

DIVORCE BY PUBLICATION WORKSHEET

In order to proceed with a Divorce by Publication, you must demonstrate that you were unable to locate your spouse after a reasonable search. You cannot just say "Well, I have not seen him since last year, or even many years ago." You must sign a document called an "affidavit", in which you swear under oath that you have tried very hard to find your spouse. In addition, the judge will probably question you about what you did to locate your spouse. The judge can deny the divorce if they do not think you made reasonable efforts.

This worksheet contains a check list of steps that should be taken to perform a reasonable search.

- 1. Check Their Last Known Address and Phone Number:** Go to the last address where you think your spouse lived and ring the doorbell or look on the mailboxes for the name of your spouse. Call the last known phone number. Enter the address and phone number you checked and the results of your search below:

Address/Phone#	Search Results:

- 2. Check with their Last Known Employer:** Go to the last place where you think your spouse worked or contact the business by phone and ask for your spouse. Enter the name of the employer and the results of your search below:

Employer Name/Address/Phone#	Search Results:

3. **Check with Family & Friends:** Call or visit your spouse's relatives and friends and ask them for assistance locating your spouse. Make a note of the name and date of each person you spoke with and what they said about the location of your spouse.

Friend/Relative Name	Search Results:
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4. **Search Local Phone Book:** Check your local phone book for your spouse's name and phone number. Call the phone number or visit the address listed for your spouse. If there are multiple listings under your spouse's name, you should attempt to contact the listings that appear to be the best match for your spouse.

Phone Book Name and Date	Search Results:
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5. **Search Internet:** The internet contains a number of web sites that can help you locate your spouse. Recommended web sites are **zabasearch.com** and **whitepages.com**. Also try Google or Facebook. Sometimes a name is so common, like John Smith, that the website will say that here are too many names to show. Make a note of your search result below.

Website Name	Search Results:
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