

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BEDFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

_____	:	No. _____ for 20_____
Plaintiff	:	
vs.	:	Civil Action – Law
	:	
_____	:	In Divorce
Defendant	:	

NOTICE TO DEFEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take prompt action. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a decree of divorce or annulment may be entered against you by the court. A judgment may also be entered against you for any other claim or relief requested in these papers by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you, including custody of your children.

When the ground for the divorce is indignities or irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, you may request marriage counseling. A list of marriage counselors is available in the office of:

Prothonotary's Office
Bedford County Courthouse
200 S. Juliana Street
Bedford, PA 15522
Telephone: 814-623-4833

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A CLAIM FOR ALIMONY, DIVISION OF PROPERTY, LAWYER'S FEES OR EXPENSES BEFORE A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY OF THEM.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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COMPLAINT UNDER SECTIONS 3301(c)
AND 3301(d) OF THE DIVORCE CODE

1. Plaintiff is _____, who currently resides at _____ County, Pennsylvania _____ since _____.
2. Defendant is _____, who currently resides at _____ County, Pennsylvania _____ since _____.
3. Plaintiff and/or Defendant has/have been a bona fide resident(s) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for at least six (6) months immediately previous to the filing of this Complaint.
4. Plaintiff and Defendant were married on _____, in _____ County, State of _____.
5. There have been no prior actions for divorce or for annulment of the marriage between the parties in this or any other jurisdiction except _____.
6. Plaintiff avers that the marriage is irretrievably broken.

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

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

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

Submitted by:

Date: _____

Plaintiff

Attorney for Plaintiff