

# Court Service Center

## New Hampshire Circuit Court

### HOW TO FILE FOR DIVORCE OR LEGAL SEPARATION WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN

#### General information:

- Jurisdiction: One of the following must apply to file for divorce in New Hampshire:
1. Both parties live in New Hampshire,
  2. The petitioner (the spouse starting the divorce action) has lived in New Hampshire for one year, or
  3. The petitioner lives in New Hampshire and their spouse can be served with divorce papers in New Hampshire.

#### Forms listed below are needed to start this action:

- Joint Petition for Divorce (NHJB-2058-F)
- Individual Petition for Divorce (NHJB-2057-F)
- Joint Petition for Legal Separation (NHJB-2060-F)
- Individual Petition for Legal Separation (NHJB-2059-F)
- The above forms all need to be filed with a Personal Data Sheet (NHJB-2077-F)

#### How much will this cost?

- \$250.00

#### What will happen next:

- A letter will be sent to the Respondent notifying him/her that they have 10 days to go to the court and pick up their copy of the Divorce or Legal Separation Petitions. (Does not apply to Joint Petitions.)
- If Respondent does not go to the court and pick-up the paperwork the court will then send the Petitioner the paperwork along with instructions to have the Respondent served by certified mail or by Sheriff service.
- After service is complete a hearing will be scheduled by the court.
- If the parties agree and file all the correct forms and the Court is satisfied with the information the decree may be issued without a further hearing and without anyone appearing in court.

#### Forms that will be needed to finalize your divorce or legal separation:

- Financial Affidavits completed by each party (NHJB-2065-F)
- Vital Statistics Form – Must be completed for divorce, legal separation, civil union dissolution or annulment to be final. Form found on [www.courts.state.nh.us/fdpp/forms](http://www.courts.state.nh.us/fdpp/forms)
- Final Decree on Divorce or Legal Separation (NHJB-2071-F)

**Forms and Instructions are available at any NH Circuit Court**

**Additional information can be found at:**

[www.courts.state.nh.us/fdpp](http://www.courts.state.nh.us/fdpp)