

DIALOGUE FOR UNCONTESTED DIVORCE DECREES

When the Judge calls the name of your case, come forward to the place designated and when told by the Court to proceed, use the essentially the following dialogue:

1. My name is _____. I have lived in _____ County the last _____ (months)(years).

2. My spouse's name is and he or she has also lived in _____ County for the last _____ (months)(years).

OR

My spouse lived in _____ County at the time I filed this divorce action but he or she has left the county and I do not know his or her whereabouts at this time.

OR

My spouse left on or about _____ (date) and I have no contact with him or her since then.

3. My spouse and I were married on _____ (date) and we separated on or about _____ (date).

4. Our marriage is irretrievably broken, there are no hopes for reconciliation, and we cannot and will not live together in the future. *Other legal grounds may be used instead of the ground of irretrievably broken.*

5. If applicable: My spouse and I have reached a Contract of Settlement signed by us on _____ (date) and that agreement settles all matters of custody, child support, alimony, property division, and debts, etc.

6. Tell the Court whether there are any minor children of the marriage and that you have attended the divorcing parents seminar and filed your Certificate of Attendance with the Clerk of Court. Also, requirements of the Child Support Guidelines law that came into effect **January 1, 2007**, must be followed or substantially complied with by both parties.

7. I am asking that the Court adopt the settlement agreement made between me and my spouse and I am asking that the Court grant a divorce decree.

8. If applicable: I am also asking that the Court restore my maiden name to me, which is _____.

9. When the Court has signed the decree, it is appropriate to say "Thank you, your Honor, may I be excused?" If the Court replies, "yes," you may leave.