

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court Department**

\_\_\_\_\_ Division

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Joint Petition For Divorce Under M.G.L. Ch. 208, Sec.1A**

AND

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Now come the Husband and Wife in a joint petition for divorce pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 208, Sec. 1A.

2. The parties were lawfully married at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and lived as husband and wife until such time as they separated and ceased to live as husband and wife on \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  There are no minor children born to or adopted by the parties of this marriage and none is expected.

The minor children of this marriage and dates of birth are:

Name	Date of Birth
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. The parties certify that no previous action for divorce, annulment, affirmation of marriage, separate support, desertion, living apart for justifiable cause, or custody of child has been brought by either party against the other.

5. On or about \_\_\_\_\_, an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage under M.G.L. Ch. 208, Sec. 1A occurred and continues to exist.

6. Wherefore the parties pray that the Court:

\_\_\_ grant a divorce on the ground of irretrievable breakdown of the marriage  
\_\_\_ approve the marital settlement agreement executed by the parties a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit "A"  
\_\_\_ incorporate and merge said agreement executed by the parties, in part  
\_\_\_ incorporate but not merge said agreement, which shall survive and remain as an independent contract, in part  
\_\_\_ allow the Wife to resume her former name of \_\_\_\_\_.