



MINNESOTA GUIDE & FILE

Next Steps: Joint Petition for Divorce with Children

eFiling at end of interview

Save the email and password you used for your Guide & File account; you will need this information later to go back to your Guide & File account or to go to the eFS System (Minnesota Judicial Branch's web-based system that allows you to eFile documents in Minnesota district courts).

! Remember – since you decided to eFile your forms, you will need to continue to eFile all other documents for the rest of this case through the eFS System. See Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 14.01(b)(5)(i) (https://revisor.mn.gov/court_rules/gp/id/14/).

STEP 1: Once the case has been accepted, sign up for electronic service (eService) in eFS

- Because you eFiled, you must accept any documents or notices from the court or the other party electronically through the eFS System. This is called eService.
- You will receive an email from “no-reply@efilingmail.tylertech.cloud” when your case is first filed and again when your case is accepted. Be sure to watch your junk or spam folder for these emails.
- After you receive an email saying that your case is accepted (this may take 1-2 business days), you will need to add yourself as a service contact to sign up for eService.

To sign up for eService:

1. Sign into the eFS System using your Guide & File email and password at <https://minnesota.tylertech.cloud/ofswb>. Please note that this is a different website than Guide & File.
2. Open the Quick Reference Guide [QRG: Adding and Removing Service Contacts from the List and Case](#) under the “eFile and eServe Training” tab online at <https://www.mncourts.gov/efile>. Use the step-by-step instructions on both pages to sign up for eService in the eFS System. Other training materials are also available on the website.
 - a. Carefully read both pages to add yourself as a service contact in the QRG. Unless you have signed yourself up as a service contact for other cases, this takes two steps. First step is to add yourself as a contact on the service contact list and the second step requires you to add your contact to the specific case you filed. If you do not add yourself to the case then you may not receive notices for your case.
- If your email ever changes or you no longer have access to the email account you used to sign up for eService, you must update your account information in eFS to continue eService in your case. If you need any help with eFS, please contact the eFS Support Center.

- By phone: 612-902-9585 or 1-844-918-1724 (if calling long distance from a landline phone)
- By email: <https://www.mncourts.gov/eFS-Support>
- Website: <https://www.mncourts.gov/eFile>

STEP 2: Wait to hear from Court Administration

Guide & File created many different forms at the end of your interview based on your situation. All of the forms are listed on the Summary Page. Some forms were eFiled, while others are either for your information or have steps that you must take before eFiling.

The following forms were eFiled at the end of the interview:

- *Joint Petition* (DIV1702) and attachments as needed;
- *Confidential Information Form* (CON111); and
- *Certificate of Dissolution* (DIV103S).

Some forms are for your information only, including these *Next Steps*:

- *Instructions for Court Forms CON111 and CON112* (CON110);
- *Cover Sheet for Non-Public Documents* (CON112); and
- *Instructions – Summary Real Estate Disposition Judgment* (DIV1601) (if either party owns real property).

If you or your spouse have applied for or receive assistance from the State of Minnesota for your family, Guide & File will also create these forms for you:

- *Notice to Public Authority* (DIV813);
- *Affidavit of Service to Public Authority* (DIV816).

Finally, if you did not upload any documents within the interview, you may need to file other documents depending on your situation. You will need to file these using the eFS System after your case has been accepted. These documents are noted throughout the *Joint Petition*, and include but are not limited to:

- Affidavit of Service of Name Change Notice with felony
- Copy of Support Order
- Child Support Guidelines Worksheet
- Copy of Court Order for Harassment Restraining Order and/or Order for Protection
- Copy of Paternity Order
- Copy of Recognition of Parentage
- Copy of Spouse's Non-Parentage Statement
- Schedule C for Self-Employment for either party (attach to Form 11.2)

STEP 3: Serve the Notice to Public Authority (if needed)

If you or your spouse have applied for or are receiving assistance from the State of Minnesota for your family, you must let the county child support office know of this divorce. Fill in any missing information and sign the *Notice to Public Authority* (DIV813) that was created through Guide & File. Make a copy of the signed *Notice*. Note that they may have to sign off on the *Joint Petition* as well.

- Hand-deliver or mail the copy of the *Notice* (DIV813) and *Confidential Information Form* (CON111) to the child support office in the county paying the assistance. You may deliver or mail the copy yourself, or ask someone else to do it for you. Whoever delivers or mails the *Notice* must fill out and sign the *Affidavit of Service to Public Authority* (DIV816).
- Sign into the eFS System (as explained above) to upload the completed *Affidavit of Service*.

STEP 4: What is Next?

- If you filed Fee Waiver forms to waive the filing fee, a judicial officer will review them and decide to grant or deny the request. If denied, court administration will let you know that a filing fee is required to move forward with your divorce.
- Once the case is opened, the court will send you a notice giving you the court file number for your case and in some counties the notice will also tell you the name of your judicial officer. You might get a court date, too. You can contact Court Administration in your county to find out what will happen next. Be sure you have signed up as a service contact to receive any notices from the court.
- Please note: Depending on your case and the schedule of the court, your divorce may not be finalized for several weeks or months.
- For more information about Divorces, please look at the “Divorce/Dissolution” Help Topic online starting at <https://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Divorce.aspx>.

Notice to Real Property Owners:

If you and/or your spouse own any real property (real estate) you must take steps to transfer the title to the party who was awarded the property in the divorce. Under Minnesota law, both spouses have an interest in real estate, even if only one spouse’s name is on the deed or title of the property.

Proof of the divorce and proof of who was awarded interests in the real property is usually recorded in the real property records, with the county recorder’s office, before selling or mortgaging the property after the divorce. To give this proof:

- File a complete copy of the divorce decree in the real estate records, OR
- File a short version of the divorce decree called a *Summary Real Estate Disposition Judgment Form* (SREDJ). The SREDJ only includes information needed to transfer the real property. Instructions to help with the SREDJ process is available at <https://mncourts.gov/GetForms.aspx?c=15&f=572>.

Need Help?

Contact the Statewide Self-Help Center at 651-435-6535, or <http://mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Self-Help-Centers/Self-Help-Centers-Contact.aspx>.

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