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Superior Court of Washington, County of Spokane

In re the marriage of:
Petitioner:

JEROD WARD

And Respondent:

BETINA WARD

No. **22300515-32**

Petition for Divorce (Dissolution)
(PTDSS)

Petition for Divorce (Dissolution)

1. Information about the parties

Petitioner lives in Spokane, WA.

Respondent lives in Thurston, WA.

2. Information about the marriage

We were married on February 21, 2009 at Ilwaco, WA.

We began living in separate households on January 27, 2022.

3. Request for divorce

This marriage is irretrievably broken. I ask the court to dissolve our marriage and any domestic partnerships or civil unions. Our marital community ended on January 27, 2022, which is when:

One of us moved to a separate household.

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We separated our assets and debts.

4. Jurisdiction over the spouses

The court has jurisdiction over the marriage because at least 1 of the spouses lives in Washington state or is stationed in this state as a member of the armed forces.

The court has personal jurisdiction over the Respondent because:

The Respondent lives in Washington state.

The Petitioner and the Respondent lived in Washington state while they were married, and the Petitioner still lives in this state or is stationed in this state as a member of the armed forces.

The Petitioner and the Respondent may have conceived a child together in this state.

5. Is one of the spouses pregnant?

No

Note: The law considers the other spouse to be the parent of any child born during the marriage or within 300 days after it ends. If the other spouse is not the parent, either spouse or the other parent may file a *Petition to Decide Parentage* (form FL Parentage 301) in court. In most cases, the deadline to file the *Petition to Decide Parentage* is before the child turns 4. (See RCW 26.26A.115, 26.26A.435.)

If everyone agrees, both spouses and the child's other parent can sign an *Acknowledgment (and Denial) of Parentage*. Those forms must be filed with the Washington State Registrar of Vital Statistics to be valid.

6. Children of the marriage

My spouse and I have the following children together who are still dependent:

Child's name	Age
I. Peyton Michael Ward	12

a. Children's home/s

At any time during the past 5 years, have any of the children lived:

- on an Indian reservation,
- outside Washington State,
- in a foreign country, or
- with anyone who is not a party to this case?

No.

1 **b. Other people with a legal right to spend time with a child**

2 Do you know of anyone besides you and your spouse who has (or claims to have) a legal
3 right to spend time with any of the children? No.

4 **c. Other court cases involving a child**

5 Do you know of any court cases involving any of the children? No.

6 **7. Jurisdiction over the children (RCW 26.27.201 – .221, .231, .261, .271)**

7 The court **can** approve a *Parenting Plan* for the child my spouse and I have together
8 because:

9 **Home state jurisdiction** – Washington is the child’s home state because :

10 Peyton Michael Ward lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as a
11 parent for at least the 6 months just before this case was filed or, if the child is less
12 than 6 months old, they have lived in Washington with a parent or someone acting as
13 a parent since birth.

14 Peyton Michael Ward does not have another home state.

15 **No home state or home state declined** – No court of any other state (or tribe) has the
16 jurisdiction to make decisions for Peyton Michael Ward, or a court in the child’s home
17 state (or tribe) decided it is better to have this case in Washington **and**:

- 18 - The child and a parent or someone acting as a parent have ties to Washington
19 beyond just living here; **and**
- 20 - There is a lot of information (substantial evidence) about the child’s care,
21 protection, education, and relationships in this state.

22 **8. Parenting Plan**

23 I ask the court to order a *Parenting Plan* for the child my spouse and I have together. I will file
24 and serve my proposed *Parenting Plan* (form FL All Family 140) at the same time as this
25 Petition.

26 **9. Child Support**

27 *Note: The law requires that child support be addressed if there are dependent children of the
28 marriage. RCW 26.09.100(1)*

29 **Court Order** – I ask the court to order child support (including medical support) according
30 to state law for the child my spouse and I have together.

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I ask the court to order my spouse to pay his/her proportionate share of:

Long-distance transportation expenses

Post-secondary (college or vocational school) support

I ask the court to order that we have the right to claim the child as dependents for purposes of personal tax exemptions and associated tax credits on our tax forms as follows:

The Petitioner to claim the child in even numbered tax years and the Respondent to claim the child in odd numbered tax years.

Important! Although the personal tax exemptions are currently suspended through tax year 2025, other tax benefits may flow from claiming a child as dependent.

10. Children from other relationships

Neither spouse has children from other relationships who are still dependent.

11. Written Agreements

Have you and your spouse signed a prenuptial agreement, separation contract, or community property agreement? No.

12. Real Property

I ask the court to divide the real property fairly (equitably) as the court decides.

13. Personal Property

I ask the court to divide the personal property fairly (equitably) as the court decides.

14. Debts (mortgages, loans, credit cards, other money owed)

I ask the court to make the following orders about debts:

Each spouse is responsible for the debts that are now only in their own name.

Divide the debts fairly (equitably) as the court decides.

15. Spousal Support

Spousal support is **not** needed.

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16. Fees and Costs

No request.

17. Protection Order

Do you want the court to issue an Order for Protection as part of the final orders in this case? **No.** I do not want an *Order for Protection.*

18. Restraining Order

Do you want the court to issue a Restraining Order as part of the final orders in this case?

No.

19. Name change


No request.

20. Other requests, if any:

Petitioner fills out below:

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Signed at: _____ Date: _____

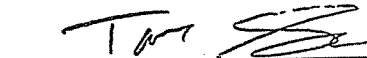


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JEROD WARD

Print name

Petitioner's lawyer (if any) fills out below:



Petitioner's lawyer signs here

TAYLOR SCHAEFER 56719

Print name and WSBA No.

3/15/22

Date




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