



Quick Resource Guides: Divorce, Legal Separation

How to

- **Alameda County Divorce Process:** <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/system/files/general/fl-disso-flowchart-882024.pdf>
- **Filing for Divorce- Step-by-Step:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/divorce>
Website from the California Courts that explains how to file for divorce in California, with links to required court forms.
- **Responding to a Divorce- Step-by-Step:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/respond-divorce-papers>
How to respond to a divorce petition in California.
- **Divorce Process Flowchart:** <https://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/fl107info.pdf>
- **Legal Separation information:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/divorce-california/legal-separation>

Forms

- **Divorce/Separation/Spousal Support Forms:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/divorce-forms>
- **LawHelp Interactive Form Builder: File for Divorce, Legal Separation, Annulment**
<https://lawhelpinteractive.org/Interview/GenerateInterview/2015/engine>
- **Divorce Response Forms:** <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/respond-divorce-papers/forms>

Library Books

How to Do Your Own Divorce in California

KFC126 .Z9 S532, shelf 108B and at the reference desk.

Family Law Basics

KFC115 .F36 2019, shelf 109B. Also available at the Dublin Library and Fremont Main Library.

This book is a step by step guide for divorce, paternity, custody, support, and domestic violence issues. Includes explanations and instructions for filling out court forms.

California Family Law Practice & Procedure

KFC115 .C34 1994, shelf 109B. Also available as an eBook through Lexis and the Lexis Digital Library.

Practice Under the California Family Code

KFC126 .A75 C4 1992, shelf 109B. Also available as an eBook through CEB OnLaw.

***Rutter Group: Family Law* Also available as an eBook**

KFC126 .H6, shelf 109B. Also available as an eBook through Westlaw.

Free Legal Help

Alameda County Court Self-Help Center

<https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/self-help>

Contact the SHC via phone or chat to ask a questions, make an appointment, or register for a workshop. The Self-Help Center does not take walk-in patrons, but you may make an appointment to talk to someone in person.

Family Law LiveChat - Monday – Thursday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM; Friday, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

- Access via “Chat now” chat widget: <https://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/divisions/family-law>
- Login early. They may stop taking chats before the stated hours end if they reach capacity.

Phones

- Call: (510) 272-1393, Mon-Thurs, 2PM-4PM
- Voicemails can only be left during phone hours; Messages are returned within 5 business days.

Workshops

- ***Start Divorce/Legal Separation/Annulment Workshop*** offered monthly.
- ***Family Financial Disclosures Workshop*** offered monthly.

Community Legal Assistance Saturday Program (CLASP)

<https://lawlibrary.acgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Virtual-CLASP-Flyer.pdf>

Free all-topics telephone legal clinic on the first Saturday/month. Volunteer attorneys speak with individuals for 15-20 minutes.

To make an appointment, call the intake line at (510) 485-9933 between 10:00 am - noon on the first Saturday/month and an attorney will call you back later that day.

Hire an Attorney

BALI - Bay Area Legal Incubator

125 12th St. Oakland, CA Mezzanine Level

Affordable legal services. Some attorneys offer sliding scale fees. Intake form available on their website, and you can also read the profiles and get contact information for the BALI attorneys.

<https://www.bayarealegalincubator.org/>

ACBA Lawyer Referral Service- (510) 302-2222 x4

\$40.00 for attorney referral and 30-minute consultation. Attorneys charge \$200 – 400/hour for services. Can also self-book consultations online: <https://www.acbanet.org/need-a-lawyer/>

California State Bar

The [California State Bar](#) lists basic information about all attorneys registered to practice law in the state of California. In addition, the site also provides an [attorney referral service](#) for the public to find qualified attorneys in their county. <https://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public>