

SUPERIOR COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

_____ ,		Civil Action
Plaintiff,		Case Number _____
vs.		
_____ ,		
Defendant.		

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am representing myself in this divorce action. In response to each of the numbered paragraphs of the Plaintiff's *Complaint for Divorce*, I state as follows:

*(Check only one answer to match each paragraph of the Complaint; whenever you choose the "partly true" answer, you must explain on the lines about what is true and what is false.)*

1. The allegations of Paragraph One are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
  
2. The allegations of Paragraph Two are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
  
3. The allegations of Paragraph Three are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know

the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:

4. The allegations of Paragraph Four are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
  
5. The allegations of Paragraph Five are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
  
6. The allegations of Paragraph Six are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
  
7. The allegations of Paragraph Seven are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
  
8. The allegations of Paragraph Eight are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:

9. The allegations of Paragraph Nine are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
10. The allegations of Paragraph Ten are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
11. The allegations of Paragraph Eleven are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
12. The allegations of Paragraph Twelve are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
13. The allegations of Paragraph Thirteen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:

14. The allegations of Paragraph Fourteen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
15. The allegations of Paragraph Fifteen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
16. The allegations of Paragraph Sixteen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
17. The allegations of Paragraph Seventeen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
18. The allegations of Paragraph Eighteen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:

19. The allegations of Paragraph Nineteen are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
20. The allegations of Paragraph Twenty are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
21. The allegations of Paragraph 21 are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
22. The allegations of Paragraph 22 are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
23. The allegations of Paragraph 23 are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:

24. The allegations of Paragraph 24 are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
25. The allegations of Paragraph 25 are:  admitted as true  denied as untrue  
 neither admitted nor denied because I do not have enough information to know  
the truth of the matter  partly true and partly untrue, specifically as follows:
26. **Defenses** - In addition to my specific responses above, I have the following  
affirmative defenses to this action:

*(If you and your spouse have minor children together,  
you must also complete Paragraphs 27 through 32, below.)*

27. **Children's Current Residence:**

The minor children currently live at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
with the following people: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The children have lived at this address since approximately \_\_\_\_\_.

28. **Children's Past Residences:**

During the past five years, the children have lived at the following addresses:

<u>Dates at Address</u>	<u>Address</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

29. **People With Whom Children Have Lived:**

During the past five years, the children have lived with the following people:

<u>Name of Person</u>	<u>Person's Current Address</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

30. **Other Court Cases About Children:**

*[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]*

- (a) I have never participated as a party or a witness or in any other capacity in any other litigation concerning the custody of or visitation with the minor children in this or any other state.
  
- (b) I have participated in other litigation concerning the custody of the minor children in Georgia or another state. The court, case number and date of any order concerning custody or visitation under the other litigation are as follows:

31. **Other Proceedings That Could Affect Custody or Visitation in This Case:**

*[Check only one of the following, either (a) or (b).]*

- (a) I do not have any information of any proceeding that could affect this case, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to family violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, and adoptions in this or any other state.
- (b) I have information about a proceeding that could affect this case, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to family violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, or adoptions in this or another state. The court, the case number and the nature of the proceeding are as follows:

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32. **Others Claiming Custody or Visitation:**

*[Check only one of these, either (a) or (b).]*

- (a) I do not know of any person who is not a party to this case, who has physical custody of the children or who claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the children.
- (b) I know of someone who is not a party to this case, who has physical custody of the children or who claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the children. The names and present addresses of the person(s) are:

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FOR THESE REASONS, I REQUEST THE FOLLOWING RELIEF: *(Check all that apply.)*

- (a) That this action be dismissed; but, if it is not dismissed, then:

- (b) That the *Settlement Agreement* signed by the parties be incorporated into the *Final Judgment and Decree of Divorce*.
- (c) That the custody of the children be awarded to the \_\_\_\_\_;
- (d) That visitation for the children be ordered as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_;
- (e) That child support be awarded according to the guidelines;
- (f) That the Plaintiff be required to provide health insurance for the minor children, and pay for their uncovered medical expenses;
- (g) That the Plaintiff be required to maintain life insurance on the Plaintiff's life, for the benefit of the children;
- (h) That the Plaintiff be ordered to pay me alimony for my support;
- (i) That our marital property be divided equitably;
- (j) That our joint and marital debts be divided equitably;
- (k) That the Plaintiff be temporarily and permanently restrained from harassing me or committing any acts of violence toward me;
- (l) That my former name be restored;
- (m) That a Rule Nisi be scheduled by the Court, to decide on the relief I have requested;
- (n) That the Court order the parties to participate in mediation, to try to resolve this matter; and
- (o) That the Court order any and all other relief that the Court finds appropriate.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant, *Pro se* (Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_