

FORM 9B.

ALTERNATIVE INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT

(Family Court Matters)

See [Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 304.02](#).

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT COURT  
JUDICIAL \_\_\_\_\_

In Re The Marriage Of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner,

and

INFORMATIONAL  
STATEMENT FORM

\_\_\_\_\_

Respondent.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. COURT PERSONNEL ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HELP YOU COMPLETE THIS FORM.

These questions must be answered to help the court make a schedule for the dissolution of your marriage. This statement is your opportunity to tell the Court those factors that will require consideration in scheduling. If the information is incomplete, the Court will design its own schedule from the information supplied. If you are representing yourself please complete questions 1 through 5. If you are an attorney please complete the entire Scheduling Information Statement. **Some questions have more than one part. Be sure to read and answer all questions completely.**

1. This form is being filled out:
  - a. Jointly (both parties together) \_\_\_\_.
  - b. Separately \_\_\_\_.

Check or complete the following if they apply.

1. \_\_\_\_ An Order for Protection petition has been filed at some time during the marriage.
2. \_\_\_\_ An Order for Protection is in effect.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Court file number for the Order for Protection.

2. FINAL HEARING BY DEFAULT

The parties are in agreement on all matters and this dissolution will proceed by default.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you answered yes to the preceding question, please check all of the following that apply:

\_\_\_ Default hearing by General Rules of Practice, Rule 306.

\_\_\_ Marriage includes minor children.

\_\_\_ Approval without a hearing pursuant to M.S.A. 518.13, subdivision 5.

\_\_\_ The marriage includes minor children, each party is represented by a lawyer and each party has signed a stipulation.

\_\_\_ The marriage does not include minor children and each party has signed a stipulation.

\_\_\_ The marriage does not include minor children, at least 50 days has elapsed since service of the Summons and Petition, and the respondent has not appeared in the action.

3. CHILDREN

A. Do you have minor children born or adopted to the marriage?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, how many \_\_\_

B. If there are minor children:

Do you agree who will have custody? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Do you agree on a visitation schedule? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

C. A problem of emotional or physical disability or chemical dependency exists on the part of one party or the other which affects the welfare of the children.

Husband \_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_ Children \_\_\_

D. Using one of the attached blank sheets please explain what custody and/or visitation plan is best for the children. (If you cannot agree, each person should submit separate plans.)

4. ASSET AND DEBT INFORMATION

A. Are you satisfied that you have sufficient information about your assets and debts to make an informed decision about how they should be divided?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

1. If yes, do you agree or disagree about how the assets and debts should be divided?

Agree \_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_

2. If no, check the following items that still need to be evaluated.

a. \_\_\_ Home

b. \_\_\_ Business

c. \_\_\_ Retirement benefits and Pensions

(Include 401K plans, IRA's, deferred compensation)

- d. \_\_\_ Savings and checking accounts
- e. \_\_\_ Life insurance policies
- f. \_\_\_ Stock options, bonds, mutual funds, etc.
- g. \_\_\_ Personal property
- h. \_\_\_ Automobiles and trucks
- i. \_\_\_ Boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, etc.
- j. \_\_\_ Collectibles
- k. \_\_\_ Vacation property
- l. \_\_\_ Other

B. Do you agree on how to divide the debts from the marriage?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If no, estimate the total debt: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Have you filed, or, do you plan on filing for bankruptcy?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

D. Do you agree on the amount of spousal maintenance (alimony), if any?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If no, please explain why or why not on the blank sheets provided.

E. Do you agree on the amount of child support?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, is the amount agreed upon pursuant to the child support guidelines?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If no, please explain why not on the blank sheets provided.

5. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

(NOTE: YOU MAY SKIP THIS QUESTION AND PROCEED TO QUESTION 6 IF YOUR ATTORNEY IS COMPLETING QUESTIONS 7 THROUGH 10.)

Have the parties talked with a third person to decide any of the problems listed in this form?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please check one or all of the following:

\_\_\_ Property/Financial problems

\_\_\_ Custody problems

\_\_\_ Visitation problems

\_\_\_ Third person is on the Supreme Court's roster of qualified neutrals

a. MEETING: The parties (or their attorneys) met on \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss case management issues. (date)

b. ADR PROCESS: (check one)

(descriptions can be obtained from the court administrator):

You Both Parties

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Agree that ADR is appropriate and choose the following:

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mediation

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Arbitration (non-binding)

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Arbitration (binding)

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Med-Arb

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Early Neutral Evaluation

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Moderated Settlement Conference
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Mini-Trial
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Summary Jury Trial
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Consensual Special Magistrate
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Impartial Fact-Finder
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Other (describe)

You Both Parties

\_\_\_ Agree that ADR is appropriate but request that the court select the process

You Both Parties

\_\_\_ Agree that ADR is NOT appropriate because:  
 \_\_\_ the case implicates the federal or state constitution  
 \_\_\_ other (explain with particularity)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ domestic violence has occurred between the parties

c. PROVIDER (check one):

You Both Parties

\_\_\_ have selected the following ADR neutral:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ cannot agree on an ADR neutral and request the court to appoint one  
 \_\_\_ agreed to select an ADR neutral on or before: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (date)

d. DEADLINE (check one)

You Both Parties

\_\_\_ recommend that the ADR process be completed by \_\_\_\_\_  
 (date)

6. List any other information which may help the court schedule your dissolution on the attached additional sheets if necessary.

_____ Signature of Pro se Petitioner	_____ Signature of Pro se Petitioner
_____ Address	_____ Address
_____ City, State, Zip Code	_____ City, State, Zip Code
_____ Home Telephone	_____ Home Telephone
_____ Work Telephone	_____ Work Telephone
_____ Date	_____ Date

**THE NEXT TWO PAGES ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEYS ONLY.**

7. It is estimated that the discovery specified below can be completed within \_\_\_\_\_ months from the date of this form. (Check all that apply and supply estimates where indicated.)

- a. Interrogatories No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_
- b. Document Requests No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_  
estimated number: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Factual Depositions No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

Identify the person who will be deposed by either party:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- d. Medical/Vocational Evaluations No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

Identify the person who will conduct such evaluations for either party:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- e. Experts No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

Identify any experts for either party:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. The dates and deadlines specified below are suggested.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for bringing motion regarding:  
\_\_\_\_\_. (specify)
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for completion and review of property evaluation.
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for completion and review of custody/visitation mediation.
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for completion and review of custody/visitation evaluation.
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline for submitting \_\_\_\_\_ to the court. (specify)
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ Date for prehearing conference.

9. a. MEETING: Counsel for the parties met on \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss case management issues. (date)

b. ADR PROCESS: (check one):

\_\_\_ Counsel agree that ADR is appropriate and choose the following:

- \_\_\_ Mediation
- \_\_\_ Arbitration (non-binding)
- \_\_\_ Arbitration (binding)
- \_\_\_ Med-Arb
- \_\_\_ Early Neutral Evaluation
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 Impartial Fact-Finder  
 Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Counsel agree that ADR is appropriate but request that the court select the process

\_\_\_\_ Counsel agree that ADR is NOT appropriate because:  
\_\_\_\_ the case implicates the federal or state constitution  
\_\_\_\_ other (explain with particularity) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ domestic violence has occurred between the parties

c. PROVIDER (check one):

\_\_\_\_ the parties have selected the following ADR neutral:

\_\_\_\_ The parties cannot agree on an ADR neutral and request the court to appoint one.

\_\_\_\_ The parties agreed to select an ADR neutral on or before:

d. DEADLINE: The parties recommend that the ADR process be completed by

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

10. Please list additional information which might be helpful to the court when scheduling this matter. Include complexity of case facts that will affect readiness for final hearing and any issues that significantly affect the welfare of the children:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawyer for (Petitioner)  
Attorney Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lawyer for (Respondent)  
Attorney Reg. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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