

STATE OF WYOMING)
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COUNTY OF _____)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Plaintiff: _____,)
Person listed as Plaintiff on the)
Complaint)
vs.)
)
Defendant: _____)
Person listed as Defendant on the)
Complaint)

Case Number _____

**ORDER SETTING DIVORCE TRIAL
AND REQUIRING PRETRIAL STATEMENTS**

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the Plaintiff **OR** Defendant's Request for Setting, and the Court being generally advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a trial of the above matter is hereby scheduled for Courtroom Number ____ of the _____ County Courthouse, _____, Wyoming on the ____ day of _____, 20__ at _____ AM/PM. ____ days ____ hours ____ minutes has been set aside for the trial of this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall file and serve a sworn statement on the opposing party or their attorney at least 5 days before the trial, or as required in the scheduling order. This statement should include all the facts, to the best of their knowledge and belief, listed in Section "A" of the attached information list. Additionally, the party's attorney, if they have one,

should provide a statement about the client’s position and any evidence, as outlined in Section “B.” By providing this information, the goal is to simplify the issues, prevent surprises, and reduce unnecessary evidence during the trial. The information can be presented as a narrative but must cover all the points mentioned in this order. To avoid repetition, the parties or their attorneys can submit a joint statement for items not in dispute.

Important Information about Court Reporters

A court reporter is a person who makes a transcript (official written record) of everything that is said during a trial or hearing. If you know that you want (or think you might want) a transcript of your trial or hearing, **you** must arrange for the court reporter to be there.

You must contact the court reporter **at least three working-days before** your trial or hearing to make these arrangements. (You can learn more by reading Rule 904 of the Wyoming Uniform Rules for District Court.)

Do You Need a Reporter?

There may be many reasons to choose to have a court reporter at your trial or hearing. One important thing to consider is that it’s very difficult to appeal a judge’s decision if you do not have a transcript of the trial. That means: If the judge makes decisions you believe are incorrect, and you want another Court to look at whether the decisions were fair decisions, it will be very helpful to have a transcript. If you don’t arrange for a court reporter to record the trial or hearing, there will be no transcript.

If you want to arrange for a court reporter, the Clerk of District Court can tell you which court reporter to contact.

If the case gets resolved, the Court won't make any changes to the schedule until the settlement is put into writing and presented to the Court as a written agreement. The trial date will not be postponed or canceled based on phone calls.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Copies to:

Plaintiff/Petitioner or Attorney's Name and Address:

Defendant/Respondent or Attorney's Name and Address:

SECTION "A"
SWORN STATEMENT OF PARTY

Include everything listed here (unless it does not apply to your situation):

NOTE: Item 1 calls for a brief but complete statement of the party's personal history as it may relate to this divorce. This information can be in a list or a narrative (sentences).

1. **Personal Background:**

- Your name and age.
- The initials (not full names) of all minor children who are the biological or adopted children of you and the other party.
- The present living situation of you, the other party, and the minor children. State where each party lives, state with whom the children live, and describe any childcare arrangements.

2. **Current Job:**

- Describe your current job. Include where you work, what you do, and how long you've worked there.
- State your income (gross and net amounts).
- State all deductions that are taken from your salary or wages.
- Describe benefits such as health insurance, accident insurance, or life insurance; and state whether those benefits can be changed to a non-group plan in the event of loss of employment.
- Describe any retirement plans you own or contribute to.
- Describe your prospects for continued employment (for example, whether your company is conducting layoffs or you plan to change jobs).

3. **Work History and Skills:** Describe your past jobs, education, training, and any skills that might help you find work.

4. **Other Income:** Provide information about any money you get from sources other than your job.

5. **Assets:** List everything you own, where it came from (if you bought it together or got it as a gift), how much it's worth now, and if you could sell it.

NOTE: Use the last 4 digits of any financial account numbers only

6. **Debts:** Provide information about any money you owe, where it came from, and the terms of repayment.

7. **Anything Else:** Include anything else you think is important for the case.

SECTION "B"
STATEMENT OF COUNSEL

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to provide the information in section B.

Statement of the case by counsel of the client's position with respect to:

1. Division of assets and allocation of liabilities.
2. Amount of child support:
 - a. Amount called for by the child support guidelines;
 - b. Why, if it is requested, there should be departure from the guidelines.
3. If alimony is claimed, the basis of the claim and the amount and duration proposed by the party.
4. If client claims exclusive or superior entitlement to "the divorce," the reasons for that position.
5. If superior suitability for primary custody of children is claimed and disputed, reasons for the claim.
6. Reasons, if any, for departure from "standard rules for custody and visitation."
7. List of witnesses and specific summary of expected testimony.
8. Exhibits.