

**ANSWER TO COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE WITH COUNTERCLAIM - NEW YORK
(WITHOUT MINOR CHILDREN)**

Each section of this sample New York Divorce Answer Form contains various options from which you may choose in answering a New York divorce complaint. You should delete any language that you decide not to use. For example, some of the affirmative defenses may not be applicable to your case. In addition, this form includes a sample counterclaim for divorce. If you do not wish to assert a counterclaim, you should delete the counterclaim language. In addition, the blue, italicized text (such as the text in this paragraph) should be deleted before you sign this form and file it with the court. The final section of this form (with the heading "Form Notes") has excerpts and summaries of applicable New York law. If you are uncertain as to the language and provision contained in a particular section of this form, you should review the final Form Notes section for guidance.

Your answer must be notarized. At the end of the form, there is a space for your signature, as well as a space for the signature of a notary. In addition, when you file your answer with the clerk, you will need to file your original affidavit of service. A sample affidavit of service is also provided for you, immediately following the answer form.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF _____

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Plaintiff, Index No.: _____
:
-against-
:
_____, **VERIFIED ANSWER TO**
THE COMPLAINT
:
Defendant.
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Defendant, _____, as and for his/her Verified Answer to the Complaint,
alleges as follows:

[In the following section of your answer, you should respond to the individual averments (allegations) of the complaint. You may respond by admitting, denying, or stating that you are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of a particular averment]

1. Admits the allegations in paragraphs ____, ____, and ____ of the Complaint.
2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph ____ of the Complaint.
3. Admits the allegations in paragraph ____ of the Complaint.
4. Denies the allegations of paragraph ____ of the Complaint.

[The following are various "affirmative defenses" that you may wish to include]: