IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF COWETA COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
FAMILY DIVISION

Petitioner: John Doe and Respondent: Jane Doe	Civil Action File No: _____

PETITION FOR DIVORCE

I, John Doe, representing myself, state that:

1. **Subject Matter Jurisdiction:** I am the Petitioner in this action, and I have been a resident of the State of Georgia for more than six (6) months prior to filing this action.

2. **Venue:** My spouse's name is Jane Doe. She is the Respondent in this action. Respondent and I are residents of Coweta County. The Respondent has consented to the jurisdiction and venue of this court. I am filing an *Acknowledgement of Service and Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue* (which has been signed by the Respondent) with this Petition. Also attached to this Petition for Divorce is a *Separation Agreement* which the Respondent and I desire to be incorporated into our final judgment and decree for divorce.

3. **Service of Process:** The Respondent has acknowledged service of process. I am filing an *Acknowledgement of Service and Consent to Jurisdiction and Venue* (which has been signed by the Respondent) with this Petition.

4. **Date of Marriage:** The Respondent and I were lawfully married on March 21, 1992 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.

5. **Date of Separation:** Respondent and I separated on October 1, 2012 and have remained in a bona fide state of separation since that date.

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6. **Minor Children:** Respondent and I are the parents of three (3) minor children born of this marriage, to wit: Janie Marie Doe, born February 8, 1993; Janine Marie Doe, born September 15, 1997; and John Doe, II, born May 4, 2001. Respondent is not currently pregnant.

7. **Custody/Visitation:** The Respondent and I agree that we shall be entitled to joint legal custody of our three (3) minor children. Respondent shall have primary physical custody of the minor children subject to my rights of visitation as outlined in our *Separation Agreement* and *Parenting Plan.*

8. **Children's Place of Residence:** The minor children of the parties currently reside at 100 Main Street, [CITY], GA [ZIP]. During the past five years, the minor children have resided at the following addresses:

   08/25/12 - present 100 Main Street, [CITY], GA [ZIP]

   The minor children have resided with the following people during the last five years:

   John Doe and Jane Doe at 100 Main Street, [CITY], Georgia [ZIP]

9. **Other Custody Actions:** I have not participated as a party, or witness, or in any capacity in any other litigation concerning the custody of the minor children in this or any other state. I do not know of any custody proceeding concerning the minor children which may be pending in a Court in this or any other state.

10. **Other Persons with Claims to Children**: I know of no other person, not a party to this proceeding, who has physical custody of the children or claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the minor children.

11. **Child Support:** I shall pay child support in the amount of $1,434.97 per month as support for the minor children. Said support shall be paid directly to Respondent by me. No Income Deduction Order is required or requested.

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I have completed the *Child Support Worksheet* and *Schedules* pursuant to the Georgia Child Support Guidelines which became effective January 1, 2007.

12. **Health Insurance for Minor Children:** Respondent shall maintain a policy for dental, medical, and hospitalization insurance for the minor children. I shall be responsible for uncovered costs.

13. **Life Insurance for the Minor Children:** I shall maintain life insurance for the benefit of the minor children in the amount of $50,000.00. The I shall maintain the policy for so long as at least one (1) of the children is a minor or is otherwise entitled to child support.

14. **Alimony:** Respondent is seeking alimony in the amount of $123.45 per month starting January 1, 2013 and ending January 1, 2020. Said alimony shall be paid directly to Respondent. No Income Deduction Order is required or requested.

15. **Marital and Non-Marital Property:** Respondent and I have already divided our marital property to our mutual satisfaction, as detailed in the *Separation Agreement*.

16. **Joint Debts:** Respondent and I have joint and individual debt which has been identified and distributed in our *Separation Agreement* attached hereto.

17. **Grounds for Divorce:** My grounds for an absolute divorce is: the marriage is irretrievably broken. My spouse and I can no longer live as husband and wife. There is no hope that the two of us will get back together.

18. **Military Service:** Respondent is not a member of the United States Military, but I am a member of the United States Military and hereby waive all rights and privileges, including appointment of counsel, pursuant to the Service members Civil Relief Act.

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FOR THESE REASONS, I request:

A. A total divorce, a vinculo matrimonii, from Respondent;
B. Respondent and I be awarded joint legal custody and Respondent be awarded primary physical custody of our minor children subject to my rights of visitation as outlined in our *Separation Agreement* and *Parenting Plan*;
C. Child support be ordered pursuant to the parties' agreement;
D. Order alimony as requested herein;
E. That the *Separation Agreement* attached to this Petition be made the Order of this Court;
F. Any other appropriate relief.

This _____ day of _____, 201__.

Respectfully submitted:

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