

**SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PARISH OF JACKSON
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

SELF LITIGATION

The law allows you to file for a divorce without the assistance of an attorney. The Clerk of Court staff cannot assist you. If there are children and/or property involved, we suggest you employ an attorney to assist you in obtaining a divorce.

THERE ARE NO STANDARD FORMS FOR DIVORCE because there are different types of divorces and different circumstances in each case.

IF YOU DECIDE TO FILE FOR DIVORCE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ATTORNEY, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING.

- 1. File a “ Petition for Divorce” in the Clerk of Court Office and pay an advance filing fee of \$300.00**
- 2. The petition will be served on the other party. He/she will have 15 days after being served to file an “Answer” to the petition. If no answer is filed, you must file a written request for a preliminary default against the defendant. The default will be entered by the Clerk on the next available Court date. You will be mailed a copy of your request showing the date the default was entered.**
- 3. On the date you choose, you must come to Court with at least one witness and a typed “Judgment of Divorce”. Before Court, go to the Clerk’s office and ask that your file be taken to Court.**