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## IN THE FAMILY DIVISION

OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASHOE
$\qquad$
Plaintiff/Petitioner,
Case No. $\qquad$
Dept. No. $\qquad$
vs.

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE WITH MINOR CHILDREN AND COUNTERCLAIM
I. ANSWER

Admit
List the paragraph(s) in the Complaint with which you agree.

1. I admit the allegations in Paragraph(s) $\qquad$
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$\qquad$
If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.
$\square$
List the paragraph(s) in the Complaint with which you do not agree.
2. I deny the allegations in Paragraph(s) $\qquad$
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If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

## Do Not Have Knowledge

List the paragraph(s) in the Complaint with which you do not know whether the allegations are true.
3. I do not have enough knowledge to know if the allegations are true in Paragraph(s)
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If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

## II. COUNTERCLAIM

1. For the six weeks immediately before filing this Complaint with the Court, I have resided in and been physically present in the State of $\qquad$ .
(Your State of residence)

My spouse is a resident of the State of $\qquad$ . We were married on (State in which your spouse lives) , in $\qquad$
(Date of marriage, to include month, day, and year) (City and State in which married)
and ever since have been married. My spouse and I are incompatible in marriage and there is no hope for reconciliation.
2. $I \square \underline{\text { AM }}-\mathbf{O R}-\square \underline{\text { AM NOT }}$ pregnant at this time.

My spouse $\square$ IS -OR- $\square$ IS NOT -OR- $\square$ UNKNOWN pregnant at this time.
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## Minor Child(ren)

On the lines below: Provide the information requested regarding each minor child born to, or adopted by, you and your spouse. You MUST LIST where the child currently lives, where the child has lived for the PAST 5 YEARS, and the name(s) and current address(es) of the person(s) with whom the child lived at each address.
3.


If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.
a. Please identify any other court case in which you have participated as a party, witness, or in any other way concerning the custody of or visitation with the minor child(ren) listed above.

If there are no other court cases, please check this box $\square$.
Name(s) of minor child(ren) involved: $\qquad$
Court: $\qquad$
Case number: $\qquad$ Date of custody determination: $\qquad$
b. Please identify any court case that could affect this case, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to domestic violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, adoptions, guardianships, dependency, and paternity actions. If there are no other court cases, please check this box $\square$.

Name(s) of minor child(ren) involved:
Court: $\qquad$ Type of case: $\qquad$
Case number: $\qquad$ Date of last order: $\qquad$
c. Please identify the name(s) and address(es) of any person(s) not a party to this court case who claim(s) a right to legal custody, physical custody or visitation with the minor child(ren).

If this is not applicable, please check this box $\square$
Name(s) of minor child(ren) involved: $\qquad$
Name(s) and address(es) of person(s) claiming custody or visitation rights: $\qquad$
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If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

If the children have not been physically present in the State of Nevada for the past six months, the court may not be able to issue a court order regarding custody and visitation. Depending on your situation, the court may still be able to grant you a divorce.

## Legal Custody of the Minor Child(ren)

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the options below.
4. Who should have legal custody of the minor child(ren)?

BOTH PARENTS: JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY
-OR-

ME: SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY
-OR-

MY SPOUSE: SOLE LEGAL CUSTODY

## Physical Custody of the Minor Child(ren)

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the options below.
5. Who should have physical custody of the minor child(ren)?

BOTH PARENTS: JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY
-OR-

ME: PRIMARY PHYSICAL CUSTODY
-OR-

## Custody / Visitation and Exchange Schedule

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the custody schedules provided below. A more detailed description of each custody schedule is provided in Appendix A. If you select Option 4, or would like to modify Options 1-3, write in your proposed custody / visitation schedule below.
6. $\square$ Option 1 Week On / Week Off: (Joint Custody) The minor child(ren) will spend one week with you and then the following week they will spend with your spouse.

This schedule will alternate weekly throughout the year.
The exchange will take place on $\qquad$ at $\qquad$ A.M. -ORP.M.
(Day of the week)
(Time)

The parties will exchange the minor child(ren) at $\qquad$ (Location)
$\square$ Option 2 Repeating Two / Two / Three: (Joint Custody) The minor child(ren) will spend two days with you, then two days with your spouse, three days with you, two days with your spouse, two days with you, three days with your spouse, alternating throughout the year. The first exchange will take place on the first Friday following this Court's Order. The exchanges will take place at $\qquad$ $\square$ A.M. - OR- $\square$ P.M. (Time) The parties will exchange the minor child(ren) at $\qquad$ (Location)

NOTE: This schedule is often used when the parents have a young child or children.

Option 3 Three Weekends A Month: (Primary Custody) The minor child(ren) will spend the first three full weekends (starts on the first Friday of the month) with $\square$ ME -OR- $\square$ MY SPOUSE. Remaining weekdays and weekends will be spent with the other parent. The exchange will take place on Friday at $\qquad$ $\square$ A.M. -OR- $\qquad$ P.M. and Sunday at $\qquad$ $\square$ A.M. -OR- $\square$ (Time) (Time)

The parties will exchange the minor child(ren) at $\qquad$
(Location)
$\square$ Option 4 Schedule Described Below: I request the following schedule (Include instructions for transportation and exchange):
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If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

## Holiday Visitation Schedule

Please fill out the below holiday visitation schedule. Undesignated religious or school holidays shall follow the parent's regular timeshare schedule, unless detailed below. For example, Christmas typically falls during the $1^{\text {st }}$ half of Winter Break. If nothing is identified in "Other", the parent who has the $1^{\text {st }}$ half of the break, has the minor child(ren) for Christmas.
7.

| Check box if this holiday applies | Holiday | Exchange Times | Even <br> Numbered Years | Odd <br> Numbered Years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | ${ }^{\text {st }}$ Half Spring Break | Begins upon release of school and ends at 9 a.m. halfway through the break. | Me My spouse | $\square \mathrm{Me}$ $\square$ My spouse |
| $\square$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Half Spring Break | Begins at 9 a.m. halfway through the break and ends when school resumes. | Me My spouse | Me My spouse |
| $\square$ | Mother's Day | Begins 7 p.m. evening before Mother's Day; ends 9 a.m. the morning after. | Me My spouse |  |
| $\square$ | Father's Day | Begins 7 p.m. evening before Father's Day; ends 9 a.m. the morning after. | Me My spouse | $\square \mathrm{Me}$ $\square \mathrm{My}$ spouse |
| $\square$ | $4^{\text {th }}$ of July | Begins 7 p.m. on July 3rd; ends 9 a.m. on July 5th. | Me $\square$ My spouse | $\begin{aligned} & \square \mathrm{Me} \\ & \square \mathrm{My} \text { spouse } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\square$ | Halloween | Begins 7 p.m. on October 30th; ends 9 a.m. on November 1st. | Me My spouse |  |
| $\square$ | Fall Break | Begins upon release of school and ends when school resumes. | Me My spouse | $\square \mathrm{Me}$ $\square$ My spouse |
| $\square$ | Thanksgiving Break | Begins upon release of school and ends when school resumes. | Me My spouse |  |
| $\square$ | $1^{\text {st }}$ Half Winter Break | Begins upon release of school and ends at 9 a.m. halfway through the break. | Me <br> $\square$ My spouse | $\begin{aligned} & \square \mathrm{Me} \\ & \square \mathrm{My} \text { spouse } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\square$ | $2^{\text {nd }}$ Half Winter Break | Begins at 9 a.m. halfway through the break and ends when school resumes. | Me <br> $\square$ My spouse | $\square \mathrm{Me}$ $\square$ My spouse |
| $\square$ | National Holidays not listed above that result in a 3-day weekend. | Begins upon release of school and ends when school resumes. <br> Example: Memorial Day Weekend. | Me My spouse | $\square$ Me $\square$ My spouse |
| $\square$ | Other: |  | Me My spouse | $\square \mathrm{Me}$ $\square$ My spouse |
| $\square$ | Other: |  | Me My spouse | $\square \mathrm{Me}$ $\square$ My spouse |
| $\square$ | Other: |  | Me My spouse | $\begin{aligned} & \square \text { Me } \\ & \square \text { My spouse } \end{aligned}$ |

If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

## Summer Visitation Schedule

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the summer visitation schedules provided below. If you select Option 3, or would like to modify Options 1 or 2, write in your proposed visitation schedule below. If one or both parents want an additional undesignated block of time, describe it in Option 3.
8. $\square$ Option 1: Visitation Remains the Same.

Option 2: Alternating Two Week Timeshares: The minor child(ren) will spend two weeks with you and then the following two weeks they will spend with your spouse. This will alternate for the remainder of the summer break.
$\square$ Option 3: Schedule Described Below: I request the following summer visitation schedule:
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If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

Transportation for ALL Exchanges
Complete the statement below.
9. Transportation will be provided by the parentPICKING UP -OR- $\square$ DROPPING OFF the minor child(ren) -OR- $\square$ OTHER:
(Explain how transportation shall be provided)

## Best Interest

Answer each question.
Describe, in detail, why the requested custody and visitation schedule is in the best interest of the child(ren). If you need more room to answer the questions attach additional sheets.
10. The requested custody and visitation schedule is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) for the following reasons:
a. The minor child(ren)IS/ARE -ORIS NOT/ARE NOT old enough and capable of having a preference in the custody and visitation. If the minor child(ren) is/are, their age(s) and preference(s) is/are:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
c. $\square$ I AM - OR- $\square$ MY SPOUSE is more likely to allow the minor child(ren) to have frequent contact with and a continuing relationship with the other parent because:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
-OR- $\square$ NOT APPLICABLE
d. The level of conflict between my spouse and me is: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
therefore the proposed custody and visitation schedule is in the best interest of the minor child(ren).
e. $\square \mathrm{Me}$ and my spouse $\mathbf{\text { ARE }}$ able to cooperate to meet the needs of the minor child(ren).
-OR-Me and my spouse ARE NOT able to cooperate to meet the needs of the minor child(ren) and the proposed custody and visitation schedule is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) because: $\qquad$
f. My mental and physical health is: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
My spouse's mental and physical health is: $\qquad$
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$\qquad$
g. The minor child(ren) have the following physical, developmental, and emotional needs:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
h. My relationship with the minor child(ren) is: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
My spouse's relationship with the minor child(ren) is: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
i. This custody and visitation schedule $\square$ WILL-OR- $\square$ WILL NOT allow the minor child(ren) to maintain a relationship with siblings.
j. I $\square \underline{\text { HAVE }- \text { OR- } \square \text { DO NOT HAVE a history of parental abuse or neglect of the minor }}$ child(ren) or any sibling of the minor child(ren), or a history of domestic violence against the minor child(ren), my spouse, or any other person who lives with the minor child(ren). If there is a history, the abuse, neglect, or act of domestic violence was: (Include case number(s), if any and if known)
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
My spouse $\square \underline{\text { HAS }}$-OR- $\square$ DOES NOT HAVE a history of parental abuse or neglect of the minor child(ren) or any sibling of the minor child(ren), or a history of domestic violence against the minor child(ren), myself, or any other person who lives with the minor child(ren).

If there is a history, the abuse, neglect, or act of domestic violence was:
(Include case number(s), if any and if known)
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
k. I $\square \underline{\text { HAVE }- \text { OR- } \square \text { HAVE NOT committed an act of abduction against the minor }}$ child(ren) or any other child.

If there is a history, the act of abduction was: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
My spouse $\square$ HAS -OR- $\square \underline{\text { HAS NOT } \text { committed an act of abduction against the }}$ minor child(ren) or any other child.

If there is a history, the act of abduction was: $\qquad$

## Child Support Calculation

Fill in the information requested below. Included in Appendix B, you will find child support calculation worksheets to assist you with calculating child support. If you do not know the other parent's information, put unknown in the space below. Complete the statements below.
11. $\square$ Child support has been established through the District Attorney's Office in child support case number $\qquad$ . (If you have a child support case with the District

Attorney's Office, skip to question 13.)
$\square$ Child support has not been established through the District Attorney's Office and I request child support as follows:
a. $\quad \square$ I have completed the attached Child Support Worksheet.
b. My gross monthly income is: $\$$ $\qquad$
c. My child support obligation is \$ $\qquad$
d. The other parent's gross monthly income is: $\$$ $\qquad$
e. The other parent's child support obligation is $\$$ $\qquad$
f. The Court should adjust the child support obligation based upon the following factors (complete all that apply)

| Adjustment Factors | Amount -/+ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Any special education needs of the child | $\$$ |
| A parent's legal responsibility to support others | $\$$ |
| Value of services contributed by either parent | $\$$ |
| Any public assistance paid to support the child | $\$$ |
| Cost of transportation of the child to and from visitation | $\$$ |
| The relative income of both households. | $\$$ |
| The obligor's ability to pay | $\$$ |
| Any other necessary expenses for the benefit of the child(ren) | $\$$ |
| Total Deviations | $\$$ |

## Child Support Payment

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the two statements below.
12. a. $\square$ The parent paying child support will pay the support directly to the other parent.
-OR-
b. $\square$ A wage assignment is or should be put in place and payment should be enforced through the District Attorney's Office.

| Child Care |
| :---: |
| Place an " X " in a box to select ONLY ONE of the two statements below. |

13. a. $\square$ There are no child care costs for either parent.
b. $\square$ Child care is $\$$ $\qquad$ per month and should be paid by $\qquad$ me $\qquad$ the other parent $\square$ both parents equally $\qquad$ other: $\qquad$ .

## Health Care for Child(ren)

Complete the statements below.
Place an "X" in a box in front of the selected answer.
14. a. The child(ren) are, or will be covered by the following health insurance policy:
$\square$ Medicaid
$\square$ Private/employer insurance
$\square$ Tricare
$\square$ Other:
b. The monthly premium is $\$$ $\qquad$ and should be paid for by $\square$ me $\square$ the other parent $\square$ both parents equally $\square$ other: $\qquad$ .
c. Both parents will equally share all other costs of insurance for the minor child(ren), including, deductibles, and any uncovered medical, dental, or vision expenses. If either parent incurs a medical expense on behalf of the child(ren), they will provide the other parent with proof of payment and a copy of the bill within 30 days of receiving it, and the other parent will have 30 days to reimburse their half of the amount paid or to set up payment arrangements through the health care provider.

## Tax Deduction

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the three statements below.
15. 1. $\square$ Every year, $\square \underline{\mathbf{I}}$-OR- $\square$ MY SPOUSE should claim the child(ren) as dependents for tax purposes.
2.The tax deduction should alternate, with me claiming the child(ren) inEVEN

NUMBERED -OR- $\square$ ODD NUMBERED years, and my spouse claiming the child(ren) in the other years.
-OR-
3. $\square$ The tax deduction should be shared by each of us claiming one or more children each year.

I will claim: $\qquad$
(Name(s) of child(ren) I will claim)

MY SPOUSE will claim: $\qquad$
(Name(s) of child(ren) my spouse will claim)

## School Enrollment

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the three statements.
16. The child(ren) should attend:

1. $\square$ The school(s) zoned for $\underline{\mathbf{M Y}}$ address.
2. $\square$ The school(s) zoned for MY SPOUSE'S address.
3. $\square$ Other: $\qquad$

## Division of Community Debts

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the two statements below.
17. a. $\square$ There are no community debts to be divided as they have previously been divided or there are no community debts.
-OR-
b. $\square$ The community debts should be divided as follows:

I should be responsible for the debts listed below:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
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$\qquad$
If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.
MY SPOUSE should be responsible for the debts listed below:
$\qquad$
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$\qquad$
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$\qquad$

If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.

## Division of Community Property

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the two statements below.
18. a. $\square$ There is no community property to be divided as it has previously been divided or there is no community property.
-OR-
b. $\square$ The community property should be divided as follows:

I should receive the property listed below:
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If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.
MY SPOUSE should receive the property listed below:
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$\qquad$
If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.
19. I have disclosed all community property and debts and there are no other community property or debts for this Court to divide.

## Alimony

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the two statements below.
20. a. $\square$ Alimony should not be awarded.
-OR-
b. $\square \mathbf{I}-\mathbf{O R}-\square$ MY SPOUSE should receive alimony in the amount of $\$$
(Amount of alimony)
per month, due on the $\qquad$ for (Day / Date of payment each month) (Number of months or years) $\square$ MONTHS -OR- $\square$ YEARS. Alimony should begin on: $\qquad$ .
(Date first alimony payment will be made)

## Return to Former Name

Place an "X" in a box to select ONLY ONE of the three statements below.
21. a. $\square$ I do not wish to return to my former name.
-OR-
b. $\square$ I wish to return to my former name of:
(Print full name: first, middle, and last)
-OR-
c. $\square$ Does not apply.

## Discovery

Discovery is a formal process in which all parties must share information in certain time frames before and after their first case management conference. Parties may request exemption from such rules for good reason shown. For further information, please see NRCP 16.2.
Place an "X" in a box to select the statements below that apply to you.
22. I request exemption from formal discovery for one or more of the following good cause reasons:
a. $\square$ The parties have few assets and debts together.
b. $\square$Gathering all of the documentation in the time periods required creates a hardship.
c. $\qquad$ Other: $\qquad$

## Additional Relief

Do you have any other requests you would like the Court to consider? If so, please list in detail below.
23. I request the additional relief listed below:
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$\qquad$
If more room is needed, attach additional sheets.
24. I reserve the right to amend this Answer and Counterclaim, and to request additional and/or modified relief.
25. I ask for judgment as follows:
a. That I be granted a divorce;
b. That the Court grant me the relief requested in this Answer and Counterclaim; and
c. For other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper in this action.

This document does not contain the personal information of any person as defined by NRS 603A. 040 .

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: $\qquad$ Your Signature: $\qquad$

