration in El Salvador, which should permit her to notify the Defendant by posting. As such, the Court will renew the motion and permit notification by posting.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Alternative Service, filed on April 22, 2025, is **GRANTED**. 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 him of the present action in which he 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 Further Initial Hearing on July 22, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Courtroom 103 (500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001).

SO ORDERED on this 26th day of June, 2025.



Judge Danny Lam Nguyen
Associate Judge

Copies to:

Brenda Martinez Giron
Bm3280162@gmail.com
Via Email
Plaintiff

Miguel Martinez
Via Publication or Posting
Defendant

Notice of HEARING FOR INITIAL HEARING ON DIVORCE

Miguel Martinez, 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 July 20, 2025. The Hearing is scheduled for July 22, 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, DC 20001.

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