

What is a dissolution of marriage?

In a dissolution of marriage in Ohio, the husband and wife file a joint petition where both parties are requesting the court to grant the same relief, namely, that their marriage be terminated and that their separation agreement that is attached to the joint petition be reviewed and approved by the court. The separation agreement must settle all property disputes and all issues pertaining to spousal support, child custody and visitation, property division, and payment of marital debts. If the husband and wife cannot resolve all the issues between them and include those provisions in their separation agreement, one of them will have to file a complaint requesting a divorce instead of filing the joint petition requesting a dissolution of their marriage because in a divorce case, the court may resolve any issues that the parties cannot settle between themselves.

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A joint petition for dissolution of marriage must be filed in the domestic relations division of the local common pleas court or, if there is no domestic relations division, in the general division of the common pleas court.