

**CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN
A DIVORCE OR LEGAL SEPARATION
WITH CHILDREN**

Before obtaining a Decree, you must file the following documents:

- Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation **AND**
- If your spouse is listed as **Respondent** on the Petition, you have filed either:
 - the Summons and Waiver and Acceptance of Service, **OR**
 - the Summons and Return of Service.
- Notice of Hearing Date (if you have a contested hearing)
- Certificates of Completion for the parenting seminar (if required)
- Proof of Completion of Mediation (if required)

When you appear in court or file an Affidavit for Decree Without Appearance of Parties, you must have completed the following documents:

- Two Affidavits with Respect to Financial Affairs (one for you and one for your spouse)
- Child Support Worksheet
- Separation Agreement / Partial Separation Agreement / Disclosure Form for Permanent Orders
- Parenting Plan
- Decree
- Support Order
- Order Regarding Health Insurance

**IF THE OTHER PARTY HAS NEVER RESPONDED, YOU
WILL HAVE ONLY YOUR DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT.**