

INFORMATION FOR FILING A PRO SE DIVORCE - JASPER COUNTY

THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE DOES NOT SUPPLY FORMS NECESSARY TO FILE FOR DIVORCE. **WE ARE NOT ATTORNEYS AND ARE LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM GIVING ANY LEGAL ADVICE.**

If you intend to represent yourself "Pro Se" (without the assistance of an attorney), you must have knowledge to prepare and file the necessary pleadings and present your cause to the Court.

The only suggestion or advice that we can offer is you can go to the Public Library and purchase a divorce packet, refer to the website texaslawhelp.org or seek the assistance of an attorney.

PROCEDURES FOR FILING YOUR OWN DIVORCE

1. Bring your Original Petition to the District Clerk's office to be filed.
2. The filing fees are: Divorce where spouse signs Waiver of Service \$350.00 and Divorce with Citation and Service in Jasper County \$508.00
3. Your Petition will be filed and assigned a cause number. Please have this information available when contacting our office concerning your case.
4. The Petition must be on file for at least 60 days before the final hearing can be held. After the 60 days have expired and the Respondent has been served or signed a Waiver of Service, you may call the District Clerk's office and request that your Final Decree of Divorce be forwarded to the Judge's office.

PRO SE DIVORCES WITH CHILDREN

1. Before a Pro Se Petitioner may schedule a hearing in a Divorce with Children, the Petitioner must fill out the Application for IV-D Services at the time of filing the Petition for Divorce that will be emailed to the Office of the Attorney General by the District Clerk's Office.
2. Once the CSRO (Child Support Review Order) has been signed by the Judge for the Attorney General then you will give us a call to forward your Final Decree of Divorce to our District Judge.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE OF SIGNING TO PARTIES VIA U.S. POSTAL SERVICE THAT WILL NOTIFY YOU THAT YOUR FINAL DECREE HAS BEEN SIGNED AND COPIES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR \$1 PER PAGE.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING A COPY TO YOUR EX-SPOUSE.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT LEGAL AID AT 1-800-354-1889 FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THESE INSTRUCTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 409-384-2721. WE ARE OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 8A.M.-4:30P.M.