

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOTION TO MODIFY OR TERMINATE MAINTENANCE**

The Motion to Modify or Terminate Maintenance is used when there is an existing maintenance award which was part of the decree of dissolution of marriage, and circumstances have changed so that either a change in the amount of maintenance or termination of the maintenance payments altogether is appropriate. You may seek modification or termination of the maintenance award by filing a Motion to Modify or Terminate Maintenance if there has been a “substantial and continuing” change in circumstances (for example, one of the parties has received a significant pay raise or pay cut), so that the existing maintenance obligation is unfair.

Fill in the amount of the existing maintenance award. If you are seeking a modification of the maintenance award because of a change in circumstances, describe that change in circumstances fully and explain why the existing maintenance obligation is unfair.

You may also seek termination of the existing maintenance award if the party who has been receiving the maintenance payments has remarried or died, or if some condition for termination of maintenance specified in the decree of dissolution of marriage has occurred. If you are seeking termination of maintenance payments for those reasons, describe the reasons fully in paragraph 3.