STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Stipulated Divorce/Legal Separation/Civil Union Dissolution Without Minor Children

Filing fees:

With an agreement (stipulation) - \$90.00 (+ service fees if the court serves). Filing and service fees must be paid upon filing unless an Application to Waive Filing Fees and Service Costs (<u>form 600-00228</u>) is filed and granted.

Form #		Required Forms
	<u>800</u>	Information Sheet
	<u>400-00836</u>	Complaint for Divorce/Legal Separation/Civil Union Dissolution (without children)
	<u>400-00849</u>	Statement of Confidential Information
	<u>400-00831</u>	Notice of Appearance for Self-Represented Litigant
	<u>VDH-VR-DIV</u> or <u>VDH-VR-DISS</u>	Department of Health Record of Divorce or Annulment OR Department of Health Record of Civil Union Dissolution or Annulment Form (not required for Legal Separation filings)
	<u>400-00837</u>	Notice of Appearance, Answer to the Complaint and Counterclaim (without children - Defendant)
	<u>400-00878</u> *	Final Stipulation Property, Debt and Spousal Support *
	<u>400-00844</u> *	Acceptance of Service – Family Division (Defendant) *

* Indicates a document that must be either signed by both parties or by the Defendant and filed to be considered a proposed stipulation.

Stipulations must be approved by the court.

If the case becomes contested, an additional filing fee must be paid to the court before it issues a final order.

Service:

The Plaintiff is responsible for making sure the other party receives a copy of the filed documents if there are no minor children. The court can assist in executing service but there is an extra service fee that is required to be paid at the time of filing.

There are a few ways to serve the other person in the case that is acceptable to the court: Acceptance of Service (form 400-00844) (no fee), First Class Mail with Notice of Action and Request for Waiver of Service of Summons (form 400-00820) (service fee is \$3.00), Certified Mail (service fee is \$13), Personal Service by sheriff, and Service by publication (fee varies-contact court staff for details).

Service must be completed within (30) days of filing and the Plaintiff must file proof of service and a Certificate of Service form (form 600-00264) with the clerk of the family division where the case is filed. If you have paid the appropriate fee to the court, service will be attempted based on the contact information you have provided, but you are responsible that service has occurred.

Information and forms are available at: <u>www.vermontjudiciary.org</u>