

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA SUPREME COURT APPROVED FAMILY LAW FORM 12.927,
NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

When should this form be used?

If you are the **petitioner** in a case and you wish to discontinue (dismiss) the case, you may use this form to request that the court dismiss your **petition**. If you are the **respondent** in a case and you have filed a **counterpetition**, you may use this form to request that the court dismiss your counterpetition.

WARNING: If your case involves both a petition and a counterpetition, a notice of voluntary dismissal filed by one party will NOT dismiss the other party's petition or counterpetition. The other party also must file a notice of voluntary dismissal for the entire case to stop completely.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. After completing this form, you should **file** the original with the **clerk of the circuit court** in the county where your case is filed and keep a copy for your records.


What should I do next?

A copy of this form must be mailed or hand-delivered to each party in the case.

Where can I look for more information?

Before proceeding, you should read “General Information for Self-Represented Litigants” found at the beginning of these forms. For further information, see rule 12.420, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure.

Special notes...

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**,  Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900 (a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE _____ JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR _____ COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: _____

Division: _____

Petitioner,

and

Respondent.

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

I, *{full legal name}* _____, give notice that:

[one only]

- ___ a. I am the Petitioner in this case and I voluntarily dismiss my petition.
___ b. I am the Respondent in this case and I voluntarily dismiss my counterpetition.

I certify that a copy of this document was [one only] () mailed () faxed and mailed () hand delivered to the person(s) listed below on *{date}* _____.

Other party or his/her attorney:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Fax Number: _____

Dated: _____

Signature of Party

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW: [fill in all blanks]

I, *{full legal name and trade name of nonlawyer}* _____,
a nonlawyer, located at *{street}* _____, *{city}* _____,
{state} _____, *{phone}* _____, helped *{name}* _____,
who is the [one only] ___ petitioner **or** ___ respondent, fill out this form.