

IMPORTANT
DO NOT USE THIS UNLESS YOU DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOUR
SPOUSE IS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

If you do not know where your spouse resides or you are seeking a divorce and your spouse has never lived in Georgia, then you must serve your spouse by publishing a notice in the Douglas County Sentinel. To do this, you must complete the following steps:

1. Prepare your Petition. Make sure that it is stated in your petition that it is being served by publication. (*Keep a copy of your petition for your file.*)
2. If you do not know where the other party lives or works, complete an **Affidavit of Diligent Search** which can be found on www.celebratedouglascounty.com
3. File your original Petition for Divorce along with the Affidavit of Diligent Search in the Douglas County Superior Court Clerk's Office.

In addition to the normal filing fee, you must also pay a publication fee which is paid to the Douglas County Sentinel.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

Plaintiff

VS.

Civil Action File No: _____

Defendant

AFFIDAVIT OF DILIGENT SEARCH

I am the Plaintiff in this case. I swear or affirm, before a notary public, that the following information is true:

1. A diligent search has been made, and the Defendant cannot be found within the State of Georgia. I do not know where the Defendant lives or can be found.

2. The last known address and telephone number I have for the Defendant are: _____

To the best of my knowledge, the Defendant still lived at that address as of _____, but no longer lives there.

3. I have made the following efforts to find the Defendant:

Contacting Defendant's friends, relatives, employers, landlords or others listed below:

- a. Name of Person Contacted: _____
 Contact's Relationship with Defendant: _____
 Contact's Address & Phone Number: _____
 Date I contacted this person: _____
 Results of Contact/What I Was Told: _____
- b. Name of Person Contacted: _____
 Contact's Relationship with Defendant: _____
 Contact's Address & Phone Number: _____
 Date I contacted this person: _____
 Results of Contact/What I Was Told: _____

Checking telephone information and directories, with the following results: _____

Asking the Sheriff to attempt service at the Defendant's last known residence or the Defendant's last known place of employment, which was the following address: _____

The following other efforts, with the following results: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me on _____, 20____
Notary Public

Plaintiff

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

Petitioner: _____

VS.

Civil Action File No: _____

Respondent: _____

MOTION FOR AN ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Comes now the Plaintiff in the above case and moves this Court, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 9-11-4(f) for an order directing that service be made on the defendant named herein by publication of summons on the grounds set forth in the affidavit attached hereto.

This ____ day of _____, _____.

Plaintiff, Pro Se