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[CLIENT NAME REDACTED]
[MAILING ADDRESS REDACTED]

Re: Redacted default-dissolution packet

Dear [CLIENT NAME REDACTED],

We looked through the documents you sent us. A few items appear worth checking before anything is filed, signed, served, or retained as the final packet, so we listed them below in the order that may be most helpful.

Here are the items that may be worth checking before the documents are filed or signed:

- The packet contains both unsigned or proposed documents and later filed or endorsed copies. Please keep the court-filed judgment and default documents separate from drafts so an unsigned or superseded version is not used accidentally.
- The client's middle name appears with different spellings in the uploaded files and pleadings, including versions with one and two middle-name syllables. Please use the spelling shown on the operative court record consistently in every future document.
- The third-party declaration uses a shortened spelling of the client's middle name and also leaves the signature date blank. Please correct the name and complete the date if that declaration is intended for filing.
- The third-party declaration lists a business telephone number that differs from the business number shown in the header and other documents. Please check which number is intended and make the declaration internally consistent.
- The filed FL-170 identifies the case as default without agreement and states that the preliminary disclosure was served, while an earlier unsigned version uses a different disclosure selection. Please retain the filed version as the operative copy.
- The filed FL-165 shows the request date and default-entry dates in December 2025. Earlier unsigned versions use September 2025 dates. Please remove or clearly label the older drafts so the chronology is not confused.
- The income and expense declaration identifies the client as a stay-at-home parent, but the employer field is used for that description. It may be clearer to place that information in the unemployment or occupation area rather than as an employer name.
- The income declaration shows public assistance of \$1,340 per month in one version, while the later filed copy shows no public-assistance amount. Please check which financial information was current when the declaration was signed and ensure only the correct version is used.
- The income declaration lists three household members and four tax exemptions. That may be accurate, but the household and exemption counts should be checked for consistency.

- The income declaration shows \$1,200 in monthly expenses and \$800 paid by others, leaving an apparent \$400 difference, while no earned income is listed. Please check that the income, assistance, and contribution entries explain how the remaining expenses are paid.
- The proposed judgment leaves several court-completion fields blank, including the termination date, judicial officer information, signature, and number of attached pages. These blanks are expected on a proposed order, but the filed judgment should be used as the final operative copy.
- The filed judgment indicates that two pages are attached even though the uploaded judgment appears to consist of the standard two-page form only. Please check whether separate attachments were actually included with the filed judgment.
- The notice of entry of judgment in the unsigned packet leaves the judgment date and clerk's mailing certification blank. Please use the court-issued notice or verify that the completed notice was filed and mailed.
- The contract packet includes an electronic-signature audit page containing email addresses, exact signing times, a package identifier, and an internet-protocol address. This page contains sensitive internal information and should not be included in public or general-distribution copies.
- The retired-material file contains prior rejection notices, intake forms, service documents, emails, financial records, and copies of superseded pleadings. Please keep those materials separate from the final court packet unless a specific document is intentionally needed.
- The uploaded materials contain residential addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, signatures, family-member names, and financial information. Those items should be redacted from any review copy or general-purpose copy that is not intended for the court or the parties.

Pleading Check is happy to help you make these corrections, or you may make the corrections yourself. We can also efile the documents for you, or you may efile them directly at EFileSystem.com. Please call us at (661) Pro-Docs (661-776-3627) if you would like our help.

Please note: Pleading Check is not a law firm, and our team members are not attorneys. This review is not legal advice. We looked only for apparent formatting, spelling, grammar, and consistency issues in the documents. We did not evaluate the legal claims, defenses, strategy, or whether the documents state or rely on the correct legal theories. Questions about legal rights, legal deadlines, legal procedures, or the legal effect of any document should be directed to a licensed attorney.

Sincerely,

Penelope Cruz
Pleading Check

P.S. I thought a checklist might help you, so I've added one at no extra charge.

Redacted Default-Dissolution Packet - Checklist

- ☐ Separate filed or endorsed documents from drafts and unsigned proposed forms.
- ☐ Use one consistent spelling of the client's full legal name.
- ☐ Correct and date the third-party declaration if it will be used.
- ☐ Make the business telephone number consistent within the declaration.
- ☐ Keep the filed FL-170 as the operative disclosure and default declaration.
- ☐ Remove or label older FL-165 drafts with different dates.
- ☐ Clarify employment or unemployment information on the income declaration.
- ☐ Reconcile the public-assistance amount across versions of the income declaration.
- ☐ Check household-member and tax-exemption counts.
- ☐ Confirm how the listed monthly expenses are paid.
- ☐ Use the filed judgment as the final operative judgment.
- ☐ Confirm whether the filed judgment actually included two attached pages.
- ☐ Use a completed court-issued notice of entry of judgment.
- ☐ Remove the electronic-signature audit page from public or general copies.
- ☐ Keep rejection notices, emails, intake forms, and superseded records separate.
- ☐ Protect addresses, telephone numbers, emails, signatures, family names, and financial information.