

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Unit

Case No. _____

| Plaintiff | Date Of Birth | Defendant | Date Of Birth |
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| | | V. | |

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT
AND COUNTERCLAIM**

I do not have an attorney and will represent myself. If I decide to be represented by an attorney in the future, my attorney will notify the court of the change.

In representing myself, I understand that I **MUST**:

1. **Notify the court in writing of any changes in my mailing address, phone number, or email address.**
2. **Give or send copies of any papers I file with the court to every other party in this case. If another party has an attorney, I will give or send copies to that party's attorney.**
3. **File a certificate of service with the court certifying that I have sent the papers I am filing (including this form) to all parties. I understand that I can find that form on the Vermont Judiciary website <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/> or at the courthouse.**

Court Notices and Orders

I understand that the court will send all notices and orders to me at the mailing address provided below.

Documents from Other Parties in the Case

I understand that the other parties in the case are required to provide me with a copy of all documents they file with the court. If I consent, the other parties may send me documents by email instead of by mail.

I consent to receive documents from the other parties at the email provided below:

☐ YES ☐ NO

My Mailing Address:

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (day): _____

Email Address: _____

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT
FOR DIVORCE, LEGAL SEPARATION, CIVIL UNION DISSOLUTION**

I am the Defendant in this case. This is my answer to the facts in the Plaintiff's Complaint: *(Please refer to the Plaintiff's Complaint and check whether you agree or disagree with the facts in each paragraph of the Complaint.)*

1. Residence

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. My Residence: | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |
| b. Plaintiff's Residence: | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |

2. Date and Place of Marriage or Civil Union: ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

3. Grounds for Divorce, Legal Separation, Dissolution: ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

4. Minor Children of the Parties ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

5. Facts Related to UCCJEA Jurisdiction: ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

6. Property, Assets and Debts: I have listed all of the property, assets and debts that my spouse and I own either jointly or solely that are known to me, in the Financial Affidavit that I am filing with this Answer. *(form 400-00813B)*

7. Public Assistance: ☐ Don't Know ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

**8. Earlier Actions for Divorce, Legal Separation,
Dissolution, or Annulment:** ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

9. Relief from Abuse or protective order proceedings ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

10. Military Status: ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree

If you disagree with any of the facts in Plaintiff's Complaint, please write the paragraph number below and state the facts you believe to be true:

(Attach additional pages if needed)

COUNTERCLAIM

Based on the facts stated above, I ask that the Family Court grant me: *(check each box that applies)*

- ☐ Decree of Divorce
- ☐ Decree of Legal Separation
- ☐ Decree of Dissolution
- ☐ Parental Rights and Responsibilities
 - Legal Parental Rights and Responsibilities:
 - ☐ Shared Jointly
 - ☐ Given Solely to: ☐ Myself ☐ Plaintiff
 - Physical Parental Rights and Responsibilities:
 - ☐ Shared Jointly
 - ☐ Given Solely to: ☐ Myself ☐ Plaintiff
- ☐ Parent Child Contact for ☐ Myself ☐ Plaintiff
- ☐ Child Support, Medical Support and/or Maintenance Supplement.
- ☐ Division of Property (divide our marital property, assets and debts).
- ☐ Spousal Maintenance (Alimony).
- ☐ Court costs.
- ☐ Attorney fees.
- ☐ Name change: I would like to resume my former name of _____.

Date

Signature Defendant

Printed Name