



Denton County  
Bar Association  
*since 1890*

**Pro Se Divorce Clinic Application**

**APPLICANT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Maiden name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Former married names, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Physical \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip

Mailing address, if  
different: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Maiden name (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any other names by which your spouse is  
known: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Service of Process: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Separation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your household: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children you and your spouse have together: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children with this spouse, how many are younger than 18? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children with this spouse, how many are 18 or older? \_\_\_\_\_

If they are 18 or over, have they all graduated from high school? \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Gross Income from all sources: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that by applying to participate in the Denton Bar Association Pro Se Clinic, I agree to the following:**

1. Instructors for the Pro Se Divorce Clinic sessions will be lawyers, but **the instructor will not be your lawyer.** No Clinic or session will create an attorney-client relationship between the instructor and you or between the instructor and any other person attending the session.
2. The Pro Se Divorce Clinic does not relieve you of the responsibility of representing yourself. By choosing to get a divorce without a lawyer, even if you attend the Pro Se Divorce Clinic, YOU are still ultimately responsible for ALL documents and preparation for court and for ALL decisions made in the divorce.
3. The only responsibility an instructor has is to conduct a session in the Pro Se Divorce Clinic.
4. Denton County Pro Se Divorce Clinic Warnings, Terms and Eligibility must be completed and submitted as part of your application.
5. No instructor will prepare or retain copies of any pleadings or other documents you prepare in the Clinic. The instructor will not go to court, monitor the progress of your divorce case, communicate with you about your divorce outside of a Clinic session (by telephone, email, text, or otherwise), undertake any investigation or legal research on your behalf, or guarantee the effects of any paperwork completed and/or filed or otherwise used by you in attempting to obtain a divorce.
6. There will be no charge for the Pro Se Divorce Clinic, but you will have to pay any filing fees or other costs associated with the divorce if you do not qualify to have those costs waived. Neither the instructor for the Clinic nor the DCBA will pay any of the fees.
7. No guarantee is made that you can or will get a divorce after taking the Pro Se Divorce Clinic.
8. Other persons are probably going to be attending the Pro Se Divorce Clinic sessions with you. Nothing you say in the sessions will be confidential or privileged. There will be NO confidential communications between you and the instructor in connection with the Pro Se Divorce Clinic.

9. The State Bar of Texas investigates and prosecutes professional misconduct committed by Texas attorneys. Although not every complaint against or dispute with a lawyer involves professional misconduct, the State Bar will provide you with information if you call 1-800-932- 1900.

10. Applications are due two weeks prior to each clinic. Submitting an application does not guarantee participation. Applicants who are accepted to the clinic will be notified via email.

**This is to certify that the information I have provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that attorneys assisting me through the DCBA Pro Se Clinic do not represent me in this or any other legal matter and are only assisting with completion of the required documents and to understand expectations of my representing myself in this matter.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Completed Application and signed Pro Se Divorce Clinic Warning, Terms, Eligibility (the following document) must both be submitted to be considered for approval to participate in the Clinic.

\* Applications are due by September 27, 2017, and should be submitted to a law librarian in the Denton County Courthouse located at 1450 East McKinney Street, 2nd Floor, Denton, TX 76209-4524.

\* Clinics are limited to 20 participants



## DENTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

### Pro Se (Do-It-Yourself) Divorce Clinic

For eligible persons who do not want to use a lawyer for their divorce, the Denton County Bar Association ("DCBA") sponsors periodic Pro Se (Do-It-Yourself) Divorce Clinics. At the present time, these Clinics cover only NO Kids, NO Real Estate or Retirement, NO Dispute divorces.

Each Clinic will have two sessions. The first Clinic session will deal with starting a divorce and getting the other spouse involved in it. The second Clinic session will deal with finishing the divorce, and will be held at least 60 days after the first session.

### Warning

A divorce is a lawsuit, and many matters other than marital status, can be permanently affected by a divorce, including matters like property ownership, child custody and child support.

The DCBA recommends that anyone considering a divorce consult with a lawyer. The DCBA does not recommend that anyone obtain a divorce without a lawyer. If you do not know a lawyer, you may go the DCBA website at [www.dentonbar.com/find\\_a\\_lawyer.php](http://www.dentonbar.com/find_a_lawyer.php), or contact the State Bar of Texas at 1-800-252-9690, for the names of lawyers who might be able to assist with your divorce. For information about free and low-cost legal help, go to [www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory](http://www.texasbar.com/ReferralDirectory) or call Legal Aid of Northwest Texas at 1-888-529-5277.

### Terms and Conditions

If after reading the Warning above, you still want to attend a Pro Se Divorce Clinic, the following terms and conditions will apply:

1. Instructors for the Pro Se Divorce Clinic sessions will be lawyers, but **the instructor will not be your lawyer**. No Clinic or session will create an attorney-client relationship between the instructor and you or between the instructor and any other person attending the session.
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effects of any paperwork completed and/or filed or otherwise used by you in attempting to obtain a divorce.

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#### Statement of Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in a DCBA Pro Se Divorce Clinic, you must affirm, at each session, that the following statements are true:

- You understand the **Warning** stated above, and you still want to try to get a divorce without a lawyer.
- You understand the Terms and Conditions stated above, and you still want to attend the Pro Se Divorce Clinic session.
- You and/or your spouse lived in Texas at least 6 months before the first session.
- You and/or your spouse lived in Denton County, Texas, at least 90 days before the first session.
- You know where your spouse lives or works.
- Your spouse lives or works in Texas.
- You and your spouse together do not have (and have not adopted) any children who have not graduated from high school.
- You and your spouse together do not have (and have not adopted) any children who are younger than 18 years old.



- You and your spouse together do not have (and have not adopted) any child or children who are now adults and disabled.
- The wife is not expecting a child.
- The wife does not have any child or children, under age 18, who were born during the marriage but to a man who is not the husband.
- Neither you nor your spouse owns a house or any other real estate.
- Neither you nor your spouse has any 401k or other retirement plans.
- Neither you nor your spouse has any bank or financial account that is in both of your names.
- Neither you nor your spouse has already filed a divorce lawsuit that has not been finished.
- Neither you nor your spouse has filed a bankruptcy that has not been finished.
- There is no Protective Order in place or pending against my spouse or me.
- Your gross income does not exceed 400% of the federal poverty level as set forth on the attached chart.

By signing this document, you confirm that you understand the Warning, understand and agree to the Terms and Conditions, and affirm that all of the statements in the Statement of Eligibility are true and correct.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_