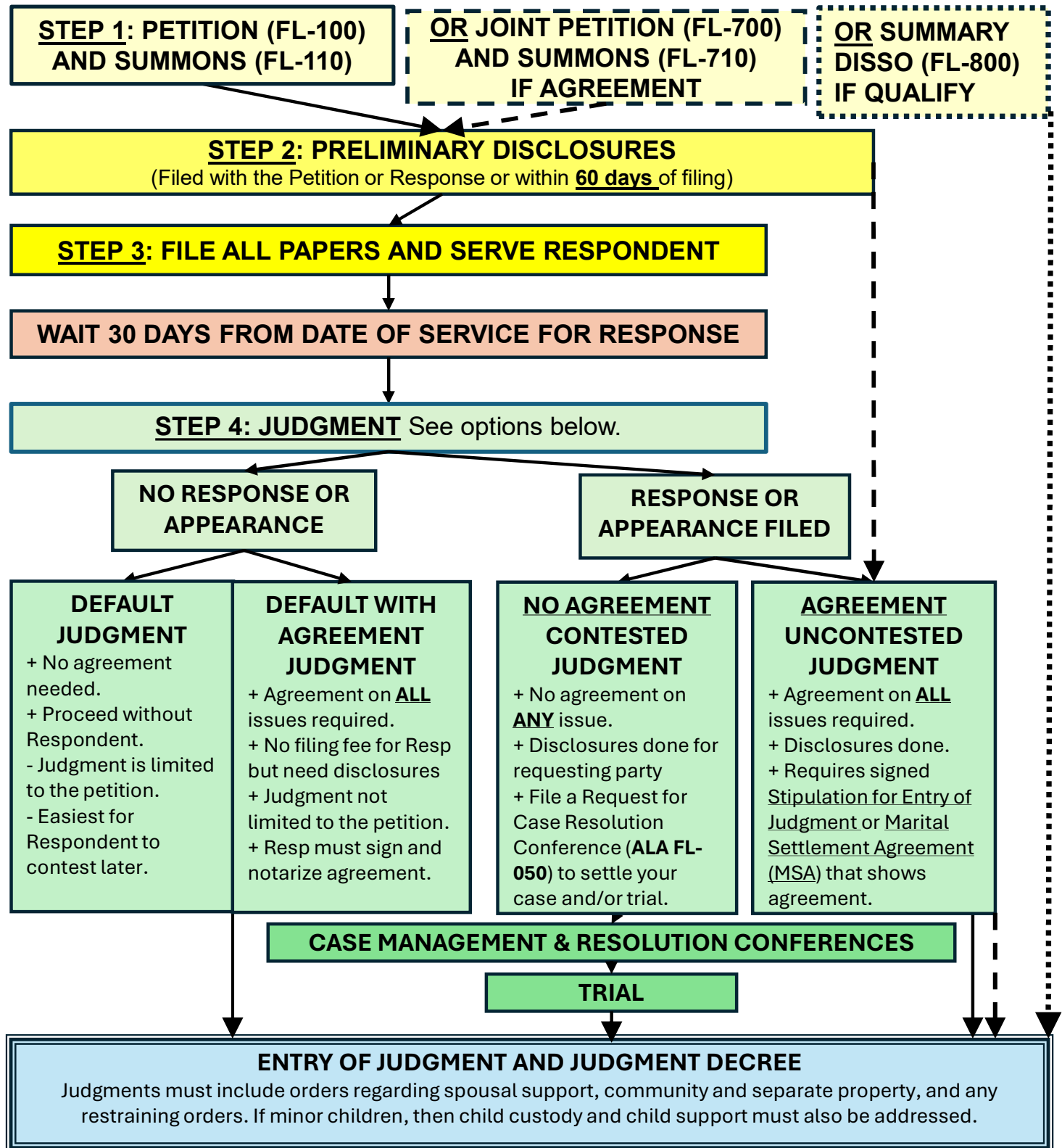


DISSOLUTION OPTIONS AND PROCESS

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NOTE: The earliest you can be single is six months and one day after the Respondent has been served OR the joint petition was filed. You **WILL NOT BE SINGLE**, however, until a Judgment is signed by a Judge. Your case may take longer than 6 months if it is contested and/or complicated.

Paths to Judgment: Default, Uncontested/Stipulated & Contested

NOTE: NOT EVERY FORM YOU MAY NEED IS LISTED HERE. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT: www.courts.ca.gov/forms

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PETITION (FL-100), SUMMONS (FL-110)	JOINT PETITION (FL-700), SUMMONS (FL-710)
STEP ONE: Petition Petitioner completes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summons (FL-110) • Petition (FL-100) • UCCJEA (FL-105) (if minor children of marriage) If Respondent , complete the Response (FL-120) and UCCJEA (FL-105) (if minor children of marriage)	STEP ONE: Petition Both parties complete together: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summons (FL-710) • Petition (FL-700) • UCCJEA (FL-105) (if minor children of marriage) Note: Petitioner 1 is the Petitioner for this case. Petitioner 2 is the Respondent for this case.
STEP TWO: Disclosures Within 60 days of filing the petition (or response), each party must complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of Disclosure (FL-140) with TAXES – most recent 2 years (black out SSN) • Income & Expense Declaration (FL-150) • Community Property Declarations (FL-160) • Separate Property Declaration (FL-160) 	STEP TWO: Disclosures Within 60 days of filing the petition, each party must complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Declaration of Disclosure (FL-140) with TAXES – most recent 2 years (black out SSN) • Income & Expense Declaration (FL-150) • Community Property Declarations (FL-160) • Separate Property Declaration (FL-160)
STEP THREE: File and Serve A. <u>Filing</u> : Make 2 copies (3 total) of each of the completed papers above, EXCEPT the FL-140 and taxes, and file them with the Court. Pay the filing fee OR file for a fee waiver (FW-001). B. <u>Service</u> : A person over 18 who is NOT a party to the action personally serves the Respondent with copies of the filed papers, INCLUDING the FL-140 and taxes, and the required blank forms (Response FL-120, UCCJEA FL-105 if there are minor children, and disclosures). The server completes the Proof of Service of Summons (FL-115). Petitioner completes the FL-141. File the original and a copy of the completed FL-115 and FL-141 with the Court.	STEP THREE: File and Serve A. <u>Filing</u> : Make 2 copies (3 total) of each of the completed papers above, EXCEPT the FL-140 and taxes, and file them with the Court. Pay one filing fee OR each must file and qualify for a fee waiver (FW-001). B. <u>Service</u> : The FL-700 Joint Petition and FL-710 Summons do not need to be served, only the disclosures. To serve the disclosures, each party may serve the other party themselves in person or by mail all forms in Step 2 above, INCLUDING the FL-140 and taxes. Each party needs to complete and file FL-141. Each party must do complete and exchange their disclosures within 60 days of filing the petition.

STEP FOUR: JUDGMENT

TRUE DEFAULT (WAIT 30 DAYS FROM SERVICE) If the Respondent is not involved AND there is no agreement, complete and submit to clerk of the Court the original and 2 copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Req to Enter Default (FL-165) • Decl for Default or Uncont Disso or Leg Sep (FL-170) • Judgment (FL-180) with all appropriate attachments (FL-341, FL-342, FL-192, FL-343, FL-345 as needed) • Not of Entry of Jdgmt (FL-190) Provide the Court with 2 stamped, addressed envelopes: one for Pet and one for Resp. NOTE: a default judgment can ONLY include the things specifically requested in the Petition or in an Order already made by the Court.	DEFAULT WITH AGREEMENT (WAIT 30 DAYS FROM SERVICE) If the Respondent does not file a Response AND there is a complete agreement, complete and submit to clerk of the Court the original and 2 copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Req to Enter Default (FL-165) • Stip and Waiver of Final Decl of Disclosure (FL-144) • Decl for Default or Uncont Disso or Leg Sep (FL-170) • Judgment (FL-180) with all appropriate attachments (FL-341, FL-342, FL-192, FL-343, FL-345 as needed) AND Attached Marital Settlement Agreement OR Stipulation for Entry of Judgment • Not of Entry of Jdgmt (FL-190) Provide the Court with 2 stamped, addressed envelopes: one for Pet and one for Resp.	UNCONTESTED (RESPONSE / JOINT PET FILED) If both parties finished the steps above and you agree on all issues, complete and submit to the clerk of the Court the original and 2 copies of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • App, Stip & Waiver (FL-130) • Stip and Waiver of Final Decl of Disclosure (FL-144) • Decl for Default or Uncont Disso or Leg Sep (FL-170) • Judgment (FL-180) with all appropriate attachments (FL-341, FL-342, FL-192, FL-343, FL-345 as needed) AND Attached Marital Settlement Agreement OR Stipulation for Entry of Judgment • Not of Entry of Jdgmt (FL-190) Provide the Court with 2 stamped, addressed envelopes: one for Pet and one for Resp.
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