Notice to Defend and Divorce Complaint

Form 1

A divorce starts with a Notice to Defend and Complaint. This form can be used if you have an agreement (3301c) or if you have been separated for two years or more (3301d). Complete Form 1, and follow filing instructions for your county.

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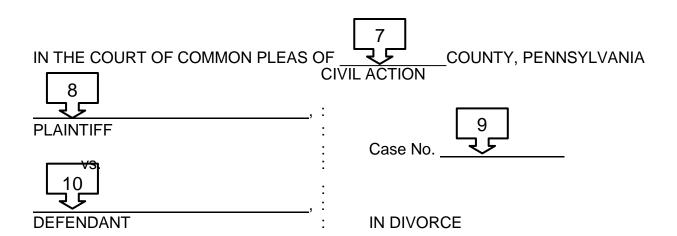
The numbers on these instructions correspond with the numbers in the boxes on the form. Use the form with the boxes to guide you through filling out the blank form.

- Box 1: Print the name of the county in which you are filing.
- Box 2: Print your name.
- Box 3: Leave blank. The Prothonotary / Clerk's Office will assign a docket number and write it here. You will use that number in this case from now on.
- Box 4: Print your spouse's name.
- Box 5: Print the address of the courthouse of the county in which you are filing.
- Box 6: EACH COUNTY HAS DESIGNATED AN AGENCY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT LEGAL SERVICES. CHECK COUNTY RULES OR CONTACT THE COURT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE.
- Box 7: Print the name of the county in which you are filing.
- Box 8: Print your name.
- Box 9: Leave blank. The Prothonotary / Clerk's Office will assign a docket number and write it here. You will use that number in this case from now on.
- Box 10: Print your spouse's name.
- Box 11: Print your name.
- Box 12: Print your street address.
- Box 13: Print the name of the city or town in which you live.
- Box 14: Print the name of the county in which you live.
- Box 15: Print the state in which you live.
- Box 16: Print the date you began living at your address.
- Box 17: Print your spouse's name.
- Box 18: Print your spouse's street address.

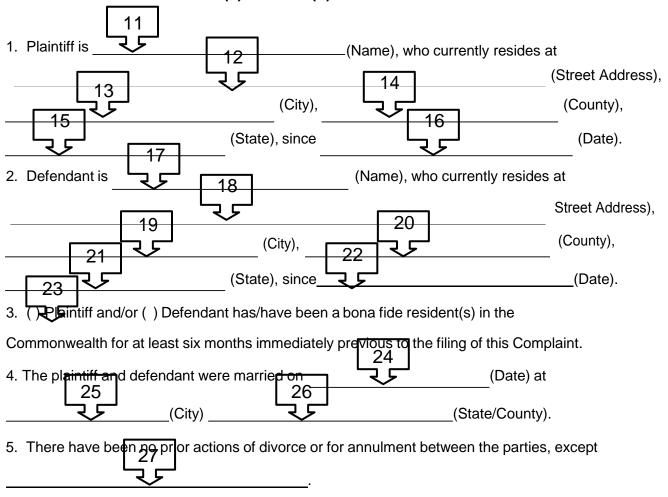
- Box 19: Print the name of the city or town in which your spouse lives.
- Box 20: Print the name of the county in which your spouse lives.
- Box 21: Print the name of the state in which your spouse lives.
- Box 22: Print the date your spouse began living at his/her address.
- Box 23: State whether you (Plaintiff) or your spouse (Defendant) or both of you have lived in Pennsylvania for at least six months.
- Box 24: Print the day, month, and year you and your spouse were married.
- Box 25: Print the name of the city in which you were married.
- Box 26: Print the name of the state and county in which you were married.
- Box 27: If there have not been any prior court cases for divorce or annulment between the parties, leave the line by Box 27 blank. A prior case may have been brought in this county, another county, another state, or another country. If there has been a prior case, write both the name of the jurisdiction (where the other case was filed), and the docket number of the other case here.
- Box 28: Write the date on which you are signing the complaint.
- Box 29: After reading and making sure you thoroughly understand the statements you are making in the divorce complaint, sign your name.
- Box 30: Print your name, address and telephone number.

Counties may require additional information be stated in the Divorce Complaint. For example, Centre County requires the parties state if they have any children under age 18 because there may be additional requirements for divorcing parents. To check what your county requires, call your Court Administrator's Office and review your county's local Rules of Court.

IN THE COURT OF C	OMMON PLEAS OF CIVIL A	1 COUNT	Y, PENNSYLVANIA
PLAINTIFF vs. 4 DEFENDANT	: : : : : :	Case No	3
1	NOTICE TO DEFEND	AND CLAIM RI	GHTS
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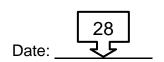
COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE UNDER SECTION 3301(c) OR 3301(d) OF THE DIVORCE CODE



6. The marriage is irretrievably broken.

- 7. Plaintiff has been advised that counseling is available and that Plaintiff may have the right to request that the Court require the parties to participate in counseling.
- 8. Plaintiff requests that the Court enter a decree of divorce.

I verify that the statements made in this Complaint are true and correct. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



Respectfully submitted,	
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Plaintiffies Signature 30	
Plaintiff's Name	
	(Address)
	(Address)
	(Telephone)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF	CIVIL ACTION
PLAINTIFF	_ : : :
VS.	: Case No : : IN DIVORCE
DEFENDANT	- · :
NOTICE TO DEF	FEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS
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	(State), since	(Date).
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	Respectfully submitted,
Date:	Plaintiff's Signature
	Plaintiff's Name
	Street Address
	City, State and Zip

Telephone

7. Plaintiff has been advised that counseling is available and that Plaintiff may have the right to