

Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases

The civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form shall be filed by the plaintiff or petitioner for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of reporting judicial workload data pursuant to Florida Statutes section 25.075. (See instructions for completion).

I. CASE STYLE

CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PETITIONER

CASE #: _____

VS.

JUDGE: _____

RESPONDENT

II. TYPE OF ACTION/PROCEEDING. Place a check mark beside the proceeding you are initiating. If you are simultaneously filing more than one type of proceeding against the same opposing party, such as a modification and an enforcement proceeding, complete a separate cover sheet for each action being filed. **If you are reopening a case, choose one of the three options below it.**

- A. _____ Initial Action/Petition
- B. _____ Reopening Case
 - 1. _____ Modification/Supplemental Petition
 - 2. _____ Motion for Civil Contempt/Enforcement
 - 3. _____ Other

III. TYPE OF CASE. If the case fits more than one type of case, select the most definitive.

- A. _____ Simplified Dissolution of Marriage
- B. _____ Dissolution of Marriage
- C. _____ Domestic Violence
- D. _____ Dating Violence
- E. _____ Repeat Violence
- F. _____ Sexual Violence
- G. _____ Support IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- H. _____ Support Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- I. _____ UIFSA IV-D (Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- J. _____ UIFSA Non-IV-D (not Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement)
- K. _____ Other Family Court
- L. _____ Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 63
- M. _____ Name Change
- N. _____ Paternity/Disestablishment of Paternity
- O. _____ Juvenile Delinquency
- P. _____ Petition for Dependency
- Q. _____ Shelter Petition
- R. _____ Termination of Parental Rights Arising Out of Chapter 39
- S. _____ Adoption Arising Out of Chapter 39
- T. _____ CINS/FINS

IV. RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.545(d) requires that a Notice of Related Cases Form, Family law Form 12.900(h), be filed with the initial pleading/petition by the filing attorney or self represented litigant in order to notify the court of related cases. Is Form 12.900(h) being filed with this Cover Sheet for Family Court Cases and initial pleading/petition?

- No, to the best of my knowledge, no related cases exist.
- Yes, all related cases are listed on Family law Form 12.900(h).

ATTORNEY OR PARTY SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY that the information I have provided in this cover sheet is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____
Attorney or Party

Fla. Bar #: _____
(Bar # if attorney)

Type or Print Name

Date

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: (fill in **all** blanks)

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____, a nonlawyer, whose address is *{street}* _____ *{City}* _____ *{state}* _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____ who is the (choose one only) _____ petitioner or _____ respondent, fill out this form.