

1-DAY DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE

(We make it easy!)

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Dear

Here is the free information you requested about our self-help divorce service. The following information is from the book "How To Do Your Own Divorce in California" by Attorney Charles Sherman. This book is available for review at our office or you may purchase this book at your local book store.

Before You Get Started

Did you know that over 160,000 divorces are filed in California each year. Over 30% are done without a lawyer. The law says that you have the right to have an attorney represent you if you want one. No law says that you must have an attorney. In most divorces cases, if there is no legal battle you probably don't need an attorney. Our service will prepare for you and your spouse all the necessary documents you will need to complete your uncontested divorce from start to finish. We prepare and file all documents at the proper court and return all documents we file directly to you. Studies show that your active participation in settling your own divorce is the single most important factor in achieving a good divorce outcome. "Good outcome" means such things as better compliance with agreements and orders after the divorce, less post-divorce conflict, less post divorce litigation, more good will, and better co-parenting. This doesn't mean you shouldn't get advice and help from experts or use an attorney or a mediator, but it does mean that you should be actively involved, become informed, make your own decisions, be in charge of your case and run your own life. If you can't work things out, but you are not certain whether or not there will be actual legal opposition, you may decide to go ahead and start the case on your own. See what happens. If your spouse does get an attorney and files legal papers, then you can always hire an attorney to complete your case.

Some Things That Must Be Decided:

- That the marriage should be ended forever.
- How to divide any property and bills that you may have accumulated during the marriage .
- Whether or not there is to be spousal support.

If You Have Children, You Must Also Decide:

- How you will share the care and responsibility of raising the children.
- How much will be paid for child support.

What We Do And How Long Will It Take

What we prepare are uncontested divorces. We prepare and file all the required papers, according to your instruction, that are needed for you to complete your divorce from the beginning to end. This process usually is completed in 45 to 90 days. We can only help you if your spouse agrees with what you want from the divorce. If you are not sure if your spouse will agree, you may both make an office visit to discuss a settlement on all your marital issues. If your spouse won't cooperate, we can start your paperwork and wait to see if your spouse will contest your marital issues. If you would like your marital issues put into written form we can also prepare that for you, it is commonly called a Marital Settlement Agreement.

How To Get Started

We have enclosed our questionnaire should you decide to use our service. Return the questionnaire with the appropriate fee found on the following page. Do not enclose your filing fee until you receive your first set of papers from our office. No office visit is required throughout your divorce process. And if you both agree, usually no court appearance is required. We have helped many people save time and money throughout their divorce process and we hope to be able to help you.

What If I Have Questions

We are always available to answer any questions regarding your divorce paperwork, what we cannot do is give you legal advice. We give you your options and you must make the decisions. You can reach us by calling (805) 582-6172

Sincerely,

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1-Day Document Assistance is not a legal firm. We are not attorneys. We can only provide self-help assistance at your specific directions.

Basic Information: Some common questions and answers

How much will it cost to do my own dissolution?

The filing fees are set from time to time by law. Costs have now risen to about \$355 to file your own papers in the typical default case. If you decide to file the Appearance and Waiver form signed by your spouse, it will cost about an additional \$355, but there are other ways of serving notice on your spouse that can be accomplished for free or cheap. Add on a few dollars for photocopies and postage, and that's it. If you hire a lawyer, these charges will be added to the legal fee, so you will be paying them either way.

How long will it take?

Allow a few months. You can start the paperwork for getting your Judgment 31 days after notice is served on your spouse. Once you get the Judgment and it has been entered in the books by the Clerk, all orders are effective immediately *except* that the marriage bonds are not finally dissolved until at least six months after a notice was served on your spouse (or, in the case of a Summary Dissolution, six months after the Petition was filed). On the other hand, if you are in no hurry, you can take almost as long as you like to complete your divorce.

When can we remarry?

You are not free to remarry until after the Judgment has been *entered* and the date specified on it for termination of your marriage has passed, at least six months after the date you started your case. It is all right to wait longer. Take your time.

What if we reconcile?

Reconciliation is a state of mind which goes beyond merely dating or occasionally sleeping together. The question here is, what do you do about the dissolution if you are certain you no longer want a divorce? If no Response has been filed and no Judgment has been obtained, the case can be dismissed if Petitioner alone files a dismissal form. If there's been a Response, both parties have to sign. Even after the Judgment has been entered, the case can still be dismissed if *both* parties sign and file a dismissal form before the date your marital status actually ends.

What about those quick, cheap divorces from the Dominican Republic?

Divorces from a foreign country are generally valid in the U.S. if they are valid in the country that granted the divorce. However, in cases where neither of the spouses actually goes there to establish residency, such divorces will almost certainly be invalid in any U.S. court. Unless acting on the advice of a local attorney, don't waste your money on a phony piece of paper from a mail-order Dominican divorce scam.

What if the wife is pregnant?

An unborn child of the spouses *must* be mentioned in the Petition. Any child born to a married woman is presumed to be that of the husband. If they were cohabiting when it was conceived, and if the husband was not medically impotent or sterile, then the presumption is just short of conclusive. If there is or may be a dispute as to paternity, you may want to see an attorney.

Am I entitled to my spouse's income after separation?

No. That income and accumulations of either spouse after separation are their own separate property, whether or not any legal action has been filed, so long as the spouses live apart and do not intend to reunite. An exception would be retirement benefits from any plan earned, at least in part, during the marriage, or any income from community property assets, such as rent or interest.

Am I liable for my spouse's bills incurred after separation?

Generally, No, but to protect yourself, you should hurry up and get your Petition on file to establish your date of separation. You should also close all joint accounts, cancel joint credit cards, and notify creditors that are accustomed to extending credit to you jointly. Even then, you can be held liable for your spouse's debts incurred for the common necessities of life, unless you have a written waiver of support or have settled the matter of support in a court order.

Does divorce have tax consequences?

Yes. Almost every aspect of divorce could *possibly* have important tax consequences. Depending upon what property and income you have, and especially what support arrangements you make, you might be able to save a lot of money by seeing a tax expert, especially before making a marital settlement agreement. The tax rules are numerous and they change frequently, but fortunately there is an excellent little booklet that tells you everything you should know. And it is absolutely free. Simply call your local Internal Revenue Service office and ask for IRS Publication 504, Tax Information for Divorced or Separated Individuals.

Divorcing aliens:

Resident aliens who are divorced after less than two years of marriage are in danger of losing their resident status and they and their dependent children may be in danger of deportation. If you have this problem in your case, you should definitely consult an immigration attorney.

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All that we do is submitted and performed with the understanding that we are not engaged in rendering legal, accounting, or other such professional service. If legal advice or other expert assistance is required, the services of a person in those professions should be sought. The questions and information contained in this questionnaire should not be construed as giving legal advice. Our duty is to ask you the proper questions in order to get the information necessary to prepare documents for your divorce action. If you believe you need legal advice, we encourage you to consult with an attorney.

Important: Your spouse must be notified, (served with copies of your divorce action), in order for this proceeding to move forward in the courts. Therefore, it is very important that you determine his or her whereabouts. If his or her whereabouts are unknown to you we can still help you obtain your divorce. If you have any questions regarding this issue, call **1- 805- 297-4512**.

I have read and understand the above. I hereby instruct **1-DAY DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE** to use the information contained in the Questionnaire in the preparation of the documents necessary for filing: my divorce action. I hereby declare that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____

Signed: _____

P.S. When completing this questionnaire if you do not know the answer or you feel it is not relevant to your case leave it blank and we will contact you if we will need the information to complete your divorce.

IN A HURRY: Just complete questions 1,2,3,7,8,9,10,11,12,18, (29,32) and return those pages and we can get your divorce started immediately.

Mail or bring in completed form to 1-DAY DOCUMENT ASSISTANCE at

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Personal Information in the marriage of _____

Date: _____

There are _____ additional pages attached to this worksheet.

ABOUT THE MARRIAGE:

1. Date of Marriage: _____ Place of marriage: _____
city state
2. Date of Separation: _____ (When one of us left the marital bed or at least said the marriage was over)
3. I have resided in California for ___ years and in the County of _____ for ___ years.
My spouse resided in CA for ___ years and in the County of _____ for ___ years.
4. The divorce is desired by: _____ Husband _____ Wife
5. There are _____ children born or adopted into this marriage (further information below)
6. Description of any acts of harassment or violence:

ABOUT MYSELF:

7. Name: _____
8. Telephones: Home () _____
Work () _____ OK to phone at work? _____
Other () _____ OK to leave message? _____
9. Sex: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
10. Mailing address: _____
Street City State Zip
Residence address: _____
County of residence: _____ How long? _____
11. Former name(s): _____
12. _____ I do not wish a former name restored.
_____ I want my former name restored as follows: _____

23. _____ Spouse does not wish a former name restored.
_____ Spouse wants former name restored as follows: _____

24. Employer: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Days and times at work: _____

Length of this employment: _____ Approx. monthly gross pay: \$ _____

There is medical / dental coverage through spouse's employer:

_____ for me _____ for my spouse _____ for children Monthly cost: \$ _____

Spouse's Social Security number: _____

Cost of child care enabling spouse to work is \$ _____ per month.

25. Other sources of income: _____ Approx. amount per month: _____
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

26. Health problems for which special attention or care is necessary:

27. Other than our children, my spouse currently resides with:

Name	Age	Relationship to spouse
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Monetary arrangements:

28. Spouse's attorney is: _____
Address: _____



Continue only if you have children, property, debts, and/or agreements.

CHILDREN BORN OR ADOPTED INTO THIS MARRIAGE:

29. Name	Place of Birth (City /State)	M/F	Birth Date	Social Security #
1. _____	_____	_____	___/___/___	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	___/___/___	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	___/___/___	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	___/___/___	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	___/___/___	_____

There _____(is) _____ (is not) likely to any dispute about the paternity of any of the children.

For each child listed please give the residence of the minor child within the last five years.

Date(From/To)	Address	Living With	Relationship
1. ___/___ TO ___/___	_____	_____	_____
2. ___/___ TO ___/___	_____	_____	_____
3. ___/___ TO ___/___	_____	_____	_____
4. ___/___ TO ___/___	_____	_____	_____
5. ___/___ TO ___/___	_____	_____	_____

30. Special health care problems:

31. Income or property owned by any dependent children:

32. Custody and visitation of children:

a. is currently arranged and is working out as follows:

b. I want the judgment to order custody and visitation as follows:

c. I anticipate that there _____ (will) _____ (will not) be a dispute over custody and visitation.

d. Child support per child per month? \$ _____

Total child support per month? \$ _____ Start Date: ___/___/___

Payable on the 1st day of each month, or

Payable on the _____ day of each month, or

Payable on the _____ day and _____ day of each month.

33. Spousal support: No Yes Amount per month? \$ _____

Start date: ___/___/___

End date: No Yes ___/___/___

CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS:

34. ____ We are not yet separated.

____ We are separated but have no financial arrangements at this time.

____ We have separated and now live apart under the following financial arrangements:

Periodic payments (who pays, how much, for what, how often):

Direct payments (Mortgage, bills, et. cetera.)

Who pays	item	Amount	how often paid
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Other arrangements:

35. ____ We have made no written agreements and have no oral understandings.

____ We have a written agreement which is attached.

____ We have oral agreements or understandings as follows:

PENDING ISSUES AND QUESTIONS:

36. I foresee the following problems in dealing with my spouse (i.e., fear, distrust, dishonesty, unwillingness to compromise, using children as a weapon, violence, et. cetera):

37. I have some questions and issues I would like to explore, as follows:

38. I have already made some decisions about what outcome I would like with respect to property, children, support, or goals and conduct of this case, as follows:

ASSETS IN THE MARRIAGE OF _____

Date _____

There are ____ additional pages attached to this worksheet.

1. The family home:

____ We do not own and are not buying the family home. (skip to 2)

____ We own or are buying the family home, with an approximate market value of \$ _____

a. Address: _____
street city county state

b. Date of original purchase: _____

c. Title is now in name of: ____ Husband ____ Wife Other: _____

d. Title is held as: ____ Joint Tenants ____ Tenants in Common ____ Community Property
____ Other: _____

____ Title has been changed since we first acquired it as described here:

e. ____ We both agree that the house should be divided:

____ 50/50 ____ Other: _____

____ We disagree about the division of the house as follows:

____ There have been ____ oral ____ written understandings or agreements about ownership of the family home, or about reimbursement for money spent on purchase or improvements (give dates, and details):

f. The money for the down payment of \$ _____ was provided by:

	Amount	Source of funds (indicate if separate property used)
____ Our Joint Savings	_____	_____
____ Husband	_____	_____
____ Wife	_____	_____
____ Other	_____	_____

g. Money borrowed when home was first purchased:

	Amount	Original Balance	Current Balance
1. First Deed of Trust	_____	_____	_____
2. Second Deed of Trust	_____	_____	_____
Later Deeds of Trust	_____	_____	_____

h. ____ The home was never refinanced. ____ The home was refinanced on (date): _____

I. House payments during the marriage were made:

_____ entirely from the wages of either spouse.

_____ other, as follows (include payments from separate property of either spouse):

j. **Attach a copy of Grant Deeds for all properties.**

2. **Other real estate:**

_____ Neither spouse owns or is buying any other real estate. (Skip to 3)

_____ I or my spouse own the following types of other real estate.

(Type: R = rental, U = unimproved land, F = farm or ranch, C = commercial property)

	Type	Address	Date purchased	Purchase price	Current Value
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

	Amount & source of down pmt.	Balance owed on property	Title in name of H, W, Other	Amount of + or - cash flow per month
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. **Automobiles:**

	Registered to	Year	Make	Model	Amount owed	License #	Value
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. **Personal Property:** Identify items of special monetary or sentimental value, then lump the rest into general categories such as furniture, appliances, tools, garden equipment, hobby equipment, books, records, sports equipment, paintings, et. cetera.

	Description	Value	Amount owing	Who owns it? (H, W. Both, other)
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____	_____
e.	_____	_____	_____	_____
f.	_____	_____	_____	_____
g.	_____	_____	_____	_____
h.	_____	_____	_____	_____
i.	_____	_____	_____	_____
j.	_____	_____	_____	_____
k.	_____	_____	_____	_____
l.	_____	_____	_____	_____
m.	_____	_____	_____	_____
n.	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. **Cash accounts:** (Checking, saving, credit union, money market, T-bills, certificates of deposit)

In name of H, W, Other	Where held, Type of Acct.	Balance at separation	Balance now	Maturity date	Who controls it? H,W, Other
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- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

6. **Retirement Accounts:** (IRA or Keogh) held by either spouse

In name of H, W, Other	Institution and Branch	Type of Account	Approximate value / amount	Maturity date
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- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

7. **Securities:** (Mutual funds, bonds, limited partnerships, stocks) owned by either spouse

In name of H, W, Other	Broker (If applicable)	Description (include # of shares, % interest at separation)	Approximate net value
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- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

8. **Life Insurance Policies:** On either spouse or children

Company Policy #	Whole or Term?	Face Value	Cash Value	Beneficiary	Insured
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- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

9. **Pension, retirement or profit-sharing benefits:** In which either spouse *may* have an interest

In name of H or W	Company or Union	Location	Years in plan	Description, amount of benefits
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- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

10. **Business interests.** Describe any interest held by either spouse in any business, professional practice or corporation, giving approximate value of interest where possible.

11. Tax returns:

The last year for which we filed a joint return was _____.

There _____ is not tax refund currently due.

_____ is still a refund due, \$ _____ from the state, \$ _____ from the federal government. Monies owed for previous returns or for returns due to be filed in the next year are as follows: _____

12. Debts:

Creditor	Purpose	Balance at separation	Balance today
a. _____			
b. _____			
c. _____			
d. _____			
e. _____			

Part of debt incurred during marriage, before separation	Annual interest rate	Monthly payment	Written agreement?	Who has records?
a. _____				
b. _____				
c. _____				
d. _____				
e. _____				

13. Education & Training: If community funds were used for education or training of either spouse that substantially increased that spouse's earning capacity, indicate who for and how much.

14. Separate Property:

a. If any of the property listed above is separate, make a note in the left-hand margin HS for Husband's separate property, WS for Wife's separate property.

b. List below any other property or debt not listed above that you think is the separate property of either spouse.

Description	How was it acquired	Whose is it?
a. _____		
b. _____		
c. _____		
d. _____		
e. _____		
f. _____		

c. Note here community funds or property lost due to gambling. Give dates, amounts, and who lost it.

LEGAL DOCUMENT ASSISTANT
CONTRACT FOR SELF-HELP SERVICES

This is a contract between me, 1-Day Professional Document Services, LLC, and you, _____, for the self-help services described in Part I below. I am the "legal document assistant" and you are the "client."

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. You should read and understand this entire contract before you sign it. You should understand the kinds of services that I can and cannot perform for you (see Part I below).
2. **I am not an attorney. I cannot perform the legal services that an attorney performs. I cannot engage in the practice of law.**
3. **The county clerk has not evaluated or approved my knowledge or experience, or the quality of my work.**
4. I cannot keep your original documents if you request that I return them to you. I cannot keep your original documents if you and I do not sign this contract or if this contract terminates (ends) for any reason. I cannot keep your original documents after all of the contract services have been provided (see Part I below). It is a violation of California law if I keep your original documents under any of these circumstances.
5. It is a violation of California law if I make any false or misleading statement to you.
6. I cannot obtain special favors from, and I do not have any special influence with, any court or any state or federal agency.
7. As required by law, I have filed a bond or made a cash deposit and have registered as a legal document assistant in Ventura County where I will perform services on your behalf.

I. SELF-HELP SERVICES

Kinds of services that I can perform for you: I can perform the following self-help services for you in connection with a legal matter in which you are representing yourself: I can type or otherwise complete, as you specifically direct, legal documents that you have selected. I can provide you general published factual information that was written or approved by an attorney, to help you represent yourself. I can provide you published legal documents. I can file and serve legal forms and documents as you specifically direct.

These are the only kinds of services that I can perform for you. I cannot provide you any service if you need additional services, then you require the services of an attorney.

Kinds of services that I cannot perform for you: I cannot provide you any self-help service unless you are representing yourself in a legal matter and the self-help service relates to that legal matter.

I cannot engage in the practice of law. This means that I cannot give you any kind of advice, explanation, opinion or recommendation about possible legal rights, remedies, defenses, strategies or options that you may have. I cannot give you any advice, explanation, opinion or recommendation regarding selection of forms.

I will provide you all the following services (list all services for which the client is being charged):

- DOCUMENT PREPARATION DIVORCE NO AGREEMENT
- DOCUMENT PREPARATION DIVORCE WITH AN AGREEMENT
- Other: _____

You are paying me only for those services listed above and no others. It is unlawful for me to make any guarantee or promise to you unless it is written in this contract and unless I have a factual basis for making the guarantee or promise.

II. FEES AND EXPENSES

You agree to pay me the following fees, costs and expenses:

A flat fee in the total amount of \$_____ for all services, costs and expenses, to be paid as follows (itemize services, costs and expenses and state terms of payment):

- Document Preparation of Dissolution of Marriage no agreement: \$295.00
- Document Preparation of Dissolution of Marriage with an agreement: \$495.00
- Courier Service: \$45.00
- Other: _____ \$ _____

III. CANCELLATION

You may cancel this contract for any reason within 24 hours after we both have signed it.

If you cancel the contract, I must immediately refund any fees which you have paid me. The only fees that I may keep are fees for services which I have actually, necessarily and reasonably performed on your behalf during the 24-hour period. I cannot keep any fees for services performed during the 24 hour period unless you knew that I would perform those services and you agreed in this contract that I would perform them.

To cancel this contract, send me a written notice stating that you are canceling the contract. Mail the notice by first-class mail with the correct postage, and send it to me at my address (see Part V below). Cancellation takes effect on the date of the postmark on the notice. You can also cancel this contract by delivering a written notice of cancellation to my address within the 24-hour period.

You may also cancel this contract at any time if I:

Fail to give you a copy of this contract before providing any services to you, or Fail to specify in the contract the services which I will perform and the costs of those services, or Fail to give you a copy of the contract in English and in any other language that you understand and that was principally used in any oral sales presentation or negotiation leading to execution of the contract.

If you cancel this contract for any of these reasons, I must immediately refund in full any fees which you have paid me. You may also cancel this contract at any time if you have legal cause.

IV. ATTORNEY’S FEES AND COSTS

In the event of suit or damages arising from this contract or to enforce any of its provisions, the court may award the prevailing party his or her reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.

V. DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES

Business name: 1-Day Professional Document Services, LLC
 Street address of business: 4354 Eileen Street
 City, State, ZIP: Simi Valley, California 93063
 Telephone number: (805) 297-4512
 Fax number (if any): (805) 512-7829
 Registration number in county where services will be provided: #033 Date of expiration: 07-07-2010;
 County: Ventura
 I have filed a bond or made a cash deposit in the following counties: Ventura

