

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO  
Domestic Relations Division

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Plaintiff

vs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Defendant

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Magistrate \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM

*I. ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE*

1. The defendant admits the allegations that are in the following paragraphs of the Complaint for Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The defendant denies the allegations that are in the following paragraphs of the Complaint for Divorce: \_\_\_\_\_.

If there are any parts of paragraphs listed as denied that you admit, specify that here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. The defendant does not have knowledge to determine whether the allegations in the following paragraphs of the Complaint for Divorce are true and therefore denies them:

\_\_\_\_\_.

*II. COUNTERCLAIM AGAINST PLAINTIFF FOR DIVORCE*

1. At least one party has been a resident of the State of Ohio for more than six months and of Hancock County for more than ninety (90) days immediately before filing this action.

2. The parties were married on \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in date) in \_\_\_\_\_ (city and state).

3. \_\_\_\_ (check if appropriate) The following child(ren) was/were born or adopted by the parties during this marriage, or were born to these parties before their marriage:

Name of Child:	Date of Birth:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

OR: \_\_\_\_ (check if appropriate) No children were born of these parties either before or after their marriage.

5. Check the appropriate line:

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Wife is not currently pregnant.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Wife is currently pregnant.

6. The plaintiff \_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_ is not (check one) on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

7. The grounds for divorce are (check all that apply):

- A. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff had a spouse living at the time of our marriage.
- B. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff has been willfully absent for a year or more.
- C. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff has committed adultery.
- D. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff has been guilty of extreme cruelty toward me, either mental or physical.
- E. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff committed fraud upon me at the time we entered our marriage contract.
- F. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff has been guilty of gross neglect of duty.
- G. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff has been guilty of habitual drunkenness.
- H. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff is currently imprisoned in a state or federal correctional institution (prison) at the time of the filing of this action.
- I. \_\_\_\_ The plaintiff got a divorce in another state that did not release me from the obligations of marriage.
- J. \_\_\_\_ The parties have lived separate and apart for a year or more without cohabitation and without interruption.
- K. \_\_\_\_ The parties are incompatible in their marriage.

WHEREFORE, the defendant demands that he/she be granted a divorce from the plaintiff, that the plaintiff's complaint be dismissed at the plaintiff's cost, and that the Court issue

appropriate orders under the law regarding the parties' property and debts, the children, any obligations of support due to either party, and costs of this action.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Defendant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

This is to state and certify that on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) an accurate copy of this Answer and Counterclaim was sent to Plaintiff (or Plaintiff's Attorney if represented) by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the following address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Signature