



Circuit Court for _____

City or County

Case No. _____

Name _____ VS. Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt # _____ Street Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Area Code _____ Telephone _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Area Code _____ Telephone _____

Plaintiff

Defendant

COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE
(DOM REL 20)

I, _____, representing myself, state that:
My name

1. The Defendant and I were married on _____
Month Day Year
in _____ in a civil religious ceremony.
City/County/State where Married

2. Check all that apply:

- I have lived in Maryland since: _____
Month/Year
- My spouse has lived in Maryland since: _____
Month/Year

3. Check all that apply: (See paragraph 13)

- The grounds for divorce occurred in the State of Maryland.
- The grounds for divorce occurred outside the State of Maryland and I or my spouse have been a resident for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the filing of this Complaint.

4. Check one:

- We have no children together (skip paragraphs 6 through 10) or
- My spouse and I are the parents of the following child(ren):

_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth
_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth
_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth

5. I know of the following related cases concerning the child(ren) or parties (such as domestic violence, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, termination of parental rights, adoption or other cases):

<u>Court</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Kind of Case</u>	<u>Year Filed</u>	<u>Results or Status (if you know)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

6. I have been a party, witness, or otherwise involved in the following cases about custody or visitation of the child(ren):

State **Court** **Case No.** **Date of Child Custody Determination**

Attach the most recent court order for the above-referenced court cases.

7. I know of the following people, not parties to this case, who have physical custody of, or claim rights of legal custody or physical custody of, or visitation with the child(ren):

_____ Name _____ Current Address

_____ Name _____ Current Address

_____ Name _____ Current Address

8. The child(ren) are currently living with: _____ Name

9. The child(ren) have lived in the following places, with the persons indicated during the last five years:

Time Period **Place** **Name(s)/Current Address of Person(s) with whom Child Lived**

10. It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that I have (*check all that apply*):

joint sole physical custody of _____
Name of Children

joint sole legal custody of _____
Name of Children

visitation with _____
Name of Children

11. I am am not seeking alimony because _____

12. (*You do not have to complete paragraph 12 if you are not asking the court to make decisions about your property*). My spouse and/or I have the following property and debts (*check all that apply*):

House(s) Furniture

Pension(s) Bank account(s) and investment(s)

Motor Vehicle(s) Family Use Personal Property

Debts (attach list) Other: _____

13. My grounds for an absolute divorce are (*check all that apply*):

Twelve (12) Month Separation - From on or about _____, my spouse and I
Month/Day/Year
 have lived separate and apart from each other in separate residences, without interruption, without sexual intercourse, for more than 12 months.

- Adultery** - My spouse committed adultery.
- Actual Desertion** - On or about _____, my spouse, without just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted me, with the intention of ending our marriage. This abandonment has continued without interruption for more than 12 months and there is no reasonable expectation we will reconcile.
Month/Day/Year
- Constructive Desertion** - I left my spouse because his/her cruel and vicious conduct made the continuation of our marriage impossible, if I were to preserve my health, safety, and self-respect. This conduct was the final and deliberate act of my spouse and our separation has continued without interruption for more than 12 months and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.
- Criminal Conviction of a Felony or Misdemeanor** - On or about _____, my spouse was sentenced to serve at least three years or an indeterminate sentence in a penal institution and has served 12 or more months of the sentence.
Month/Day/Year
- Cruelty/Excessively Vicious Conduct Against Me or my Minor Child** - My spouse has persistently treated my minor child cruelly and has engaged in excessively vicious conduct rendering continuation of the marital relationship impossible and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.
- Insanity** - On or about _____, my spouse was confined to a mental institution, hospital, or other similar institution and has been confined for 3 or more years. Two doctors competent in psychiatry will testify that the insanity is incurable and there is no hope of recovery. My spouse or I have been a resident of Maryland for at least two years before the filing of this complaint.
Month/Day/Year

FOR THESE REASONS, I request *(check all that apply)*:

- An Absolute Divorce.
- A change back to my former name: _____
Full Former Name
- Joint Sole physical custody of the minor child(ren) and reasonable child support.
- Joint Sole legal custody of the minor child(ren) and reasonable child support.
- Visitation with the minor child(ren).
- Use and possession of the family home for up to three years from the date of the divorce.
- Use and possession of the family use personal property for up to three years from the date of the divorce.
- Child support (attach Form DOM REL 30 or DOM REL 31).
- Health insurance for the child(ren).
- Health insurance for me.
- My share of the property or its value.
- Transfer of family use personal property.
- Transfer of the real property jointly owned by the parties located at

from _____ to _____

- Authorize _____ to purchase from _____
Name of party Name of party
_____ an interest in real property located at _____

- A monetary award (money) based on marital property.
- Alimony (attach Form DOM REL 31).
- Any other appropriate relief.

I, _____ solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury,
Your Name
that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Date

Signature