

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Plaintiff, *Pro Se*

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION—FAMILY PART

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY  
(County where complaint is filed)

DOCKET NO. FM \_\_\_\_\_  
(Assigned by the court at the time of the filing of the complaint)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant

CIVIL ACTION  
**COMPLAINT FOR  
DIVORCE/DISSOLUTION  
Based on Extreme Cruelty**

1. Plaintiff, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Your name)

resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your address)

City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_,

and State of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Defendant, \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Defendant's name)

resides at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Defendant's address)

City of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_,

and State of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Plaintiff lawfully entered into a \_\_\_\_\_ with the  
defendant, \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_  
in a \_\_\_\_\_ ceremony in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(Marriage/civil union)  
(Defendant's name) (Date of your marriage/civil union)  
(Civil or religious)  
(Name of the person who performed the ceremony)

4. The defendant has committed acts of extreme cruelty toward the plaintiff  
beginning on or about \_\_\_\_\_,  
continuing from that day until \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date when your spouse/partner began his/her acts of cruelty towards you)  
(Present date or date on which acts of cruelty stopped)

The specific acts of cruelty committed by the defendant are as follows:

A. On or about \_\_\_\_\_,  
defendant \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date the act of cruelty was committed)  
(Describe the act of cruelty)

B. On or about \_\_\_\_\_,  
defendant \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date the act of cruelty was committed)  
(Describe the act of cruelty)

C. On or about \_\_\_\_\_,  
defendant \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date the act of cruelty was committed)  
(Describe the act of cruelty)

D. On or about \_\_\_\_\_,  
defendant \_\_\_\_\_.

(Date the act of cruelty was committed)  
(Describe the act of cruelty)

5. It has been more than three months since the last act of extreme cruelty listed above.

6. Three months after defendant committed the most recent act(s) of extreme cruelty towards plaintiff, plaintiff resided in \_\_\_\_\_  
(County, state, country)

7. Three months after defendant committed the most recent act(s) of extreme cruelty towards plaintiff, defendant resided in \_\_\_\_\_  
(County, state, country)

8. \_\_\_\_\_ (Plaintiff/Defendant/Both parties) \_\_\_\_\_ (has/have) been a *bona fide* resident of New Jersey for the 12 consecutive months before the date of filing of this complaint.

9. (Check the appropriate statement below and fill in information where applicable)

\_\_\_ A. No children were born or adopted during this \_\_\_\_\_  
(Marriage/civil union)

\_\_\_ B. The following children were born or adopted during this

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Marriage/civil union)

_____	_____
(Full name)	(Birth date)
_____	_____
(Full name)	(Birth date)
_____	_____
(Full name)	(Birth date)
_____	_____
(Full name)	(Birth date)

10. The plaintiff and defendant have been parties to the following prior actions:  
(List any other court cases where you or your spouse/civil union partner are plaintiffs or defendants, such as cases for adoption, bankruptcy, personal injury, child support, custody, domestic violence, etc.)

A.	_____	_____
	(Caption or title of the case)	(Docket number)
B.	_____	_____
	(Caption or title of the case)	(Docket number)
C.	_____	_____
	(Caption or title of the case)	(Docket number)
D.	_____	_____
	(Caption or title of the case)	(Docket number)

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff demands judgment:

(Check the appropriate statement below and fill in information where applicable)

- \_\_\_ A. Dissolving the \_\_\_\_\_ between the parties;  
(Marriage/civil union)
- \_\_\_ B. Ordering that all debts and assets be equitably distributed between the parties;
- \_\_\_ C. Ordering that defendant pay child support to plaintiff;
- \_\_\_ D. Ordering that plaintiff have physical custody of/be the parent of primary custody for the minor children;
- \_\_\_ E. Ordering that defendant pay alimony to plaintiff;
- \_\_\_ F. Permitting plaintiff to assume the use of the name of \_\_\_\_\_;  
(The name that you would like to assume after your divorce/dissolution)
- \_\_\_ G. \_\_\_\_\_;  
(If you are requesting other relief from court, describe what you want here. Be specific.)
- \_\_\_ H. \_\_\_\_\_;  
(If you are requesting other relief from court, describe what you want here. Be specific.)
- \_\_\_ I. Granting such further relief as the Court may deem just and equitable.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's signature) Plaintiff, *Pro Se*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's name printed)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date on which plaintiff signs this document)

CERTIFICATION OF VERIFICATION AND NON-COLLUSION PURSUANT TO

R. 4:5-1

1. I am the plaintiff in the foregoing complaint.
2. The allegations of the complaint are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. The complaint is made in truth and good faith and without collusion for the causes set forth therein.
3. The matter in controversy in the within action is not the subject of any other action pending in any court or of a pending arbitration proceeding, nor is any such court action or arbitration proceeding presently contemplated. There are no other persons who should be joined in this action at this time.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's signature) Plaintiff, *Pro Se*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff's name printed)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date on which plaintiff signs this document)