

COMMONLY USED TERMS

1. **201** - Form that contains vital information for the payment and collection of Child Support. This form must be completed correctly and completely.
2. **Adjudication** - A decision, judgement judicial sentence or decision.
3. **Affiant** - A person who swears to the truth of a statement. This term frequently appears on affidavits used for filing divorce papers.
4. **Affidavit** - A sworn statement, in writing, which is under oath or affirmation before a Notary Public.
5. **Agreed Entry** - Both parties to a case are able to agree to all issues and do not need a decision or adjudication by the Judge or Magistrate.
6. **Arrearage** - Child support or Spousal support (alimony) that has not been paid. This is the amount of money that is owed to a party for support.
7. **C.S.E.A.** - Child Support Enforcement Agency
8. **Case Number** - The number assigned, by Clerk of Courts, to the initial filing of a divorce, dissolution, legal separation or annulment.
9. **Compliance Office** - The part of the Domestic Relations Court which is responsible for reviewing any papers filed in a Domestic Relations Case. The review is to make sure the papers are in compliance with State law and local rules of the Domestic Relations Court.
10. **Court Rules** - The complete list of all procedures, methods or rules which must be followed by everyone who files cases in Domestic Relations Court.
11. **D.O.B.** - The date of birth of a person.
12. **Defendant** - The person against whom a complaint for divorce is filed. If a wife files against her husband, then the husband is the defendant. If a husband files against his wife, then the wife is the defendant.
13. **DR616** - A form that is required by State law which contains vital information about the children of the parents in a divorce or dissolution case.
14. **Filings** - All action, in writing, in any divorce or dissolution case.
15. **IV-D** - A form that is required, by Federal law, for the collection of child support by the CSEA.

16. **Motion** - A motion is a filing which asks the Court to take action for or against a party to a divorce case.
17. **Notary Public** - A public officer who certifies or verifies the signature of people. Thus if a wife signs a document before a notary public to verify that this is the wife and not a stranger posing as the wife.
18. **Obligee** - A person who receives payments of child support or spousal support (alimony).
19. **Obligor** - A person who is ordered to pay child support or spousal support (alimony).
20. **Party** - A person who is part of a divorce or dissolution case. A husband is a party and a wife is a party.
21. **Perpetrator** - A person who has allegedly committed a crime.
22. **Petitioner** - A person who makes a request, in writing, to the court. This term refers to either person (party) in a dissolution. It is also the name used for the person who files a domestic violence complaint against someone.
23. **Plaintiff** - A person who files a complaint for a divorce.
24. **Poundage** - This is a charge of 2% of each payment made to the CSEA for child or spousal support. This administrative fee is set by state law.