



Superior Court of the State of California County of Kings

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A summary dissolution case is a shorter and easier way to obtain a divorce. But not everybody can use it. Briefly a summary dissolution is possible for couples who:

- have been married and or in a domestic partnership “five years or less” (this means that the time between the date you married or registered your domestic partnership and the date you separated from your spouse or partner is five years or less.)
- have no children together,
- the wife, to her knowledge, is not pregnant,
- don't own very much
 - ✓ *community property is not worth more than \$40,000, do not count automobiles.*
 - ✓ *Your separate property is not worth more than \$40,000, do not count automobiles.*
- have **no disagreements** about how their belongings and their debts are going to be divided up once they are no longer married to each other, and
- at least you or your spouse have lived in California for the past six months or longer, and in the county where you file for Dissolution for the past three months or longer.

Understand the difference between summary dissolution and a regular dissolution:

- **With a regular dissolution**, the husband or wife can ask for a court hearing or trial. And if either spouse is unhappy with the judge's final decision, it is possible to challenge that decision.
- **With a summary dissolution, there is no trial or hearing.** Couples who choose this method of getting a divorce do not have a right to ask for a new trial (since there is no trial) or the right to appeal the case to a higher court.

There is a filing fee of \$ 435.00.

The filing fee may be waived if both you and your spouse meet the qualifications. If only one party qualifies, then the filing fee must be paid.

Both you and your spouse must:

1. complete a *separate Request to Waive Court Fees* and an *Order on Court Fee Waiver*
2. meet the qualifications in order for the filing fee to be waived

QUICK GLANCE AT THE FORMS PROVIDED IN THIS PACKET:

Form name and number:	Last revised on:
Summary Dissolution Information (FL 810)	07-01-13
Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution of Marriage (FL 800)	07-01-13
Income and Expense Declaration (FL 150) • two forms provided in this packet	01-01-07
Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment (FL 825)	01-01-12
Notice of Revocation of Petition for Summary Dissolution (FL 830)	01-01-12

Before beginning step 1, read the following informational form. You may choose to separate and staple this form, prior to reviewing it:

Summary Dissolution Information (FL 810)

This information pamphlet will explain:

- a. the summary dissolution procedure;
- b. what steps you must take to get a summary dissolution;
- c. when it would help t see a lawyer; and
- d. what risks you take when you use this procedure rather than the regular dissolution procedure.

Step 1: Complete the following forms:

Both you and your spouse must sign and date this form:

1. [Joint Petition for Summary Dissolution of Marriage \(FL 800\)](#)

Both you and your spouse must complete this form and provide each other with a copy:

2. [Income and Expense Declaration \(FL 150 \)](#)

Either you or your spouse must complete and submit the following form:

3. [Judgment of Dissolution and Notice of Entry of Judgment \(FL 825\)](#)

Important: Complete the address portion on page 2 of each specified location.

- 1) Deliver to the court the following:
 - a. The original,
 - b. A **stamped envelope** addressed to each party and
 - c. Two copies of this form.

Failure to complete the form(s) or to submit the addressed and stamped envelopes shall be cause for refusal to sign the Judgment until compliance with the requirement of this rule. The judgment may be rejected and placed in the pick-up drawer unsigned and unprocessed. This means your dissolution will not be final.

Step 2: Have your forms reviewed.

You may seek the assistance of the court's family law facilitator or self-help center to review your paperwork. They can make sure you filled it out properly before you move ahead with your case.

You can also hire your own lawyer to review your papers or to get legal advice.

Step 3: Copy your forms for filing with the court.

Make at least 2 copies of all your forms

One copy will be for you; another copy will be for your spouse. The original is for the court.

If a form has writing on both sides:

- ✓ use two separate pages to copy the 2-sided form **or**
- ✓ copy the 2-sided form (as presented in the packet provided by the court)
- ✓ all 2-sided copies must be "tumbled" or they will be rejected.

How do I assemble and hole punch my forms?

- ✓ Each *form*, to be filed, that has multiple pages and/or attachments must be *stapled*.
- ✓ Each original form must be two-hole punched at the top.

Step 4: File your forms with the court clerk.

Turn in your forms (the originals AND copies) to the court clerk. If there are no obvious errors, the clerk will file your forms. The originals will be kept by the court and the copies will be returned to you.

Where can I file my paperwork?

AVENAL	501 E. Kings Street, Avenal, CA 93204	(559) 386-5225
CORCORAN	1000 Chittenden Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212	(559) 992-5193
HANFORD	1426 South Drive, Hanford, CA 93230	(559) 582-1010
Hours of Operation:		
Except for Judicial Holidays		
Business Days:		Business Hours:
Monday – Thursday		8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday		8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



ALERT!

How can I STOP the divorce?

It is important to realize that the form, [Notice of Revocation of Petition for Summary Dissolution \(FL830\)](#), is **not** just another form you are supposed to fill out and file.

Read “What You Should Know About Revocation” in the attached [Summary Dissolution Information \(FL810\)](#),

This form is to **STOP** the divorce. Either party may submit this form during the six-month waiting period.

The following form is completed and signed by either you or your spouse:

Form name and number:

1. [Notice of Revocation of Petition for Summary Dissolution \(FL 830\)](#)
 - Complete the address portion on the lower half of page 1 of each specified location.
 - Submit one copy for each party
 - Submit a **stamped** envelope addressed to each party