# SERVICE OF COURT PAPERS FAMILY CASES ONLY

# **Instructions and Forms**

# How to serve other parties with notice and the different methods available to you

"Serving a party" means giving legally-required notice to another party that you have filed documents with the court that may affect them.

# **NOTICE**

You do not need this packet if serving notice by Sheriff or process server in Yuma County. The sheriff and process servers in Yuma County provide their own forms.

# Service of Court Papers

#### Checklist

"Serving a party" means giving legally-required notice to another party that you have filed documents with the court that may affect them. You must provide the other parties with an exact copy of the documents filed with the court and prove that notice was given in a manner permitted by law.

You may use the forms and instructions in this packet if ...

- ✓ You have filed a Petition, Complaint, or other document in the Superior Court in a Family Department case and you are required to serve other parties with notice of what you have filed with the court, AND
- ✓ You understand that your case cannot proceed until you give proof to the court that you served the other party, AND
- ✓ You understand that you may not hand-deliver the papers to the other party unless he or she (and no one else) will sign an Acceptance of Service form in front of a Notary or Clerk of Superior Court and return the form for you to file with the court.

International Service: If you are required to serve notice on a person outside the United States, you may need to see a lawyer or research international law to determine what methods of service are permitted in your situation.

Consulting a lawyer before filing documents with the court may help prevent unexpected results. A list of lawyers you may hire to advise you on handling your own case or to perform specific tasks, as well as a list of court-approved mediators can be found on the Superior Court's website.

# How to serve court papers on other parties

This packet contains court forms and instructions to serve court papers on the other parties. Items in **bold** are forms that you will need to file with the Court. Non-bold items are instructions or procedures. Do not copy or file those pages!

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# START HERE: How to serve the other party

# What is service?

"Service" means giving legal notice to another party that you have filed papers with the court that may affect them. You must give a copy of those papers to the other party and show proof to the court that you have done so.

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Metho	ods of Service (choose one):
	Acceptance of Service – Use this service method if the other party is willing to sign the Acceptance of Service form in front of a notary and return the form back to you. You will have to give or mail the court papers to the other party and include the Acceptance of Service form.
	The other party's signature on the Acceptance of Service form does not mean that they agree with the court papers. It simply means that the other party agrees they have received the papers.
	Service is effective when the signed Acceptance of Service form is filed with the Court.
	You will need the following documents in this packet:  Procedures: How to serve court papers by Acceptance of Service  Family Department Acceptance of Service form
	Warning: Do not use this method of service if you are the victim of domestic violence, or believe the other party will hurt you, take your money, or take your children. If you believe the other party will become violent or uncooperative when you ask him/her to accept service, use one of the other methods of service.
	Service by Mail or National Courier Service – This service method allows you to serve the other party using the U.S. Postal Service or other national courier service. You may use this method if you are willing to pay to ship the required court documents through signature confirmation restricted delivery mail, and the other party is willing to sign for the documents.
	You will need the following forms in this packet:  Procedures: How to serve court papers by Signature Confirmation Restricted Delivery mail  Affidavit of Service with Signature Confirmation for Family Cases

Service by Registered Process Server - This service method allows you to hire a registered process server to hand deliver your court papers to the other party. If you are able to pay for a registered process server's fees, then you may use this method.
You will need the following forms in this packet:  Procedures: How to serve court papers by Registered Process Server
Service by Sheriff - This service method requires you to contact the Sheriff's Office in the county where the other party lives. You will arrange for a sheriff's deputy to hand deliver your court papers to the other party. If you are able to provide the Sheriff's Office with the required deposit and fees, along with the other party's address and physical description, then you may use this method. Additionally, if you have an order for a fee deferral or waiver, you may use this method.
You will need the following forms in this packet:  Procedures: How to serve court papers by Sheriff
Service to Incarcerated Person — Use this method to serve court papers to a person who is in a jail, prison, or a correctional facility. If you need to serve an incarcerated person, then you may use this method.
You will need the following forms in this packet:
Procedures: How to serve court papers to an Incarcerated Person
Affidavit of Service with Signature confirmation for Family Cases
<u>Publication or Other Alternative Service</u> – This service method requires you to get court permission to use an alternative means to serve the other party. It should only be requested as a last resort. If you cannot find the other party, you may request permission to serve the other party by publishing notice in newspapers. You may also request permission to create a different service method, provided it is the best practical means for providing the other party with notice. You must show the court that you have made reasonable efforts to use other methods to serve the other party, and that those efforts have been unsuccessful.
You will need the following forms in this packet:
Helpful information: Alternative Service / Service by Publication  Motion to Serve by Alternative Service / Publication  Order to Serve by Alternative Service / Publication  Procedures: How to serve court papers by Alternative Service or Publication  Declaration Supporting Publication

When is a written response to the court papers due?

Look at the timetable below. In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day. If the other party files a written response with the court, you cannot proceed by Default.

When Response is Due - Default Timetable					
Service By	Count	<u>Event</u>			
"Acceptance of Service" (in Arizona)	20 days	after the "Acceptance of Service" is filed			
Signature Confirmation (in Arizona)	20 days	after other party signs for the delivery			
Process Server (in Arizona)	20 days	after other party receives papers from process server			
Sheriff (in Arizona)	20 days	after other party receives papers from sheriff			
"Acceptance of Service" (out of State)	30 days	after the "Acceptance of Service" is filed			
Signature Confirmation (out of State)	30 days	after other party signs for the delivery			
Process Server (out of State)	30 days	after other party receives papers from process server			
Sheriff (out of State)	30 days	after other party receives papers from sheriff			
Publication (in Arizona)	50 days	after the 1st day of publication			
Publication (out of State)	60 days	after the 1st day of publication			

Procedures: How to serve court papers by acceptance of service

#### Requirements:

- You must provide the other party with copies of the court papers that you have filed. You must also provide the Acceptance of Service form.
- The other party must be willing to sign the Acceptance of Service form in front of a notary or Clerk of Superior Court.

Warning: Do not use the Acceptance of Service method if you are the victim of domestic violence or believe the other party will hurt you, take your money, or take your children.

- Step 1: After you have filed your papers with the court, ask the other party to accept service.
  - You can ask the other party to accept service by talking to them, calling them, or sending them the letter provided at the end of these procedures.
- Step 2: The other party may accept service in person or by mail.
  - <u>In person</u>:
    - o Meet the other party at a Clerk of Superior Court location or at a Notary.
    - o Bring with you:
      - 1 copy of the filed court papers for the other party
      - The Acceptance of Service form. You may fill out the form ahead of time, but do not sign it.
      - The other party must bring a government-issued I.D.
    - The other party must sign the Acceptance of Service form in front of a notary or the Clerk.
    - o Make 2 copies of the signed and notarized Acceptance of Service form.
    - o Give the other party 1 copy of the Acceptance of Service form, along with the copy of the filed court papers.
    - o Keep 1 copy of the Acceptance of Service form for your records.
    - File the original Acceptance of Service form with the court. If you do not, your case might be dismissed.

#### • By mail:

- o Fill out the form letter at the end of these procedures.
- o Mail to the other party:
  - The completed form letter.
  - 1 copy of the filed court papers.
  - The Acceptance of Service form you may fill out the form with all the information, but do not sign it.
- o Instruct the other party to sign the Acceptance of Service form in front of a notary, have it notarized and mail the original back to you. The other party may keep a copy for his/her record, but the original must be mailed back to you.
- You must file the original Acceptance of Service form with the court. If you
  do not, your case might be dismissed.

Note: If the other party does not send back the "Acceptance of Service form," ask him/her again to send it back. If other party still does not send it back, then you must serve the other party by one of the other service methods.

Step 3: File the following documents with the Clerk of Superior Court:

• The original signed and notarized Acceptance of Service form.

#### Step 4:

# Timeline for filing a Response:

- Time starts on the day that you file the Acceptance of Service form.
- If the other party was served in Arizona, then they have 20 days to file a Response.
- If the other party was served in another state, then they have 30 days to file a Response.

In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day.

Next: See the Law Library Resource Center website for next steps. Different procedures apply depending on whether the other party files a Response.

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I have also enclosed an "Acceptance of Service" form. Sign this form in front of a Notary and return it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope. This does not affect your right to object to or to disagree with the request that has been filed.

If you choose to sign the "Acceptance of Service," you still have the right to disagree with the request I have filed. If you sign the "Acceptance of Service," and you want to file a written Response or Answer with the court, you must file your Response or Answer within 20 days of the day the "Acceptance of Service" is filed if you sign in Arizona, or within 30 days of the day the "Acceptance of Service" is filed if you sign outside the State of Arizona, (If you received a Paternity Complaint, you can give a verbal response in front of the judge.)

Sincerely,	
(YOUR SIGNATURE)	
Enclosures	

Procedures: How to serve court papers by registered process server

#### Requirements:

- You must find a registered process server in the area where the <u>other</u> party is to be served and pay for the service yourself. You may find a process server under the business section of a phonebook or online.
- You must provide the registered process server with a copy of the filed court papers and any other information they need to find and identify the other party.
- Step 1: Call the registered process server's office to determine the cost of the service and to provide them with any additional information they need to identify the other party.
- Step 2: Follow the instructions from the process server and be sure to provide them with:
  - Copy of Summons (if your case has a summons)
  - The amount you need to pay for this service. (You can call ahead of time to ask the process server what type of payment they require.)
  - Other party's set of copies of the court papers.
  - You may also need to provide the process server with:
    - o A picture or a written physical description of the other party.
    - o A written description of the automobile that the other party drives.
    - O The address where the other party can be served.
- Step 3: The process server will mail you a copy of the "Affidavit of Service" after he/she serves the other party with the papers.

Important: If the process server does not file an Affidavit of Service with the Clerk of Superior Court, you must get the Affidavit of Service from the process server and file it.

#### Step 4:

# Timeline for filing a Response:

- Time starts on the day that you file the Affidavit of Service form.
- If the other party was served in Arizona, then they have 20 days to file a Response.
- If the other party was served in another state, then they have 30 days to file a Response.

In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day.

Next: See the Law Library Resource Center website for next steps. Different procedures apply depending on whether the other party files a Response.

# Procedures: How to serve court papers by signature confirmation restricted delivery mail

#### Requirements:

• Mail the court papers to the other party as "Certified Mail Restricted Delivery" at the post office, Or

Mail the court papers to the other party as "Restricted Delivery with Signature Confirmation Receipt" at a nationwide delivery service and pay the courier fees.

- The other party must personally sign for the receipt of the court documents. (Only the other party can sign for the court documents and no one else.)
- Step 1: Go to the post office and mail the court documents as "Certified Mail Restricted Delivery" or "Restricted Delivery with Signature Confirmation Receipt."
  - Keep the receipt as proof of payment. This will be filed with the court.
  - Monitor the status of your delivery to confirm when it is delivered.
    - o If you mailed using "Certified Mail Restricted Delivery," you will receive a green signature confirmation card 3 5 business days after delivery. You may also get a copy of the green signature confirmation card by using the website and tracking number on the post office receipt.
    - o If you mailed using "Restricted Delivery with Signature Confirmation Receipt," you may get the delivery confirmation signature from their website using the tracking number on the receipt.
- Step 2: After you get the signature confirmation:
  - Complete the Affidavit of Service with Signature Confirmation form and attach the following:
    - o The receipt from paying the courier fees, AND
    - o If you used the post office, then attach the green signature confirmation card; OR
    - o If you used another delivery service, then attach the signature card/paper.
  - Make a copy of all the above documents for your record.
- Step 3: File the original Affidavit of Service with Signature Confirmation and the attached documents. You can file with the Clerk of Superior Court at any of these Superior Court locations:

#### Step 4:

## Timeline for filing a Response:

- Time starts on the day that you file the Affidavit of Service with Signature Confirmation form.
- If the other party was served in Arizona, then they have 20 days to file a Response.
- If the other party was served in another state, then they have 30 days to file a Response.

In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day.

Next:

See the Law Library Resource Center website for next steps. Different procedures apply depending on whether the other party files a Response.

# Procedures: How to serve court papers to an incarcerated person

#### Requirements:

- You must serve the party:
  - By mail or national courier service with return or confirmation of service, and
  - o By first class mail.
- You must get the signature confirmation of the official at the jail or prison to whom the papers are delivered.
- You must pay for the mail or national courier service fees and file the receipts with the court.

#### Step 1: Serve the incarcerated person:

- Address 2 large manila envelopes with the inmate's name, inmate number, jail or prison or correctional facility name and address. Write "LEGAL MAIL" on the envelope. Put one set of court papers in one envelope, and the other set of documents in the other envelope.
- Go to the post office or any other business that delivers mail. Tell the clerk that you need to send 1 envelope as first-class mail. Tell the clerk that the other envelope must be sent with signed confirmation of delivery and that you will need the signature on the confirmation receipt. Keep the cash register receipt or package label. This will be filed with the Affidavit of Service with Signature Confirmation (Affidavit).

# Step 2: When you receive the signature confirmation:

- Wait for the returned copy of the jail or prison official's signature. If using signature confirmation mail, wait for the green receipt card to be returned with the other party's signature. When you get the green receipt, note the date the other party signed for the papers, and attach the card (or a photocopy of both sides of the card) to the Affidavit.
- If using a different method of delivery with signature confirmation from the Postal Service or FedEx, etc., you may go to the company's web site to confirm delivery and get a copy of the signature confirmation. Tape that copy of the signature confirmation along with the cash register receipt or other proof of mailing to the to the Affidavit.

# Step 3: Prepare to file the Affidavit with the court.

- Complete the Affidavit.
  - Be sure you fill in the date the jail or prison official received the papers. If you fail to list a date, the court may not process your papers and your case may be delayed and possibly dismissed.
  - o Under "2. Method of Delivery," you must check the box indicating

- "Duplicate Service to Inmate by First Class Mail," in addition to the other method you used for signature confirmation delivery.
- You must attach a copy of the jail or prison official's signature confirming receipt of the court documents to the Affidavit. If using Signature confirmation mail, copy both sides of the green return receipt card and attach either the original or the photocopy to prove how and when you served the incarcerated party.
- Make a copy of the entire Affidavit for your records. Be sure to include a copy of the return receipt card or other document with the other party's signature acknowledging they received the court documents.
- Step 4: File the original Affidavit and the attached receipts with the Clerk of Superior Court at any of these Superior Court locations:

Clerk of Superior Court 250 West Second St. Yuma, Arizona 85364

#### Step 5: Timeline for filing a Response:

- Time starts on the day that you file the Affidavit of Service with Signature Confirmation form.
- If the other party was served in Arizona, then they have 20 days to file a Response.
- If the other party was served in another state, then they have 30 days to file a Response.

In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day.

Next: See the Law Library Resource Center website for next steps. Different procedures apply depending on whether the other party files a Response.

# Procedures: How to serve court papers by sheriff

#### Requirements:

- You must contact the Sheriff's Office in the county where the other party lives.
- You must give the Sheriff's Office a copy of the filed court papers that are to be delivered to the other party.
- If the court did not grant a fee deferral or waiver, you must provide a deposit for the Sheriff's fee.

Step 1: Contact the Sheriff's Office in the county where the other party lives.

- If the other party lives in Yuma County:
  - o Bring a copy of your court papers to:

Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Civil Unit

141 S. 3rd Ave. Yuma, Arizona 853645

928-783-4427

- o Fill out the form at the end of these procedures and provide it with your documents.
- o If you did not request that the Sheriff's service fee be waived or deferred at the time you filed your papers, you will need to pay the required fee (cash or money order).
- If you did request that the Sheriff's service fee to be waived or deferred, and it was granted, then bring with you the copy of the certified Order Regarding Deferral or Waiver of Court Fees and Costs and Notice Regarding Consent Judgment.
- If the other party lives outside of Yuma County, fill out the form at the end of these procedures identifying the other party and provide:
  - Other party's set of copies of the court papers.
  - o A picture or written physical description of the other party.
  - o A written description of the automobile the other party drives.
  - The address where other party can be served.

- Certified Order Waiving/Deferring Fees (if applicable) (this order may or may not be honored by the outside jurisdiction depending on local laws), or
- o The amount required by that Sheriff's office for the deposit fee.

#### Step 2: File the Affidavit of Service with the Clerk of Superior Court.

- The Sheriff may file the Affidavit of Service with the court, or they may send the Affidavit of Service back to you.
- If the Sheriff sends the Affidavit of Service to you, you must file it with the Clerk of Superior Court at one of the following locations.

Clerk of Superior Court 250 West Second Street Yuma, Arizona 85364

## Step 3:

#### Timeline for filing a Response:

- Time starts on the day that you or the Sheriff files the Affidavit of Service form.
- If the other party was served in Arizona, then they have 20 days to file a Response.
- If the other party was served in another state, then they have 30 days to file a Response.

In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day.

Next: See the Law Library Resource Center website for next steps. Different procedures apply depending on whether the other party files a Response.

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# Helpful Information: Alternative Service / Service by Publication



You must ask the judge in writing for permission to serve a party using an Alternative Service method or Service by Publication. The court may permit an Alternative Service method or Service by Publication if it is the best means practicable under the circumstances for providing the person with notice.

- 1. You must file a motion with the judge assigned to your case, requesting permission to serve by Alternative Service or Service by Publication,
- 2. In the motion, you must show that you have made reasonably diligent efforts to identify the person's current address, or that the person has intentionally avoided service of process.
- 3. Examples of reasonably diligent efforts may include, but are not limited to:
  - Verifying the other party is not at any last known address(es).
  - Mailing a copy of the documents to be served to the last known address, even if it's your own address. (He or she may have put in a mail forwarding order with the Post Office. If it comes back marked "undeliverable," you may present that envelope as proof of your efforts.)
  - Talk to the party's friends, family members, current or former employers, coworkers, or anyone else you think may have a current address.
  - Search telephone directories and obituaries online or in print (phone book and newspaper).
  - Checking with the county jail and the state prisons. (Department of Corrections)
  - Searching social media sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn, as well as the internet "people search" sites such as Spokeo.com and ZabaSearch.com.
  - If the party has a working email account, you may also consider Emailing scanned copies of all the documents to his or her email address.
  - You may also consider hiring a private detective or a company that charges a fee to do computer searches to help you track down the other party.

Warning: If the Court is not satisfied that you have made every reasonable effort to locate and actually serve notice on the other party before publishing, the Court will not order service by publication. Your case could be delayed or dismissed, and you may be required to take additional steps to serve the Party at your own expense.

# Procedures: How to serve court papers by publication or other alternative service

#### Requirements:

- You must ask the court for permission to serve by alternative service or publication.
- The court must grant you permission before you may use alternative service or service by publication.
- You must send the form letter at the end of these procedures to the newspaper publication and receive the Affidavit of Publication back from them.
- Step 1: Fill out the Motion to Serve by Alternative Service or Publication (Motion) and Order to Serve by Alternative Service or Publication (Order).
  - Make 2 copies of the Motion. Make 1 copy of the Order. Address one envelope to you with proper postage.
- Step 2: File the original Motion with the Clerk of Superior Court and ask to have the copies of the Motion stamped. These are called conformed copies and are proof that the original was filed.
  - Give the following documents to Family Department Administration and tell them it is for the Judge assigned to your case, or put the documents in the Judge's box, or mail the documents to the Judge:
    - Two The original Order and 1 copy,
    - o copies of the Motion.
    - o One self-addressed stamped envelope.
  - Keep one copy of the Motion for your records.
- Step 3: Wait to receive a decision from the court.
  - Once you have delivered your motion and order, the judge will either sign
    the original order and send to you a conformed copy or send a Minute Entry
    telling you whether or not your motion has been granted. If the judge does
    not grant your motion, you may want to seek additional assistance or contact
    a lawyer for help.
- Step 4: What to do if the court gives you permission to serve the other party using alternative service or publication:
  - Alternative Service: Serve the court papers according to the method the judge has authorized in their order or minute entry.

OR

#### • Service by Publication:

Complete letter to newspaper describing the documents that need to be referenced by the newspaper and submit copies of those documents along with the letter to the paper. The letter can be found at the end of these procedures. A notice must appear in the publication once a week for four successive weeks, as instructed in the letter.

o If you have a court order waiving/deferring costs of publication, you must publish in the Yuma Sun. Mail or deliver the letter attached to these procedures, a copy of the documents you filed, and the certified order waiving/ deferring costs of publication to:

The Yuma Sun 2055 Arizona Ave. Yuma, AZ 85364 Phone: (928) 783-3333

Note:

If the other party's last known address is in Arizona and that address is not in Yuma County where your case is pending:

- You must publish in the county in which your case is pending, and you must publish
  in a newspaper in the county of the last known residence of the person to be served.
- o To publish in Yuma County, follow the instructions above.

To publish in another county (not Yuma County) you must contact a newspaper company in that county.

• Wait for the newspaper to mail you the original Affidavit of Publication document, in about five weeks.

Step 5: File the court papers (Service by Publication only).

- Fill out all the requested information in the Declaration Supporting Publication form and attach the original Affidavit of Publication. Be sure to make copies for your own records.
- File both the original and copy of the Declaration Supporting Publication and Affidavit of Publication with the Clerk of Superior Court at any one of the following locations:

Clerk of Superior Court 250 West Second Street Yuma, Arizona 85364

Step 6: Timeline for filing a Response: (see table below)

- Time starts on the day that you file the Declaration Supporting Publication form.
- If the other party was served in Arizona, then they have 20 days to file a Response.
- If the other party was served in another state, then they have 30 days to file a Response.

In counting the days, include weekends and holidays. The last day you count must be a day when the Court is open for business. If the last day for the other party to respond falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, you do not count that day.

Next: See the Law Library Resource Center website for next steps. Different procedures apply depending on whether the other party files a Response.

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Representing Self, withou	t a Lawyer OR  Attorney for	Petitioner OR Respondent
	SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZO IN YUMA COUNTY	NA
Name of Petitioner / Party A	FAMIL	Y DEPARTMENT TANCE OF SERVICE
Name of Respondent / Party I		P. Rule 40(F)
		at I have received and accepted the
DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN	LEGAL SEPARATION	TEMPORARY ORDERS
Petition	WITH CHILDREN	☐ Motion for Temporary Orders
Summons	Petition	Order to Appear
Preliminary Injunction	Summons	Affidavit of Financial
Parenting Plan	Preliminary Injunction	Information (if for spousal
Child Support Worksheet	Parenting Plan	maintenance or child support)
Notice of your Rights about	Child Support Worksheet	Affidavit of Financial
Health Insurance Coverage  Notice Regarding Creditors	Notice Regarding Creditors Order and Notice to Attend	Information (blank one for
Order and Notice to Attend	Parent Information Class	other party)  Child Support Worksheet
Parent Information Class	Affidavit Regarding Minor	(if for child support)
Affidavit Regarding Minor	Children	Parenting Plan (if for legal
Children	Spousal Maintenance	decision-making/parenting
Spousal Maintenance	Worksheet (if applicable)	time)
Worksheet (if applicable)		Spousal Maintenance
		Worksheet (if applicable)

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DIVORCE (OR ANNULMENT) WITHOUT CHILDREN  Petition Summons Preliminary Injunction Notice of your Rights about Health Insurance Coverage Notice Regarding Creditors Spousal Maintenance Worksheet (if applicable)	LEGAL SEPARATION WITHOUT CHILDREN  Petition Summons Preliminary Injunction Notice Regarding Creditors Spousal Maintenance Worksheet (if applicable)	ESTABLISH LEGAL DECISION-MAKING, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT  Petition Summons Preliminary Injunction Child Support Worksheet Parenting Plan Order and Notice to Attend Parent Information Class
ESTABLISH CHILD SUPPORT  Petition Child Support Worksheet Order to Appear	PATERNITY OF AN ADULT CHILD Petition Summons	ESTABLISH PATERNITY, LEGAL DECISION MAKING, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT  Petition Summons Preliminary Injunction Child Support Worksheet Parenting Plan Order and Notice to Attend Parent Information Class
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MODIFY PARENTING TIME (Or Parenting Time and Child Support)  Petition to Modify Parenting Plan Order to Appear Child Support Worksheet Affidavit of Financial Information Affidavit Regarding Minor Children (only if children have lived outside state at some time in last 5 years)	MODIFY LEGAL DECISION- MAKING, PARENTING TIME AND CHILD SUPPORT  Petition to Modify Parenting Plan Child Support Worksheet (if for child support) Affidavit Regarding Minor Children (only if children have lived outside state at some time in last 5 years) Order to Appear Order Stopping Income Withholding Order (if applicable)	MODIFY INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER  Petition to Modify
STOP INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER  Petition to Stop	PRE-DECREE MEDIATION  Request for Pre-Decree  Mediation	POST-DECREE MEDIATION  Request for Post-Decree Mediation Order to Appear
List other case type here: (E. (Below, list name of each "Summons," etc.)	xample: "Annulment")	nple: "Petition for Annulment,"

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- 1. Accept Service. I understand accepting these papers is the same as if I were personally served under Arizona Law [A.R.F.L.P. Rule 40 (F)].
- 2. Response Deadline. I am aware that accepting service of these court papers and signing this paper does not affect my right or obligation to file a written Response or Answer to this action if I do not agree with any relief asked for in the Petition. I understand I must Respond or Answer within 20 days from the day that this Acceptance of Service is filed with the Clerk of Superior Court if I accepted service in Arizona, or 30 days if I received the papers somewhere other than in Arizona.
- 3. Default Judgment, Order or Decree. I understand that if I do not appear and defend in this action in court, within the time allowed by law, that I may lose my right to be heard in this case. I understand that failure to Respond or Answer could result in the court giving the other party any and all things requested in his or her legal papers, through a Default Judgment, Order or Decree.
- 4. Restore name (only in Divorce Cases).

My complete married name is: (Optional. Complete only if you want to change your name)

I want my legal name restored to: (List complete maiden name or legal name before this marriage)

Not applicable

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By signing below, I swear or affirm that I and that I have received and accepted the l		its of this document
Date	Signature	
	Printed Name of Person Who	Signed
STATE OF		
COUNTY OF		
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before	re me this:	by
	(date)	
(Notarial Officer's Stamp or Seal)	Notarial Officer	

Person Filing:		
Address (if not protected):_		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Telephone:		
Email Address:		
ATLAS Number:		
Lawyer's Bar Number:		For Clerk's Use Only
Representing Self, with	out a Lawyer OR  Attorney for	Petitioner OR Respondent
	SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZOI IN YUMA COUNTY	NA
	Case Nu	mber:
Petitioner/Party A	SIGNAT	AVIT OF SERVICE WITH TURE CONFIRMATION ily Cases
Respondent/Party B	A.R.F.L	.P. Rule 41
of the receipt	f 1) a signed return receipt for delive that shows to whom and where the de- ent the family case legal documents address:	locuments were sent.
Mailed to (Name):		
(Address):		
City, State, Zip		
Date documents sent	t: (Month/Day/Year)	
	d: (Month/Day/Year)	
	I sent the family case legal documen	
U.S. Mail (Expr	ess or Priority Mail with Signature C	Confirmation, or Certified Mail.)
Nationwide com	nmercial delivery service (FEDEX, U	JPS, etc.).

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	Duplicate Service to Inmate by First Class Mail (In addition to one of the above methods, I mailed a second set of documents to the Incarcerated Party by First Class U.S. Mail).
3.	Signature: The documents I sent were accepted and signed by:
	The other party or their attorney and no one else.
	The jail, prison, or correctional facility Official.
4.	Documents Enclosed: I enclosed the following set of documents in the envelope I sent:
IV	ORCE WITH CHILDREN   LEGAL SEPARATION   TEMPORARY ORDERS

DIVORCE WITH CHILDREN	LEGAL SEPARATION	TEMPORARY ORDERS
	WITH CHILDREN	
Petition		☐ Motion for Temporary
Summons	Petition	Orders
☐ Preliminary Injunction	Summons	Order to Appear
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Child Support Worksheet	Parenting Plan	(if for spousal maintenance
☐ Notice of your Rights about	Child Support Worksheet	or child support)
Health Insurance Coverage	☐ Notice Regarding	Child Support Worksheet
☐ Notice Regarding Creditors	Creditors	(if for child support)
Order and Notice to Attend	Order and Notice to	Parenting Plan
Parent Information Class	Attend Parent	(if for legal decision-
Affidavit Regarding Minor	Information Class	making/parenting time)
Children	Affidavit Regarding	Spousal Maintenance
Spousal Maintenance	Minor Children	Worksheet (if applicable)
Worksheet (if applicable)	Spousal Maintenance	
	Worksheet (if applicable)	
DIVORCE (OR	LEGAL SEPARATION	LEGAL DECISION-
ANNULMENT)	WITHOUT CHILDREN	MAKING, PARENTING
WITHOUT CHILDREN		TIME, AND CHILD
	Petition	SUPPORT
Petition	Summons	
Summons	☐ Preliminary Injunction	Petition
Preliminary Injunction	☐ Notice Regarding	Summons
Notice of your Rights about	Creditors	Preliminary Injunction
Health Insurance Coverage	Spousal Maintenance	Child Support Worksheet
☐ Notice Regarding Creditors	Worksheet (if applicable)	Parenting Plan
Spousal Maintenance		Order and Notice to Attend
Worksheet (if applicable)		Parent Information Class

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STOP INCOME WITHHOLDING ORDER  Petition to Stop	PRE-DECREE MEDIATION  Request for Pre-Decree Mediation	POST-DECREE MEDIATION  Request for Post-Decree Mediation Order to Appear
Other Type Case (List Type): (Below, list name of each document	nt you sent.)	
5. Affiant's Statement: OATH OR AFFIRMATION: By s the contents of this document are t		
Date	Signature of Perso	on Sending Documents
STATE OF		
COUNTY OF		
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed		by (date)

Notarial Officer

(Notarial Officer's Stamp or Seal)

Attach a copy/printout of the other party's signature acknowledging receipt of the court papers here. If using Certified Mail, tape the green signed return receipt card to this page with the signature side visible.

- Note that the only acceptable signature is that of the other party
- You may specify "restricted delivery" so that no other person is permitted to sign,
- Some delivery services do not offer restricted delivery.

Attach a copy of the cash register receipt/mailing invoice from the Postal Service or company paid to make delivery or a copy of the package label that shows to whom and where the documents were sent.

Person Filing:		
Address (if not protected):		
City, State, Zip Code:		
Telephone:		
Email Address:		For Clerk's Use Only
ATLAS Number:		
Lawyer's Bar Number:		
Representing Self, without a Lawyer OR Attorney	for Petitio	oner OR Respondent
SUPERIOR COURT OF AR IN YUMA COUNTY		
Petitioner / Party A  MC	TION TO SE PUBLICATI	
Respondent / Party B	SERVICE	
Pursuant to Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure	e (ARFLP) 41	(l) and (m),
Party A Party B respectfully requests this opposing Party by means other than service recthrough (k) because of the reasons set forth below Pursuant to ARFLP and to the reasons set forth is above Party requests service by the method of se	uired by AR v, in the incor n the Affidav	FLP Rules 41 (c) porated Affidavit. it below, the
AFFIDAVIT		
of Due Diligence at Attempted Service of	Name of other	er Party)
1. The following is a summary of the efforts I current address:	made to find	the other Party's
Yes No: I mailed a copy of the documents would be returned marked "undel	n address, to	•
Yes No: The documents were returned	"undeliverab	le," and I attached

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	the envelope that states "undeliverable" to this affidavit.
	Yes No: I <u>talked</u> to the party's friends, family members, current or former employers, coworkers, and anyone else I thought may have a current address.
	Yes No: I <u>searched</u> telephone directories, and obituaries online and in print (phone book and newspaper) and did not find a current address.
	Yes No: I checked the websites of and telephoned the county jail, state prisons, and other facilities (Department of Corrections, Immigration and Detention Facilities), and did not find the other Party detained.
	Yes No: I did an <u>online search</u> , checking online networking sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn, as well as the internet people search" sites such as Spokeo.com and ZabaSearch.com, and found no trace of the other Party.
	Yes No: The other Party had an email account, and I attempted to email scanned copies of all the documents to his or her email address; but I did not receive a reply.
	Yes No: I hired a private detective or a company that charged a fee to do computer searches to help me track down the other Party.
	Other Effort(s) I made to find the other Party's current address: (describe)
2.	The following is a summary of the attempts I made to <u>serve</u> the other Party:
su	Personal Service: I made the following attempts at personal service of the mmons and pleading to personally serve the other Party:
	Delivering a copy of the summons and the pleading being served to the Party personally at the following residential address:
	Delivering a copy of the summons and the pleading being served to the Party personally at the following employer address:
	Leaving a copy of each at the Party's dwelling or usual place of abode with someone of suitable age and discretion who resides there;

2.

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	Delivering a copy of each to an agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive service for the Party.
nmc	Service by Mail or National Courier Service: I attempted to send the ons and copies of the pleading and other documents to the Party's address at
	using
	<ul> <li>U.S. Mail, requesting restricted delivery and signature of the other Party.</li> <li>National Courier Service (such as UPS, Fed Ex), requesting restricted delivery and signature of the Party.</li> </ul>
	Other Attempt(s): (describe)
	The following is a Summary of the <u>results</u> of the above attempts to serve the other Party.  Personal Service: I made number of attempts at personal service of the summons and pleading and have been unable to personally serve the other Party. This is what happened when personal service was attempted:
	☐ The person to be served appears to have intentionally avoided service of process. ☐ Despite reasonably diligent efforts, I have been unable to determine the
	person's current address and serve the other Party.  Service by Mail or National Courier Service: I made  number of attempts at service of the summons and pleading by U.S. Mail

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4. Based upon the above reasons and alleged	Based upon the above reasons and alleged results in this Affidavit,			
Service by Publication is the best circumstances for providing the per commencement.	<b>*</b>			
Other alternative service is requested	as described below:			
OATH OR AFFIRMATION: By signing below, perjury that the contents of this document are trucknowledge and belief.				
Signature of Person Sending Documents	Date			
STATE OF				
COUNTY OF				
Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me tl	his:(Date)	by		
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(Notarial Officer's Stamp or Seal)	Notarial Officer			

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State,	Zip Code:			
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yer's Ba	ar Number:			
esentin	g Self, without a Lawyer or [	Attorney for Pe	titioner or	Respondent
		R COURT OF ARIZO YUMA COUNTY	NA	
 Detiti	oner/Party A	Case No: _		
1 Cuu	onei/i arty A	ORDER TO	O SERVE	BY
			CATION	
	ondent/Party B			NATIVE SERVICE
	Court, having reviewed the Motication, good cause appearing,  IT IS HEREBY ORDERED service by means of		_	
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	Alternative Service			
	_			
	Alternative Service	that if Alternative Ser nons, the pleading bein ns of service to the last	vice is authing served,	and any court order
78(b)	☐ Alternative Service ☐ Publication  IT IS FURTHER ORDERED party must also mail the summ authorizing an alternative mean	that if Alternative Sernons, the pleading being sof service to the last eved.  at there is no just ready Law Procedure, this	rvice is authing served, -known bu	and any court order siness or residential ay, and under Rule

Judge/Commissioner of the Superior Court

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City,	State, Z	Zip Code:			
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Repre	senting	g Self, without a l	Lawyer OR Attorney for Petitio	ner OR Respondent	
		SU	PERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN YUMA COUNTY		
In the	Matte	of:	Case Number:		
Name	of Pet	itioner/Party A	DECLARATION SUPPOPUBLICATION A.R.F.L.P. 41 (m)	PORTING	
Name	of Res	pondent/Party B	_		
			Y, I make this declaration to inform th show how service by publication was	•	
1.			d to notice on the following dates:	copies of the court papers to the last known address of ice on the following dates:	
			ave never known of any address for the ldress, and I have not mailed copies of	_ •	
2.	Why	was service by public	eation required in this case? (Explain)		
		I request that the Af be incorporated by	fidavit I filed in support of my Motion reference.	to Serve by Publication	

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