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**NOTICE TO PERSONS SEEKING DIVORCE WITHOUT A LAWYER**

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You are absolutely entitled to represent yourself—to be your own lawyer—in a divorce. However, you must properly prepare pleadings according to the Rules of Civil Procedure. You will be expected to abide by the same Court rules as lawyers do.

The Clerk and the Deputy Clerks are not lawyers and are prohibited by law from assisting you in preparing legal documents and from offering legal advice. Please do not ask them to practice law for you. They will, however, file the Petition you prepare, prepare and issue a summons, schedule dates and perform the other duties required of their office.


Also, please do not call my office to ask my staff or me personally to assist you in preparing your forms or to advise you on the merits of your case. I must hear and decide your case impartially, and I cannot be your family law attorney.

Divorce is a serious matter, often involving the lives of young children and involving substantial property rights. It is not a matter to be taken lightly. Make sure you understand the consequences of representing yourself and exactly what is involved in the procedure to get a divorce before you attempt to undertake self-representation.

Please understand that it is not my intention to keep anyone who is entitled to a divorce from getting one or to cause you undue trouble, but in taking my oath of office, I am bound to follow the applicable law, including statutes, case decisions, Court rules and procedures.

In summary:

1. You may represent yourself in a divorce.
2. Neither the Court Clerk nor the Judge nor the Judge's staff can advise you or prepare papers for you.
3. If, at the hearing, your papers are incomplete or incorrect, you will not be able to proceed with the hearing.
4. You are responsible for the consequences of representing yourself.

  
GLEN R. STOTLER  
FAMILY COURT JUDGE

**MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE  
IS REQUIRED UPON  
FILING FOR DIVORCE**

\$135.00 FILING FEE  
\$20.00 C/M or \$25.00 SHERIFF  
\$25.00 PARENTING CLASS  
CASH or MONEY Order ONLY  
EXACT CHANGE REQUIRED