



CIRCUIT COURT FOR _____, MARYLAND

City/County

Located at _____ Case No. _____

Court Address

Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant

VS.

Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff

Street Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

City, State, Zip

Telephone

COUNTER-COMPLAINT FOR LIMITED DIVORCE (Family Law § 7-102)

I, _____, state that:
Name

1. The plaintiff/counter-defendant and I were married on _____ in _____ Date of marriage in _____ Country where married in a [] civil [] religious ceremony.

2. Check all that apply:

- [] I have lived in Maryland since _____ Month/Year
[] My spouse has lived in Maryland since _____ Month/Year
[] The grounds, or legal reasons, for divorce occurred in Maryland (for a list of grounds, see number 12 below).
[] The grounds for divorce occurred outside Maryland and either my spouse or I have lived in Maryland for at least six (6) months prior to the date the complaint was filed.

3. I know of the following cases, or I have been involved (as a party, witness, etc.) in the following cases about me, my spouse, or the child(ren). Examples include cases such as custody, child support, guardianship, domestic violence/protective order, paternity, divorce, visitation/child access, CINA, delinquency, termination of parental rights, adoption or other cases:

Table with 5 columns: Court, Case No., Kind of Case, Year Filed, Result/Status/Date of Child Custody or Guardianship Determination

Attach the most recent court order for these cases.

4. **Children (check one):**

- We have no children together (skip to number 10).
- My spouse and I are the parents of the following child(ren).

Name	Age	Name	Age
Name	Age	Name	Age
Name	Age	Name	Age

5. I know of the following people, who are not parties to this case, who have physical custody of, or claim rights of legal custody, physical custody, or visitation/child access with the minor child(ren).

Name	Current address
Name	Current address
Name	Current address

6. The minor child(ren) currently live(s) at _____
 with _____
Name

7. The minor child(ren) has/have lived in Maryland for at least six (6) months yes no. In the past five (5) years the minor child(ren) have lived in the following places with the following persons:

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name(s) and Current Address of Person(s) with whom Minor Child(ren) Lived</u>

8. It is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) that I have (check one selection from each line):

- joint primary physical custody (parenting time) of _____
Name of child(ren)
- joint sole legal custody (decision-making authority) of _____
Name of child(ren)
- visitation (child access or parenting time) with _____
Name of child(ren)

My spouse and I (**check one**):

- have agreed on a parenting plan(s) that we believe is/are in the best interest of the minor child(ren).
Attach your signed parenting plan agreement.
- have not agreed on a parenting plan(s).
See: Maryland Parenting Plan Instructions (CC-DRIN-109) and Maryland Parenting Plan Tool (CC-DR-109).

9. **Child support (check one):**

- I am asking for child support and/or health insurance for the minor child(ren).
If you and your spouse's combined gross monthly income (not take home pay) is \$15,000 or less, attach Financial Statement (Child Support Guidelines) (CC-DR-030); if the combined gross monthly income is more than \$15,000, attach Financial Statement (General) (CC-DR-031).
- Child support has been established:
 - in a separate court case, Case No. _____ in _____ County and State. Attach a copy of the most recent order if available.
 - in the Office of Child Support, Case No. _____.
- I am not asking for child support and/or health insurance for the child(ren) at this time because _____

10. **Alimony:** I am am not seeking alimony because _____

Attach a General Financial Statement (Form CC-DR-031) if you want Alimony.

11. **Marital Property:** (*You do not have to complete this section if you are not asking the court to make decisions about your property. However, if you do not complete this section, the court may be barred from making decisions about certain property.*)

My spouse and/or I have the following property (*check all that apply*):

- House Furniture
- Bank account(s) and investment(s) Family Use Personal Property
- Motor vehicle(s)
- Other: _____

12. My grounds (legal reasons) for a limited divorce are (**you may check more than one**):

Cruelty/Excessively Vicious Conduct Against Me and/or my Minor Child(ren) - My spouse has persistently treated me or my minor child(ren) cruelly and/or has engaged in excessively vicious conduct rendering continuation of the marital relationship impossible if I am to preserve my health, safety, and self-respect.

Actual Desertion - On or about _____, my spouse, without just cause or reason, abandoned and deserted me, with the intention of ending our marriage. This abandonment has continued without interruption up to and including the time of filing of this complaint.

Constructive Desertion - My spouse's actions have terminated the spousal relationship and made it impossible for me to continue the marriage and preserve my health, safety, or self-respect, and since these actions occurred, I have not had sexual intercourse with my spouse.

Separation - From on or about _____, my spouse and I have lived apart in separate residences, without interruption, without sexual intercourse, with the express intent of ending our marriage.

FOR THESE REASONS, I request (*check all that apply*):

- A Limited Divorce.
- Joint primary physical custody (parenting time) of the minor child(ren).
- Joint sole legal custody (decision-making authority) of the minor child(ren).
- Visitation (child access or parenting time) with the minor child(ren).
- Child support (**attach Form CC-DR-030 or CC-DR-031**).
- Health insurance for the child(ren).
- Health insurance for me.
- To live in the family home for up to three (3) years from the date of the limited divorce for the benefit of the minor child(ren).
- To have and use the family use personal property for up to three (3) years from the date of the limited divorce for the benefit of the minor child(ren).
- Alimony (**attach Form CC-DR-031**).
- Resolution of personal property issues.
- Any other appropriate relief.

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Date

Signature of Plaintiff/Attorney/Attorney Code CPF ID No.

Printed Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone Number

Email Fax

