



The Divorce Process

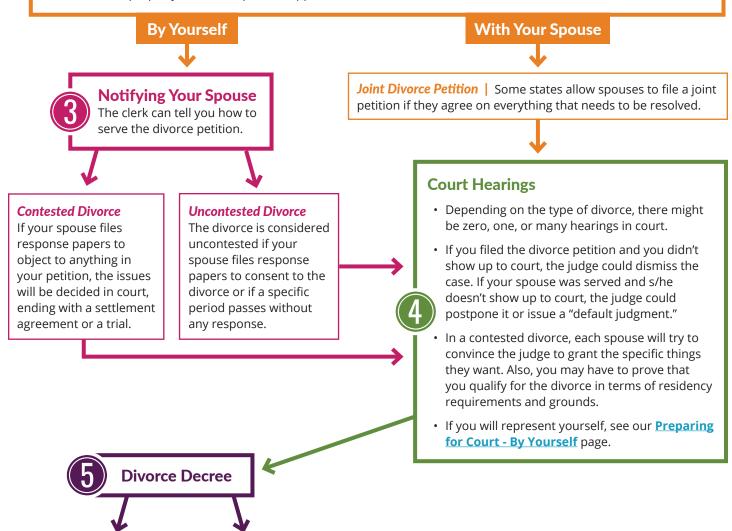


Qualify for a Divorce | To get divorced, you or your spouse must live in the state for a certain amount of time. Also, one of the state's legal reasons (grounds) for getting a divorce must fit your situation. Read the specific <u>requirements in your state</u> on our Divorce page.

File the Divorce Petition



- If you are filing without a lawyer, you can usually find the petition at the courthouse, or it might be available online.
- The person who files must pay a filing fee unless s/he qualifies for a fee waiver.
- Make sure to include all the issues that need to be resolved on your petition, such as custody, child support, division of property and debt, spousal support, etc.



By Agreement

Read it thoroughly to make sure it's accurate.

After a Trial

If you disagree with the judge's decision, talk to a lawyer to see if you can file a **motion for reconsideration or an appeal**.