

## **Filing Pro Se Divorce/Legal Separation Actions in Racine County**

We require **1 original and 3 copies** of the following if you are filing without your spouse:

1. Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Temporary Order
2. Summons (with or without minor children)
3. Petition (with or without minor children)
4. Confidential Petition Addendum

We require **1 original and 2 copies** (original stays with court and a copy for each party) of the following if you are filing with your spouse:

1. Joint Petition for Divorce/Legal Separation (with or without minor children)
2. Order for Appearance
3. Confidential Petition Addendum

***Copies made by the Clerk of Court's office cost - \$1.25 per page***

The website **<http://prosefamily.wicourts.gov>** can assist you in completing the forms by answering a series of questions. These forms are FREE on the internet at **<http://www.wicourts.gov>** or you can purchase these forms from the Clerk of Circuit Courts' office.

- A packet of forms WITH CHILDREN is \$50.00 (\$.50 per page)
- A packet of forms WITHOUT CHILDREN is \$37.00 (\$.50 per page)
- A Post-Judgment Packet is \$24.00 (\$.50 per page)

When you have your forms completed, you will file and pay a filing fee on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Courthouse at the Clerk of Circuit Court's office.

- Filing fee WITH CHILDREN is \$194.50
- Filing fee WITHOUT CHILDREN is \$184.50

After filing your Divorce/Legal Separation action, the Clerk of Circuit Courts' office will direct you to the Family Court Commissioner's office on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Courthouse to have your Order to Show Cause/Order for Appearance signed by a Court Commissioner and to schedule your first hearing date.

For additional help, information can be found at **<http://prosefamily.wicourts.gov>** or you can contact an attorney for legal assistance. For Lawyer Referral and Information Service you can call 1-800-362-9082 or 1-608-257-4666 or online at **<http://www.legalexplorer.com>**.

**WE CANNOT ANSWER ANY LEGAL QUESTIONS OR HELP YOU FILL OUT FORMS.**