

Dismissing a Divorce

A dissolution case may be dismissed at any time BEFORE the Final Decree is signed by the Court.

The parties agree or the respondent has not participated.

DO NOT use these instructions if the respondent has signed or filed any document in the case, or appeared to any court hearing. You will need to schedule a court hearing in order to request that your case be dismissed.

Forms may be downloaded for free at www.courts.wa.gov/forms or you may purchase them at the Clerk's Office

Step 1: Fill out these forms and make copies

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Motion for Dismissal	FL All Family 163	
	Order on Motion for Dismissal	FL All Family 164	

Step 2: Copies needed

Original set to be filed with the Clerk

1 copy for your records

1 copy to give to the other party

Step 3: Take your original forms to the clerk's office BEFORE 11:00 a.m. on the day you want them signed. This is for the Ex-Parte docket

Step 4: Return to court at 1:00 p.m. that same day.

Check the elevator to find out where the Ex Parte docket is being held.

Wait in the lobby outside the courtroom or go into the courtroom and wait for the judge/commissioner. You must be present if the judge/commissioner has any questions.

After the court has signed your order you will be instructed to go to the Clerk's Office and wait for the front counter to call your name.