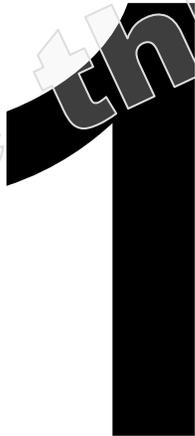


**LEGAL SEPARATION
WITHOUT MINOR
CHILDREN
For Petitioner Only**

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To File for Legal Separation

Part 1: Petition and First Court Papers
(Forms Packet)

SELF-SERVICE CENTER

TO FILE FOR LEGAL SEPARATION WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN

Part 1: Petition and First Court Papers (Forms Only)

This packet contains court forms and instructions to file to file for legal separation without minor children. Items in **BOLD** are forms that you will need to file with the Court. Non-bold items are instructions or procedures. Do not copy or file those pages!

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PETITION AND PAPERS FOR LEGAL SEPARATION
WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN

CHECKLIST

You may use the forms and instructions in this packet if:

- ✓ You want to file for legal separation because:
 - ✓ You and your spouse desire to live separate and apart, **or**
 - ✓ Your marriage is irretrievably broken (can't be fixed) **but** you are **not** ready to file for divorce;

(Note: You do not have to file for legal separation before filing for divorce); **AND**

Warning: If *the other party* does not want a Legal Separation, the Court may change the Petition for Legal Separation into a Petition for Divorce if you and/or your spouse have lived in Arizona for the last 90 days prior to filing the Petition for Legal Separation.

- ✓ You do **not** have a “covenant” marriage, or since you were married you have **not** agreed to change your marriage to a “covenant” marriage (These papers will **not** work for a covenant marriage).*
- ✓ You and your spouse do **not** have minor children with each other AND the wife is not pregnant by the husband, (There are separate forms and instructions for legal separation *with children*, **AND**
- ✓ You or your spouse either live in Arizona or are a member of the armed services and stationed in Arizona, **AND**
- ✓ You or your spouse have tried to make your marriage work, or have tried to resolve the issues related to the legal separation through Conciliation Court, or there is no point in trying to because the marriage is over and conciliation will not help.

***What is a “Covenant Marriage”?** To have a covenant marriage, **both** husband and wife would have had to:

1. sign papers (essentially a contract) requesting a covenant marriage;
2. attend pre-marital counseling; **AND**
3. your marriage license would say “Covenant Marriage.”

If you were married *before* August 21, 1998 and have not signed papers to *convert* your marriage to a covenant marriage, you do *not* have a covenant marriage.

See A.R.S. §25-904 for requirements for legal separation for a covenant marriage. If you still have questions about whether you have a covenant marriage, see a lawyer for help.

READ ME: Consulting a lawyer before filing documents with the court may help prevent unexpected results. A list of lawyers you may hire to advise you on handling your own case or to perform specific tasks, as well as a list of court-approved mediators can be found on the Self-Service Center website

Person Filing: _____
 Address (if not protected): _____
 City, State, Zip Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 ATLAS Number: _____
 Lawyer's Bar Number: _____



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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

_____ Petitioner	Case No. _____ ATLAS No. _____ FAMILY COURT /SENSITIVE DATA COVERSHEET WITHOUT CHILDREN (CONFIDENTIAL RECORD)
_____ Respondent	

Fill out. File with Clerk of Court. Social Security Numbers should appear on this form only and should be omitted from other court forms. Access Confidential pursuant to ARFLAP 43(G)(1).

A. Personal Information:	Petitioner	Respondent
Name	_____	_____
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male or <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male or <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)	_____	_____
Social Security Number	_____	_____

**WARNING: DO NOT INCLUDE MAILING ADDRESS ON THIS FORM
 IF REQUESTING ADDRESS PROTECTION**

Mailing Address	_____	_____
City, State, Zip Code	_____	_____
Contact Phone	_____	_____
Email Address	_____	_____
Current Employer Name	_____	_____
Employer Address	_____	_____
Employer City, State, Zip Code	_____	_____
Employer Telephone Number	_____	_____
Employer Fax Number	_____	_____

B. Type of Case being filed - Check only one category. <i>*Check only if no other category applies</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Dissolution (Divorce) <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Separation <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Protection <input type="checkbox"/> Other*	Interpreter Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what language(s)? _____ _____
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Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
ATLAS Number: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____



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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Name of Petitioner

Case No.: _____

And

SUMMONS

Name of Respondent

**WARNING: This is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this carefully.
If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.**

FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO: _____
Name of Respondent

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other court papers are served on you with this *"Summons"*.
2. If you do not want a judgment or order taken against you without your input, you must file an *"Answer"* or a *"Response"* in writing with the court, and pay the filing fee. If you do not file an *"Answer"* or *"Response"* the other party may be given the relief requested in his/her Petition or Complaint. To file your *"Answer"* or *"Response"* take, or send, the *"Answer"* or *"Response"* to the:

- Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 201 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2205
OR
- Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 18380 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032 *OR*
- Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 222 East Javelina Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210-6201 *OR*
- Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 14264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona, 85374.

Mail a copy of your *"Response"* or *"Answer"* to the other party at the address listed on the top of this Summons.

3. If this “*Summons*” and the other court papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff, within the State of Arizona, your “*Response*” or “*Answer*” must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. If this “*Summons*” and the other papers were served on you by a registered process server or the Sheriff outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS from the date you were served, not counting the day you were served. Service by a registered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication.
4. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address listed at the top of the preceding page, from the Clerk of the Superior Court’s Customer Service Center at:
 - 601 West Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona 85003
 - 18380 North 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85032
 - 222 East Javelina Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85210
 - 14264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona, 85374.
5. If this is an action for dissolution (divorce), legal separation or annulment, either or both spouses may file a *Petition for Conciliation* for the purpose of determining whether there is any mutual interest in preserving the marriage or for Mediation to attempt to settle disputes concerning legal decision-making (custody) and parenting time issues regarding minor children.
6. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case, at least ten (10) judicial days before your scheduled court date.
7. Requests for an interpreter for persons with limited English proficiency must be made to the office of the judge or commissioner assigned to the case at least ten (10) judicial days in advance of your scheduled court date.

SIGNED AND SEALED this date

MICHAEL JEANES, CLERK OF COURT

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
ATLAS Number: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Name of Petitioner

Case Number: _____

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

AND

Name of Respondent

WARNING: This is an official Order from the court. It affects your rights. Read this Order immediately and carefully. If you do not understand it, contact a lawyer for help.

Your spouse has filed a ***"Petition for Dissolution"*** (Divorce) or ***"Petition for Annulment"*** or ***"Petition for Legal Separation"*** with the court. This Order is made at the direction of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County. This Order has the same force and effect as any order signed by the judge. You and your spouse **must** obey this Order. This Order may be enforced by any remedy available under the law, including an ***"Order of Contempt of Court."*** To help you understand this Order, we have provided this explanation. Read the explanation and then read the statute itself. **If you have any questions, you should contact a lawyer for help.**

EXPLANATION: (What does this Order mean to you?)

- ACTIONS FORBIDDEN BY THIS ORDER:** From the time the ***"Petition for Dissolution"*** (Divorce) or ***"Petition for Annulment"*** or ***"Petition for Legal Separation"*** is filed with the court, until the judge signs the Decree, or until further order of the court, both the Petitioner and the Respondent **shall not** do any of the following things:
 - ✓ You may **not** hide earnings or community property from your spouse, **AND**
 - ✓ You may **not** take out a loan on the community property, **AND**
 - ✓ You may **not** sell the community property or give it away to someone, **UNLESS** you have the written permission of your spouse or written permission from the court. The law allows for situations in which you may need to transfer joint or community property as part of the everyday running of a business, or if the sale of community property is necessary to meet necessities of life, such as food, shelter, or clothing, or court fees and attorney fees associated with this action. If this applies to you, you should see a lawyer for help, **AND**
 - ✓ Do **not** harass or bother your spouse or the children, **AND**
 - ✓ Do **not** physically abuse or threaten your spouse or the children, **AND**
 - ✓ Do **not** take the minor children, common to your marriage, out of the State of Arizona for any reasons, without a written agreement between you and your spouse or a Court Order, **before** you take the minor children out of the State.
 - ✓ Do **not** remove, or cause to be removed, the other party or the minor children of the parties from any existing insurance coverage, including medical, hospital, dental, automobile and disability insurance. Both parties shall maintain all insurance coverage in full force and effect.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS: Arizona Law, A.R.S. §25-315(A) provides:

- 1(a). **RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY OF THE MARRIAGE:** That both parties are enjoined from transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling, or otherwise disposing of any of the joint, common or community property of the parties, **except** if related to the usual course of business, the necessities of life, or court fees and reasonable attorney fees associated with an action filed under this article, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.
- 1(b). **REQUIREMENTS OF BEHAVIOR:** That both parties are enjoined from molesting, harassing, disturbing the peace, or committing an assault or battery on, the person of the other party or any natural or adopted child of the parties.
- 1(c). **RESTRICTIONS ABOUT YOUR MINOR CHILDREN:** That both parties are enjoined from removing any natural or adopted minor child(ren) of the parties, then residing in Arizona, from the jurisdiction of the court without the prior written consent of the parties or the permission of the court.
- 1(d). **RESTRICTIONS ABOUT INSURANCE:** That both parties are enjoined from removing, or causing to be removed, the other party or the minor children of the parties from any existing insurance coverage, including medical, hospital, dental, automobile and disability insurance. Both parties shall maintain all insurance coverage in full force and effect.
- 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDER:** This Order is effective against the person who filed for divorce, annulment, or legal separation (the Petitioner) when the Petition was filed with the court. It is effective against the other party (the Respondent) when it is served on the other party, or on actual notice of the Order, whichever is sooner. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the court, or the entry of a Decree of Dissolution, Annulment, or Legal Separation.
- 3. **ORDER TO PETITIONER:** You **must** serve a copy of this Order upon the Respondent, along with a copy of the Petition for Dissolution, Annulment or Legal Separation, the Summons, and other required court papers.
- 4. **WARNING:** This is an official Court Order. If you disobey this Order, the court may find you in contempt of court. You may also be arrested and prosecuted for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed by disobeying this Order.
- 5. **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** You or your spouse may file a certified copy of this Order with your local law enforcement agency. You may obtain a certified copy from the Clerk of the Court that issues this Order. If any changes are made to this Order and you have filed a certified copy of this Order with your local law enforcement agency, you **must** notify them of the changes.
- 6. **DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTIES:**

Petitioner:

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female
 Height: _____ Weight: _____
 Driver's License (last 4 nos.) _____
 Date of Birth: _____

Respondent:

Name: _____ Gender: Male Female
 Height: _____ Weight: _____
 Driver's License (last 4 nos.) _____
 Date of Birth: _____

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE COURT this _____ day of _____, _____.

Clerk of the Superior Court

By: _____, Deputy Clerk

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
ATLAS Number: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____



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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY

Name of Petitioner

Case Number: _____

AND

PETITION FOR LEGAL SEPARATION WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN

Name of Respondent

STATEMENTS MADE TO THE COURT, UNDER OATH:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. INFORMATION ABOUT ME, THE PETITIONER

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Job Title: _____

I have lived in Arizona for _____ years and/or _____ months in a row.

2. INFORMATION ABOUT, MY SPOUSE, THE RESPONDENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Job Title: _____

Respondent has lived in Arizona for _____ years and/or _____ months in a row.

3. INFORMATION ABOUT MY MARRIAGE:

Date of Marriage: _____

City and state, or country where we were married: _____

4. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: When I file this document with the Court, either I or my spouse live, or are stationed while a member of the Armed Forces, in Arizona.

(WARNING: If this statement is not true, you cannot file for legal separation until it becomes true.)

5. DESIRE TO LIVE SEPARATE AND APART. My marriage is irretrievably broken (my marriage is over) or I and/or my spouse desire to live separate and apart. (This must be a true statement or you cannot file for a Petition for Legal Separation.)

6. PREGNANCY. Wife is **not** pregnant.

7. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT (ALIMONY). (Check the boxes that apply to you):

Neither party is entitled to Spousal Maintenance/Support (alimony), **OR**

Petitioner **OR** Respondent is entitled to Spousal Maintenance/Support because: (Check one or more of the box(es) below that apply. At least one reason must apply to get spousal maintenance/support.)

Person lacks sufficient property to provide for his or her reasonable needs;

Person is unable to support him or herself through appropriate employment;

Person lacks earning ability in the labor market adequate to support himself or herself; and/or,

Person contributed to the educational opportunities of the other spouse or had a marriage of long duration and is now of an age that precludes the possibility of gaining employment adequate to support him or herself.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY AND DEBTS:

8(a) PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING THE MARRIAGE: (Check one box)

My spouse and I did not acquire community property during the marriage, OR

My spouse and I acquired community property during our marriage, and we should divide it as follows: (List the property and the value of the property, and check the box to tell the Court who should get the property.)

WARNING: You must be specific. You must describe the property that should go to you and then check the box, and describe the property that should go to your spouse, and check the box. For example, under household furnishing you could say, blue and white living room sofa, and then check the box to say whether it should go to you or to your spouse. Never list an item and then check both the Petitioner box and the Respondent box.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY / VALUE OF PROPERTY:	You, (Petitioner)	Your Spouse (Respondent)	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate at: _____ Legal Description: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Real estate at: _____ Legal Description: _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Household furniture and appliances: _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Household furnishings: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other items: _____ _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____

	You, (Petitioner)	Your Spouse, (Respondent)	Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Pension/retirement fund/profit sharing/stock plan/401K:			
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
 <input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicles:			
Make _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Model _____ Year _____			
VIN _____			
Lien Holder _____			
 Make _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Model _____ Year _____			
VIN _____			
Lien Holder _____			

8(b) PROPERTY ACQUIRED BEFORE MARRIAGE. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- I do not have any property that I brought into the marriage (separate property).
- My spouse, the Respondent does not have any property that he or she brought into the marriage. (separate property).
- I have property that I brought into the marriage (separate property). I want this property awarded to me as described below.
- My spouse, the Respondent, has property that he or she brought into the marriage. I want this property awarded to my spouse as described below.

Separate Property: (List the property and the value of the property, and check the box to tell the Court who should get the property.)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY/ VALUE OF PROPERTY	You, (Petitioner)	Your Spouse, (Respondent)	Value
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

9(a) DEBTS INCURRED DURING THE MARRIAGE: (check one box)

- My spouse and I did not incur any community debts during the marriage, **OR**
- We should divide the responsibility for the community debts incurred during the marriage as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT/ AMOUNT OF DEBT:	You, (Petitioner)	Your Spouse, (Respondent)	Amount
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

9(b) SEPARATE DEBTS. (Check all boxes that apply.)

- My spouse and I do not have any debts that were incurred prior to the marriage, **OR**
- I have separate debt that I incurred prior to the marriage which should be paid by me as described below:
- My spouse has separate debt that he or she incurred prior to the marriage which should be paid by my spouse as described below:

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT/ AMOUNT OF DEBT:	You, (Petitioner)	Your Spouse (Respondent)	
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____

10. TAX RETURNS: After the Judge or Commissioner signs the Order of Legal Separation, the parties will file state and federal taxes as follows:

11. WRITTEN AGREEMENT. CHECK ONLY IF TRUE:

My spouse and I have a written agreement signed by both of us about the maintenance of a spouse, and division of property/debt, and I have attached a copy of the written agreement.

12. CONCILIATION REQUIREMENTS. The conciliation requirements under Arizona law either do not apply or have been met. (This statement must be true or you cannot file a Petition for Legal Separation. If you do not understand this section, read the instructions that go with this Petition.)

REQUESTS TO THE COURT:

A. LEGAL SEPARATION: An order of legal separation.

B. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT (ALIMONY): Order neither party to pay spousal maintenance/support **OR** Order spousal maintenance/support to be paid by Petitioner, **OR** Respondent through the Clerk of the Court in the amount of _____ per month, and the statutory fee, beginning with the first day of the month after the Judge or Commissioner signs the Legal Separation and continuing until the person receiving the spousal maintenance/support is deceased, or for _____ months.

C. COMMUNITY PROPERTY: Make a fair division of all community property as requested in this Petition.

D. COMMUNITY DEBTS: Order each party to pay community debts as requested in the Petition, and to pay any other community debts unknown to the other party. Order each party to pay and hold the other party harmless from debts incurred by him or her since the parties separation on (date): _____.

E. SEPARATE PROPERTY AND DEBTS: Award each party his or her separate property and debt.

F. OTHER ORDERS I AM REQUESTING (Explain request here): _____

UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Signature

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

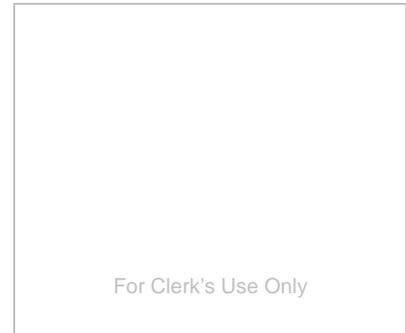
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this: _____ by
(date)

_____.

(notary seal)

Deputy Clerk or Notary Public

Person Filing: _____
Address (if not protected): _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
ATLAS Number: _____
Lawyer's Bar Number: _____



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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Name of Petitioner

Case Number: _____

NOTICE REGARDING CREDITORS

Name of Respondent

ARIZONA LAW REQUIRES all actions for DIVORCE or LEGAL SEPARATION to include this NOTICE and for the person filing for Divorce or Legal Separation to SERVE this NOTICE on the other party. (ARS §25-318(F)).

YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMUNITY DEBTS. The court usually requires/orders one spouse or the other to pay certain community debts in, or through, the Decree of Dissolution or Legal Separation. A court order that does this is binding on the spouses **only, not the creditors.** You and your spouse are legally responsible for these community debts whether you are married, divorced, or legally separated. These debts are matters of contract between **both of you** and your creditors (such as banks, credit unions, credit card companies, utility companies, medical providers and retailers). On request, the court may impose a lien against the separate property of a spouse to secure payment of certain community debts.

CONTACT CREDITORS: You may want to contact your creditors to discuss the debts and the effects of your divorce/legal separation on your debts. To assist you in identifying your creditors, you may obtain a copy of your spouse's credit report by making a written request to the court for an order requiring a credit reporting agency to release the report to you. The credit report will help you identify accounts, account numbers and account balances. In addition, within thirty **(30)** days after receipt of a request from a spouse who is party to a divorce or legal separation, which includes the court and cause number of the action, creditors are required, by law, to provide information as to the balance and account status of any debts for which you or your spouse may be liable to the creditor.

WARNING: If you do not understand this notice, you should contact an attorney for advice about your legal rights and obligations.

**The following page contains a sample form you may choose to mail to creditors to get information about debts owed by you or your spouse. It is not a required form.
DO NOT FILE THE NEXT PAGE WITH THE COURT.**

REQUEST FOR ACCOUNT INFORMATION FROM CREDITORS

You may use this form to request information about debt owed by you or your spouse.
If so, send to the creditor. **DO NOT FILE THIS PAGE WITH THE COURT.**

DATE: _____

CREDITOR'S NAME: _____

CREDITOR'S ADDRESS: _____

Regarding: Superior Court of Arizona in Maricopa County

Case Name: _____

Case Number: _____

Pursuant to Arizona State Law (ARS §25-318), this letter requests the balance and account status of any debt for which the following individuals may be liable to you. (Arizona law requires that you provide this information within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter.)

INFORMATION ABOUT DEBTORS/SPOUSES:

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Your Spouse's Name: _____

Your Spouse's Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCOUNT:

Account Number(s): _____

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Your name: _____

Your signature: _____