

## Family Case Types



Case Type	Usage
<b>Annulment</b>	The parties ask the court to establish that a marital status never existed.
<b>Custody</b>	Cases filed for the purpose of having the court award the care, control, and maintenance of something/someone to one of the parties to the case.
<b>Dissolution with Child</b>	Cases filed for the purpose of dissolving a marriage that involves minor children.
<b>Dissolution without Child</b>	Cases filed for the purpose of dissolving a marriage that does not involve any minor children.
<b>Domestic Abuse</b>	A family or household member; a guardian; a reputable adult age 25 or older on behalf of minor family or household members; or a person age 16 or 17 seeking protection from a person they are married to, were married to, or have a child with, to seek an order for protection directly from the court in cases of abuse or sexual assault. <i>Reference: M.S. 518B.01</i>
<b>Family Other</b>	Cases that include family court matters that do not fit into any of the other family case types.
<b>Legal Separation</b>	Cases filed for the purpose of arranging the terms (custody, support, etc.) under which a married couple will live separately.
<b>Paternity</b>	A court action to prove that a person is the father of an illegitimate child and to enforce support obligations.
<b>Separate Maintenance</b>	Cases filed for determining the amount of money to be paid by one married person to the other for support if they are no longer living together.
<b>Summary Dissolution</b>	Allows certain dissolutions to be granted by Court Administration without direction of a judge.
<b>Support</b>	Actions brought for the collection of child support.