

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department

Division \_\_\_\_\_

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

Complaint For Separate Support

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

v.

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

1. Plaintiff, who resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
(City of Town) (County) (State)  
is the spouse of the defendant, who now resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(County) (State)

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

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

4. Plaintiff:  
 is not, without justifiable cause, being provided with suitable support by defendant  
 has been deserted by defendant  
 is actually living apart from defendant for justifiable cause, to wit:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
 has justifiable cause for living apart, to wit:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court:  
 establish that such living apart from the defendant is for justifiable cause on h \_\_\_\_\_ part  
 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 a conveyance of the real estate located at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ standing in the name of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as recorded with \_\_\_\_\_  
Registry of Deeds, Bk. \_\_\_\_\_ Pg. \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney's B.B.O.# \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff's Signature if *Pro Se* \_\_\_\_\_

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For Plaintiff:

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tel No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

For Defendant:

Documents filed:

Marriage Certificate

Plaintiff's Financial Statement

Defendant's Financial Statement

Service on Summons

Child Support Guidelines Worksheet

Affidavit Disclosing Care or  
Custody Proceedings

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

B.B.O. # \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Refer to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 209 and Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedures.

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.
3. The allegations in paragraph four must comply with General Laws Chapter 209, Section 32 and Massachusetts Rules of Domestic Relations Procedure Rule 8.
4. 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. Rule 65, affidavit requirement.
5. 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 Procedure Rule 4.1 and 4.2.
6. Plaintiff must sign this Complaint if appearing pro se; otherwise plaintiff's attorney must sign and give his address and B.B.O. number in the space provided.