



Circuit Court for \_\_\_\_\_

City or County

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ VS. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

*Plaintiff*

*Defendant*

**COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**  
(DOM REL 20)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, representing myself, state that:  
My name

1. The Defendant and I were married on \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
in \_\_\_\_\_ in a  civil  religious ceremony.  
City/County/State where Married

2. Check all that apply:

- I have lived in Maryland since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year
- My spouse has lived in Maryland since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

3. Check all that apply: (See paragraph 13)

- The grounds for divorce occurred in the State of Maryland.
- The grounds for divorce occurred outside the State of Maryland and I or my spouse have been a resident for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the filing of this Complaint.

4. Check one:

- We have no children together (skip paragraphs 5 and 6) or
- My spouse and I are the parents of the following child(ren):

_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth
_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth
_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth	_____	Name	_____	Date of Birth

5. I know of the following related cases concerning the child(ren) or parties (such as domestic violence, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, termination of parental rights, adoption or other cases):

<u>Court</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Kind of Case</u>	<u>Year Filed</u>	<u>Results or Status (if you know)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



- Adultery** - My spouse committed adultery.
- 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 for more than 12 months and there is no reasonable expectation we will reconcile.  
Month/Day/Year
- Constructive Desertion** - I left my spouse because his/her cruel and vicious conduct made the continuation of our marriage impossible, if I were to preserve my health, safety, and self-respect. This conduct was the final and deliberate act of my spouse and our separation has continued without interruption for more than 12 months and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.
- Criminal Conviction of a Felony or Misdemeanor** - On or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse was sentenced to serve at least three years or an indeterminate sentence in a penal institution and has served 12 or more months of the sentence.  
Month/Day/Year
- Cruelty/Excessively Vicious Conduct Against Me or my Minor Child** - My spouse has persistently treated my minor child cruelly and has engaged in excessively vicious conduct rendering continuation of the marital relationship impossible and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.
- Insanity** - On or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse was confined to a mental institution, hospital, or other similar institution and has been confined for 3 or more years. Two doctors competent in psychiatry will testify that the insanity is incurable and there is no hope of recovery. My spouse or I have been a resident of Maryland for at least two years before the filing of this complaint.  
Month/Day/Year

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

- An Absolute Divorce.
- A change back to my former name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Former Name
- Joint  Sole physical custody of the minor child(ren) and reasonable child support.
- Joint  Sole legal custody of the minor child(ren) and reasonable child support.
- Visitation with the minor child(ren).
- Use and possession of the family home for up to three years from the date of the divorce.
- Use and possession of the family use personal property for up to three years from the date of the divorce.
- Child support (attach Form DOM REL 30 or DOM REL 31).
- Health insurance for the child(ren).
- Health insurance for me.
- My share of the property or its value.
- Transfer of family use personal property.
- Transfer of the real property jointly owned by the parties located at \_\_\_\_\_  
from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

