



## ROADMAP TO ONE DAY DIVORCE

### WHAT IS ONE DAY DIVORCE?

- One Day Divorce assists self-representing parties with a divorce case in Sacramento County to finish the case and obtain a judgment in one day. Volunteers will help participants prepare all necessary forms to obtain a Final Judgment. After completing this process, participants will go before a judge that day to receive their final Judgment.
- This Roadmap can be used to help you complete all the steps to obtain a divorce Judgment through the One Day Divorce program. To qualify, you *must* complete all required steps.

#### **STEP 1: Initial Filings**

- **PETITIONER:** Start your case by completing, copying, and filing a Petition (FL-100), Summons (FL-110), and UCCJEA Declaration (FL-105) (if you have minor children). You can download “How to Start a Dissolution (Step 1) Packet” on the Court’s website.
  - The clerk will stamp each form, keep the original, and return the stamped copies to you. One copy is for your records and the other is to serve on your spouse.
- **RESPONDENT:** If you have been served with divorce paperwork and you wish to be an active participant in the case, your first step is to complete a Response (FL-120). You can download “How to Serve and File a Response Packet” on the Court’s website.
  - A Response is not required. If you agree with what the Petitioner requests, you may choose not to respond. It will be up to the Petitioner to finish the case. If you do not respond, you will not be able to participate in the One Day Divorce program, but your spouse may be able to participate alone.

#### **STEP 2: Serve Your Spouse**

- **PETITIONER:** Once your forms are filed, you must then have your spouse served by someone other than you who is over 18 years old. You can download “Step 2: Service Packet” and “Documents to be Served on your Spouse Packet” on the Court’s website.
  - Once your spouse has been served, have your server complete and sign a Proof of Service of Summons (FL-115). File it with the Court.
- **RESPONDENT:** If you choose to file a Response, a copy must first be served on your spouse by someone other than you who is over 18 years old. It can be served by mail.
  - Once your spouse has been served, have your server complete and sign a Proof of Service By Mail (FL-335). File it with the Court along with your Response.

#### **STEP 3: Declarations of Disclosure (Preliminary and Final)**

- Each party that appears in the case **MUST** complete this step even if you have no property/income or have agreed on how to divide your assets/debts.
- You can download the “Financial Disclosures Packet” on the Court’s website.
- Have your spouse served with copies of all of your completed forms and other required documents.

- Only the Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure (FL-141) must be filed with the Court. This form lets the Court know that you have made the required disclosure to your spouse.

**STEP 4: Determine Eligibility**

➤ **Income Requirements**

- **PETITIONER:** You must check to see if your income meets the eligibility requirements. You can access the income requirements through the [saccourt.ca.gov](http://saccourt.ca.gov) website or by scanning this QR code. If you are income eligible and have not filed an "Income and Expense Declaration" in the past four months, you must complete and file one with the Court before requesting an appointment.
- **RESPONDENT:** If you choose to file a Response, you also must check that your income qualifies. You can access the income requirements through the [saccourt.ca.gov](http://saccourt.ca.gov) website or by scanning this QR code. If you are income eligible and have not filed an "Income and Expense Declaration" in the past four months, you must complete and file one with the Court before requesting an appointment.



➤ **Domestic Violence**

- **PETITIONER:** If the Respondent has not filed a Response, you can participate in One Day Divorce, even if there is a history of Domestic Violence. If the Respondent has filed a Response and there is a history of Domestic Violence, you cannot participate in One Day Divorce.
- **RESPONDENT:** If you filed a Response and there is a history of Domestic Violence, you cannot participate in One Day Divorce.

➤ **Participation**

- If Respondent has not filed a response, only the Petitioner may participate.
- If Respondent has filed a response, both the Petitioner and Respondent must participate.

**Step 5: Requesting a One Day Divorce Program Appointment**

- Once you have completed all of the above steps, contact us through e-Correspondence to request a One Day Divorce Appointment. You can access e-Correspondence through [saccourt.ca.gov](http://saccourt.ca.gov) or by scanning this QR Code. Clinics are held on the second Friday of each month by appointment only.



**STEP 6: Complete One Day Divorce**

- Once you have an appointment, bring your appointment notice to the Clinic at the time and place listed on the appointment notice.
- After attending the clinic, your Notice of Entry of Judgment will be mailed to you.
- You are returned to single status as of the date on the Notice of Entry of Judgment.

**STEP 7: Things To Do After Divorce Judgment Finalized**

- After your Judgment is entered, remember to change the beneficiaries on your insurance; update your will or trust; change titles pursuant to any orders in the Judgment; and change your name with any other agencies (e.g., DMV, Social Security), if applicable.
- You may need a certified copy of your Judgment from the Court to complete these steps.