FAMILY COURT SERVICES - ROOM 2150 501 WEST ADAMS STREET, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202 (904) 255-1060

CHECKLIST FOR ANSWERING: DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH PROPERTY NO CHILD (REN)

Please be aware that if you have been served with a Petition, you have 20 calendar days from the date you were served to file an Answer. If you do not file an Answer within that time, a Default can be entered against you. This means everything your spouse requested in his/her Petition can be awarded by the Judge without your input.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERING TO PETITION AND COUNTER PETITION:

- Go to <u>www.flcourts.org</u> (select) Self Help, Family Law Forms for the forms.
 <u>Fully complete</u> the forms below.
- 2. Make sure the appropriate forms are **notarized**.
- 3. After notarizing make 2 copies of each form.

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- 4. File your original documents with the Family Law Clerk of Courts Room 2474 2nd floor.
- 5. Complete Form 12.914 Certificate of Service you must send a copy to the other party

You may choose from the following on how to respond:

□ <u>FORM 12.903 (a)</u>
 Answer, Waiver and Request for Copy of Dissolution of Marriage
□ <u>Form 12.903(b)</u>
 Answer to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage
☐ Form 12.903(c)(2)
 Answer to Petition and Counterpetition for Dissolution of Marriage with Property but No
Dependent or Minor Child(ren)
If you choose to file a Counterpetition you must complete the following forms:
✓ Form 12.900(h)
 Notice of Related Cases (Must be Filed)
✓ Form 12.902(b) or (c)
 Family Law Financial Affidavit (Short or Long)
✓ Form 12.902(j)
 Notice of Social Security Number
✓ Proof of Florida Residency
 (Florida Driver's License/Identification, Voter Registration Card)
□ Form 12.903(d)
Answer to Counternetition