



Memphis Area Legal Services

Serving the Tennessee Counties of Shelby, Fayette, Lauderdale, and Tipton

PRO SE DIVORCE CLINIC

Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS) conducts a monthly pro se (Latin term meaning “for self”) divorce clinic for low-income and/or elderly individuals who wish to pursue a divorce without the expense of retaining an attorney. These two-hour clinics provide participants with information and the necessary forms needed to obtain an uncontested divorce in court. **To participate, you must meet all conditions under either A or B below.**

A. You know the whereabouts of your spouse, they will agree to the divorce, and

- No children have been born during the marriage that are not the biological child(ren) of husband, or if there are children born during the marriage, you and your spouse must agree on all aspects of custody and visitation; and
- Neither you nor your spouse own any real property, such as land or houses; and
- You and your spouse agree on who will keep the personal property purchased during the marriage, such as vehicles, furniture, dishes, animals, etc.; and
- Neither spouse has any employee benefits that the other spouse is entitled to or both spouses have agreed to waive all claim to such benefits such as retirement benefits, pension benefits, health insurance, etc.; and
- Neither spouse has a history of physical assault against the other.

B. You do not know the whereabouts of your spouse, have had no contact with your spouse for several months or longer, and cannot find them through family or friends, and

- No children have been born during the marriage that are not the biological child(ren) of the husband; and
- Neither you nor your spouse own any real property, such as land or houses; and
- Neither spouse has any employee benefits that the other spouse is entitled to such as retirement benefits, pension benefits, health insurance, etc.; and
- Any domestic violence occurred prior to you losing contact with your spouse.