

ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM CHECKLIST

Case Caption [DR 1(B)]

Parties' names

Parties' addresses. The filing party may request that their address be confidential through the filing of a motion

Parties' telephone numbers

Jurisdiction and Venue - §3105.62 ORC

1. Jurisdiction – A statement of Jurisdiction

2. Venue – A statement of Venue

Statement of Marriage - §3105.63 ORC

A statement of the date the parties were married.

Statement of Children

1. If there are no minor children born issue of the marriage, an affirmative statement that there are no minor children born issue of the marriage.
2. If there are children born issue of the marriage, a statement of the name(s) and date(s) of birth of all children born issue of the marriage.

Jurisdiction of Child(ren): Juvenile Court or another Court

1. If Juvenile Court or another Court has jurisdiction over all of the children of the marriage, then the Answer and Counterclaim contains a statement that all of the children are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court or another Court.
2. If Juvenile Court or another Court has jurisdiction over some of the children, the Answer and Counterclaim shall identify that child or those children by name.
3. If Juvenile Court has jurisdiction over all or some of the children, a statement that the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, including parenting allocation and time, child support, tax exemptions and health insurance are pursuant to the Juvenile Court order and the juvenile case number is required.

Grounds for Divorce

A statement of the grounds the parties rely upon for divorce.

Counsel Identification

Counsel for Defendant provided their name, Supreme Court Registration Number, address and telephone number.

Signatures on Answer and Counterclaim

1. If Defendant is represented by counsel, the Answer and Counterclaim was signed by counsel.
2. If Defendant is not represented by counsel, the Answer and Counterclaim was signed by the Defendant.

Restraining Order [DR 26]

1. If a restraining order is requested, a signed and notarized affidavit setting forth the reasons for the request is required.
2. The restraining order complies with the mandatory language.

Number of Copies

Two (2) copies, plus the original, of the Answer and Counterclaim is required.