

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department

Division \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

Complaint For Divorce

\_\_\_\_\_, Plaintiff

v.

\_\_\_\_\_, Defendant

1. Plaintiff, who resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street and No.) (City or Town) (County) (State) (Zip)  
was lawfully married to the defendant who now resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street and No.)  
(City or Town) (County) (State) (Zip)

2. The parties were married at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
and last lived together at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

3. The minor child \_\_\_\_\_ of this marriage, and date(s) of birth is/are:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Plaintiff certifies that no previous action for divorce, annulling or affirming marriage, separate support, desertion, living apart for justifiable cause, or custody of child \_\_\_\_\_ has been brought by either party against the other except:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. On or about \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_, the defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court:  
 grant a divorce for \_\_\_\_\_  
 prohibit defendant from imposing any restraint on plaintiff's personal liberty  
 grant him/her custody of the above-named child \_\_\_\_\_  
 order a suitable amount for support of the plaintiff and said minor child \_\_\_\_\_  
 order conveyance of the real estate located at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ standing in the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as recorded with \_\_\_\_\_  
Registry of Deeds, Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_  
 allow plaintiff to resume her former name of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney or Plaintiff, if pro se

Print name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

## Complaint For Divorce

For Plaintiff:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

For Defendant:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Judgment \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Temporary Orders \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Documents filed:

Marriage Certificate

Plaintiff's Financial Statement

Defendant's Financial Statement

Service on Summons

Affidavit Disclosing Care or  
Custody Proceedings

### Instructions

Refer to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 208 and Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedure.

- 1) A certified copy of your civil marriage certificate must be filed with this Complaint.
- 2) Recite street address, city or town, and county in paragraphs one and two; city or town and county or state in paragraph five.
- 3) In completing paragraph four, please provide only the docket number and county.
- 4) The allegations in paragraph five must comply with General Laws Chapter 208, Section 1 and 2 and Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedure Rule 8.
- 5) Affidavit Disclosing Care or Custody Proceedings must be filed with this complaint pursuant to Trial Court Rule IV identifying the minor child(ren) of this marriage.
- 6) All requests for temporary relief must be made by motion, although several prayers may be contained in one. For temporary restraining orders see Mass. R. Dom. Rel. P. Rule 65, affidavit requirement.
- 7) If attachment or trustee process is desired, a motion with affidavit must be filed. A certificate of insurance is normally not required in domestic relations cases. See Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedures Rules 4.1 and 4.2.
- 8) Plaintiff must sign this Complaint if appearing pro se; otherwise plaintiff's attorney must sign and give his/her address in the space provided.