



Checklist: Service of Process For Divorce

Review your state's laws and know:

Every state has regulations around what, how, and when service must happen.

Before Service:

1. What is the state's residency requirement? _____
2. Is there a required separation period? _____
3. Is there a required waiting period after filing or service of process? _____
4. Are there specific steps needed based on circumstances (children) _____
5. Do you have the latest versions of the required documents? _____
6. Have the documents been filed with the court correctly? _____

For Service:

7. Who is allowed to serve divorce and family law documents? _____
8. Are there special rules about times or days for service? _____
9. Can you get a solid proof or return of service? _____

After Service:

10. How long do you have to file the proof or return at court?

Be sure to have the documents served

Chances are you cannot serve the documents - but they must be delivered.

Ensure you have proper proof of service

Improper service can result in your case being delayed or thrown out.

File your proof or return of service with court

File the proof of service with court to move your case forward



What is proof of service? Proof starts with the return of service document. However, if you can't prove that service was performed correctly, your spouse may be able to derail the case. Improper service can get a case thrown out of court. Learn about the ironclad proof you need to substantiate your service [here](#).

Consider using a service of process provider

With this checklist, you're on your way to ensuring the service of process for your divorce doesn't delay your marriage dissolution. Learn more about our simple solution for service of process at abclegal.com or place your order [here](#) today.

