

DIVORCE GUIDELINES FOR SAWYER COUNTY

Required for Filing

1. If you have children or are requesting maintenance, the filing fee is \$194.50.
2. If there are no minor children and you are not requesting maintenance the filing fee is \$184.50.
3. If you have children, you must attend a Parent Education Class. Additional information will be given to you at the time of filing. If a fee is required for the class, this fee WILL NOT be waived.
4. You must provide THE ORIGINAL and 4 copies at the time of filing (one for filing party, two for service and one for the Child Support Agency).

General Instructions

You must contact the Judge's office at 715-634-4886 to obtain hearing dates. The final hearing date will be after the statutory 120-day waiting period has expired. In most cases, a status conference is not required, but if you are unable to come to an agreement, you may request one.

The Court suggests that you make an appointment with the Sawyer County Child Support Agency (715-634-3173) to assist in determining Child Support. They will also prepare the Income Withholding Order.

If it is necessary to appoint a Guardian Ad Litem you will most likely be ordered to pay a retainer fee.

Pro Se Representation (filing a divorce without an Attorney)

For more information on how to represent yourself in a divorce, log on to: www.wicourts.gov and click on:

- Services
- For the Public
- Self Help Law Center
- Divorce and Family Law

CHECK LIST- **Circuit Court Forms available at www.wicourts.gov**

Required at time of filing:

- Joint Petition OR Summons and Petition
 - Joint petition with minor children (Form FA-4110V)
 - Joint petition without minor children (Form FA-4111V)
 - Summons and Petition with minor children (FA-4104V & FA-4108V)
 - Summons and Petition without minor children (FA-4105V & FA-4109V)

- Confidential Petition Addendum (Form GF-179)
- Filing Fee

Must be filed prior to scheduling of divorce hearing:

- Financial Disclosure Statement (one from each party)
 - (Form FA-4139V)
- Marital Settlement Agreement (signed by both parties)
 - (Form FA-4150V or FA-4151V)
- Certificate of Completion of Parent Education class (if filing with minor children)
- Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Judgment
 - Form FA4160-VA or Form 4161VA **UNSIGNED** and prepared, but held by the Clerk of Court until Divorce Hearing.
- Statistical Reporting Form (Divorce Certificate) available from clerk

A Final Hearing **WILL NOT BE SET** until all documents listed above are filed and the Judge has reviewed and accepted.

Any party filing any document with the court is required to provide a copy to all other parties. **Bring the copies with you along with the original when you file it with the Clerk of Court. NOTE: The Summons and Petition must be served upon the other party within 90 days of the case filing.**