

INSTRUCTIONS

“ANSWER (FAMILY)”

FOR DIVORCE AND OTHER FAMILY LAW CASES

1. Under “Commonwealth of Kentucky”, enter the county, then circle either “circuit/family/district court”, depending on which is stated at the top of the Complaint (Petition or Motion).
2. On the line opposite “Petitioner”, write the name listed as the Petitioner on the Complaint.
3. On the line opposite “Respondent”, write your name.
4. Under “Answer”, write your name where it says “insert name”.
5. In the paragraphs provided, state where you agree or disagree with what the Petitioner says in each item, and if you disagree, give what you believe to be the correct information.
6. If you need more space for this section, add additional pieces of paper.
7. In the section starting with “Wherefore”, the first item has been filled in for you. In the other lines provided, state what you want the court to do about the things the Petitioner stated in the Complaint.
8. Under “Submitted respectfully”, sign your name and, in the spaces provided, print your name and give your address.
9. Under “Certificate of Service”, state whether you have sent (or given) a copy of your “Answer” to the Petitioner, then enter the Petitioner’s name, the address where you sent him or her a copy of your “Answer”, and the date you did this. If the Petitioner has an attorney for this case, enter the attorney’s name and address instead, and send it to him or her. Then sign your name in the space provided.
10. File your “Answer” at the Circuit, District or Family Court Clerk’s office (whichever one the Complaint says, on the caption of the first page, that it was filed at) at the courthouse in the county where the Petition was filed. Ask the clerk for a copy after he or she has date-stamped the document.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
_____ (County) CIRCUIT/FAMILY/DISTRICT COURT (circle one)
CASE NO. _____

_____ (Name) PETITIONER

v.

_____ (Name) RESPONDENT

ANSWER

Comes the Respondent, _____ (insert name), Pro Se, having been served with Petitioner's Complaint on _____ (insert date you received Complaint), and responds to the specific statements in that Complaint as follows:

RESPONSES

(State whether you agree or disagree with each item in the Complaint with which you were served, and if you disagree, give what you believe to be the correct information):

Paragraph #1: _____

Paragraph #2 _____

Paragraph #3 _____

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF THERE ARE MORE THAN THREE ITEMS LISTED IN THE COMPLAINT

WHEREFORE, (State what you want the Court to do):

1. Dismissal of Petitioner's case at Petitioner's expense.

2. _____

3. _____

(ADD MORE PAGES IF NEEDED.)

Submitted respectfully,

(Sign)

RESPONDENT, PRO SE

(Print your name)

(Address)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have sent a copy of the foregoing Answer to _____ at _____ (insert address of Petitioner) on _____ (insert date) or, if he/she is represented by an attorney, to _____ (insert name of Petitioner's attorney) at _____ (insert address of Petitioner's attorney) on _____ (insert date).

(Signature)

(Printed name)
PRO SE RESPONDENT