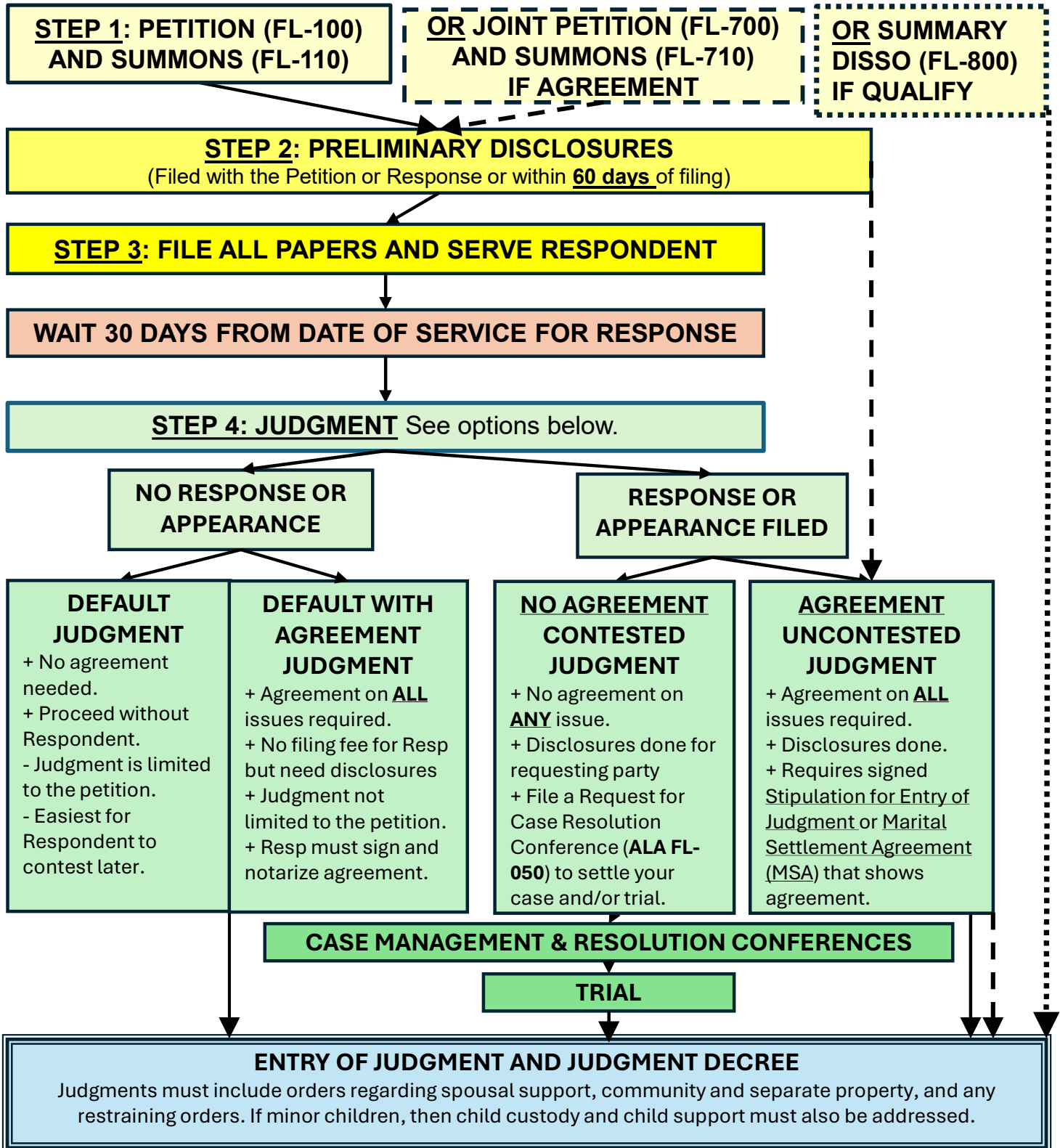


DISSOLUTION OPTIONS AND PROCESS

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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)
<p>STEP ONE: Petition Petitioner completes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summons (FL-110) • Petition (FL-100) • UCCJEA (FL-105) (if minor children of marriage) <p>If Respondent, complete the Response (FL-120) and UCCJEA (FL-105) (if minor children of marriage)</p>	<p>STEP ONE: Petition Both parties complete together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summons (FL-710) • Petition (FL-700) • UCCJEA (FL-105) (if minor children of marriage) <p>Note: Petitioner 1 is the Petitioner for this case. Petitioner 2 is the Respondent for this case.</p>
<p>STEP TWO: Disclosures Within <u>60 days</u> of filing the petition (or response), each party must complete:</p> <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) 	<p>STEP TWO: Disclosures Within 60 days of filing the petition, each party must complete:</p> <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)
<p>STEP THREE: File and Serve</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>STEP THREE: File and Serve</p> <p>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).</p> <p>B. <u>Service</u>: The FL-700 Joint Petition and FL-710 Summons do not need to be served, only the disclosures.</p> <p>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.</p>

STEP FOUR: JUDGMENT

<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 2px;">TRUE DEFAULT</p> <p>(WAIT 30 DAYS FROM SERVICE)</p> <p>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:</p> <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) <p>Provide the Court with <u>2</u> stamped, addressed envelopes: one for Pet and one for Resp.</p> <p>NOTE: a default judgment can ONLY include the things specifically requested in the Petition or in an Order already made by the Court.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 2px;">DEFAULT WITH AGREEMENT</p> <p>(WAIT 30 DAYS FROM SERVICE)</p> <p>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:</p> <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) <p>Provide the Court with <u>2</u> stamped, addressed envelopes: one for Pet and one for Resp.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 2px;">UNCONTESTED</p> <p>(RESPONSE / JOINT PET FILED)</p> <p>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:</p> <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) <p>Provide the Court with <u>2</u> stamped, addressed envelopes: one for Pet and one for Resp.</p>
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