

Helpful Websites

Oregon Division of Child Support
on-line calculator and support
information:
www.oregonchildsupport.gov

Oregon Judicial Department:
www.courts.oregon.gov
Domestic relations forms, court
calendars, family law information
and resources.

Oregon State Bar:
www.osbar.org
Legal information for the public is
available at their "legal links" loca-
tion. Also information about the
Lawyer Referral Service and Mod-
est Means Program.

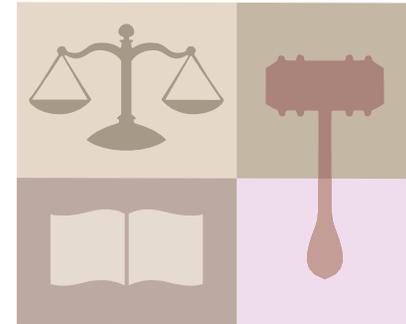
Oregon Law Help:
www.oregonlawhelp.com
Provides a list of Oregon's legal
services offices in the State, as well
as free legal information for low-
income Oregonians.

This brochure is for General Educa-
tion only. It is not a substitute for ad-
vice from an attorney. If you have
specific legal questions you should
contact an attorney. Please remem-
ber the law is always changing
through actions of the courts, the leg-
islature and agencies

22nd Judicial District Trial Courts

Family Law Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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Crook County Circuit Court
300 NE Third Street
Prineville, Oregon 97754
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Lyndsay Hessel
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Jefferson County Circuit Court
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Madras, Oregon 97741
541.475.3317 x302

When is the Family Court Specialist, (FCS) available ?

At workshops held twice a month.

Where can I go to get my dissolution or custody paperwork?

The Crook or Jefferson County Circuit Court Offices or at courts.oregon.gov under "Statewide Family Law Forms"

I am getting a divorce, What kind of paperwork do I need?

Basically there are two types. Petition for Dissolution and Co-petition. Co-petition is when both parties are in agreement and there are no unresolved issues. Both signatures are required. Petition for dissolution requires service on the other party.

How long does it take to get divorced once all of my paperwork is submitted?

Petition: The time can vary, depending on whether the other party files a response.
Co-Petition: 3-4 weeks.

Will I be required to go to mediation?

If the Respondent files a response and the issues involve custody or visitation, you will be ordered to mediation.

Do I need to take a Parenting Seminar?

Yes, if there are minor children. The class is called "Bridging the Gap." You can register at Lutheran Community Services, 541.447.7441 in Crook County or BestCare, 541.475.6575 in Jefferson County.

What if I have already filed my paperwork and I am wanting to know the status?

When the judge signs the General Judgment of Dissolution you will receive notification by mail. For all other documents signed by a judge you will receive written notification only if you submitted a postage paid conforming card. You may also come in to the courts and use the public terminal.

Where can I get information about Child Support or Child Support Worksheets?

www.childsupport.gov or Bend Office: 541.388.6141

Will the FCS fill out my paperwork?

No. Please complete as much of the forms as possible yourself. Anything you do not understand or have questions about should be asked at a Circuit Court workshop. Workshops are normally held twice a month. Please call for dates and times.

Can the Family Court Specialist give me legal advice?

No.

Do I need an attorney?

Although the judge will hear cases not involving attorneys, you may wish to obtain the assistance of an attorney. The judge cannot give you legal advice. An attorney can help you with complicated issues such as spousal support (alimony), custody, parenting time, and division of marital property, including retirement benefits. If the other party has an attorney, you may be at a disadvantage if you try to represent yourself.

Where can I get Legal Advice?

LEGAL AID: You may be able to obtain legal help from Legal Aid Services of Oregon, 1029 NW 14th Street, Bend, OR 97701, 541.385.6944.

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE: The Oregon State Bar can refer you to an attorney in your area who handles domestic relations cases. Call 800.452.7635 You may be eligible for the Modest Means Program which offers legal assistance at a reduced rate. Call the same phone numbers as above.