



## Financial Disclosures

<b>What is this for?</b>	This packet contains the forms to complete financial disclosures, which are mandatory in Dissolution (divorce), Legal Separation, Nullity, or Domestic Partner dissolution cases.
<b>Step 1: Fill out the forms</b>	<p><a href="#">Declaration of Disclosure</a> (FL-140) <a href="#">Schedule of Assets and Debts</a> (FL-142) <a href="#">Income and Expense Declaration</a> (FL-150)</p> <p><b>See page two of these instructions for definitions and FAQs.</b></p>
<b>Step 2: Give your spouse/partner a copy of your forms</b>	Make 1 copy of each of the above forms. Mail or hand the <b>copies</b> to your spouse/partner. Keep the originals for your records. Unlike other documents in this court process, you can hand or mail the paperwork directly to your spouse/partner yourself. You do not have to ask a third party to do it.
<b>Step 3: Fill out form FL-141</b>	<p>After you mail or give a copy of the forms to your spouse/partner fill out: <a href="#">Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure</a> (FL-141)</p> <p>This is your sworn statement that you gave a copy of the forms to your spouse/partner. You cannot fill out this form until you have actually given the forms to your spouse/partner.</p>
<b>Step 4: File the FL-141 &amp; FL-150 with the court</b>	<p>Make 1 copy of your completed Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure (FL-141) and 1 copy of the Income and Expense Declaration (FL-150). Paperclip (do not staple) the originals. The copies may be stapled. Group the originals and copies of the same documents together for filing.</p> <p>Get a number ticket for “Family Law” at the kiosk on the 1st floor of the Courthouse. File the paperwork with the clerk when your number is called. If you are filing at the Historic Courthouse in Auburn or the Tahoe Courthouse, you do not need to get a ticket.</p>
<b>eFiling</b>	Alternatively, the Court has the option to file electronically through its eFile Service. For filing and more information, please visit <a href="http://placer.courts.ca.gov">placer.courts.ca.gov</a> and select “ <a href="#">eFiling</a> ” under the Online Services tab. This webpage contains instructions and FAQs to assist with the



	<p>process. There is a service fee for eFiling paid to the third-party vendor and cannot be waived by the Court. Note: each form must be a separate PDF unless it contains attachments.</p>
<b>Next steps:</b>	<p>If you and your spouse <b>agree</b> about all issues in your case and have exchanged the financial disclosures with each other, you can visit the Self-Help Center to finish your case.</p> <p>If you and your spouse <b>do not agree</b> about all issues in your case and have exchanged the financial disclosures with each other, you can make a settlement appointment to work with an attorney who will help you come to agreement.</p> <p>If you and your spouse <b>do not agree</b> about all issues in your case <b>or your spouse is not cooperating to finish your case</b> you can ask the court to set your case for trial.</p> <p>Visit the Self-Help Center to learn more about your options to get a Judgment in your case.</p>

### Definitions and FAQs:

#### What is the purpose of filling out and exchanging Financial Disclosures?

For the court to end your marriage or domestic partnership, or grant a legal separation or nullity, you must disclose ALL information about your income, property, and debts. You and your spouse/partner must know what financial issues are on the table and what may be divided by the court. The court needs to know that you have shared this information EVEN IF you and your spouse have already divided everything or you think they don't have any right to the item(s). For categories that do not apply, write "None." Do NOT leave anything blank on the form. There can be severe consequences if you leave items off this form.

Separate Property: Items owned/acquired before your marriage, after the date of separation or received by gift or inheritance, even if received during the marriage. This includes items like cars, houses, debts, bank accounts, retirement accounts/pensions.

Community Property: Property owned/acquired from your marriage date to the date of separation, regardless of who is on title or whose name is on the account. This includes items like cars, houses, debts, bank accounts, retirement accounts/pensions. Some things like retirement plans can be both separate property *and* community property

#### Do I need to attach anything to the Financial Disclosure forms?

Yes, you must attach your paystubs, your most recent 2 years' tax returns, bank, retirement plan, credit card statements, etc.



## Why Should I Use a Property Declaration instead of a Schedule of Assets and Debts?

If your spouse will not sign a written agreement, it is best to use the [Property Declaration](#) (FL-160) instead of the Schedule of Assets and Debts (FL-142). You will need to fill out two different Property Declaration forms: one for community property and one for separate property. On the form for community property, you must show how you think the property should be divided (the columns on the far right of the form). On the form for separate property, you must show which spouse the property belongs to.

## Are you a veteran of the armed forces?

Parties who have qualifying service in the United States' Armed Forces may self-identify their veteran status using [Notification of Military Status](#) (MIL-100). By doing so, the court will provide the veteran with a list of local veteran resources and the court will forward a copy of the form to the Department of Veteran Affairs who will then contact the veteran. For more information, see [Fam. Code sec. 211.5](#).

## Can I Access My Court Case Electronically?

Court users can now receive access to their file/orders electronically by three different methods:

Online Portal: You can come to the courthouse and show ID to gain access;

eFiling: If you check the box on eFiling, you will receive your orders via email; you will also receive portal access if you pay for a filing (so you do not need to come into the courthouse to show ID);

eService: You may consent to receive notice and orders by email. This can be done by submitting Judicial Council Form [EFS-005-CV](#).

## Where can I get the forms?

1. The blank forms listed in these instructions can be found **online** at [www.courts.ca.gov/forms](http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms).
2. You can get the form packets through the court's **Self-Help Center** or buy them at the **Court Clerk's counter**.
3. **For an app that helps you fill out the Income and Expense Declaration *only*, go to [guideandfile.com](http://guideandfile.com).**
  - Click "Start Your Legal Process", then
  - Click "Income and Expense Declaration"
  - Answer the questions, save, your work, and print your forms at the end.



### Where can I get help or more information?

- You can hire a private attorney for a free or low-cost consultation.
- If you do not have an attorney, you can get help from the court's Self-Help Center. Schedule a telephone or video appointment online at [www.placer.courts.ca.gov](http://www.placer.courts.ca.gov) and search for **online appointments** on the home page.
- Visit [www.courts.ca.gov](http://www.courts.ca.gov)
  - Click "Self-Help" on the tabs and select "Divorce or Separation" in the dropdown menu
- Read:
  - [Legal Steps for a Divorce or Legal Separation](#) (FL-107-INFO)