

**Completing Form CAO 1-3: Complaint for Divorce**  
**[Without Minor Children] 2/25/2005**  
[REMOVE THESE INSTRUCTION PAGES BEFORE FILING]

**Talk to an attorney, if possible.**

*WARNING: When you represent yourself in a court case you are held to the same standard as an attorney. This applies to your preparation of paperwork and your conduct at all hearings and/or trial. Your lack of legal knowledge may cause you to make serious errors in handling your case. These instructions are not a substitute for legal advice. The laws and court rules are complex and following these instructions will not guarantee that your rights are protected or that you will be satisfied with the result. You should always talk to a lawyer about your legal problems before filing any legal paperwork. Even if you do not hire a lawyer to appear in your case, you may be able to find a lawyer to review your paperwork or give you more information about your rights. Call the Idaho State Bar (208-334-4500) to provide you with the name of an attorney who handles this type of case. Contact the Court Assistance Office for information about resources for low-income people.*

YOU WILL BE SIGNING A SWORN STATEMENT THAT YOU HAVE READ THE COMPLAINT, KNOW WHAT IT SAYS, AND BELIEVE IT'S TRUE. TO GUARANTEE THE TRUTHFULNESS OF THAT STATEMENT, BE SURE TO READ THE ENTIRE COMPLETED FORM.

**Instructions**

Use this form only if you do not have minor children of this marriage. There is another form available through the Court Assistance Office if you have minor children.

Fill in the forms by typing or by printing neatly and legibly in black ink. If you are working on a computer, you may delete the optional sections you don't need and renumber the remaining sections, or type in "none" if a section doesn't apply. The documents have a boldface "or" at the start of optional sections. If the section does not contain a boldface "or" it is necessary and you should type in the appropriate information (which might be the word "none"). Always keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

**At the top left-hand corner of page 1**, fill in your full legal name, mailing address and telephone number.

**The Court Heading.** Fill in the county and judicial district in capital letters (for example, "IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KOOTENAI").

**The Caption.** Fill in Your Full Legal Name on the line above Plaintiff and Your Spouse's Full Legal Name on the line above Defendant.

**The Case No.** The case number will be assigned by court personnel when you file the Complaint. You should write in the case number on all other documents.

The **Court Heading, Caption and Case Number** will be the same on all other documents you prepare for this case.

**1. Residence of the Parties.** You must have lived in Idaho for at least six weeks. Fill in the state where your spouse lives.

**2. Marriage of Parties.** Fill in the city and state (or country if you were married outside the