

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

Hampshire Division

Docket No. _____

Complaint For Divorce

_____, Plaintiff

v.

_____, Defendant

1. Plaintiff, who resides at _____
(Street and No.) (City or Town) (County) (state) (zip)

was lawfully married to the defendant who now resides at _____
(Street and No.)

(City or Town) (County) (State) (ZIP)

2. The parties were married at _____ on _____
and last lived together at _____ on _____

3. The minor child _____ of this marriage, and date(s) of birth is/are:

4. Plaintiff certifies that no previous action for divorce, annulling or affirming marriage, separate support, desertion, living apart for justifiable cause, or custody of child _____ has been brought by either party against the other except:

5. On or about _____, 20_____, the defendant _____

6. Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court:

- grant a divorce for _____
- prohibit defendant from imposing any restraint on plaintiff's personal liberty
- grant him/her custody of the above-named child _____
- order a suitable amount for support of the plaintiff and said minor child _____
- order conveyance of the real estate located at _____
_____ standing in the name of _____
_____ as recorded with _____
Registry of Deeds, Book _____ Page _____
- allow plaintiff to resume her former name of _____
- _____

Date _____

Signature of Attorney or Plaintiff, if pro se

Print name and address _____

Tel. No. (_____) _____ B.B.O. # _____

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For Plaintiff:

Address _____

Tel. No. (____) _____

For Defendant:

Address _____

Tel. No. (____) _____

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Filed _____, 20 ____

Judgment _____, 20 ____

Temporary Orders _____, 20 ____

Documents filed:

Marriage Certificate

Plaintiff's Financial Statement

Defendant's Financial Statement

Service on Summons

Affidavit Disclosing Care or
Custody Proceedings

Instructions

Refer to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 208 and Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedure.

- 1) A certified copy of your civil marriage certificate must be filed with this Complaint.
- 2) Recite street address, city or town, and county in paragraphs one and two; city or town and county or state in paragraph five.
- 3) In completing paragraph four, please provide only the docket number and county
- 4) The allegations in paragraph five must comply with General Laws Chapter 208, Section 1 and 2 and Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedure Rule 8.
- 5) Affidavit Disclosing Care or Custody Proceedings must be filed with this complaint pursuant to Trial Court Rule IV identifying the minor child(ren) of this marriage.
- 6) All requests for temporary relief must be made by motion, although several prayers maybe contained in one. For temporary restraining orders see Mass. R. Dom. Rel. P. Rule 65, affidavit requirement.
- 7) If attachment or trustee process is desired, a motion with affidavit must be filed. A certificate of insurance is normally not required in domestic relations cases. See Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedures Rules 4.1 and 4.2.
- 8) Plaintiff must sign this Complaint if appearing pro se; otherwise plaintiff's attorney must sign and give his/her address in the space provided.