

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY  
LEXINGTON, MISSOURI

**REPRESENTING YOURSELF**

If you choose to proceed with a Dissolution of Marriage, Motion to Modify Child Custody, Child Support, a Motion for Family Access, Petition for Child Custody, Petition for Paternity, or a Petition for Change of Name as a pro-se litigant, it is the requirement of this court, pursuant to Local Court Rule 68.7, that you shall use the pleading forms found at [www.selfrepresent.mo.gov](http://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov). According to Supreme Court Rule 88.09 you must successfully complete the Litigant Awareness Program. You can go to [www.selfrepresent.mo.gov](http://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov) and then click the link Litigant Awareness Program. Further, it is a requirement that you present your certificate of completion with the court prior to the first court hearing of the process you are pursuing.

Please refer to the following checklist when attempting to represent yourself in a Dissolution of Marriage, Motion to Modify, Motion for Family Access, Petition for Child Custody, Petition for Paternity, and a Petition for Change of Name. You should be prepared to present the following documents at the time of filing.

All of the following forms can be obtained through [www.selfrepresent.mo.gov](http://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov). **Forms for Legal Separation are not available through the website or the court at this time.**

Check Mark	Document	Dissolution of Marriage	Motion to Modify Child (Custody & support)	Motion to Modify Child Support	Motion for Family Access (Visitation)	Petition for Child Custody	Petition for Name Change	Mother's Petition for Declaration of Paternity	Father's Petition for Declaration of Paternity	Presumed Father's Petition for Declaration of Non- Paternity
	Verified Petition	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Statement of Income & Expenses	x	x	x		x		x	x	
	Consent & Order Appointment of Next of Friend							x		
	Statement of Property & Debt	x	x	x		x		x	x	
	Parenting Plan A with Form 14	x	x			x		x	x	
	Parenting Plan B with Form 14	x	x	x		x		x	x	
	Answer Copy to Mother (uncontested)								x	x
	Answer Copy to Father (uncontested)							x		
	Answer Copy for 1 <sup>st</sup> Presumed Father (uncontested)							x	x	x
	Answer Copy for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Presumed Father (uncontested)							x	x	x
	Respondent's Answer (uncontested)	x	x	x		x				
	Proposed Separation Agreement	x								
	Proposed Judgment	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
	Certificate of Dissolution	x								
	Litigant Awareness Program Certificate of Completion	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
	Notice of Hearing	x	x	x		x		x	x	x
	Filing Information Sheet	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Service Information	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	Filing Fee of \$150.00 (cash or money order)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

For those who do not have personal access to the internet, it is suggested that access be obtained at a local library or the public user terminal located in the conference room next to the Circuit Clerk's Office located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Lafayette Hall. Printing capabilities are available through the Circuit Clerk's office at the set copy fee of \$0.25 per page. Feel free to contact the Circuit Clerk's office at 660-259-6101 should you have any questions about this information.