ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE (WITH MINOR CHILDREN)

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PACKET AC-2

Use this packet only if <u>all</u> of the following statements are true:

	You are currently married.
	You received a complaint for divorce and wish to file an answer and counterclaim.
	You and your spouse have minor child(ren) together, either natural-born or adopted.
	A default has not been entered against you.
	<u>Attention</u>
•	An answer must be filed and served within 21 days after you have received the summons and complaint. If you do not file within that time, your spouse may take a default against you and be awarded what they have asked for in their complaint.
•	If you received a request to waive service of summons, please contact the Resource Center for more information.

The penalty for willfully making a false statement under penalty of perjury is a minimum of 1 year, and a maximum of 4 years in prison, in addition to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00. N.R.S. §199.145.

If you received other motions with the complaint for divorce, you must

counterclaim. Please contact the Resource Center for more information.

answer to those motions with forms other than this answer and

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS

Carefully read all instructions before starting to fill out any of the forms.

Use black or blue ink only. Neatly print or type the information requested.

Do not use correction fluid/tape on the forms.

This packet contains the following forms:

- 1. EFile User Agreement (Standard)
- 2. Family Court Information Sheet
- 3. Answer and Counterclaim to Complaint for Divorce With Children
 - a. Appendix A: Child Custody Schedule
 - b. Appendix B: Child Support Worksheets
- 4. General Financial Disclosure Form
- 5. Proof of Service
- 6. Definitions of Terms Used in this Packet

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 1

If you already have an eFlex account for a different case, you do not need to create another account and can skip this step.

eFlex Account and eFile User Agreement:

To file your documents, you will need to sign up for an eFlex account and have a valid email address. There is no fee to sign up for a standard eFlex account. To sign up:

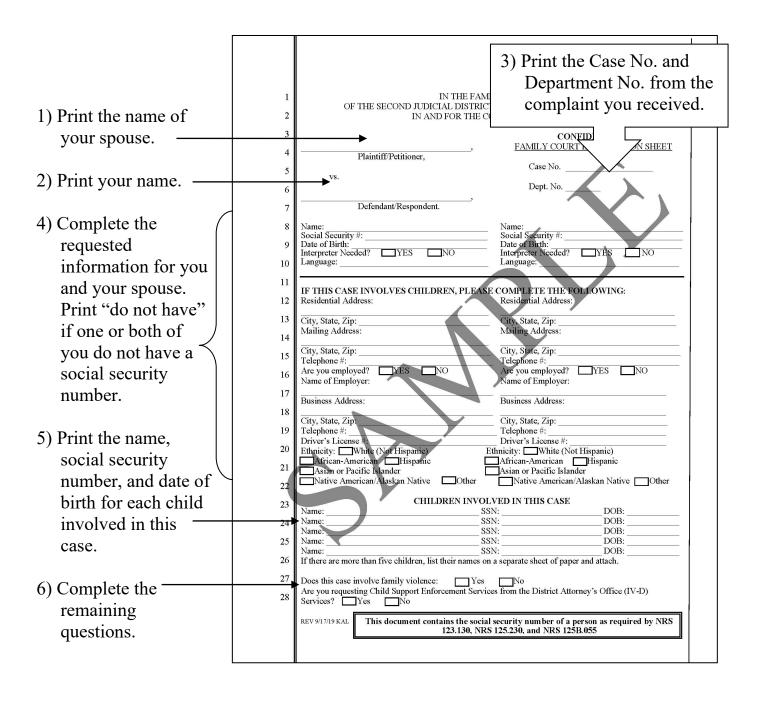
- 1) Carefully read and complete the eFile User Agreement (Standard) by filling in as much information as possible, signing, and dating page two;
- 2) Return the eFile User Agreement (Standard) to the Second Judicial District Court or email it to eflexsupport@washoecourts.us; and
- 3) Request an account at https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/.



If you need further assistance signing up for an account, please call the Resource Center at 775-325-6731.

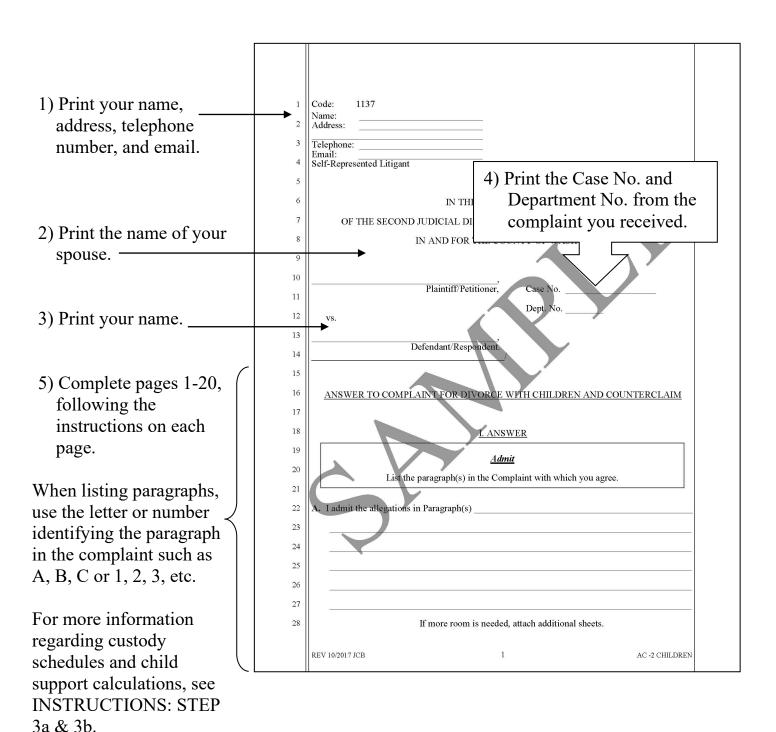
INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 2

Complete the Family Court Information Sheet as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3

Complete the Answer and Counterclaim as Shown:

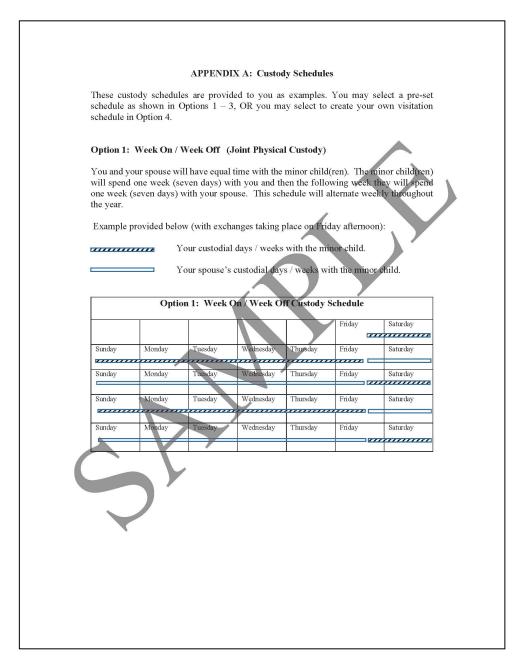


INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3a

Child Custody Schedules

Please review Appendix A: Custody Schedules.

These example schedules can assist you in filling out the answer and counterclaim. They do not need to be filed with the court. However, you may do so if you would like.



Custody Schedules

These custody schedules are provided to you as examples. You may select a pre-set schedule as shown in Options A - C, OR you may select to create your own visitation schedule in Option D.

Option A: Week On / Week Off (Joint Physical Custody)

You and the other parent will have equal time with the minor child(ren). The minor child(ren) will spend one week (seven (7) days) with you and then the following week they will spend one week (seven (7) days) with the other parent. This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.

Example provided below (with exchanges taking place on Friday afternoon):

<i></i>	Your custodial days / weeks with the minor child(ren).
	The other parent's custodial days / weeks with the minor child(ren).

	Optio	on A: Week	On / Week O	ff Custody	Schedule	
					Friday	Saturday
					Z	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Option B: Rotating 2/2/3 (Joint Physical Custody)

The other parent and you will have equal time with the minor child(ren). On week one, the minor child(ren) will spend two days with you (Monday – Wednesday), followed by two days with the other parent (Wednesday – Friday), ending the week with three days with you (Friday – Monday). On week two, the minor child(ren) will spend two days with the other parent (Monday – Wednesday), followed by two days with you (Wednesday – Friday), ending the week with three days with the other parent (Friday – Monday). This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.

Example provided on the next page (exchanges taking place in the a.m. OR pm (see below), in some cases at school drop off, on exchange days).

7777777777	Your custodial days with the minor child(ren).
	The other parent's custodial days with the minor child(ren).

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				Friday	Saturday
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Monday Monday Monday	Monday Tuesday Monday Tuesday Monday Tuesday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Monday Tuesday Wednesday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

	Option B	: Rotating 2	/2/3 Custody	Schedule (I	PM Drop O	ff)
					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						mmmm
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Option C: Every Other Weekend (Primary Physical Custody)

The other parent OR you will have more custodial time with the minor child(ren). On week one, the parent with primary physical custody will have the entire week (seven (7) days), on week two, the parent with primary physical custody will have approximately four days, with the other parent having approximately three days of visitation with the minor child(ren). This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.

Example provided on the next page (exchanges taking place on Friday afternoon, in some cases at school drop off, on exchange days). You can schedule an off week visitation for the noncustodial parent.

 Primary parent's custodial days with the minor child(ren).
Other parent's visitation days with the minor child(ren).

		Option (C: Every Oth	er Weekend	1	
					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Option D: Create your own.

	Option D: Create your own.						
					Friday	Saturday	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 3b

Calculating Child Support

Appendix B does not need to be filed with the Court.

APPENDIX B Gross Monthly Income (GMI) The first step in determining child support is calculating your Gross Monthly Income, the amount of money you make each month before taxes are deducted. Gross Monthly Income includes money received from employment, social security, unemployment benefits, pension/retirement, interest/investments, etc. Gross Monthly Income DOES NOT include SSI, SNAP, TANF, cash benefits from the county, or child support received. For a full list of incomes included in Gross Monthly Income look at NAC 425. To calculate your Gross Monthly Income from employment, use one of the tables below: Parent 1 Parent 2 Annual Income Annual Income ÷ by 12 months = \$ + by 12 months \$ **Employment GMI** Employment GMI Biweekly Income Biweekly Income S x26 weeks x26 weeks ÷ by 12 months = + by 12 months = **Employment GMI Employment GMI** Weekly Income Weekly Income x52 weeks x52 weeks ÷ by 12 months = ÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI **Employment GMI** Hourly Wage Hourly Wage # of hours worked # of hours worked per week per week hourly wage x hours hourly wage x hours worked per week worked per week x52 weeks x52 weeks ÷ by 12 months = ÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI Employment GMI Copy the amount of GMI from Employment for each parent into the table on the following page.

 Use this work sheet to help you calculate the child support.

Child Support Worksheet

APPENDIX B

Gross Monthly Income (GMI)

The first step in determining child support is calculating your Gross Monthly Income, the amount of money you make each month before taxes are deducted.

Gross Monthly Income includes money received from employment, social security (*Not SSI*), unemployment benefits, pension/retirement, interest/investments, etc. Gross Monthly Income DOES NOT include SSI, SNAP, TANF, cash benefits from the county, or child support received. *For a full list of incomes included in Gross Monthly Income please see NAC 425*.

To calculate your Gross Monthly Income from employment, use one of the tables below:

<u>Pare</u>	nt 1	<u>Pare</u>	ent 2
Annual Income	\$	Annual Income	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$	÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$
Biweekly Income	\$	Biweekly Income	\$
x26 weeks	\$	x26 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$	÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$
Weekly Income	\$	Weekly Income	\$
x52 weeks	\$	x52 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$	÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$
Hourly Wage	\$	Hourly Wage	\$
# of hours worked per week		# of hours worked per week	
hourly wage x hours worked per week	\$	hourly wage x hours worked per week	\$
x52 weeks	\$	x52 weeks	\$
÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$	÷ by 12 months = Employment GMI	\$

Copy the amount of GMI from Employment for each parent into the table on the following page.

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Now that you have determined the GMI from employment, add any money you receive each month from social security, unemployment benefits, pension/retirement, interest/investments, etc. Use the table below to find your Total Gross Monthly Income.

Parent 1

Employment GMI:	\$
Social Security:	\$
Unemployment:	\$
Pension/Retirement:	\$
Interest/Investments:	\$
Other:	\$
TOTAL GMI:	\$

Parent 2

Employment GMI:	\$
Social Security:	\$
Unemployment:	\$
Pension/Retirement:	\$
Interest/Investments:	\$
Other:	\$
TOTAL GMI:	\$

You should now have your Total Gross Monthly Income. If you or the other parent's Total Gross Monthly Income is less than \$1,883 a month, use the <u>Low-Income</u> Child Support Schedule below to complete the following pages. Please continue to the next page.

Low-Income Child Support Schedule
Child Support Obligation of Low-Income Payers
at 75% to 150% of the 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines

	One	Child	Two C	hildren	Three (hildren	Four C	hildren	Five Cl	hildren
Monthly		Child		Child		Child		Child		Child
Income	Percent	Support	Percent	Support	Percent	Support	Percent	Support	Percent	Support
Up To		Amount	9 (94) - AND - AND CONTRACTOR	Amount	YELL ACCUMENTS	Amount	15 GIRWANN ROWA	Amount	St. With Airth (SSS)	Amount
\$941	10.56%	\$99	14.52%	\$137	17.16%	\$162	18.48%	\$174	19.80%	\$186
\$975	10.75%	\$105	14.79%	\$144	17.48%	\$170	18.82%	\$183	20.16%	\$197
\$1,008	10.95%	\$110	15.05%	\$152	17.79%	\$179	19.16%	\$193	20.53%	\$207
\$1,042	11.14%	\$116	15.32%	\$160	18.11%	\$189	19.50%	\$203	20.89%	\$218
\$1,076	11.34%	\$122	15.59%	\$168	18.42%	\$198	19.84%	\$213	21.26%	\$229
\$1,109	11.53%	\$128	15.86%	\$176	18.74%	\$208	20.18%	\$224	21.62%	\$240
\$1,143	11.73%	\$134	16.12%	\$184	19.05%	\$218	20.52%	\$235	21.99%	\$251
\$1,177	11.92%	\$140	16.39%	\$193	19.37%	\$228	20.86%	\$245	22.35%	\$263
\$1,210	12.11%	\$147	16.66%	\$202	19.69%	\$238	21.20%	\$257	22.71%	\$275
\$1,244	12.31%	\$153	16.92%	\$211	20.00%	\$249	21.54%	\$268	23.08%	\$287
\$1,277	12.50%	\$160	17.19%	\$220	20.32%	\$260	21.88%	\$279	23.44%	\$299
\$1,311	12.70%	\$166	17.46%	\$229	20.63%	\$271	22.22%	\$291	23.81%	\$312
\$1,345	12.89%	\$173	17.73%	\$238	20.95%	\$282	22.56%	\$303	24.17%	\$325
\$1,378	13.09%	\$180	17.99%	\$248	21.26%	\$293	22.90%	\$316	24.54%	\$338
\$1,412	13.28%	\$187	18.26%	\$258	21.58%	\$305	23.24%	\$328	24.90%	\$352
\$1,445	13.47%	\$195	18.53%	\$268	21.90%	\$317	23.58%	\$341	25.26%	\$365
\$1,479	13.67%	\$202	18.79%	\$278	22.21%	\$329	23.92%	\$354	25.63%	\$379
\$1,513	13.86%	\$210	19.06%	\$288	22.53%	\$341	24.26%	\$367	25.99%	\$393
\$1,546	14.06%	\$217	19.33%	\$299	22.84%	\$353	24.60%	\$380	26.36%	\$408
\$1,580	14.25%	\$225	19.60%	\$310	23.16%	\$366	24.94%	\$394	26.72%	\$422
\$1,614	14.45%	\$233	19.86%	\$321	23.47%	\$379	25.28%	\$408	27.09%	\$437
\$1,647	14.64%	\$241	20.13%	\$332	23.79%	\$392	25.62%	\$422	27.45%	\$452
\$1,681	14.83%	\$249	20.40%	\$343	24.11%	\$405	25.96%	\$436	27.81%	\$468
\$1,714	15.03%	\$258	20.66%	\$354	24.42%	\$419	26.30%	\$451	28.18%	\$483
\$1,748	15.22%	\$266	20.93%	\$366	24.74%	\$432	26.64%	\$466	28.54%	\$499
\$1,782	15.42%	\$275	21.20%	\$378	25.05%	\$446	26.98%	\$481	28.91%	\$515
\$1,815	15.61%	\$283	21.47%	\$390	25.37%	\$461	27.32%	\$496	29.27%	\$531
\$1,849	15.81%	\$292	21.73%	\$402	25.68%	\$475	27.66%	\$511	29.64%	\$548
\$1,883	16.00%	\$301	22.00%	\$414	26.00%	\$489	28.00%	\$527	30.00%	\$565

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Child Support Worksheet

① Parent 1'	's Information	
investment inco supplemental se	income (GMI) includes: employment income, including consistent ove ome; Social Security old-age insurance benefits and disability benefits ecurity income (SSI); alimony; military allowances; periodic payments or; and unemployment benefits.	(SSD), but not
How much	is Parent 1's gross monthly income? \$	
$\overline{}$'s gross monthly income is less than \$1,883, use the attached e child support schedule to identify Parent 1's child support obligation	on. \$
If Parent 1'	's gross monthly income is less than \$1,883, stop here, and go to line	e ③.
B Multiply th \$6,000 by	ne amount of Parent 1's gross monthly income which is more than \$2	1,883 but less than
	.16 (for 1 child)	
	.22 (for 2 children)	
	.26 (for 3 children)	
	.28 (for 4 children)	
	Add .02 for each additional child	\$
Multiply tl \$10,000 by	he amount of Parent 1's gross monthly income which is more than \$	66,000 but less than
	.08 (for 1 child)	
	.11 (for 2 children)	
	.13 (for 3 children)	
	.14 (for 4 children)	
	Add .01 for each additional child	\$
① Multiply tl	he amount of Parent 1's gross monthly income which is more than \$	510,000 by
	.04 (for 1 child)	
	.06 (for 2 children)	
	.06 (for 3 children)	
	.07 (for 4 children)	

Add .005 for each additional child

Parent 1's child support obligation (Add lines B, C, and D)

2 Parent 2's Information

Gross monthly income (GMI) includes: employment income, including consistent overtime; interest and investment income; Social Security old-age insurance benefits and disability benefits (SSD), but not supplemental security income (SSI); alimony; military allowances; periodic payments from a pension or retirement plan; and unemployment benefits.

Но	ow much is Parent 2's gross monthly income? \$	
_	Parent 2's gross monthly income is less than \$1,883, use the attached w-income child support schedule to identify Parent 2's child support obligation.	\$
If I	Parent 2's gross monthly income is less than \$1,883, stop here, and go to line ③.	
\smile	Aultiply the amount of Parent 2's gross monthly income which is more than \$1,886,000 by	33 but less than
	.16 (for 1 child)	
	.22 (for 2 children)	
	.26 (for 3 children)	
	.28 (for 4 children)	
	Add .02 for each additional child	\$
	Aultiply the amount of Parent 2's gross monthly income which is more than \$6,00 10,000 by	00 but less than
	.08 (for 1 child)	
	.11 (for 2 children)	
	.13 (for 3 children)	
	.14 (for 4 children)	
	Add .01 for each additional child	\$
(D) N	Nultiply the amount of Parent 2's gross monthly income which is more than \$10,0	000 by
	.04 (for 1 child)	
	.06 (for 2 children)	
	.06 (for 3 children)	
	.07 (for 4 children)	
	Add .005 for each additional child	\$
Parent	2's child support obligation (Add lines B. C. and D)	5

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3 Joint Physical Custody.	Only fill out this section if you are asking for joint physical custody.
Skip to ④ if one parent is to	be awarded primary physical custody.

Subtract the lower earning parent's child support obligation from the higher earning parent's child support obligation.

	Higher		
-	S		
	Child Support Obligation	paid by	Name of higher income parent:

4 Adjustments. (complete all that apply)

- If <u>Parent 1</u> wants primary or sole physical custody, the court uses the number in

 as the standard amount of child support Parent 2 would pay.
- If <u>Parent 2</u> wants to have primary or sole physical custody, the court uses the number in ® as the standard amount of child support Parent 1 would pay.
- If you want <u>both parents</u> to have joint physical custody, the court uses the number in ③ as the standard amount of child support.

Adjustment Factors	Amount -/+
Any special education needs of the child	\$
A parent's legal responsibility to support others	\$
Value of services contributed by either parent	\$
Any public assistance paid to support the child	\$
Cost of transportation of the child to and from visitation	\$
The relative income of both households.	\$
The obligor's ability to pay	\$
Any other necessary expenses for the benefit of the child(ren)	\$
Total Deviations	\$

(5)	<u>Final</u>	Child Suppo	rt Amount	: Requested:
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\$	paid by (<i>name</i>)	
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INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 4

Complete the General Financial Disclosure Form as Shown:

1) Print your name,————————————————————————————————————	MISC Name: Address: Phone: Email: Attorney for Nevada State Bar No. Second Washoe County, Nevada MISC Address: 4) Print the Case No. and Department No. from the complaint you received.
2) Print your name.	Plaintiff, Case No.
3) Print your spouse's	vs. Dept.
name.	Defendant.
5) Answer all of the questions on each page of the form.	A. Personal Information: 1. What is your full name? (first, middle, last) 2. How old are you? 3. What is your date of birth? 4. What is your highest level of education? B. Employment Information: 1. Are you currently employed/self-employed? (below. Attached an additional page if needed. Date of Hire Employer Name Job Title Work Schedule (days) (shift times) 2. Are you disabled? (check one) No Yes If yes, what is your level of disability? What agency certified you disabled? What is the nature of your disability? C. Prior Employment: If you are unemployed or have been working at your current job for less than 2 years, complete the following information. Prior Employer: Date of Hire: Date of Termination: Reason for Leaving: Date of Termination:

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5

Electronically Filing the Documents

You will need to upload the original documents to eFlex. EFlex is available online at https://wceflex.washoecourts.com/, in the Law Library and Resource Center.

Sign into your eFlex account using the username and password you created and electronically file the:

- Family Court Information Sheet;
- Answer and Counterclaim;
- General Financial Disclosure form.

Make sure to keep the original documents you file for your personal records. File-stamped copies of your documents are available through your eFlex account.

Scanners are available at the Law Library and Resource Center.

There may be a filing fee charged when documents are filed. Fee information is available at the Resource Center and online at: www.washoecourts.com.

FILING FEE WAIVERS

If you cannot afford the fee, you may apply to have it waived. To apply, you must fill out and file the **Application for Waiver of Fees and Costs packet**, which you can get at:

- Resource Center, 1 South Sierra Street, Reno, NV, Third Floor
- Law Library, 75 Court Street, Reno, NV, First Floor
- Online at: www.washoecourts.com (select the "Forms and Packets" tab on the right hand side of the home screen)

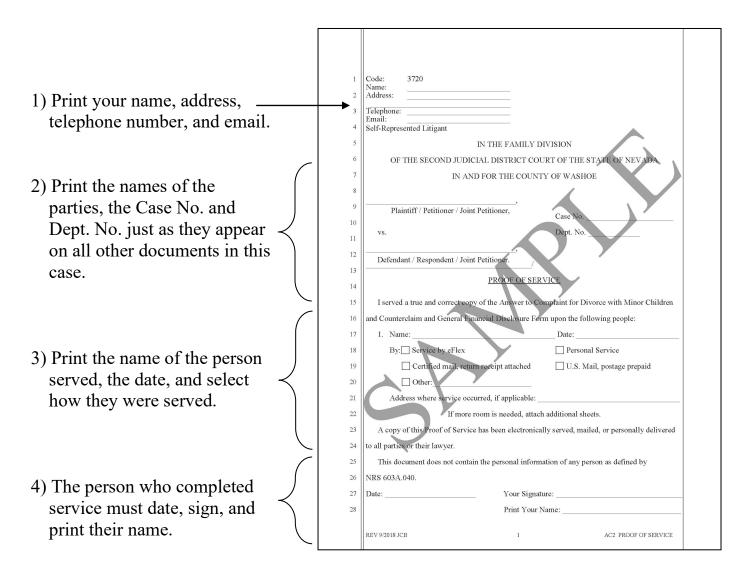
INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 6

Setting a Case Management Conference

You must have a case management conference. If your spouse who filed the complaint did not set one, you need to set one by filling out and filing the **F-1 Notice to Set** packet. The notice to set packet can be found at the Law Library or Resource Center, or on our website at www.washoecourts.com, under the Forms and Packets tab.

INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 7

Complete the Proof of Service as Shown:



INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 8

Filing the Proof of Service

After service is completed, you must file the proof of service with the court. See INSTRUCTIONS: STEP 5. There will not be a filing fee for the proof of service.

Without proof of service on the other party, the court cannot consider your answer and counterclaim.

Time to Respond

Your spouse has 21 days to respond, starting the day after being served. If you served your spouse by mail, your spouse has 24 days to respond.

Your documents are not filed until any filing fees are paid.

If your spouse does not respond within that time period, you may move for default on the counterclaim. A default packet is available at the Law Library, Resource Center, or online at www.washoecourts.com.

Legal Assistance Information

The information in this packet is provided as a courtesy only. This packet is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Counsel is always recommended for legal matters.

If you do not have an attorney, you are encouraged to seek the advice of a licensed attorney or contact the Resource Center or the Law Library. The Resource Center and the Law Library staff cannot give legal advice but can give information regarding court procedures.

You may wish to speak with a lawyer at no cost through the Law Library's Lawyer in the Library program. The Lawyer in the Library program is held via Zoom; you must register ahead of time to participate. No walk-ins accepted as space is limited.

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https://www.washoecourts.com/LawLibrary/LawyerInLibrary
For questions, contact the Law Library at 775-328-3250

To seek assistance from other free or reduced-cost legal resources in the area, please contact:

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

449 S. Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89501
775-284-3491 – leave a message, if
necessary
https://nevadalegalservices.org

NORTHERN NEVADA LEGAL AID

1 S. Sierra St., 1st Floor Reno, NV 89501 775-321-2062 – leave a message, if necessary https://nnlegalaid.org