

# How to File a Response to a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or a Petition for Parenting Plan

## **Disclaimer:**

These instructions will tell you how to file your own Response to a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or a Parenting Plan. This can be a confusing and complicated process. If you have questions about the instructions or the Response form, you should talk to a lawyer. This Response form is not designed to deal with every Dissolution or Parenting Plan situation and cannot take the place of a lawyer. If you use these forms without contacting a lawyer, you risk losing important legal rights.

Always be aware of filing deadlines. Typically, the deadline for filing a Response to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or a Parenting Plan is 21 days after you were served with the Petition (excluding the day of delivery.) You cannot use this packet if the deadline for filing your Response with the Court has already passed.

The steps for filing a Response may be slightly different in your judicial district. Always check with the Clerk of District Court in your district to make sure that you are following the proper procedures.

## **What Forms Will I Need?**

You will need multiple forms to complete your Response depending on the type of Petition that was filed:

### Petition for Dissolution of Marriage without children

1. MP 201 Response to Petition for Dissolution without Children
2. MP 500 Financial Disclosure and Proposed Property Distribution

**OR**

### Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with children

1. MP 202 Response to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children
2. MP 300 Proposed Parenting Plan (and any necessary attachments)

### 3. MP 500 Financial Disclosure and Proposed Property Distribution

#### Petition for Parenting Plan

1. MP 203 Response to Petition for Parenting Plan
2. MP 300 Proposed Parenting Plan

\*You will need to fill out a Certificate of Service document to tell the Court you served the other party with your documents. In this form, you fill out what forms you mailed, or hand delivered, and to what address the forms were mailed.

#### **Who Should Use the Response Forms and Accompanying Documents?**

This Response form can be used when the court has requested that you respond to a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Petition for Parenting Plan with a Summons signed by the Clerk of Court. It is only necessary to file a Response after you have been served with a Petition and a deadline for your Response has been set. Remember, it is your choice whether or not to file a Response. If you agree completely with the Petition, you may choose not to file a Response. In which case, the judge may order a default judgment granting the petitioner everything asked for in the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Petition for Parenting Plan.

The Response form can also be used to file a Counter-Petition in your Dissolution case.

#### **Does It Cost Money To File A Response?**

The Clerk will charge you a fee for filing your Response to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Petition for Parenting Plan. The cost may vary between judicial districts.

You might be financially eligible to have the filing fees waived. If you think you might be eligible, ask your local Clerk of District Court or Self Help Law Center for a fee waiver application before you file, or download the form from the “Legal System” section of [www.MontanaLawHelp.org](http://www.MontanaLawHelp.org).

## **Definitions:**

*Petitioner* – The Petitioner is the person who first asked the court for something by filing a petition. If you are using this form to respond to a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, the Petitioner is your current spouse.

*Respondent* – The Respondent is the person who must respond to a court case by filing a Response. You are the Respondent in your case because you must file a Response to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Petition for Parenting Plan.

*Pro Se* – This term is used to notify the court and the Petitioner that you are representing yourself and that you are not being represented by a lawyer in your dissolution of marriage case.

*Dissolution of Marriage* – This is the legal term for “divorce” used by the courts in Montana.

*Parenting* – Montana no longer uses the words “custody” and “visitation,” instead, it uses the terms “parenting” or “parenting time.”

*Default Judgment* – This is a judgment granted to a Petitioner when the Respondent does not file a Response within the 21 day deadline. A default judgment usually grants a Petitioner everything that they asked for in the Petition, as long as the court finds the request to be equitable and in the best interests of the children.

*Counter-Petition* – The Counter-Petition allows the Respondent to ask the court for something just as if the Respondent were filing an original Petition. The Counter-Petition should be used to ask the court to decide on issues that may have been left out of the original Petition.

## **Where Can I Get More Information?**

The Montana Code Annotated (M.C.A.) contains the law on Dissolution of Marriage and Parenting Plans. The laws can be found in Title 40, Chapter 4, Section 101 or Section 201 of the M.C.A. This

is often abbreviated as M.C.A. § 40-4-101 or 40-4-201. The Montana Code Annotated can be found at your local library or on the Montana State Law Library website at [www.lawlibrary.mt.gov](http://www.lawlibrary.mt.gov). Click on the “State Laws” option near the top of the page and select “MCA” from the list.

The State Law Library web site also contains an easy-to-read “Introduction to Family Law in Montana.” This can be found at the Montana State Law Library website, [www.lawlibrary.mt.gov](http://www.lawlibrary.mt.gov)

1. Click ‘Find a Law by Topic’
2. Click ‘Ending your Marriage’
3. Scroll down to ‘Free Information on the Web about Ending Your Marriage’
4. Click on ‘Introduction to Family Law in Montana’

### **Where Can I Get Legal Help?**

If you need help, the following resources may be available to you:

1. Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) provides free legal assistance to low and moderate-income individuals. To find out if you qualify for MLSA services, call the MLSA HelpLine at 1-800-666-6899.
2. The State Bar Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) refers people to Montana lawyers who have agreed to charge a reasonable fee for the first visit. The referral is free. Contact LRIS at 1-406-449-6577.
3. The State Law Library can help you to find and use legal resources such as books, forms, and websites. You can visit the Law Library website at [www.lawlibrary.mt.gov](http://www.lawlibrary.mt.gov). Or you can contact a Reference Librarian at 1-406-444-3636 or by email at [mtlawlibrary@mt.gov](mailto:mtlawlibrary@mt.gov).

# How Do I Use The Response To Petition For Dissolution Of Marriage or Parenting Plan Form?

Complete the following steps:

## **Step One: Fill In The Response Form And Other Documents**

Fill in the Response to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Petition for Parenting Plan form completely. The paragraph numbers match up exactly so you are either agreeing or disagreeing with the information in each paragraph of the Petition.

## **Step Two: File Your Response With The Court**

You will need to file the original and two copies of all of your documents with the Clerk of District Court.

Upon payment of the filing fee, the Clerk of District Court will docket and return your copies to you. In the event you are submitting an application for a Fee Waiver your original documents will not be filed until the Fee Waiver is approved or your fee is paid.

## **Step Three: Send A Copy To The Petitioner (Your Spouse or Other Parent)**

Once you have filed your Response, and the other documents, it is your responsibility to send copies to the Petitioner.

You will need to serve a filed copy of your documents upon the other party in the manner you have indicated in your Certificate of Service (first class mail or hand delivery) and you need to keep a copy for your records. Mail a copy to the Petitioner at the address listed on the Petition you were served with.

## **Step Five: Attend Mediation**

Judges may require the Petitioner and the Respondent to attend mediation before their dissolution or parenting plan case will be heard by the Court. You will find out if you are required to attend mediation through a Scheduling Order.

**\*Important note:** Victims of domestic violence cannot be ordered to attend mediation. If you are a victim of domestic violence at the hands of the Petitioner, you have the option of notifying the Judge

that you chose not to attend the mediation. This means your case will go directly to the hearing stage, described below.

**Step Six: Prepare For A Hearing In Front Of The Judge**

Because you are choosing to file a Response, your Dissolution or Parenting Plan action is contested and a Judge will hold a hearing to make a decision on the contested issues.

[ ] Collect evidence to support your case at the hearing. This evidence should include any paperwork or witnesses that will persuade the Judge to decide the contested issues in your favor.

- Bring documentation such as bills or payment receipts if debt is a contested issue.
- Bring documentation such as purchase receipts or titles if marital property is a contested issue.
- Bring documentation proving that you owned property before the marriage, if that property is a contested issue.

**Evidence about your child:**

- Report cards
- Attendance records from school/daycare
- Progress reports from school/daycare
- Health care providers' progress/treatment reports
- Mental health care providers' notes/diagnoses/treatment reports

**Evidence about parents/family members/others who play a significant role in your child's life:**

- Health care providers' treatment reports
- Mental health care providers/chemical dependency providers' notes/diagnoses/treatment reports
- Police reports
- Child protective services reports
- Court records of criminal charges/convictions
- Reports from domestic violence advocacy programs
- Previous court orders (protection orders, contempt orders, etc.)
- Receipts from expenses spent on the child (for health care, clothing, school, etc.)
- Administrative or court findings of unpaid child support

You should write down and practice the questions that you want to ask your spouse at the hearing. *Important:* Only ask questions that you think will help your case.

You should also practice what you want to say to the Judge. Practice with a friend until you feel comfortable with everything that you want to say.

### **Step Seven: Go To The Hearing**

The time and date for the hearing will be sent to you on a court document normally called a “Scheduling Order.” You must attend that hearing. Be at the courthouse at least 15 minutes before your scheduled hearing time. Dress as you would for an important job interview. Ask the Clerk of District Court which courtroom your Judge is in. Go to the appropriate courtroom and wait for the Judge to call your name and cause number. Be calm and polite and address the Judge as “Your Honor.”

Bring all of your court papers to the hearing.

Bring all of the evidence you gathered in Step Five above.

If the Petitioner (your spouse or the other parent) is at the hearing, the Judge will ask him/her to be sworn in and take the witness stand. The Petitioner will be allowed to tell his/her side of the story. Then you will be allowed to ask the Petitioner any questions you have prepared.

The judge will then ask you to take the witness stand. You should bring your evidence with you. You will then be allowed to tell your side of the story. The Petitioner will be given the opportunity to ask you any question he/she has prepared.

After the hearing, the Judge will enter a final ruling on the contested issues in your Dissolution or Parenting Plan case. It may take awhile for the Judge to enter a final ruling. However, once the ruling has been made, the Judge will mail a copy to you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address (optional)

Respondent

Appearing without a lawyer

MONTANA \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_,

(First, Middle, Last) Petitioner (your spouse),

and

\_\_\_\_\_,

Respondent (you).

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

(leave blank, the clerk will write in)

**Response to Petition for  
Dissolution of Marriage  
Without Children**

**1. Jurisdiction. Choose one.**

I admit that the Court has jurisdiction over this case.

**OR**

I deny that the Court has jurisdiction over this case because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Petitioner information. Choose one.**

I admit that the Petitioner's information is correct.

**OR**

I deny that the Petitioner's information is correct and state that the correct information is:



Name First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner's Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Petitioner's occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has Petitioner lived in this county? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has Petitioner lived in Montana? \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Respondent's information. Choose one.**

I admit my information is correct.

**OR**

I deny my information is correct and state that the correct information is:

Name First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

My Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

My Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

My age: \_\_\_\_\_ My occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long I have lived in this county: \_\_\_\_\_

How long I have lived in Montana: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Your marriage. Choose one.**

I admit that information about our marriage is correct.

**OR**

I deny that the information about our marriage is correct and state that the correct information is:

We were married on (date) \_\_\_\_\_. We filed our marriage license in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

We were married at common law as of (date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. We assumed a marital relationship by mutual consent and agreement. We confirmed our marriage by living together and by public knowledge.

**OR**

We filed a declaration of marriage on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. Separation. Choose one.**

I admit that information about our separation is correct.

**OR**

I deny that the information about our separation is correct and state that the correct information is:

We physically separated on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

We have not yet physically separated.

**6. Pregnancy. Choose one.**

I admit that information about pregnancy is correct.

**OR**

I deny that the information about pregnancy is correct and state that the correct information is:

The wife is not pregnant.

**OR**

The wife is pregnant and the husband is the father.

**OR**

The wife is pregnant and is unsure who the father is.

**OR**

The wife is pregnant and the husband is not the father.

**Notice:** A parenting plan must be filed after the child is born if the wife is pregnant and the husband is the father or the father is not known.

**7. Preliminary Disclosure. Choose one:**

I admit that I received form **MP-510** from the Petitioner.

**OR**

I deny that I received from **MP-510** from the Petitioner.

**AND**

Regardless of whether I received form MP-510 from Petitioner, I am sending Petitioner a description of my income and expenses using form **MP-510**.

**8. Property Distribution. Choose one.**

I agree with Petitioner's proposed property distribution.

**OR**

I do not agree with Petitioner's proposed property distribution, and

I ask the court to distribute our marital property as described in **Form MP-500** Financial Disclosure and Proposed Property Distribution. I filed this document separately.

**OR**

We entered into an agreement prior to getting married. *(Write MP-113-A on a copy of the prenuptial agreement and paper clip it to this document.)*

**9. Former Name. Choose one.**

I am asking that my name be restored to my previous name: \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

I want to keep my current name.

**10. Maintenance. Choose One.**

I agree with Petitioner's request for maintenance.

**OR**

I do not agree with Petitioner's request for maintenance, and

I am requesting my spouse pay me \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month until *(date)*\_\_\_\_\_ for maintenance. The payment must be made on the \_\_\_\_ of each month directly to me.

**OR**

I am requesting to pay my spouse \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month until *(date)*\_\_\_\_\_ for maintenance. The payment must be made on the \_\_\_\_ of each month directly to my spouse.

I am requesting maintenance because I lack sufficient property to support myself and I am unable to gain employment sufficient to support myself or I need to care for a child with special needs.

**11. Other:**

**MP-201 Response to Petition for Dissolution without Children**

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**I ask the court to take the following action:**

1. Enter a decree of dissolution of marriage dissolving our marriage;
2. Grant each party the marital property, including personal property, real property, other assets, liabilities, and/or debts as stated in the Financial Disclosure and Proposed Property Distribution I agreed to or filed separately.
3. If I asked the Court to do so, restore me to my former name.
4. If I asked the Court to do so, enter an order for maintenance.
5. If the court deems proper, award me my attorneys' fees and court costs under § 40-4-110, MCA.
6. Other:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. And for any other relief this court decides is just and proper.

**I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner  Respondent  Co Petitioner

**Appearing without a lawyer**

**MONTANA** \_\_\_\_\_ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,** \_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
 Petitioner  Co Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
 Respondent  Co Petitioner.

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Petitioner**  **Respondent**

**Agreed**  **Court Ordered**

**Proposed**  **Amended**

**Property Distribution**

**Warning: Montana law, §40-4-252, M.C.A. requires the full disclosure of all assets, debts, income, and expenses. I understand that I am required to tell my spouse about all of the assets, debts, income and expenses that I know about. My spouse is required to do the same for me.**

**This Proposed Property Distribution along with Form MP-510 Disclosure of Income and Expenses has been served on my spouse.**

**If I don't tell my spouse about something, the court may give me a penalty. The court gets to decide what the penalty will be. I am giving all of the information I know about the assets and debts listed on this form and writing "unknown" in the spaces for the information I don't know.**

**1. Real Property.** Real property is land and the building(s) on the land. Real property also includes part ownership, for example when all the members of a family share a ranch. Real property does not include trailer, mobile, or manufactured homes unless the Department of Justice has officially recognized said structure as an improvement to the land pursuant to MCA 15-1-116 and issued appropriate documentation of such as required by law. Any owned parcel upon which a trailer, mobile, or manufactured home sits is real property regardless of the status of said structure.

**Choose One.**

I do not own any real property and my spouse does not own any real property

**OR**

I am listing the real property that my spouse and I own, regardless of whether we own it separately or together. I request distribution as follows:

Description	Value	Name on Title	Distributed to
Address: _____ _____ Legal Description: _____ _____ _____ Is there a secured debt on the property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, amount owed: _____ As of: ____ / ____ / ____ Lender: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____ _____ _____

*(If you have additional real property, complete and staple Form MP-500-A to this document.)*

**2. Vehicles.** Any trailer, mobile, or manufactured home, regardless of whether it was constructed before or after 1976, is considered a vehicle unless otherwise deemed an improvement to land by the Department of Justice pursuant to MCA 15-1-116.

**Choose one.**

Neither my spouse or I have any vehicles.

**OR**

My spouse and I have the following vehicles and request distribution as follows:

Description	Value	Name on Title	Distributed to
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, amount owed: _____ As of: ____ / ____ / ____ Lender: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____ _____
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, amount owed: _____ As of: ____ / ____ / ____ Lender: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____ _____

(If you have additional vehicles, complete and staple **Form MP500-B** to this document.)

**3. Bank Accounts, Certificates of Deposit, and Cash. Choose One.**

Neither my spouse nor I have any bank accounts, certificates of deposit, or cash.

**OR**

I am listing the bank accounts and cash that my spouse and I own, regardless of whether we own them separately or together. I request distribution of the bank accounts and cash as follows:

Description <i>Include name of bank and only the last four digits of the account number</i>	Balance as of __/__/__	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to:
		%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent Other: _____
		%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent Other: _____
		%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent Other: _____

(If you have additional Bank Accounts, complete and staple **Form MP-500-C** to this document.)

**4. Pensions/Retirement Accounts; Life Insurance; Stocks, Bonds, Secured Notes, Health Savings Accounts, and Mutual Funds. Choose One:**

- Neither my spouse or I have any pensions/retirement accounts, life insurance, stocks, bonds, secured notes, health savings accounts, or mutual funds.

**OR**

- My spouse and I have the following pensions/retirement accounts, life insurance, stocks, bonds, secured notes, health savings accounts, or mutual funds and request distribution as follows:

Description	Cash Value	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to
		%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent Other: _____	%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent Other: _____

(If you have additional Accounts, complete and staple **Form MP-500-C** to this document.)

**5. Personal Property** (including appliances, pets, furniture, jewelry, art, guns, etc.).  
**Choose One:**

I request the following distribution of our personal property:

Description	Value	Current Possession	Distributed to
		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____



		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other:_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Other:_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other:_____

(If you have additional personal property, complete and staple **Form MP-500-C** to this document.)

**6. Business Interests** (including equipment, tools, livestock, etc.). **Choose One.**

Neither my spouse or I have any business interests.

**OR**

My spouse and I have the following business interests and request distribution as follows:

Description	Cash Value	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to
		%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent Other:_____	%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent Other:_____
		%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent Other:_____	%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent Other:_____

(If you have additional business interests, complete and staple **Form MP-500-C** to this document.)

**7. Other Assets. Choose one.**

Neither my spouse or I have any other assets.

**OR**

My spouse and I have the following assets and request distribution as follows:

Description	Cash Value	Percentage of Ownership	Distributed to
		%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent %___ _____	%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent %___ Other
		%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent %___ _____	%___ Petitioner %___ Respondent %___ Other

		%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent %__ _____	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent %__ Other
		%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent %__ _____	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent %__ Other

(If you have additional assets, complete and staple **Form MP-500-C** to this document.)

**8. Disclosure of Debts. Choose One.**

Neither my spouse nor I have any debts.

**OR**

My spouse and I have the following debts and request distribution as follows:

Description	Creditor	Amount	Percentage of Responsibility	Distributed to
<b>Utility Bill(s):</b>				
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
<b>Credit Card(s):</b>				
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
<b>Student Loan(s):</b>				
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent

			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent

<b>Medical Expenses:</b>				
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
<b>Other Liabilities:</b>				
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent

*(If you have additional debts and liabilities, complete and staple **Form MP-500-D** to this document.)*

**I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner  Respondent

Co-Petitioner Respondent  Respondent Petitioner

*(Only complete this section if you are filing jointly as Co Petitioners)*

**I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Other spouse sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Petitioner  Respondent Petitioner

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*(Leave the following section blank. It is for the judge to use.)*

**Order by the Court**

- The Court found this property distribution to be equitable.
- The Judge's signature on this document makes this property distribution that parties must follow.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

<p>_____ ,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____ ,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>Case No:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Attachment: Additional Real Property Sheet</b> ____ <b>of</b> ____.</p>
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Description	Value	Name on Title	Distributed to
<p>Address: _____</p> <p>Legal Description: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Is there a secured debt on the property?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, amount owed: _____</p> <p>As of: <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u></p> <p>Lender: _____</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
Description	Value	Name on Title	Distributed to
<p>Address: _____</p> <p>Legal Description: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Is there a secured debt on the property?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, amount owed: _____</p> <p>As of: <u>  </u> / <u>  </u> / <u>  </u></p> <p>Lender: _____</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent</p> <p>Other: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

**MP-500-A Additional Real Property**

<p>_____,'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____,'</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>Case No:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Attachment: Additional Vehicles Sheet _____ of _____.</b></p>
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Description	Value	Name on Title	Distributed to
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No es, amount owed: _____ of: ___ / ___ / ___ Lender: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____ _____
Year/Make/Model: _____ VIN#: _____ Is there an outstanding loan on the vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No es, amount owed: _____ of: ___ / ___ / ___ Lender: _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent Other: _____ _____

**MP-500-B Additional Vehicles**

<p>_____ ,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____ ,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent   <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>Case No:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Attachment: Additional Accounts Sheet</b> ____ <b>of</b> ____.</p>
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<b>Description</b> <i>Include name of bank and only the last four digits of the account number</i>	<b>Cash Value</b> as of ____/____/____	<b>Percentage of Ownership</b>	<b>Distributed to:</b>
		%____ Petitioner  %____ Respondent	%____ Petitioner  %____ Respondent Other:_____
		%____ Petitioner  %____ Respondent	%____ Petitioner  %____ Respondent Other:_____
		%____ Petitioner  %____ Respondent	%____ Petitioner  %____ Respondent Other:_____

<p>_____ ,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____ ,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>Case No:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Attachment: Additional Debts Sheet _____ of _____.</b></p>
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Description	Creditor	Amount	Percentage of Responsibility	Distributed to
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent
			%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent	%__ Petitioner %__ Respondent



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address (optional)

Petitioner  Respondent  Co Petitioner

**Appearing without a lawyer**

**MONTANA \_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY**

In re the Marriage of:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
 Petitioner,

and

\_\_\_\_\_,  
 Respondent  Co Petitioner.

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Petitioner**  **Respondent**  
 **Co-Petitioner**  **Amended**

**Disclosure of Income and Expenses**

**Warning: Montana law, §40-4-252, M.C.A. requires the full disclosure of all assets, debts, income, and expenses. I understand that I am required to tell my spouse about all of the assets, debts, income and expenses that I know about. My spouse is required to do the same for me.**

**This Disclosure of Income and Expenses along with Form MP-500 Proposed Property Distribution has been served on my spouse.**

**If I don't tell my spouse about something, the court may give me a penalty. The court gets to decide what the penalty will be. I am providing all of the information I know about the income and expenses listed on this form and writing "unknown" in the spaces for the information I don't know.**

NOTE: This Document is served on the **other party only** and **cannot be filed with the Court** unless the Court specifically orders you to file it. The following is being served as required by §§ 40-4-252 through 254, M.C.A.

**1. Disclosure of Income**

Source of Income		Amount per Month
Gross Wages, Salary, Commissions	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Income from Rents, Interest, Dividends	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Self Employment Earnings	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Unemployment or Worker's Compensation	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

Social Security Benefits, including SSI, SSDI	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Public Assistance (including TANF and LIEAP)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Food Stamps	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Pension, Retirement	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Child Support	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

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Dependent's Benefits	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Other Income ( <i>describe</i> ):	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>Petitioner</b>	
	<b>Respondent</b>	

(If you have additional income, complete and staple **Form MP-510-A** to this document.)

## 2. Disclosure of Expenses

Description of Expense		Amount per Month
Taxes and withholdings	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Retirement Contribution	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Health Insurance (self and children)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Medical Expenses	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Rent or Housing (including property taxes and insurance relating to housing)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Transportation	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Car Insurance	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Student Loans	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Utilities	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

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Telephone (cell phone and land line)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Clothing	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

Food and Household Supplies	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Child Care	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Union Dues	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Child Support Payments	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
Other: (describe)	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>Petitioner</b>	
	<b>Respondent</b>	

(If you have additional expenses, complete and staple **Form MP-510-B** to this document.)

**I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the information in this document is true and correct. I understand that it is a crime to give false information in this document.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner  Respondent  Co-Petitioner

**MP-510 Income and Expense Disclosure**

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<p>_____,  <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,  and  _____,  <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>Case No:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Attachment: Additional Income Sheet _____ of _____.</b></p>
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Description of Income		Amount per Month
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

<p>_____,  <input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner,</p> <p>and</p> <p>_____,  <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Co Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>Case No:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Attachment: Additional Expenses Sheet ____ of ____.</b></p>
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Description of Income		Amount per Month
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	
	Petitioner	
	Respondent	

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your mailing address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your phone number

**Montana** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judicial District Court**  
*Number of the judicial district where you are filing*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**County**  
*Name of the county where you are filing*

	Cause No. _____
Petitioner	<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
vs	
Respondent	

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear (or affirm) under oath that:  
*(print your name)*

I served a copy of the attached \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(name of each of the documents that you filed in Court)*

upon \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(name of the opposing party)*

on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
*(date) (month) (year)*

by

mailing a true and correct copy with postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(opposing party's name or name of opposing party's attorney, if he/she has one)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(opposing party's mailing address or mailing address of his/her attorney)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(city, state, zip code)*

hand delivering a true and correct copy to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(opposing party's name or name of opposing party's attorney, if he/she has one)*

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
*(date) (month) (year)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Your signature)*