

CONDITIONS OF DISSOLUTION ACTION STAY

Upon service of a summons and petition or praecipe filed under the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act or upon the filing of the respondent's appearance in the proceeding, whichever first occurs, a dissolution action stay shall be in effect against both parties and their agents and employees, without bond or further notice, until a final judgment is entered, the proceeding is dismissed, or until further order of the court:

- 1) restraining both parties from physically abusing, harassing, intimidating, striking, or interfering with the personal liberty of the other party or the minor children of either party (750 ILCS 5/501.1(a)(1)) and
- 2) restraining both parties from concealing a minor child of either party from the child's other parent. (750 ILCS 5/501.1(a)(2)).

Any person who fails to obey the dissolution action stay may be found in contempt.

This restraint does not operate to make unavailable any of the remedies provided in the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Family Division Information Notice

Please read and comply with all steps prior to your first court appearance

1. The Clerk of the Circuit Court will notify all counsel of record and all self-represented parties of the date, time and place of an initial case management conference which will be set approximately 90 days from the filing of the initial pleadings in this case. The purpose of a case management conference is to set court dates that will aid in the disposition of the case and to enter a case management order.

Failure of the petitioner to appear in court in person or by counsel for a case management conference may result in a dismissal of the case for want of prosecution.

Failure of the respondent to appear in court in person or by counsel may result in the entry of an order of default against him or her.

A respondent has 30 days from the date of service to pay the filing fee and e-file a formal written appearance and response in the case. Appearance forms are available in the Office of the Circuit Clerk and on line under the Divorce and Family link at: <http://www.lakecountycircuitclerk.org/court-forms> .

2. **The parties must exchange comprehensive financial affidavits with supporting documentation prior to the case management conference and file a certificate of compliance with the clerk of the court.** Copies of the *Financial Affidavit* and the *Certificate of Compliance* are available in the Office of the Circuit Court and online under the Divorce and Family link at: <http://www.lakecountycircuitclerk.org/court-forms>
3. **If the parties have minor children**, at the initial case management conference the court requires the following:
 - a) Proof that the parties have attended a parenting education program. Call the College of Lake County at (847) 543-2185 to register for a parenting class.
 - b) Presentation of a written parenting agreement on child custody/allocation of parental responsibilities and visitation/parenting time issues.

If the parties have not reached a written parenting agreement by the time of the initial case management conference, the court may order the parties to mediation. The court may also appoint counsel to represent the child(ren) and may order a custody/allocation of parental responsibilities evaluation by a court appointed evaluator.

Except in cases of indigency, the costs of custody/allocation of parental responsibilities litigation will be allocated between the parties.