# FILING FOR SEPARATION

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### What these forms do

This set of forms will help you get a legal separation if you have no children **under 21** with the respondent. If you have only children aged 18 to 21 years, use the *Separation with Adult Children Only* forms (*not yet available. Talk to a lawyer if you only have children 18, 19, or 20*).

# TALK TO A LAWYER BEFORE USING THESE FORMS IF:

- > You are part of a **same-sex couple** AND:
  - You registered as domestic partners in Oregon before February 4, 2008
  - Either of you is not the biological or adoptive parent of one of your children, even if both of your names are on the birth certificate
- > You want to *divide* the **retirement benefits** of either party
- > Either party is a debtor in a current **bankruptcy** case
- You have a Registered Domestic Partnership from anywhere other than the State of Oregon or if you are unsure if your partnership is a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP)

### If Both Parties Agree on All Issues

### **Filing separately**

You can file as Petitioner and the respondent can accept service of the *Petition*. Complete the appropriate *General Judgment* form and have both parties sign it. If you file separately, each party is required to pay a fee.

- The respondent can choose not to file a *Response*. If no response is filed, judgment will be entered based on what is in the *Petition* after you file a *Motion for Order of Default* (see "By Default" section below).
- or

### Filing together

You can choose to file as Co-parties using the *Co-party Petition for Entry of Stipulated Judgment* form. You do not have to complete or serve the regular *Petition* if you choose to file a co-party petition. Complete the appropriate *General Judgment* form and file it with your *Co-party Petition*. All of the information you need to complete the forms is in these instructions.

- If you file as co-parties, one of you will be labeled 'petitioner' and the other will be 'respondent.' There is no legal or procedural difference between the "petitioner" and "respondent" in co-party filings.
- If you file as co-parties, only one filing fee is required at the time of filing. Note that if you file as co-parties and later need to file a modification of judgment, you will have to pay both the filing fee for modification of judgment and the second initial filing fee.

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### **Important Contact Information**

Oregon Judicial Department – <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u> Oregon State Bar Lawyer Referral Service - <u>www.oregonstatebar.org</u> **Phone:** 503.684.3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800.452.7636

If you are deployed or about to be deployed, contact the Oregon State Bar Military Assistance Panel (*www.osbar.org/ docs/ris/militaryflier.pdf*) for information about special rights and rules that may apply to you.



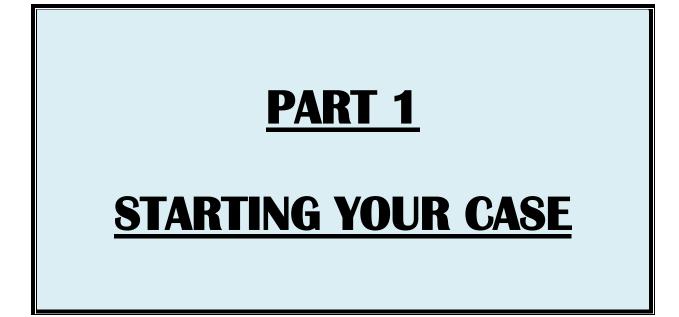


### Notice about these instructions and forms

These instructions are not a complete statement of the law. They cover basic procedures for simple separation cases with no children under 21. If you have complicated issues or questions about the law, talk to a lawyer.

All of the necessary forms should be online. If you cannot find a form, ask your local court.

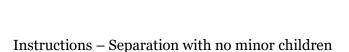
Each court has local rules, programs, and procedures that may not be explained in these instructions. Refer to the Supplementary Local Rules for your county. These rules are available online or at your local court or law library. Forms and information about your local court are on the Oregon Judicial Department website.







- ✤ <u>Duration</u> Legal separation can be for a specific period of time (limited), or it can have no set end time (unlimited). A limited separation will end when the judgment says so, and your marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP) will be fully intact. Even in a separation of unlimited duration, you may still get divorced or get back together, but you will need to have the court legally change your relationship.
- Petition and Judgment A separation case starts with a "petition," which tells the court what you want. That's why you are called the "petitioner." The other party is the "respondent." The case ends with a "judgment," which is the court's final decision. The judgment is the document that finalizes your case and contains your rights and responsibilities. Your separation is effective once the judge signs the judgment. (See "The Judgment" section for more details about the terms of your judgment)
  - **NOTE:** the general judgment in this case will create rights and responsibilities that may be permanent. Support orders often can be modified later, but property orders usually can't. Talk to a lawyer if you have questions about these issues.
- Divorce When considering a separation, think about your long-term goals. You can convert a separation into a dissolution (divorce) within 2 years of the judgment of separation. After the judgment, conversion requires an additional legal procedure, filings, fees, and appearances. Talk to a lawyer if you have concerns or need advice about the best course to take.
- Contact Information Keep the court and the other party informed of your current address so you get notice of all court dates. You don't have to use your home address on any court form. You may use any contact address where you regularly check in, as long as it is in the same state as your home. The court will assume that you receive all notices sent to that address. It is YOUR responsibility to let the court and the other party know if you move or want to get mail at a different address.
- Children If you have a child age 18, 19, or 20 years old with the respondent, that child is a "necessary party" to any family law case until his or her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Use the *Filing for Separation with Adult Children Only (coming soon, talk to a lawyer)* forms if you have an adult child.



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# **STEP 1: STARTING YOUR CASE**





### Keep In Mind:

- Issues involving the debts of separated couples are complicated. Talk to a lawyer if either of you might declare bankruptcy, especially for Registered Domestic Partners (RDPs). This judgment affects you and the respondent but does NOT bind your creditors. Either party may still be responsible for the debts, in spite of this judgment.
  - ✓ Talk to a lawyer if you or Respondent is <u>already</u> in bankruptcy. The court may not be able to proceed with your separation until the bankruptcy is resolved.
- **Registered Domestic Partners** should see a lawyer if partner support is requested and either party might move out of state. If the new state does not recognize RDPs, you may have trouble collecting partner support.
- You may be entitled to part of the respondent's retirement benefits. See the "Property and Debts" section for important information. You may lose this right if you do not include it in your *Petition*.
- If Respondent provides health or other insurance for you, check with each carrier to find out if coverage can be continued during your separation. If so, you must include this in your *Petition* and *Judgment*. Talk to a lawyer if you have any concerns about continuing coverage.



### **Legal Questions**

### Where to File

- $\circ$  Marriage you must file in a county where either you or your spouse lives at the time you file.
- RDP you must file in a county where either you or your partner lives. If neither of you lives in Oregon but your RDP was registered here, you can file in the county where either of you last lived.

### Statutory Restraining Order

By filing your *Petition*, you agree to follow the terms of an automatic restraining order. The order is effective once notice has been served on the respondent *(see below for service information)*. If you don't follow the order, you can be held in contempt of court and subject to penalties.

 You must attach a copy of the restraining order (called "Notice of Statutory Restraining Order Preventing the Dissipation of Assets in Domestic Relations Actions") to the Summons and serve it on the respondent.

- The statutory restraining order prevents *either party* from:
  - Dissipating (transferring, selling, destroying, removing, disposing of) real or personal property.
  - Making changes to insurance policies without the agreement of the other party.
  - Making extraordinary expenditures (unusual or high-dollar payments or purchases). Expenditures that are necessary for the safety or welfare of the parties, ordinary business activities, or related to this court case are allowed.

### > <u>Name Change</u>

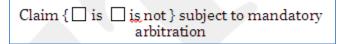
If you changed your last name when you got married or registered as domestic partners and want to change it back to a former legal name, you can request that on your *Petition*. **NOTE:** You *cannot* use this form to change your name to a name you have never used before.

• <u>RDPs</u>: If you changed your name through a separate name-change judgment and want to change it back, you should also file for another judgment to do that. Do not rely on the separation judgment to be effective for all purposes, especially federal records like Social Security, Medicare, and immigration. Talk to a lawyer if you have concerns.



### **Filling Out The Forms**

- MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE THE COUNTY NAME AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE OF EACH FORM!
- > You are the "Petitioner" on ALL forms throughout this case, and your spouse or partner is the "Respondent."
  - Use full names (first, middle or middle initial, last) and print names the same way on all forms *first, middle, last*.
- Mandatory Arbitration If the ONLY disagreement between you and the respondent is about property, mark in the caption that the claim *IS* subject to mandatory arbitration.
  - If you disagree about any issue OTHER than property, mark that your claim *IS NOT* subject to mandatory arbitration.



- Do not put Social Security numbers on your Petition. Social Security numbers must be given to the court but kept confidential from the public and the other party. Use the "Confidential Information Form" (CIF) to protect your identifying information.
  - Fill out one CIF for each party.



- The *Notice of Filing of Confidential Information Form* must be served on the respondent with your other documents. See below for information about service.
- **If the other party does not respond**, you may be able to get a judgment by default (*see "Resolving Your Case," below, for more information*). As you fill out your *Petition,* you must include enough information that the respondent knows what you are asking for. If you do not include specific requests, the court will not be able to enter a judgment by default until after you serve amended (changed) paperwork on the respondent.
  - **NOTE:** this often happens with property awards and debt allocations. See the Appendices for specific information.

### Fill out the following forms

- Petition for Separation
- Summons
- Confidential Information Form (CIF)
- Notice of Filing of Confidential Information Form

In some cases you will need additional paperwork before the court can enter a judgment. See the Appendices for more information about when you need each form.

♦ Uniform Support Declaration – See <u>Appendix A</u>

♦ Statement of Assets & Liabilities - See <u>Appendix C</u>

## **SUPPORT**

There are three different categories of spousal or partner support in Oregon: **Transitional** support is to help you get work-related education and training

- Compensatory support may be ordered if you significantly contributed to the
- education, training, job skills, career, or earning capacity of your spouse or partner
- > Maintenance may be ordered for your general support

Either party may request and be awarded support. More than one type of support may be awarded. Any award may be ongoing or for a particular period of time (such as 3 years, while in school, up to a certain amount, etc.).

If you and Respondent do not agree on support, you need to submit a *Uniform Support Declaration*. See <u>Appendix A</u> for more information.

For more information on factors the judge will consider when making the award, see <u>ORS 107.105</u>.

NOTE: Support is also available to Registered Domestic Partners. If either partner might leave the state or declare bankruptcy, you should see a lawyer.

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Talk to a tax professional about tax impact of spousal/partner support.

**Life Insurance** - The court can order a party to carry life insurance if that party is ordered to pay spousal/partner support. Life insurance in connection with a support obligation is for the benefit of the person receiving support.

# PROPERTY AND DEBTS

You need to tell the court how you want to divide your property and debts. You should be as specific as possible and include everything you and the respondent own or owe. If any property or debts are not included in your judgment, you cannot return to court to make changes later except in very limited circumstances.

If you don't know what to ask for in your *Petition*, you can request "equitable relief." This means that the judge will decide what is fair if your case goes to trial. You should talk to a lawyer if you intend to do this.

You will probably have to serve new documents on the respondent before you can get a final judgment if:

- you are not specific in your *Petition* about how you want the court to divide property and debts (including if you asked for equitable relief) or
- what you put in the *Judgment* is <u>different</u> from what you asked for in the *Petition*



You may be entitled to part of the respondent's retirement benefits (including pensions). If you do not address retirement benefits in your judgment, you will lose the right to claim your share except in very limited circumstances. These forms will not *divide* a party's retirement benefits. Talk to a lawyer first if you want to claim a portion of the respondent's retirement benefits.

For detailed information about property and debts, see Appendix B.

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

If your case goes to trial you will need a *Statement of Assets and Liabilities*. See <u>Appendix C</u> for more information and formats that you can use.



### Have your documents reviewed

You may have your documents reviewed by a lawyer or a court facilitator before you file. Call your court or go to <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u> to see if your court has a facilitator available. Court facilitators are free. For information about how to find a lawyer, call the Oregon State Bar at the number on <u>Page 4</u>. If you are low-

OJD Official (Feb 2025) income, you may get your documents reviewed for a smaller fee through the Oregon State Bar's Modest Means program, or call your local Legal Aid office.



Make copies Make one copy of <u>all</u> of the completed forms for your records. See Step 2 for additional copies you will need.

# **STEP 2: FILING AND SERVICE**



File all of the **original** forms <u>except</u> the Summons and Notice of Statutory Restraining Order with the court clerk. The clerk will give you a **case number** when you file. Put the case number on all copies and originals. See below for a list of the forms you will need to copy to serve on the respondent.



You have to pay the filing fees when you file your papers. Go to *www.courts.oregon.gov* for the filing fee.

• If you are low income, you may ask the court to defer (postpone) or waive your filing fee. You must complete an *Application and Declaration for Deferral or Waiver of Fees* and an *Order Regarding Deferral or Waiver of Fees* and file them with your papers. If the fee is deferred, you will have to pay the fee later. If the fee is waived, you don't have to pay it now. However, the judge may reconsider waived and deferred fees at the end of the case.

**The clerk may give you some papers**. A copy of these papers must be included with the *Petition* that you serve on Respondent (see below regarding service). **NOTE:** You are not required to serve the *List Of Documents Parties May Have To Give Each Other (ORS 107.089)* on Respondent, but if you do, then you both have to follow it.

Make a copy of the following forms to serve on the respondent:

- Petition
- Summons
- Notice of CIF Filing
- Notice of Statutory Restraining Order Preventing the Dissipation of Assets in Domestic Relations Actions
- Uniform Support Declaration and Statement of Assets and Liabilities (if you are filing these documents with your Petition) (see <u>Appendices A</u> and <u>C</u> for information)



You must officially notify Respondent that you have filed a case. This is called "service."

<u>Acceptance of Service</u> – If it is safe for you to give the respondent the papers yourself, you can use an *Acceptance of Service* form. If the respondent signs an *Acceptance of Service*, no other kind of service is required. Signing the

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OJD Official (Feb 2025) Acceptance of Service does not mean the respondent agrees with anything in your *Petition*, only that he or she received the papers. You must file the papers with the court before you give the copies to the respondent.



### **Formal Service**

If the respondent does not want to sign the *Acceptance of Service*, you must use another method. There are four ways you can serve. Service must be done *after* your *Petition* is filed.

### \*\*3 CRITICAL POINTS\*\*

- 1. If you serve before you file, you will have to pay to serve the papers again
- 2. You CANNOT serve the papers yourself
- 3. If Respondent has a lawyer, you should also send a courtesy copy of the papers to the lawyer

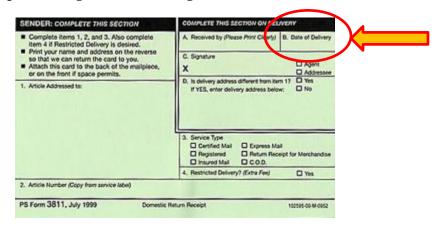
### 1. <u>Personal Service</u>:

- a. <u>By Process Server</u>: Take a copy of your papers to the sheriff's office in the county where Respondent is located and have a sheriff's officer serve the papers. The sheriff's office charges a fee for service. You can also hire a private process server of your choice.
- b. <u>By a Non-Party</u>: Have a competent\* person 18 years or older who is a resident of Oregon **and who is not a party** to the case (Petitioner or Respondent), **nor** the lawyer of a party, serve the papers. The server cannot be an employee of any party. If the respondent is outside of Oregon, the server can be a resident of the state where the respondent is. If you have safety concerns, have the sheriff perform service.
- \*competent means a person who can understand, remember, and tell others about an event.

A *Certificate of Service* must be filed with the court by whoever serves the respondent. The certificate must include the date of service and the name of the person served.

- 2. <u>Substituted Service</u>: The process server may leave the papers at the respondent's residence (where he or she normally lives) with someone 14 years or older who lives there. The process server must also mail a copy of the papers (with a statement of the date, time, and place that the papers were served) to the respondent by first class mail. Make sure the process server completes a *Certificate of Service*. The date of service is the day the first class mailing is put in the mail.
- 3. <u>Office Service</u>: The process server may leave the papers with someone *in charge* of the respondent's office or normal workplace. The process server must also mail a copy of the papers (with a statement of the date, time, and place that the papers were served) to the respondent by first class mail. Make sure the process server completes a *Certificate of Service*. The date of service is the day the first class mailing is put in the mail.

4. <u>By Mail: First</u>, the process server must send the papers to the respondent's home or business address by first class mail. <u>Second</u>, the server must send a copy by certified mail, return receipt requested. The process server **must** file proof of service with the court, including the signed green card, date of receipt, and item number along with a *Certificate of Service*. If the green card is not returned or if someone other than the respondent signed for it, then service by mail was not effective and you must try another type of service. The date of service is the day the respondent signs the returned green card.



### Proof of Service

The Certificates are your <u>proof of service</u>. An original *Certificate of Service* or *Acceptance of Service* must be filed with the court for your case to proceed, regardless of the method of service.

If proof of service is not files within **63 days** of filing your *Petition*, the court may send you a notice of dismissal. Your case may be dismissed if proof of service is not filed within 28 days of the notice.

If you are not able to have Respondent served by any of the methods listed above, you may ask a judge to allow you to use another service method. The judge might allow you to publish or post the documents. Forms to make this request are available online at <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u>.

# **STEP 3: TEMPORARY ORDERS**



You can ask the court to make temporary orders after you file the *Petition*. Temporary orders are effective as soon as a judge signs the order. They last until a judge changes the terms, signs the *General Judgment*, or dismisses the case. For example, either party may request an order for spousal/partner support, or an order requiring one party to move out of the family home. To make any of these requests, you must file a "motion" (request) asking the court to do what you want. You may need a lawyer to file these requests.

> **NOTE:** The *General Judgment* may affect earlier temporary orders done by Limited Judgment. Talk to a lawyer if you have questions.

Go to <u>*www.courts.oregon.gov*</u> for the forms to request temporary orders. The forms may not cover all temporary orders you need. Talk to a lawyer for more information.

### **Domestic Violence**

All courts have restraining order forms for cases involving domestic violence. A judge will usually hear your request within a day or two of filing. Check with your local court for filing times and procedures.

Refer to <u>www.courts.oregon.gov/fapa</u> for Family Abuse Prevention Act (FAPA) forms and information.

Forms for other types of protective order are available at <u>http://www.courts.oregon.gov/forms</u>



## File your forms with the court and complete service

Save these instructions to complete your case later

# PART 2

# FINISHING YOUR CASE

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# **STEP 4: RESOLVING YOUR CASE**

There are three ways your case can be resolved: by agreement between the parties, by default if the respondent doesn't respond, or by a judge in a hearing.

# By Agreement

It is always better to resolve issues yourselves, since you know what's important to you. Once the case goes to a judge, it is out of your control. If you can't resolve the issues on your own, or if it is not safe for you to talk to Respondent, the court may provide options to help you, including mediation and arbitration. For information about arbitration, see "By Trial" section below.

**Mediation:** A mediator is a person trained to help people resolve disagreements. Mediation is confidential. You may ask to meet with the mediator alone if you are uncomfortable meeting with the other party for any reason. Check with your local court clerk to see if there is a fee for this service. Mediators are *not* judges – they cannot impose their decisions on you. Their job is to help *you* reach an agreement. This may be your last chance to retain control over the outcome of the case. Agreements incorporated into a *Judgment* are fully enforceable (*see below*).

Some courts may require that you mediate before you have a hearing. Check your court's Supplemental Local Rules for more information. If mediation has not yet been ordered in your case and you would like to request it, you may file a **Request for Mediation** form. If your court requires mediation, you may request that the court waive mediation if you have a good reason by filing a **Motion and Declaration for Waiver of Mediation**. Talk to your court if you have safety concerns.

If you and Respondent have agreed to all of the issues, fill out and file:

- Declaration in Support of Judgment
- General Judgment of Separation

Note: The *Judgment* must be signed by both parties before being submitted to the court.



### **By Default**

Respondent has 30 days to respond to your *Petition*. The time starts running from the day *after* the date of service. The response must be in writing and must be filed with the court and mailed to you. If the respondent does not file a response within 30 days, you may request an *Order of Default*.

Default means that you are asking the judge to award you what you asked for in your *Petition* because the respondent did not file a response. Look at <u>Oregon</u> <u>Rules of Civil Procedure</u> (ORCP) rule 69 for more detailed information.

NOTE: If the respondent has given you <u>written</u> notice that he or she intends to appear, you have to give written notice that you intend to apply for a default order at least 10 days before you file your motion. See

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The judge may not grant a default if the respondent is incapacitated, a minor, a financially incapable person, a protected person, or a respondent in a fiduciary protective proceeding, as defined by <u>ORS 125.005</u>.



You must also show that the respondent is not in active military service before the court can enter an order of default. This is part of the *Ex Parte Motion for Order of Default & Declaration in Support*. If the respondent is in active military service, you cannot get an order of default unless the servicemember waives protection under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). This federal law starts at 50 U.S.C. 3901. Your local law librarian can help you find it, or go to <u>www.law.cornell.edu</u>\* (under Get the Law click U.S.Code, then click Title 50 and go to Chapter 50). This law has strict rules about what "active military service" means. This protection does not apply to all servicemembers at all times.

If the respondent is in the military, you should see a lawyer before trying to get an order of default. If a default is not done properly, the respondent can re-open the case after returning from service. **Be aware** that if you knowingly make false statements about the respondent's status, you may face both federal and state penalties.

If you know the respondent is *not* in the military, you must state *facts* that explain how you know.

If you have the respondent's Social Security Number or date of birth, go to the Department of Defense website (*https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/*) to find out if the respondent is in active service. This site can give you a free statement of service status that you can print out (called a "certificate of service" on the website). Attach this statement, or a printout of the screen, to your motion. You can also call 571.372.1100 for military verification. Put the date and the name of the person you spoke with on your motion. If you don't have the Social Security Number or date of birth, commercial sites may be able to provide information.

If you don't know whether the respondent is in the military and have checked the website, or don't have the necessary information, mark "I am unable to determine whether this person is in military service" and add any facts that you *do* know. The judge will decide whether to grant the default.

### > If Respondent is in the military



<u>/!</u>\

If Respondent is in active military service of the United States and has not responded to the *Petition*, the court won't go ahead with your case until one of the following things happens:

(1) Respondent is no longer in active military service,

<sup>\*</sup> This is an outside site maintained by Cornell University. The Oregon Judicial Department is not responsible for any information on this site. Links many have moved.

(2) Respondent waives, in writing, the right to avoid default, <u>or</u> (3) the judge holds a special hearing in your case

Talk to a lawyer if Respondent will not sign the waiver and you do not want to wait for military service to end. The SCRA rules are technical and complex. Contact the Oregon State Bar for help (contact information is on <u>Page 4</u>).

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**<u>Requesting a Default</u>** - fill out the following forms:

- Ex Parte Motion for Order of Default and Declaration in Support
- Order on Motion for Default
- Declaration in Support of Judgment
- General Judgment of Separation

The **Declaration in Support of Judgment** allows you to note any information that has <u>changed</u> since you filed the *Petition*. Read **each** section of the *Petition* you filed CAREFULLY and note any changes in the spaces provided in the Declaration in Support of Judgment. You must complete the rest of the *Declaration* in all cases.

After you make yourself a copy of the completed forms, file the originals with the court any time *after* 30 days from the date of service. You must file the *Motion for Order of Default* by the **91**<sup>st</sup> **day** after you filed <u>the *Petition*</u> (NOT the proof of service!). If not, your case may be dismissed.

The court will send you notice when your judgment has been entered.

By Trial

If Respondent has filed a response and the parties are unable to agree on the terms of a judgment, your case may go to trial

Informal Domestic Relations Trials (IDRTs) are available in all courts if both parties agree. See UTCR 8.120 for more information. Each court handles IDRTs differently. Contact your court for more information.

### **Conferences with the Judge**

Many courts will schedule a "status," "pretrial," or "settlement" conference before a case goes to trial. These meetings usually take place with a judge with both parties present, along with their lawyers (if any). You must attend any conferences that are scheduled unless you have received permission from the judge not to attend. At the conference, the judge may talk to you about how your case is going to be handled, consider requests for temporary orders, or set future court dates.

Some courts may refer certain cases to arbitration. You will receive information from the court if that happens.

Many courts require that you mediate before you can get a trial. See the <u>BY</u> <u>AGREEMENT</u> section above.

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**NOTE:** You must give the other party an opportunity to review the judgment before you submit it to the court. See <u>UTCR 5.100</u> for information.

You can represent yourself at trial. Some courts provide information about representing yourself on their websites. Go to <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u> to find your court's website.

The State Family Law Advisory Committee has written a guide that may help you prepare for trial. This guide is NOT a substitute for legal advice! The rules of court can be technical and complex. You may damage your case if you are not properly informed. If your case goes to trial, you are strongly advised to talk to a lawyer. To read the guide, go to:

http://www.courts.oregon.gov/help/Documents/famlawtrialbrochure.pdf

### THE JUDGMENT



Regardless of how you resolve your case, a *General Judgment of Separation* must be signed by a judge. One of you may be ordered to fill out the judgment form and give it to the court to be signed.

The judgment finalizes your separation and contains all of the issues decided in the mediation, arbitration, trial, or by agreement.

NOTE: The *General Judgment* may affect earlier temporary orders done by Limited Judgment. Talk to a lawyer if you have questions.

If the respondent DID NOT file a response, the information you fill out in the final judgment should be *exactly* the same as what you requested in the *Petition*.

<u>If the respondent DID file a response</u>, the information should be the *exactly* the same as what was decided in mediation, arbitration, hearing, trial, or through your agreement. All parties must review the *Judgment* before you submit it to the court. You must send the *Judgment* document along with the *Notice of Proposed Judgment or Order* to the respondent.

The respondent can object to the *Judgment*. If that happens, you have to discuss the objections and attempt to resolve them before you submit the *Judgment* to the court. If you are not able to resolve the objections, the respondent can either send you a written statement explaining the objections, or they can submit the objections directly to the court. You must complete the *Certificate of Readiness* section of the *Judgment* to tell the judge whether there are outstanding objections. See <u>UTCR 5.100(1)</u> for more information about notice and objections.<sup>1</sup>

<u>If the respondent is responsible for preparing the judgment</u>, the respondent must send the proposed judgment to you before submitting it to the court. Then you can review it and object to it within 7 days of the date it was sent to you. If you and the respondent are not able to resolve your objections after reasonable efforts, you can either send a written explanation of your objections to the respondent or directly to the court. You must notify the respondent of your intentions so that they can advise the judge that there are outstanding issues. The judge may make a decision after reviewing the documents, or the court may contact you with further information.

If you are responsible for preparing the final judgment, make a copy for yourself and one for Respondent (unless you got an *Order of Default*). File the original with the court.

Your separation is effective the date the *Judgment* is signed by the judge. NOTE: the terms of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup><u>http://courts.oregon.gov/utcr</u>

your judgment are not enforceable until the court enters the judgment. You will receive a *Notice of Entry of Judgment*.

NOTE: Every document you file must have a mailing address where you will receive documents related to this case. You do NOT need to use your home address. You can use any contact address in the same state as your home. You are responsible for checking your contact address. Notify the court and the other party in writing if your contact address changes.

# Appendix A – Uniform Support Declaration

You may need to complete a *Uniform Support Declaration* (*USD*) if you and Respondent do not agree on an amount for spousal/partner support.

You can file your USD with the *Petition*. If you don't file it with your *Petition* and Respondent opposes your claim for support, you must provide it to the court and serve a copy on Respondent within 30 days after you receive the *Response*.

If you are NOT requesting spousal/partner support, do not file the USD.

Tips for filling out the USD:

- ➢ If you are requesting spousal/partner support, fill out *both* the *Declaration* and *Schedule 1*. Attach all of the documents that the *Declaration* and *Schedule* ask for.
- Use your *actual*, *present* expenses. Estimates are fine as long as they are realistic and you have no way of confirming the amount.
  - Some items may not apply to you mark those spaces "N/A" (Not Applicable), but complete *every* item that does apply.
  - If your amounts are unusual or likely to change soon, include a brief explanation of why (if you are temporarily living with a relative, or if one party moved out and is no longer contributing to shared expenses). Include an estimate of what you believe your expenses will be after the situation changes.
- > If you have an expense that is not listed, add it, along with a brief explanation.
- If you anticipate any major changes (birth of a new baby, a layoff, a car payment or mortgage being paid off), note these as well. Do NOT include fears or possibilities – only things you know or reasonably expect will happen.
- Household items means things like paper towels, cleaning supplies, light bulbs, storage containers.
- If you are attending school, include your tuition payments, supplies and books, and any other necessary school-related costs.

The *Uniform Support Declaration* is Form 8.010.5 and can be found here: <u>www.courts.oregon.gov/forms</u> in the *Family Law*  $\rightarrow$  *Miscellaneous* category.

**Certificate of Mailing** – the *Uniform Support Declaration* includes a Certificate of Mailing at the bottom of the form. Once the *USD* is completed, copy the entire form and all attachments and mail them to the respondent. THEN fill out the Certificate of Mailing and file the original with the court. Keep a copy of all documents for your own records.

# Appendix B - Property and Debts

- Real Property Include property that you own together or separately and property owned before the marriage/RDP.
  - Include land, houses, mobile homes, and other structures attached to or built on land. Also include partial rights to land like the right to fish, farm, cut timber or mine minerals. This does not mean *personal* property like clothes, jewelry, furniture, cars, etc.
  - Identify the property by address, lot, or plat number, or any other method that is specific enough to identify the property.
  - When completing the *Judgment*, use the full legal description of the property that is on the deed or tax records. If you improperly describe the property, you may not be able to enforce your judgment.

### • You should speak with a lawyer if:

- any party is a debtor in a current bankruptcy proceeding
- there is a joint line of credit, such as a <u>home equity line of credit</u> on any real property. This judgment is *not* binding on the bank and may not prevent the other party from using the credit line, even after the judgment.
- anyone other than you and Respondent has any interest in the real property either now or in the future. For example:
  - ♦ if your title is only for life or for a fixed period of time
  - ♦ if anyone has a right-of-first-refusal to buy the property
  - ♦ if anyone else's name is on the title
  - ◊ if anyone else's name is on a loan that the property is collateral for. These people *must* be joined to the case or the court may not have authority to award that property.
  - You are concerned about the other party selling real property located in Oregon. You can put a hold on the title of the property during the case (called "lis pendens").
- If **ANY** property was used to secure a loan, debt, mortgage, or other encumbrance, it is important that you speak with a lawyer. Future bankruptcy filings by either party may create problems for the other party in spite of this judgment. This is especially important for Registered Domestic Partners, as bankruptcy and IRS laws are federal and may not recognize the debt award of this judgment.
- > **Personal Property** is anything you own together or separately that *is not* real property. This includes property owned before the marriage.
- If you want certain things *plus* equitable distribution of the rest, mark both boxes in the appropriate section and list the specific property you want in the space provided. **BE AWARE** that if you do not include enough information and the other party does not respond, you may have to serve the other party with corrected paperwork before you can get a *Judgment*.



**Debts** - The court will divide your debts. Use this table to list all debts in either or both of your names. Include debts that existed before your marriage/partnership; debts that you each or both incurred during your marriage/partnership; and debts that you each incurred after separation. If any debt includes amounts incurred both during the marriage/partnership *and* after separation, write in the "Who pays" column who should pay how much (see example). Talk to a lawyer if you have questions about who should pay which debts.

### Example:

Name of Creditor (who money is owed	What dobt is for	Amount	Who	o pays
to)	What debt is for	Amount	Petitioner	Respondent
Chase Bank	Credit Card	\$10,000		X
Wells Fargo	Home Equity Credit Line (petitioner added \$10,000 after separation)	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$5,000
Local Lender	Petitioner's car loan	\$4,500	X	

# Attach this page to the Petition if your list of debts is longer than the table in the Petition

Name of Creditor (who money is owed to)	What debt is for	Amount	Who	pays
money is owed to)			Petitioner	Respondent

# Appendix C – Statement of Assets and Liabilities

You will need to file a *Statement of Assets and Liabilities* if the respondent files a *Response* **and** you have not reached an agreement as your trial date nears. Each party's *Statement* must be filed with the court and served on the other party at least 14 days before your trial. Check your local court's Supplementary Local Rules, Chapter 8 for other time limits and requirements.

Most courts prefer that you complete ONE joint form so that you don't have one form listing "house 1" and the other calling it "123 Main St." Your *Statement* should name the asset as specifically as possible. You and Respondent should do everything you can to agree on the value of your assets and liabilities. Then list who the court should give each entry to. You can use one of the formats below.

In the examples below, the parties disagree about the value of the Ford Ranger but agree that it should be awarded to Petitioner. The parties agree about the value of the Kia Soul but disagree about who it should be awarded to. Leave the last 2 columns blank – the judge will make a final decision about the value of each asset and who it is awarded to.

DESCRIPTION OF	PETIT	IONER	RESPON	DENT	COURT	
ASSETS	Name:		Name:			
	Claimed Value	Proposed Distribution (Pet or <u>Resp</u> )	Claimed Value	Proposed Distribution (Pet or Resp)	Value	Distribution (Pet or <u>Resp</u> )
2008 Ford Ranger	\$12,000	Petitioner	\$6,000	Petitioner		
2011 Kia Soul	\$5,000	Petitioner	\$5,000	Respondent		

### [Attach to Summons per ORS 107.093(5)]

# NOTICE OF STATUTORY RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING THE DISSIPATION OF ASSETS IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS

### REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. <u>BOTH PARTIES</u> MUST OBEY EACH PROVISION OF THIS ORDER TO AVOID VIOLATING THE LAW.

### SEE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING BELOW.

### TO THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDENT:

Under ORS 107.093 and UTCR 8.080, neither Petitioner nor Respondent may:

### **Insurance Policies**

(1) Cancel, modify, terminate, or allow to lapse for nonpayment of premiums, any policy of health insurance, homeowner or renter insurance, or automobile insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for the other party or a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy that names either of the parties or a minor child of the parties as a beneficiary.

### **Insurance Beneficiaries**

(2) Change beneficiaries or covered parties under any policy of health insurance, homeowner or renter insurance, or automobile insurance that one party maintains to provide coverage for the other party or a minor child of the parties, or any life insurance policy.

### **Property**

(3) Transfer, encumber, conceal, or dispose of property in which the other party has an interest, in any manner, without written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for necessities of life.

(A) Paragraph (3) does not apply to payment by either party of:

- (i) Attorney fees in this action;
- (ii) Real estate and income taxes;
- (iii) Mental health therapy expenses for either party or a minor child of the parties; or

(iv) Expenses necessary to provide for the safety and welfare of a party or a minor child of the parties.

### **Expenses**

(4) Make extraordinary expenditures without providing written notice and an accounting of the extraordinary expenditures to the other party. This does not apply to payment of expenses necessary to provide for the safety and welfare of a party or a minor child of the parties.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE:**

The above provisions are in effect <u>immediately</u> upon service of the *Petition* and *Summons* on the respondent. They remain in effect until a final judgment is issued, until the petition is dismissed, or until further order of the court.

### **RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING**

Either Petitioner or Respondent may request a hearing to modify or revoke one or more terms of this restraining order by filing with the court the *Request for Hearing re: Statutory Restraining Order* form specified in Form 8.080.2 in the UTCR Appendix of Forms.

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of the Marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP) of:

	Case No:
and	<b>PETITION FOR SEPARATION</b> <b>OF MARRIAGE RDP</b> Filing fees at ORS 21.155 (marriage) & 21.135 (RDP)
Respondent	Claim { [] is [] is not } subject to mandatory arbitration
≻ I need an interpreter: □ Spanish □ ASL □	] other:
Date of marriage or registration of RDP:	
Place of marriage or registration of RDP:	(County, State)
Petitioner and Respondent have no children togethe	er under the age of 21
<ul> <li>(Check one)         <ul> <li>My spouse or partner and I have differences t cannot be repaired</li> <li>My spouse or partner and I have an agreemen all rights and obligations as husband and wife/do year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	nt that will be filed with the court suspending
2. Duration	
The separation should be $\Box$ unlimited <b>or</b> $\Box$	(fill in amount of time or end date)
<b>3. Residency</b> <u>Marriage Only</u> : □ At least one spouse currently being filed	lives in the county in which this <i>Petition</i> is
<u>Registered Domestic Partnership Only</u> : □At least one partner currently lives in the co	unty in which this <i>Petition</i> is being filed
<u>or</u> ☐ Neither partner currently lives in Oregon an where { ☐ Petitioner □ Respondent} last resid	8
4. Pregnancy	
□Neither party is now pregnant	

 $\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent is pregnant (and) the other party  $\Box$  is  $\Box$  is not the parent of this child. The expected date of the child's birth is \_\_\_\_\_

**5.** By filing this petition, I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the **Statutory Restraining Order (SRO)** prohibiting either party from disposing of marital/partnership assets. I understand that this restraining order is effective as soon as this *Petition* and the *Summons* are served on Respondent.

### SPOUSAL/PARTNER SUPPORT

### 6. <u>Support</u>

- No spousal/partner support is requested **or**
- □ Spousal/partner support should be paid by □ Petitioner to Respondent (*or*) □ Respondent to Petitioner

<i>Type of Support:</i> I	Payment Terms:*	Based on these factors:
Transitional \$	<ul> <li>☐ monthly payments beginning the month following:</li> <li>&gt; ☐ entry of this judgment or</li> <li>&gt; ☐ the date of service of this Petition</li> <li>&gt; ☐ or</li> <li>Ending*:</li> <li>Or ☐ lump sum payable by (date):</li> </ul>	
Compensatory \$	<ul> <li>☐ monthly payments beginning the month following:</li> <li>&gt; ☐ entry of this judgment or</li> <li>&gt; ☐ the date of service of this Petition</li> <li>&gt; ☐ or</li> <li>Ending*:</li> <li>Or ☐ lump sum payable by (date):</li> </ul>	
Maintenance \$	<ul> <li>☐ monthly payments beginning the month following:</li> <li>&gt; ☐ entry of this judgment or</li> <li>&gt; ☐ the date of service of this Petition</li> <li>&gt; ☐ or</li> <li>Ending*:</li> <li>Or ☐ lump sum payable by (date):</li> </ul>	

\*All monthly payments are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. All payments end on the death of either party (unless an earlier event is specified above)

### Choose ONE option:

All support payments should be made directly into recipient's checking or savings account. The spouse or partner receiving support must provide the paying spouse or partner with either current deposit slips or bank name, account name, and account number.

To the Department of Justice, Child Support Accounting Unit, PO Box 14506, Salem, OR, 97309. The Department of Justice should provide collection, accounting, and disbursement services. (*NOTE: services are only available through DOJ if the receiving party is on public* 

assistance or if your county provides services locally. DOJ will notify you if your case does not qualify for services. Talk to a lawyer for more information.)

### 7. Life Insurance

The party paying support should carry life insurance for the benefit of the other party throughout the period of the support obligation. The coverage should be in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

### PROPERTY AND DEBTS

### 8. Real Property

Neither party has any interest in any real property in Oregon or any other place

□ Both parties have *or* {□ Petitioner □ Respondent has} an interest in real property at: *(address)*\_\_\_\_\_

 $\Box$  Additional page attached titled "Section 8 - Real Property"

 $\hfill \Box$  The legal description of the real property is attached as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporated in this petition

### 9. Personal Property

(Retirement benefits can be divided. See a lawyer if you want to do that)

 $\Box$  The Petitioner and Respondent have divided between them all personal property that they own. This includes all personal effects, household goods, motor vehicles, pets, and other items of property. Neither party should claim items now in the possession of the other. **or** 

 $\Box$  Petitioner and Respondent should be awarded an equitable distribution of the parties' personal property. This includes retirement benefits, pension plans, profit-sharing plans, deferred-compensation plans, and stock option plans held by the parties.

### or

 $\Box$  The parties' personal property should be divided as follows, with equitable distribution of any property not listed:

□ Petitioner should be awarded the following personal property: \_\_\_\_\_

 $\Box$  Additional page attached titled "Section 9 - Petitioner's Personal Property"

□Petitioner should be awarded all of Petitioner's retirement benefits, pension plans, profit-sharing plans, deferred-compensation plans, and stock option plans held by Petitioner's employer, free of any interest by Respondent.

 $\Box$  Respondent should be awarded the following personal property: \_\_\_\_\_

 $\Box$  Additional page attached titled "Section 9 – Respondent's Personal Property"

□Respondent should be awarded all of Respondent's retirement benefits, pension plans, profit-sharing plans, deferred-compensation plans, and stock option plans held by Respondent's employer, free of any interest by Petitioner.

### **10. Distribution of Debts** Debts should be paid as follows:

Name of Creditor (who debt is owed to)	What debt is for	Amount	Who should pay (Petitioner or Respondent)

□ Additional page attached titled "Section 10, Distribution of Debts"

Each spouse or partner should be responsible for the payment of all debts incurred individually since the date of their separation, all debts distributed to him or her by the court, *and* all debts secured by property distributed to him or her

Debts should be divided as of (*date*):

### Transfer of Debts and Property

Each party should be ordered to complete all property transfers required by the judgment within 30 days of the date of judgment. Each should execute, acknowledge, and deliver whatever documents are necessary to accomplish the distribution of debts and property ordered by the court. The judgment should operate to convey title if either party fails to comply with this requirement.

### 11. Former Name

My former name of

\_\_\_\_\_should be restored

(write the FULL name – first, middle, and last)

### 12. Information required by ORS 107.085

Age of Petitioner:	Age of Respondent:
Respondent's contact address:	

A *Confidential Information Form* (CIF) has been completed and filed with the court clerk containing all information required by ORS 107.085 that is identified as confidential by UTCR 2.130 for: Petitioner Respondent

### 13. Pending Cases

List any other domestic relations case that has been started but not yet finished in any state between the parties (*including spousal/partner support, dissolution (divorce), annulment, separation, or modification*)

Name or County of	State	Case No.	Involves:
Court or Agency			(check all that apply)
			Dissolution, annulment, or separation
			Spousal/partner support
			Restraining Order
			Dissolution, annulment, or separation
			Spousal/partner support
			Restraining Order

### 14. Existing Orders or Judgments

List any existing order or judgment in this or any other state between the parties **and** attach a copy of the signed order or judgment (*including dissolution (divorce), annulment, separation, modification, or restraining/protective orders*)

Name or County of Court or Agency	State	Case No.	Date Signed	Involves: (check all that apply)
				<ul> <li>Dissolution, annulment, or separation</li> <li>Spousal/partner support</li> <li>Restraining Order</li> </ul>
				<ul> <li>Dissolution, annulment, or separation</li> <li>Spousal/partner support</li> <li>Restraining Order</li> </ul>

Additional information attached

### 15. Court Costs and Fees for this case (whether paid or deferred)

Each party should be responsible for paying his or her own costs and fees

Costs and fees should be paid by both parties equally

Respondent should reimburse Petitioner for costs and fees paid

Other:

# I request a Judgment granting the relief asked for above, and other equitable relief that the court finds just.

I hereby declare that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Date	Signature	Signature		
Email	Name (printed)			
Contact Address	City, State, ZIP	Contact Phone		



### Department of Consumer and Business Services Division of Financial Regulation

P.O. Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405 Phone: 503-947-7980, Fax: 503-378-4351 350 Winter St. NE, Salem, OR 97301-3883 Email: dfr.mail@oregon.gov dfr.oregon.gov

## Notice to parties in a suit for marriage dissolution or legal separation regarding continuation of health coverage

If you or your spouse have filed for divorce or legal separation and currently hold group health insurance coverage through your spouse, your coverage may end when the court grants your divorce or separation. Oregon law offers options that may enable you to continue your coverage. This notice outlines continued coverage options available under Oregon law. Federal law, commonly known as COBRA, may also enable you to continue coverage. *Note*: You must act promptly to continue coverage.

Applying for individual coverage may also be an option. Insurers can no longer deny enrollment to individuals because of health or pre-existing conditions. You may be eligible to enroll in a plan through healthcare.gov or directly from an insurer. If you apply for coverage through healthcare.gov, you may qualify for financial assistance.

For more information about Oregon and federal law, consult your health insurer, the plan administrator for your insurance coverage, the employer through whom your insurance is provided, or your attorney.

### The following is a summary of options under Oregon law:

- 1. Continuation of existing coverage for a divorced or legally separated spouse who is 55 years of age or older (ORS 743B.343 to 743B.345). If you are a divorced or legally separated spouse and if you are 55 years of age or older when the dissolution or legal separation occurs, you may continue your existing group coverage until you obtain other group coverage or become eligible for Medicare. In order to continue coverage, you must do both of the following:
  - A. You must notify the group health insurance plan administrator in writing of the dissolution or legal separation within 60 days of the entry of the decree of divorce or legal separation.
  - B. You must elect to continue and pay for the group coverage. You must make the election on a form provided by the plan administrator.

*Note*: This provision applies only if your coverage is provided through an employer who employs 20 or more employees or if your coverage is provided by a group health insurance plan that covers 20 or more employees.

- 2. Continuation of existing coverage for a divorced spouse when federal law does not provide for continued coverage (ORS 743B.347). If you are not able to continue your group health coverage under federal law (COBRA), you may continue your existing group coverage upon dissolution of your marriage for a period not exceeding nine months. The following requirements apply:
  - A. You must have been continuously covered by the group policy for at least three months prior to your divorce.
  - B. You must ask the insurer or the group policyholder, in writing, to continue your coverage. You must also pay the required premiums.
  - C. You must make your request by the latter of the following dates:
    - (1) Ten days after the date that your coverage under the group policy as a qualified family member ends;

or

(2) Ten days after the date on which the employer or group policyholder gives notice of the right to continue coverage.

- **3.** Apply for individual coverage. If you were covered by a group health plan and you lost that coverage because of a legal separation or divorce, you may qualify for a special enrollment and be eligible to purchase an individual plan through healthcare.gov or from an insurer. To qualify for this special enrollment:
  - (1) Apply through healthcare.gov and pay your premium within 60 days of the date you lost your group coverage;
    - or
  - (2) Apply for individual coverage from an insurer within 60 days of the date you lost your group coverage.

**Remember**: The longer you wait to apply, the later your coverage will start. Financial help is available only if you apply for insurance through healthcare.gov. Your insurance agent can also help you apply through healthcare.gov.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF

	Case No:		
Petitione and	r SUMMONS FOR FAMILY LAW CASE Marriage Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP)		
Responden	t 🗌 Unmarried & Unregistered		
To (name):			
Home Address:	Work Address:		
Your spouse, partner, or child's parent has file Separation of your marriage or Regi Divorce or dissolution of your marri Child Support, custody, or parenting	stered Domestic Partnership (RDP) age or Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP)		

### NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!

**You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically.** To "appear," you must file a legal paper called a "*Response*" or a motion. *Response* forms are available through the court above or online at <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u>. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion.

Your *Response* must be filed with the court clerk at the court named above **within 30 days of the day you received this** *Summons*, along with the required filing fee (go to <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u> for fee information). It must be in proper form and you must show that the Petitioner's lawyer (or the Petitioner if he or she does not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of the *Response* according to the service rules. Service rules are included in *Instructions for Respondents*, available at <u>www.courts.oregon.gov</u>.

If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636, or go *to <u>www.oregonstatebar.org</u>*.

Petitioner Signature

Name (printed)

**Contact Address** 

City, State, ZIP

**Contact Phone** 

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Case No:				
	Petitioner	~ ~ ~		
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			Amended CIF	
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			UTCR 2.130	
Unmarried children age 18, 19, or 20 years	s old (per ORS 107.	.108)		
	_			
Submitted by:  Petitioner  Respon	ndent 🛄 other: _			
Information about (name):(first, middle, last)				
(first, middle, last) [] Petitione	er 🔝 Respondent	other:		
Date of Birth:	Social Security Number:			
Driver License (Number and State):				
Former Legal Names:				
Employer's Name, Address, and Phone:	:			
Minor children of the parties: <sup>1</sup>				
Name:	Date of Bi	irth:	Social Security Number:	

Additional page attached

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The names of parties and children, and children's ages are not confidential. This form can only be viewed by the party who files it unless the court orders otherwise.

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			Amended CIF
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			UTCR 2.130
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Information about (name):(first, middle, last)			
(first, middle, last) [] Petition	er 📋 Respondent	other:	
Date of Birth:	Social Security	Number:	
Driver License (Number and State):			
Former Legal Names:			
Employer's Name, Address, and Phone	:		
Minor children of the parties: <sup>1</sup>			
Name:	Date of B	irth:	Social Security Number:

Additional page attached

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The names of parties and children, and children's ages are not confidential. This form can only be viewed by the party who files it unless the court orders otherwise.

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	Pe	titioner	NOTICE OF I CONFIDE INFORM FORM	ENTIAL ATION
and	Resp	oondent	Ameno	led CIF
Unmar	ried children 18, 19, or 20 years old (pe	r ORS 107.108) (i	full names)	
	Confidential Information Forms wit ed by Uniform Trial Court Rule (UT			
1)	My Name: Petitioner Respondent 0	Other:		
	Containing (check all that apply): Social Security Number (SSN) Contemposities of the security Number (SSN) Co	Date of Birth (DOE ne number 🔲 dri	B) 🗌 children's SSN ver license number	🗌 children's DOB
2)	Name: Petitioner 🗌 Respondent 🔲 C	)ther:		
	Containing (check all that apply):	] children's DOB former legal name	🗌 employer's name s	, address, and phone
3)	Name: Respondent C	)ther:		
	Containing (check all that apply):	] children's DOB	employer's name	
4)	Name: Petitioner Respondent C	)ther:		
	Containing (check all that apply):			, address, and phone
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Pl	aintiff/Petitioner

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# ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

Case No:

# Defendant/Respondent

I am the Plaintiff/Petitioner Defendant/Respondent in this matter.

On ( <i>date</i> )	I received a true copy of <i>(check all that apply)</i> :
Petition	
🗌 Claim	Information on mediation
Complaint	Other:

# And for Domestic Relations cases:

□ Notice of Statutory Restraining Order Preventing Dissipation of Assets

Notice of CIF (Confidential Information Form) Filing

☐ Information on continuation of insurance coverage (COBRA)

Order to Show Cause re: Modification with Motion and Declaration

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Uniform Support Declaration

Other forms:

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Date

Signature

Name (printed)

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone

	Case No:	
	CERTIFICATE O	F SERVICE
Petitioner	(ORCP 7D(2	
and	$\Box$ (a) Personal Ser	vice
	🗆 (b) Substitute Se	ervice
	$\Box$ (c) Office Service	е
Respondent	$\Box$ (d) Service by M	ail
I, (name)	. declare that I am a resid	dent of the state of
I am a competent pe	rson 18 years of age or ol	der. I am not a
party to or lawyer in this case, and not the employee		
the person named below. I served true copies of the		-
Petition and Summons		
Information about mediation		
Notice of Confidential Information Form (C	F) Filing	
Notice of Statutory Restraining Order Preve		ts
Order to Show Cause re: Modification with M	Iotion and Declaration	
Information about continuing insurance cov	erage (COBRA)	
Uniform Support Declaration		
Other information provided by the court cle	<sup>•</sup> k <i>(name all forms or do</i>	cuments served)
Other (name all forms or documents served)	)	
<b>by</b> (check a, b, c, or d and complete all information	):	
(a) 🗌 Personal Service on <i>(date)</i>	, at	a.m./p.m., to
$\{\Box \text{ Petitioner } \Box \text{ Respondent}\} (name)$	in	person at the
following address, State of		in the
County of, State of		
(b)  Substitute Service on (date)		a.m./p.m., by
delivering them to the following address		
in the County of, State of	Delivere	ed to ( <i>name</i> )
, who is a perso	n age 14 or older and wh	o lives there.
(Complete the section below only if the server also a	lid the follow-up mailing	s required by ORCP
7D(2) (b). If a person other than the server did the f	bilow-up mailing, that p	erson must
complete a separate Certificate of Service Mailing.)		
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documents served with the U.S. Postal Service, via first class mail, in a sealed envelope, postage paid, addressed to the party to be served: 

Petitioner 
Respondent (*name*)

\_\_\_\_\_, at the party's home address listed above, together with a statement of the date, time and place that the documents were hand-delivered to the party's dwelling (residence).

(c) □ **Office Service** on *(date)*\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_a.m./p.m., by delivering them to the office of the party to be served, located at: *(address)*\_\_\_\_\_\_, during normal working hours for that office, where I left the documents with *(name)*\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is a person apparently in charge, to give the documents to the party to be served. *(Complete the section below only if the server also did the follow-up mailing required by ORCP* 

7D(2)(c). If a person other than the server did the follow-up mailing, that person must complete a separate Certificate of Service Mailing.)

□ On *(date)*\_\_\_\_\_, I personally deposited a true copy of the same documents served with the U.S. Postal Service, via first class mail, in a sealed envelope, postage paid, addressed to the party to be served: □ Petitioner □ Respondent (*name*)\_\_\_\_\_\_, at the party's: □ home address at:

*OR* business address above, together with a statement of the date, time and place that the documents were hand-delivered to the party's office.

(d) Carvice by Mail, Return Receipt Requested on (date)\_

I personally deposited <u>two</u> true copies with the U.S. Postal Service. **One** by first class mail, and the **other** by certified or registered mail, Return Receipt Requested, or by express mail, postage paid, addressed to the party to be served:  $\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent

\_\_\_\_\_ (*name*), at the party's home address located at:\_\_\_\_\_

*(address). (NOTE: If mailed Return Receipt Requested, the return receipt must be attached to this Certificate of Service.)* 

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Date

Signature of Server

Print Name

*If person serving is NOT a sheriff or sheriff's deputy, address and phone number of server:* 

# **NOTICE OF PROPOSED JUDGMENT OR ORDER**

To be sent to all other parties before submitting proposed Judgment or Order to the court for signature. Send the Judgment or Order to the other party with this Notice at least 7 days before submitting it to the court. This does not apply to judgments submitted with a Motion for Order of Default or after an Order of Default has been granted.

This notice is to inform you that you can object to the attached proposed Judgment or Order.

Uniform Trial Court Rule (UTCR) 5.100<sup>1</sup> allows you to object to the proposed judgment or order. If you have no objections, you can sign the last page and return it to me.

# If you do object to any of the terms of the judgment or order, you may:

**1) Contact me within 7 days of the date of this notice.** If you contact me and we are not able to resolve your objections after reasonable efforts, I will include your objections with the proposed judgment or order when I submit it to the court.

or

**2) Submit your objections directly to the court.** If you intend to submit your objections directly to the court, notify me within 7 days of the date of this notice so that I can inform the court of your intentions when I submit the proposed judgment or order. If you do object to the proposed order or judgment, you must contact me within 7 days of the date of this notice.

Date

Signature

Name (printed)

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>http://courts.oregon.gov/OJD/programs/utcr/pages/utcrrules.aspx</u>

In the Matter of the Marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP) of:

and

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

# DECLARATION SUPPORTING GENERAL JUDGMENT OF SEPARATION OF [] MARRIAGE [] RDP

Respondent

Petitioner

The statements made in the Petition remain true and accurate *except*:

Section Number	Explain

Additional page attached

 $\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent is pregnant (and) the other party  $\Box$  is  $\Box$  is not the parent of this child. The expected date of the child's birth is \_\_\_\_\_

I ask the court to enter judgment without a hearing under ORS 107.095(4) because:

Respondent has not appeared and an *Order of Default* has been entered

Respondent has stipulated (agreed) to the terms of the Judgment

Respondent signed a Waiver of Appearance and Consent to Entry of Judgment

# I hereby declare that the above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Submitted by Petitioner Respondent

Date

Signature

Print Name

Contact Address

City, State, Zip

**Contact Phone** 

In the Matter of the Marriage or Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP) of:

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner

**GENERAL JUDGMENT OF SEPARATION OF**  $\square$  MARRIAGE  $\square$  RDP

Respondent

# This document was presented to the court:

and

□ On the motion and declaration of Petitioner, the <u>default</u> of Respondent having been found and Respondent being represented by a <u>guardian ad litem</u> or other person described in Rule 27

□ On the <u>stipulation</u> of the parties, as shown by the signatures at the end of this *Judgment* or by Waiver of Further Appearance (*date*), at which the following persons were present:

Petitioner 
 Petitioner's attorney

- Respondent 
   Respondent's attorney \_\_\_\_\_\_
- □ Other

# Findings:

- **A.** The court considered the  $\Box$  Declaration  $\Box$  Stipulations  $\Box$  Evidence presented and finds that: (Check one)
  - I.  $\Box$  Irreconcilable differences have caused the breakdown of this marriage or domestic partnership

□ The parties have entered into an agreement (the terms of this judgment) suspending for at least one year their rights and obligations as spouses or domestic partners, as evidenced by their signatures on this judgment

II. At the time the *Petition* was filed:

Marriage Only: 
At least one spouse lived in the county in which the *Petition* was filed **Registered Domestic Partnership Only:** 

at least one partner lived in the county in which the *Petition* was filed, or

□ neither partner lived in Oregon and the *Petition* was filed in the county where  $\{\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent $\}$  last resided

#### **B.** Party and Marriage/RDP Information:

Date of Marriage or registration of RDP:

Place of Marriage or registration of RDP: \_\_\_\_\_ (County, State)

Current age of parties: Petitioner \_\_\_\_\_ Respondent

# C. Pregnancy

Neither party is now pregnant (*or*)

Petitioner Respondent is now pregnant

The other party is not the parent of the child due

(date)

# The court grants judgment as follows:

The parties are legally separated as of the date this Judgment is signed, to continue for the period of time specified in Section 8B below. The terms of this judgment are effective upon entry in the court register.

#### SPOUSAL/PARTNER SUPPORT

There is an existing Limited Judgment for temporary spousal/partner support. Temporary support under the limited judgment ends as of the date of entry of the General Judgment, but any arrears accrued under the Limited Judgment remain enforceable under the Limited Judgment.

# 1. SPOUSAL/PARTNER SUPPORT

□ No spousal/partner support or life insurance for the benefit of either party is ordered in this case

or

 $\Box$  Spousal support must be paid by  $\Box$  Petitioner to Respondent (*or*)  $\Box$  Respondent to Petitioner

Type:	Terms:	Factors:
Transitional	<ul> <li>☐ monthly payments beginning the month following:</li> <li>&gt; ☐ entry of this judgment or</li> </ul>	
Ψ	$\succ$ The date of service of this <i>Petition</i>	
	> _ or	
	Ending*:	
	Or 🗌 lump sum payable by (date):	
Compensatory	monthly payments beginning the month following:	
\$	$\succ$ entry of this judgment <i>or</i>	
T	$  b \square the date of service of this Petition \\ b \square or$	
	Ending*:	
	Or 🗌 lump sum payable by (date):	
Maintenance	monthly payments beginning the month following:	
\$	> $\Box$ entry of this judgment <i>or</i>	
T		
	Ending*:	
	Or 🗌 lump sum payable by (date):	

\*All monthly payments are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. All payments end on the death of either party (unless an earlier event is specified above)

All payments of spousal/partner support must be made:

□ Directly into \_\_\_\_\_\_'s bank account. The paying spouse/partner should keep a receipt of deposit as proof of payment. The person receiving support must provide the person paying support with current deposit slips or bank name, account name, and account number.

or

□ To the Department of Justice, Child Support Accounting Unit, P.O. Box 14506, Salem, Oregon, 97309. Petitioner requests that collection, accounting, and disbursement services be provided through the Department of Justice. (*NOTE: services are only available through DOJ if the receiving party is on public assistance or if your county provides services locally. DOJ will notify you if your case does not qualify for services. Talk to a lawyer for more information*)

# 2. Withholding.

If enforcement services are provided through the State of Oregon's Department of Justice, the support order is enforceable by income withholding under ORS 25.311

# 3. Life Insurance.

☐ The party paying support must carry life insurance for the benefit of the other party throughout the period of the support obligation if he or she is insurable. The coverage must be at least \$\_\_\_\_\_\_. The party paying support must provide to the party receiving support a true copy of the policy. The party paying support must also provide to the party receiving support written notice of any action that will reduce the benefits or change the designation of the beneficiaries under the policy.

Neither party is ordered to carry life insurance for the benefit of the other party

# **PROPERTY AND DEBTS**

# 4. Real Property

Neither party has any interest in any real property in Oregon or any other place

 $\Box$  Both parties have *or* { $\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent has} an interest in real property

at: (address)

This property is awarded as follows:

 $\Box$  Additional page attached titled "Section 4 – Real Property"

 $\Box$  The legal description of the property is attached as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporated into this Judgment

 $\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent is responsible for preparing, signing, and recording a deed transferring the real property as required by this judgment Other:

# 5. Personal Property

The Petitioner and Respondent have divided between them all personal property that they own separately or together, and each is awarded those items now in their possession *except that:* 

A. 
The Petitioner is awarded the following personal property:

□ Additional page attached labeled "Section 5A- Petitioner's Personal Property"
 □ The Petitioner is awarded all retirement benefits, pension plans, profit-sharing plans, deferred compensation plans, and stock options held by Petitioner's current and past employers, free of any interest by the Respondent

**B.** □ The Respondent is awarded the following personal property:\_\_\_\_\_

□ Additional page attached titled "Section 5B-Respondent's Personal Property" □ The Respondent is awarded all retirement benefits, pension plans, profit-sharing plans, deferred compensation plans, and stock options held by Respondent's current and past employers, free of any interest by the Petitioner

# 6. Distribution of Debts The debts will be paid as follows:

Name of creditor (who money is owed to)	What the debt is for	Amount	Who pays (Petitioner or Respondent)

 $\Box$  Additional page attached, titled "Section 6 – Distribution of Debt"

Unless otherwise specified above, each party is responsible for the payment of all debts incurred by him or her individually since the date of separation, all debts distributed to him or her by the court, and all debts which are secured by property distributed to that party. If any creditor asks the party not responsible for a debt to pay any portion of it, and he or she does so, the party responsible for that debt must reimburse the paying party for any amount paid to the creditor after the date this judgment is entered.

Debts are divided between the parties as of (*date*):

#### 7. Transfer of Property and Debts

Within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, each party must execute, acknowledge and deliver whatever documents are necessary to accomplish the distribution of debts and property ordered by the court. This judgment operates to convey title to the party awarded the property if the other party fails to comply with this requirement.

# 8. Other Provisions:

#### A. Former Name

□ Petitioner's □ Respondent's former name of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_ is restored (*use FULL name – first, middle, last*)

#### **B.** Duration

The length of the separation is  $\Box$  unlimited  $\Box$  for a period of \_\_\_\_\_

# C. Additional Provisions:

□ Additional page attached titled "Section 8C - Additional Provisions"

#### D. Court Costs and Fees, Whether Paid Or Deferred

Each party is responsible for paying his or her own court costs and service fees
 Petitioner Respondent will reimburse the other party \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ for costs and fees
 Judgment is awarded to the State of Oregon for deferred costs or fees of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 9. Information Required by ORS 25.020 and 107.085

As required by UTCR 2.130, a *Confidential Information Form* has been completed for each party and filed with the court. The CIF contains all information required by ORS 25.020 and 107.085 that is identified as confidential by UTCR 2.130.

Both parties must inform the Court and the Department of Justice (P.O. Box 14506, Salem, Oregon 97309) in writing of any change in the information within ten (10) days of such change. The Department of Justice or the District Attorney shall not disclose the information in the CIF to the other party.

	PETITIONER	RESPONDENT
Full Name		
Contact Address		
Year of Birth	Year:	Year:
Last 4 digits Social Security #	Last 4 digits:	Last 4 digits:
Last 4 digits Driver License # and State	Last 4 digits: State:	Last 4 digits: State:
Lawyer Name, Address, Phone #		

**Money Award** Support Obligation  $\Box$  included  $\Box$  not included

NOTE: a party RECEIVING a money award is the <u>JUDGMENT CREDITOR</u>; a party PAYING a money award is the <u>JUDGMENT DEBTOR</u>

The following information must be provided by any party entitled to receive a money award as listed in this Judgment		
	The following person or public body is known to be entitled to a portion of a payment made on the judgment (other than payee's lawyer):	
Petitioner	□ None <i>or</i> □ Name:	
Respondent	□ None <i>or</i> □ Name:	

Type of Judgment		Amount	<b>Beginning / Ending</b>
☐ Spousal/ Partner Support	WHO RECEIVES	$Transitional \\ \$ \_ \_ \\ \Box per month \\ or \\ \Box total $	Payable on the first of every month beginning the month following:
			or due in full by: (date):
			Other:
		Compensatory \$ per month or total	Payable on the first of every month beginning the month following:
			or due in full by: (date):
			Other:
		Maintenance \$ per month or	Payable on the first of every month beginning the month following:
		🗌 total	Ending:
			or due in full by: (date):
			Other:

Type of Judgment		Amount	Beginning / Ending
	All payments end on specified	the death of either party	unless an earlier event is
Division	WHO RECEIVES	<pre>\$per month until a total of \$is paid</pre>	Beginning the ( <u>day)</u> of the month following entry of judgment
		or	
		A lump sum of \$	Paid by ( <i>date</i> ):

Prejudgment Interest	WHO RECEIVES <ul> <li>Petitioner</li> <li>Respondent</li> </ul>	\$	
Postjudgment     Interest	□ Petitioner □ Respondent	interest on the unpaid	Interest accrues from the date the judgment is entered and continues until fully paid

□ Court Costs and Service Fees already paid	WHO PAYS □ Petitioner □ Respondent	Checked party reimburses the other party's costs and fees of: \$ Directly to the awarded party
□ Deferred Court	WHO PAYS	Checked party must pay deferred costs and fees of:
Costs and Service	□ Petitioner	\$
Fees	□ Respondent	To the State of Oregon through this court

Judge Signature:

<u>Certificate of Readiness</u> This proposed judgment is ready for judicial signature because (*check all that apply*):

Service is not required under UTCR 5.100. The other party has been found in **default** or an order of default is being requested with this proposed judgment; this judgment is submitted **ex parte** as allowed by statute or rule; or  $\Box$  this judgment is being submitted in **open court** with all parties present.

Each party affected by this judgment has <b>stipulated</b> to or approved the judgment, as shown by
the signatures on the judgment or on a previously filed waiver of appearance.

□ I have **served** a copy of this judgment and written notice of the 7-day objection period set out in UTCR 5.100 on all parties entitled to service (*complete service information below*). *And*:

No objection has been served on me within that time frame.

I received objections that I could not resolve with the other party despite reasonable efforts to do so. I have filed with the court a copy of the objections I received and indicated which objections remain unresolved.

After conferring about objections, the other party agreed to file any remaining objection with the court.

#### Certificate of Service under UTCR 5.100

I certify that on (date):	I placed a true and complete copy of
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this proposed *Judgment* in the United States mail to (name)

at (address)

Submitted by:  $\Box$  Petitioner  $\Box$  Respondent

Signature

Print Name

I understand that I am subject to penalty for perjury for giving false information to the court. All factual information in this Judgment is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree to the terms of this Judgment. I understand that this Judgment is enforceable by the court.

Date	Petitioner Signature	Petitioner Signature		
Email	Print Name			
Contact Address	City, State, ZIP	Contact Phone		
🗌 Respondent stipulates (	agrees) to the terms of this judgment			
Date	Respondent Signat	Respondent Signature		
Email	Print Name			
Contact Address	City, State, ZIP	Contact Phone		

Petitioner

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

# EX PARTE MOTION FOR ORDER OF DEFAULT and DECLARATION IN SUPPORT

Respondent

# **Motion**

Based on the attached *Declaration*, Petitioner requests that this court grant an *Order* entering the default of Respondent and directing entry of judgment.

# **Statement of Points and Authorities**

ORCP 69 requires the court or clerk to enter an order of default on a showing by affidavit or declaration that a party against whom a judgment is sought has been served with Summons or is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Court and has failed to plead or otherwise defend within the time set by law.

# **Declaration**

Respondent was served with the *Summons, Petition* and other documents required by law in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County, State of \_\_\_\_\_\_, on *(date)* \_\_\_\_\_\_ and has not made an appearance within the time required by law.

Respondent has not provided me with written notice of intent to appear. *or* 

Respondent provided me with written notice of intent to appear **and** I filed and served written notice of intent to apply for default at least 10 days before filing this motion, or fewer days as permitted by the court.

Respondent is not now, and was not at the time of the service of the *Petition* and *Summons*, incapacitated, a minor, a financially incapable person, a protected person, or a Respondent in a fiduciary protective proceeding, as defined by ORS 125.005,

**and** (check one of the following):

and

 $\Box$  The Respondent **is not** now, and was not at the time of service of the *Petition* and *Summons*, in active military service of the United States. *Provide facts supporting this statement*:

 $\Box$  The Respondent <u>is</u> now, or was at the time of service of the *Petition* and *Summons*, in active military service of the United States. Respondent has waived his or her rights under the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, as shown by the attached waiver, labeled Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

□ I am unable to determine whether or not Respondent is now, or was at the time of the service of the *Petition* and *Summons*, in active military service of the United States. *Provide any facts you do know:*\_\_\_\_\_\_

I request the relief specified in the attached *Judgment*.

Costs and fees are allowable under ORS 107.105(1)(j) or 107.490(4).

I hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand they are made for use as evidence in court and I am subject to penalty for perjury.

Date

Signature

Name (printed)

**Contact Address** 

City, State, ZIP

**Contact Phone** 

Petitioner

Case No: \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER ON MOTION FOR DEFAULT

Respondent

Petitioner's Motion for Order of Default and Entry of Judgment is:

and

granted

denied

<u>Certificate of Readiness under UTCR 5.100</u> This proposed judgment is ready for judicial signature because service is not required under UTCR 5.100 because this judgment is submitted ex parte as allowed by statute or rule