

Family Law Basics

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Agenda

- Receive a general overview of family law matters and the divorce process
- Become familiar with key terminology in family law matters
- Tour the California Court's self-help center's sections on divorce and family law
- Learn about additional print and online resources addressing divorce and family law issues

Matters Family Law Courts Decide

- Ending a marriage (divorce) and domestic partnerships
- Establishing parentage
- Custody and visitation with minor children
- Division of property and debts during divorce
- Protections from actions by other party
- Child and spousal support

Getting a Divorce in California

Key Terms and Forms

Self-Represented Litigant

Self-Help Center

Where to File a Case

- Jurisdiction
- Venue

Parties

- Petitioner
- Respondent

Types of Divorce

- Dissolution of Marriage
- Annulment
- Legal Separation

Forms to Start a Family Law Case

- Summons
- Petition
- Response

Filing a Form

- Filing Fees
- Fee Waiver
- Service of Process
- Court Rules for Filing

Procedure for Divorce

- Uncontested or Contested
- Default
- Judgment

Divorce Basics

- Divorce officially called a dissolution of marriage
- Three types: Divorce, annulment or legal separation
- A court has to have the authority to hear and decide a family law case
- California's residency requirements
 - Six months in California
 - Three months in the County (Venue)
 - Otherwise file a legal separation

Grounds for Divorce in California

- Grounds for Divorce in California
 - “Irreconcilable Differences”
 - “Incurable Insanity”
- California is a “no-fault” state
 - Spouse does not have to give permission

Procedure for Divorce

- Petition filed
- Possible responses to the petition by the respondent
- Order to Show Cause hearing
- Disclose financial information

Procedure for Divorce

- Three ways to complete the divorce case
- Granting the divorce
 - “6 months plus 1 day” rule
 - Separating related issues from divorce issues
- Receive a judgment signed by the court

Spousal Support Basics

- Applies to spouses and registered domestic partners alike
- Mutual duty of support while together
- Temporary and permanent support
 - Discretionary as to amount, duration and retention of jurisdiction

**Online Resources:
California Courts Online
Self-Help Center**

California Courts – Online Self-Help Center

The screenshot shows the homepage of the California Judicial Branch. At the top, there is a navigation bar with several menu items: "Courts", "Self-Help", "Forms & Rules", "Opinions", "Programs", and "Policy & Administration". The "Self-Help" link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, a large banner reads "Welcome to the California Judicial Branch" with the tagline "Committed to providing fair and equal access to justice for all Californians." In the bottom right corner of the banner, it says "Tulare County Courthouse".

Below the banner, there are two tabs: "GENERAL PUBLIC" and "LEGAL COMMUNITY". The "LEGAL COMMUNITY" tab is selected. Under this tab, there are three main sections:

- Online Self-Help Center**: This section is circled in red. It features an icon of a building with a question mark and the text: "Find information, tools, and resources to help resolve many common legal issues."
- Jury Service**: This section features an icon of a gavel and the text: "Learn all about jury basics or find links to your local court. For employers, learn about how you can support jury service."
- QUICK LINKS**: This section lists three links: "Amnesty Program for Traffic Tickets", "Court-Related Legislation", and "Invitations to Comment".

California Courts – Online Self-Help Center

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm>



- For each case type, provides basic information about applicable law
- Outlines steps in court process
- Forms presented within informational context
- Instructions for completing each form

“Getting Started”

California Courts Online Self-Help Center

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/1002.htm>

Self-Help

Getting Started

- » Court Basics
- » Lawyers and Legal Help
- » **Preparing for Court**
 - Before You File Your Case
 - Filing Papers in Court
 - Fee Waivers
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 - Preparing for Court FAQs
- » Researching the Law
- » Resolving Your Dispute Out of Court
- » More Topics
- » FAQs

Small Claims

Families & Children

Divorce or Separation

Abuse & Harassment

Preparing for Court

Find information about the different steps you will have to take when you go to court. Learn what you need to do before you file your papers in court, how to prepare your case, and how to present your case in court. And read answers to frequently asked questions you may have about any of these topics.

Before You File Your Case

Find out how to make sure you are filing your case against the right party and in the right court. Learn about deadlines for filing your case. And find out how to resolve your case without having to go in front of a judge.

Filing Papers in Court

Get general information about what you need to do to file papers with the court.

Fee Waivers

Learn how to ask for a fee waiver when you cannot afford to pay the court filing fees.

Service of Process

“Service of process” is a key part of every case that is handled in court. Learn all the different ways to serve the other side in your case, when they are allowed, and what is required for each type of service. Also learn about steps you can take to find someone in order to serve him or her.

“Filing for Divorce or Separation”

California Courts Online Self-Help Center

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/1225.htm>

The screenshot shows the California Courts Online Self-Help Center website. At the top right, the letters 'C' and 'TF' are visible. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for 'Courts', 'Self-Help', 'Forms & Rules', 'Opinions', 'Programs', and 'Policy & Administration'. The 'Self-Help' tab is selected. Below the navigation menu is a breadcrumb trail: 'Self-Help > Divorce or Separation > Filing for Divorce or Separation'. The main content area is titled 'Filing for Divorce or Separation' and contains a paragraph of introductory text, followed by three sub-sections: 'Prepare for Filing Your Case', 'Filing Your Case', and 'Forms'. On the left side, there is a 'Self-Help' sidebar with a list of categories: 'Getting Started', 'Small Claims', 'Families & Children', and 'Divorce or Separation'. Under 'Divorce or Separation', there is a list of sub-topics, with 'Filing for Divorce or Separation' being the selected one.

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 - Filing for Divorce or Separation FAQs
 - » Responding to Divorce or Separation
 - » Completing Divorce or Separation
 - » Summary Dissolution
 - » Annulment

Filing for Divorce or Separation

Find information and instructions on filing for divorce or legal separation to end your marriage or domestic partnership (or both), with a step-by-step guide to filling out and filing your papers in court. Access the forms you will need and resources where you can get help.

Prepare for Filing Your Case
Learn about the requirements to file for divorce or legal separation to end your marriage or domestic partnership (or both), and where to get help.

Filing Your Case
Get step by step instructions on filing your divorce or legal separation case, with links to forms, instructions, and where to get help.

Forms
Find all the forms you will need to file your divorce or legal separation case, with links to the forms and instructions where available.

Custody, Support and Paternity

Key Terms and Forms

California Family Code (CFC)

Custody

- Joint Legal Custody
- Sole Legal Custody
- Joint Physical Custody
- Sole Physical Custody

Family Law Facilitator

Visitation

Minor Child

- Guardian ad litem

Paternity/Parentage

- “Other Parent”

Procedure

- Court Hearing
- Court Orders
- Mediation
- Wishes of the Child - Testimony

Forms

- Order to Show Cause w/Declaration
- Income & Expense Declaration
- Declaration under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA)
- Volunteer Declaration of Paternity

When are Custody Decisions Made?

- Marital and domestic partnership litigation
- Exclusive custody
- Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA)
- LA County's Child Support Services Department (CSSD)
- Grandparent visitation

General Custody Guidelines

- Frequent and continuing contact with both parents
- Best Interests of the child
- Factors considered in determining child's best interest
- History of abuse
- Denial of custody or visitation

Court Hearing on Custody/Visitation

- Role of mediation
 - Agreement in mediation
 - No agreement in mediation
- Evaluation
- Minor's counsel
- Wishes of the child - testimony
- Order to Show Cause (OSC) hearing

Child Support Basics

- Both parents have a duty to support their minor children
- Statewide uniform child support guidelines
 - Equation based on both parents' income
 - Computer programs to calculate support
 - Add-ons for healthcare, education and child care expenses

Parentage/Paternity

- What it means to establish paternity
- Why establish paternity
- Ways to establish paternity
 - Volunteer Declaration of Paternity
- Disputing paternity

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“Families & Children” California Courts Online Self-Help Center

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-family.htm>

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- » Child Support
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- » Guardianship
- » Juvenile Delinquency
- » Adoption
- » Emancipation
- » FAQs

Divorce or Separation

Abuse & Harassment

Eviction & Housing

Name Change

Families & Children

Learn about various topics affecting families and children. For each topic, find instructions, forms, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Custody & Parenting Time (Visitation)

Understand the law in custody and parenting time (visitation) cases, how to make agreements between the parents, ask for a custody order, respond to a request, and change or enforce an order. Read information on custody mediation and how domestic violence affects children and custody rights.

Child Support

Learn how child support works, how to make agreements between the parents, ask for a child support order, respond to a request, and change, pay or collect a child support court order. Find where to get help, which court forms you need and read answers to frequently asked questions.

Parentage/Paternity

This section explains how parentage (paternity) works, how to establish parentage for a child, and how to dispute parentage if you believe you are not a child's parent. It includes forms and answers to frequently asked questions.

Custody & Parenting Time (Visitation)

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-custody.htm>

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» Custody & Parenting Time (Visitation)

- Parenting Time: Developing Plans
- Custody and Parenting Time (Visitation) Orders
- Custody Mediation
- Supervised Visitation
- Custody and Domestic Violence
- Visitation Rights of Grandparents
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Divorce or Separation

Abuse & Harassment

Eviction & Housing

Custody & Parenting Time (Visitation)

Learn about child custody and parenting time (also called "visitation") cases, how to prepare a parenting plan for you and your children, and how to get or change a court order. And find many resources to help you and your children through your separation or divorce.

Parenting Time: Developing Plans

If you and your child's other parent are separating, start by reading this section. It will give you information about how children cope with their parents' separation, what children of different ages need, and how to write a parenting plan that is best for your children and your family. It will also give you resources to help you in parenting your children during and after separation.

Custody and Parenting Time (Visitation) Orders

Find out how to ask for a custody and/or parenting time (visitation) order, respond to a request, or change an existing order. You will also learn about the law in custody and visitation cases and get information on enforcing an existing order.

Custody Mediation

Mediation, or child custody recommending counseling in many courts, is mandatory in all custody and parenting time cases before you go in front of a judge to decide. Learn about the process, how it is handled in your county, and how to best prepare for your mediation or custody recommending counseling session.

Supervised Visitation

Learn about supervised visitation, when a judge orders that a neutral third

Child Support

California Courts Online Self-Help Center

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-support.htm>

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with 'Judicial Branch Home' and 'Self-Help' highlighted. The breadcrumb trail is 'Self-Help > Families & Children > Child Support'. The left sidebar lists 'Self-Help' categories: 'Getting Started', 'Small Claims', and 'Families & Children'. Under 'Families & Children', there are links for 'Custody & Parenting Time (Visitation)' and 'Child Support'. The 'Child Support' link is expanded to show a list of topics: 'Asking for a Child Support Order', 'Responding to a Child Support Request', 'Changing a Child Support Order', 'Paying a Child Support Order', 'Collecting a Child Support Order', 'Forms', and 'Child Support FAQs'. The main content area is titled 'Child Support' and contains a definition of child support and a list of services provided by family law facilitators.

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Child Support

Child support is the amount of money that a court orders a parent or both parents to pay every month to help pay for the support of the child (or children) and the child's living expenses.

Every county has a [family law facilitator](#) who will help you for free to:

- Prepare forms;
- Explain court procedures for getting and changing child support orders;
- Calculate child support using the guideline, if you have the necessary financial information; and
- Explain how the court makes child support decisions.

Establishing Paternity

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/1201.htm>

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Establishing Parentage/Paternity

You can establish the parentage of a child if you:

- [Sign a Voluntary Declaration of Paternity](#)
- [Ask Your Local Child Support Agency to Establish Parentage](#)
- [Go to Court Yourself to Establish Parentage](#)

Domestic Violence

Key Terms

Restraining Orders

- Temporary Restraining Order (TRO)
- Standard Restraining Order (ATRO)

Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA)

DVPA Orders

California Evidence Code

Types of Evidence

- Acts of the parties
- Witness testimony
- Records, documents,
- exhibits, objects, recordings, etc.

Domestic Violence

- **Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA)**

Allows an abuse survivor to apply for:

- Protection from further abuse
 - Custody and support over children
 - Control of property (including pets) and kick out orders; and
 - Payment of debts, restitution and attorney fees and costs to prevailing party
- Requires an intimate relationship
 - Minors over 12 don't need a "Guardian ad Litem" (GAL)

Domestic Violence (Restraining Orders)

- Evidence to prove domestic violence
- Temporary restraining order (TRO)
- Permanent domestic violence restraining order

Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

<http://courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-domesticviolence.htm>

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- Make a Safety Plan
- Ask for a Restraining Order
- Respond to a Restraining Order
- Enforce a Restraining Order
- Renew a Restraining Order
- Children and Domestic Violence
- Criminal Court Process
- Forms
- Domestic Violence FAQs

Domestic Violence

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Are You in Danger Now? If you need help right now, call "911."

You can also call:

- Your local [Domestic Violence Shelter](#) , or
- The [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) :

1-800-799-7233

TDD: 1-800-787-3224

Self-Represented Litigants

- Types of cases where lawyers are needed
- Legal advice versus legal information
- Courts=neutrality versus
lawyers=advocates
- Preparing for court

Online Resources and Facilitating Referrals

Online Resources – California State Bar

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/LegalInformation/AboutFamily.aspx>

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PUBLICATIONS

- What Should I Know About Divorce and Custody?

- Can the Law Help Protect Me From Domestic Violence?

- Kids and the Law: An A-to-Z Guide for Parents


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- [Click here](#) for criminal matters.
- [Click here](#) to get California court forms.



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- Spousal Support
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Restraining Orders

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Types of restraining orders

What does a restraining order do? There are 4 kinds of orders you can ask for.

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Family law facilitators (FLFs) help with child support and parentage problems. [More](#)

Small claims legal advisors (SCLAs) help with small claims court and consumer problems. [More](#)

Self-help centers (SHCs) help with many kinds of problems. [More](#)

The FLF, SCLA, or SHC in your county may also refer you to others who can help you.

Click for information about [other services available from the court](#).

Locating Family Law Facilitators and Self-Help Centers in California



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A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE CALIFORNIA COURTS' SELF-HELP CENTERS AND FAMILY LAW FACILITATORS

The Self-Help Centers (SHC) located in every county provide self-represented parties with information, forms, and procedures related to a variety of legal issues.

Family Law Facilitators (FLF) located in every county provide self-represented parties with information, forms, and procedures related to child support, spousal support, and health insurance issues.

Sometimes the SHC and FLF are found in the same office and sometimes they are separate.

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[http://courts.ca.gov/documents/
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Downloadable brochure provides locations for family law facilitators and self-help centers located in every county in California

State Bar of California – Lawyer Referral Services

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/lrs>

How can a lawyer referral service help me?

If you need legal help, a certified lawyer referral service can put you in touch with a lawyer who can help you with your problem. And if your problem can be resolved without a lawyer, the service will try to provide information or the names of other organizations or agencies that may be able to help you.

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Program (LRS)
The State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
e-mail: LRS@calbar.ca.gov
Phone: 415-538-2250

How does a lawyer referral service work?

When you call a lawyer referral service, you will be asked about your situation. If you have a legal problem, the lawyer referral service will arrange an initial consultation for you, or give you the name and number of a lawyer whom you can contact directly to arrange a consultation. There is usually a small charge for the consultation, but it may, in some cases, be free. After the initial consultation, it is up to you whether or not you want to hire the lawyer.

Where should I look for a lawyer referral service?

Below is a complete list of State Bar-certified lawyer referral services organized by county. Find and click your county below to display the lawyer referral services within your county. Or, for a recorded message that can provide you with phone numbers of such services in your county, call 1-866-44-CA-LAW (1-866-442-2529). If you are out of state, you can call 415-538-2250 to hear the same recorded message.

Be sure to look for the lawyer referral service's State Bar certification number, which must appear in all advertising. And if you are not sure whether the lawyer referral service is certified, call the service directly and ask for its certification number.

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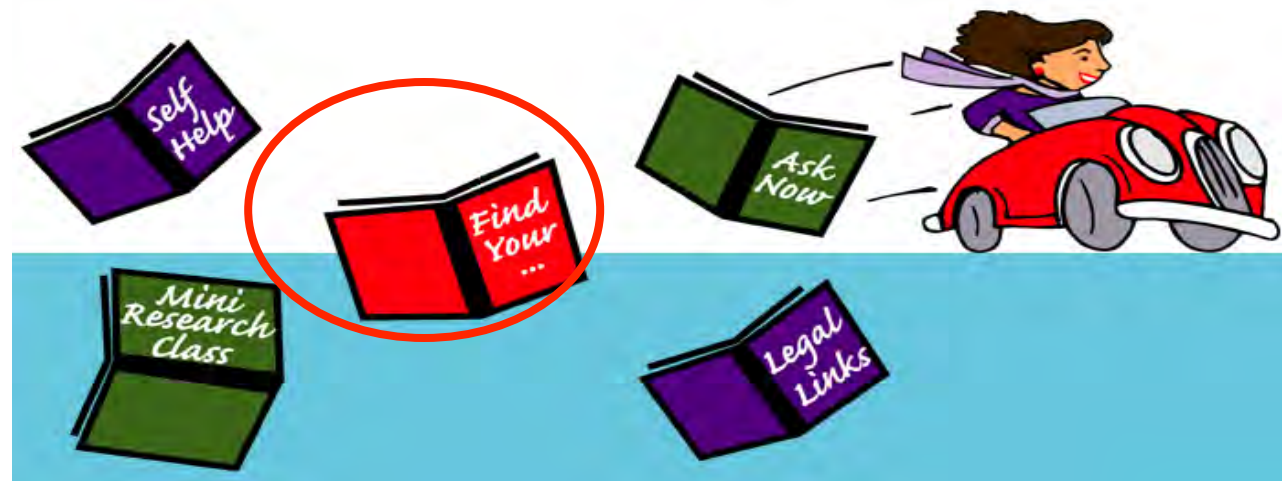
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