

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT

FAMILY DIVISION

Unit

Case No. _____

Plaintiff	Date Of Birth	Defendant	Date Of Birth
		V.	

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT
AND COUNTERCLAIM**

I do not have an attorney and will represent myself. If I decide to be represented by an attorney in the future, my attorney will notify the court of the change.

In representing myself, I understand that I **MUST**:

1. **Notify the court in writing of any changes in my mailing address, phone number, or email address.**
2. **Give or send copies of any papers I file with the court to every other party in this case. If another party has an attorney, I will give or send copies to that party's attorney.**
3. **File a certificate of service with the court certifying that I have sent the papers I am filing (including this form) to all parties. I understand that I can find that form on the Vermont Judiciary website <https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/> or at the courthouse.**

Court Notices and Orders

I understand that the court will send all notices and orders to me at the mailing address provided below.

Documents from Other Parties in the Case

I understand that the other parties in the case are required to provide me with a copy of all documents they file with the court. If I consent, the other parties may send me documents by email instead of by mail.

I consent to receive documents from the other parties at the address provided below: ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

My Mailing Address:

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (day): _____

Email Address: _____

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE, LEGAL SEPARATION, CIVIL UNION DISSOLUTION

I am the Defendant in this case. This is my answer to the facts in the Plaintiff's Complaint: *(Please refer to the Plaintiff's Complaint and check whether you admit or deny the facts in each paragraph of the Complaint.)*

To the Defendant: You must admit or deny each factual allegation in Plaintiff's Complaint. By checking the box that you admit to the information the Plaintiff has written in their Complaint, you acknowledge that the allegation raised is true. This could have unintended and/or unforeseen consequences. If you deny any of the factual allegations in Plaintiff's Complaint, please write the paragraph number below and state why you believe Plaintiff's factual allegation is not true.

1. Residence

a. My Residence: ☐ Admit ☐ Deny

b. Plaintiff's Residence: ☐ Admit ☐ Deny

2. Date and Place of Marriage or Civil Union:

☐ Admit ☐ Deny

3. Grounds for Divorce, Legal Separation, Dissolution:

☐ Admit ☐ Deny

4. Property, Assets and Debts: I have listed all of the property, assets and debts that my spouse and I own either jointly or solely that are known to me, in the Financial Affidavit that I am filing with this Answer. *(Form 400-00813B)*

5. Public Assistance:

☐ Admit ☐ Deny ☐ Don't know

6. Earlier Actions for Divorce, Legal Separation, Dissolution, or Annulment:

☐ Admit ☐ Deny

7. Relief from abuse or protective order proceedings:

☐ Admit ☐ Deny

8. Military Status:

☐ Admit ☐ Deny

If you deny any of the facts in Plaintiff's Complaint, please write the paragraph number below and state the facts you believe to be true:

(Attach additional pages if needed)

COUNTERCLAIM

Based on the facts stated above, I ask that the Family Court grant me: *(check each box that applies)*

- ☐ Decree of Divorce
- ☐ Decree of Legal Separation
- ☐ Decree of Dissolution
- ☐ Division of Property (divide our marital property, assets and debts).
- ☐ Spousal Maintenance (Alimony).
- ☐ Court costs.
- ☐ Attorney fees.
- ☐ Name change: I would like to resume my former name of _____.

Date

Signature Defendant

Printed Name