# SAUK COUNTY Checklist for JOINT DIVORCE or LEGAL SEPARATION WITH CHILDREN

(Obtain the State forms at <a href="https://www.wicourts.gov">https://www.wicourts.gov</a> > forms > Circuit Court > Family Or you may purchase packet at Clerk of Court Office for \$10.00)

### A packet includes the following forms:

- 1. Joint Petition with minor children (Form FA-4110V)
- 2. Confidential Petition Addendum (Form GF-179)
- 3. Two Financial Disclosure Statement forms: (Form FA-4139V)
- 4. Marital Settlement Agreement with minor children form (Form FA-4150V)

# **STEP 1:** Complete these forms (contained in packet):

- Joint Petition with minor children (Form FA-4110V)
- Confidential Petition Addendum (Form <u>GF-179</u>)

<u>NOTE: ONLY</u> if you need an <u>immediate</u> order from the Court for issues of child support, maintenance, or property and debt division, see Information Sheet for Order to Show Cause for Temporary Order

### **STEP 2:** File forms:

- Bring the original and two copies of forms in STEP 1, and filing fee, to Clerk of Court.
  - (Original) for Clerk of Courts, (1) For Filer and (1) For your spouse.
  - Filing Fee: \$194.50

## **STEP 3:** After the divorce/legal separation is filed, complete, sign and file the following forms:

- Financial Disclosure Statement: (Form FA-4139V)
  - Each party must complete and file with attachments, and gives copy to other party.
- Marital Settlement Agreement with minor children (Form FA-4150V)
  - If in agreement on all issues, check box for Full Agreement
  - If not in agreement, check box for Proposed by One Party, and provide copy to other party.

\*\* The Child Support Basis or 'standard' on Page 7 MUST be filled out, even if child support is not requested. Calculation tools can be found at: https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cs/order/tools (<a href="Child Support Tools">Child Support Tools</a>). Complete either the "worksheet" or 'calculator to estimate support' and transfer those amounts to Page 7. 2(a).

**STEP 4:** Each parent is required to complete a Parenting Education class and file proof with Clerk of Court.

# **Scheduling:**

- After the Petition is filed a status conference will be scheduled.
- If benefits are open or being received, the Sauk County Child Support Agency (CSA) will need to review the Marital Settlement Agreement, meet with parties, and CSA will file a child support Addendum.
- A final hearing will not be set until all documents are filed, and reviewed by the Family Court Commissioner. After filing all documents, call the Family Court Commissioner Office at 608-355-3246 to request review.
- The final hearing date will take place after expiration of the 120 day waiting period.