



STATE OF KANSAS
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
OLATHE, KANSAS 66061

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR YOUR HEARING

The Clerk should issue you a blank copy of:

- DECREE OF DIVORCE
- AGREED PARENTING PLAN
- VITAL STATICS FORM

All documents should be filled out to the best of your ability prior to the hearing.

DECREE OF DIVORCE: You must bring your proposed Decree with you to the final hearing. This is the document that actually gets you divorced. You should fill it out as completely as you can but some paragraphs will be for the judge to fill out. Below are some things to know.

- a. It is important to specifically list all debts that shall be paid by each party and all bank accounts, retirement accounts, and real estate that shall be assigned to each party. Remember that oral agreements with regard to the division of your debts are not generally enforceable and will not be recognized or honored by creditors. For this reason, it is to your advantage to list all aspects of your divorce settlement in writing in case you have problems or disputes in the future.
- b. You are required to state the legal description of any property that you own, not just the address. You should be able to find the legal description on your deed or mortgage. You can also obtain this information from your local Register of Deeds office.

AGREED PARENTING PLAN: An agreed parenting plan should be just as specific as your decree. Remember that nothing is enforceable if it isn't included.

THE DIVORCE HEARING

As mentioned above, you should **bring the following documents** to your final divorce hearing:

1. Decree of Divorce signed by you (and your spouse if possible)
2. An Agreed Parenting Plan signed by you (and your spouse if possible)
3. Completed Vital Statistics form.
4. A completed Child Support Worksheet OR Shared Expense Plan (copy that was submitted at initial filing)
5. Current Domestic Relations Affidavit of each party (petitioner's should be on file from initial filing. It may not always be possible to get one from respondent).
6. A file stamped copy of your Notice of Hearing, proving that you gave your spouse notice of the hearing date and time.

At the final hearing the judge will ask you for these documents. You should be prepared to tell him or her about the basic facts stated in your Petition for Divorce. You should also be prepared to tell the judge: that you and your spouse are still incompatible; why your proposed division of assets and debts is fair; and why your proposed Parenting Plan is in the children's best interests. If all of your divorce papers are in order, your hearing should only take 15 or 20 minutes.

After the judge has approved your agreements and signed the Decree of Divorce, take the original Decree and Parenting Plan (if separate) and Vital Statics Form, to the Clerk of the District Court for filing. You must provide a file-stamped copy of all divorce documents to your spouse and you should keep copies for your own records as well. **WARNING - you are not divorced until your Decree of Divorce has been filed with the Clerk of the District Court.**