

PRO SE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVORCE (NO CHILDREN)

Helpful Information

The Texas Young Lawyers Association published the *Pro Se Divorce Handbook* to answer many of your questions. You can read it online at www.tyla.org or at Tarrant County Law Library. You can get free divorce forms at www.FreeTexasForms.org.

Please do not ask the court clerk for legal advice. By law, only lawyers may give legal advice. The clerks are not attorneys. For legal advice you need to hire an attorney. You can also attend one of the free legal clinic listed on the attached sheet.

Your Court Date



Wait at least 61 days from the date the divorce petition was filed before you can go to court to get your divorce. The 61-day waiting period is required by law and there are no exceptions.



Call the court secretary at 817-884-1587 to schedule a prove-up appointment. Call a few days before you plan to go to court. At the prove-up appointment, this happens.



Be at the District Clerk's Office between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. on your scheduled court date.

Going to Court

- ✓ Proper clothing is required. Dress as if you were going to a professional job interview. (See enclosed)
- ✓ Bring a pen with you.
- ✓ If you need a **translator**, bring an adult who is at least 18 years old and fluent in both your native language and in English.

Forms you will need

You must fill out the required forms. Some forms the court will give you in a packet when you file for divorce. The other forms you can get free at www.FreeTexasForms.org.

1. **Waiver of Service.** Make sure your Waiver of Service is signed *and notarized* any day **after** the petition for divorce is filed. **If a Waiver is not signed you must have the other side served** with citation by a Constable or Sheriff *or* by certified mail through the District Clerk's office. The District Clerk's office does not provide notary service.
2. **Decree of Divorce.** Bring the original and three (3) copies.
3. **Appearance Sheet.** Bring only the original.
4. **Information on Suit Affecting the Family Relationship.** Bring only the original.

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5. **Address Change.** Please keep the District Clerk's Office informed of any address change.

By signing below, you are stating that you have read and understand the above instructions.

Pro Se (Sign your name.↑)

Date

PRINT your mailing address:

(city) (State) (Zip)

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Clerk of Court

Date