

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

_____	:
Plaintiff	: No.
	:
v.	:
	: IN DIVORCE
	:
_____	:
Defendant	: Assigned to:

NOTICE TO DEFEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS

You _____ have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take prompt action. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a decree of divorce or annulment may be entered against you by the Court. A judgment may also be entered against you for any other claim or relief requested in these papers by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

When the ground for the divorce is indignities or irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, you may request marriage counseling. A list of marriage counselors is available in the Office of the Prothonotary at the Berks County Courthouse, Second Floor, 633 Court Street, Reading, PA 19601.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A CLAIM FROM ALIMONY, DIVISION OF PROPERTY, LAWYER'S FEES OR EXPENSES BEFORE A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT IS GRANTED, YOU MAY LOSE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY OF THEM.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

**LAWYERS REFERRAL SERVICE OF BERKS COUNTY
BAR ASSOCIATION
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Reading, Pennsylvania 19601
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

The Court of Common Pleas of Berks County is required by law to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For information about accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations available to disabled individuals having business before the Court, please contact our office at (610) 478-6208 ext. 5770. All arrangements must be made at least 72 hours prior to any business before the Court.