

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (No Children)

HEADING

- Choose the county in the drop down box below the first blank. This is where your spouse filed the Complaint.
- Enter your spouse's first, middle, and last names. Your spouse is the plaintiff.
- Enter your first, middle, and last names. You are the defendant.
- The clerk of the district court gave your spouse a case number when the Complaint was filed. You must include the case number on any papers you file.

a. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF _____ COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Choose the county

b. _____, Plaintiff,

Case No. **d.** _____

vs.

c. _____, Defendant.

ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILDREN)

ANSWER

This paragraph does not have a number.

- Enter your full name.

a. _____ COMES NOW, _____, the defendant in the
(your full name)

The numbers below give instructions for completing the paragraphs with the same numbers in the Answer to Complaint for Dissolution of Marriage.

Paragraph 1. Enter the paragraph numbers, separated by commas, from the Complaint with which you agree.

1. Admits Paragraph(s) _____ of the Complaint. _____
(paragraph number(s) with which you agree)

Paragraph 2. Enter the paragraph numbers, separated by commas, from the Complaint with which you do not agree.

2. Denies Paragraph(s) _____ of the Complaint. _____
(paragraph number(s) with which you disagree)

COUNTERCLAIM

This paragraph does not have a number.

- Enter your full name in the first paragraph.

b. I, _____, the defendant in the
(your full name)

The numbers below give instructions for completing the paragraphs with the same numbers in the Counterclaim.

Paragraph 1. Enter your complete address, including street number, city, county, and state. If you do not want your spouse to know your exact address because you are concerned about your safety, you can put only the county and state where you are living.

1. 1. I live at _____
(your street address: if confidential under Nebraska or Federal law, enter county and state only and provide an alternative address for mailing of notice)

in _____
(city, county, and state where you live)

Paragraph 2. Enter your spouse's complete address, including street number, city, county, and state.

2. My spouse's address is _____,
(spouse's street address)
in _____.
(city, county and state where spouse lives)

Paragraph 4. Enter the name of the county where this divorce action was filed. Either you or your spouse must be living in this county at the time of filing.

4. At the time this action was filed, either my spouse or I was living in _____
County, Nebraska.

Paragraph 5. Enter the date you were married and the city and state where you were married.

5. We were lawfully married on _____ in _____
(date of marriage)

(city and state of marriage)

Paragraph 12. If you are requesting that your former name be restored, enter the first, middle, and last names you would like to use. If you are not requesting that your former name be restored to you, cross out this paragraph.

12. I wish my former name, _____,
(former or maiden name, including first, middle and last names)

Paragraph 14. To complete this paragraph, you must check the box that applies. If there are no existing restraining, protection, or criminal no-contact orders, check the first box. If there are any such orders, check the second box and supply the required information.

14. Check the box that applies:

There are no existing restraining orders, protection orders, or criminal no-contact orders regarding either party.

OR

There are one or more existing restraining orders, protection orders, or criminal no-contact orders regarding one or more of the parties. Details are as follows:

In (a), check the blank beside the type of order in existence. If more than one order is in existence, check all blanks that apply.

(a) Type of order: restraining; protection;
 criminal no-contact.

In (b), provide the name of the court (i.e., Lancaster County District Court), the case number, and the date the order was entered for **each** order in existence.

(b) Name of court, case number, and date of order for each order:

(name of court, case number and date of each order)

CLOSING PARAGRAPH

If you are requesting that your former name be restored, in "C", enter the complete former name to be restored including first, middle, and last names. If you are not requesting that your former name be restored to you, cross out this paragraph.

C. Restore to me my former name of _____
(former or maiden name, including first, middle and last names)

FINAL SIGNATURE

- a. On the first line sign your first, middle, and last names.
- b. Enter the date.
- c. Print your first, middle, and last names.
- d. Enter your full street address.
- e. Enter your city, state, and ZIP code.
- f. Enter your telephone number, including the area code.
- g. Enter your email address, if any.

a. Signature: _____ Date: _____ b.

c. Printed Name: _____ d.

(of defendant) _____ e.

Street Address/P.O. Box: _____

f. City/State/ZIP Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ g.

*Email address: _____

- h. Carefully read the statement.
 - i. Check the box if you do not have the ability to receive emails.
 - ii. You must give the reason you don't have the ability to receive emails on the line provided.

i. *Nebraska Supreme Court Rule § 2-208 requires individuals who are not attorneys and representing themselves to provide their email address. The court will use the email address to send notices from the court about this case **except** for items that require another type of service as directed by statute or Nebraska Supreme Court Rule.

If you no longer have email capability or if your email or other contact information changes, you must complete a [Change of Contact Information Form](#).

ii. By checking this box, I am letting the court know that I do not have the ability to receive emails. The reason I cannot receive email is: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

- a. Enter the date when you mailed the copy of the Answer and Counterclaim for Dissolution of Marriage to your spouse.
- b. Enter the full address, including the street address, city, state and ZIP code where you mailed the Answer and Counterclaim to your spouse.
- c. Sign your name.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

a. I hereby certify that on _____, a true copy of the
(date)
foregoing Answer and Counterclaim for Dissolution of Marriage was sent by
first-class mail, postage prepaid, to my spouse at _____
(spouse's address, including street address, city, state, and ZIP code)

_____ (your name)

b.

c.

The diagram illustrates the mapping between the instructions and the form fields. A box labeled 'a.' has a red arrow pointing to the date field. A box labeled 'b.' has a red arrow pointing to the spouse's address field. A box labeled 'c.' has a red arrow pointing to the signature line.