

**STEP 1** - You and your spouse must decide whether to file for divorce under Article 102 or Article 103 Divorce Action as defined as:

**Article 102** - You and your spouse will separate for 180 days after initially filing for divorce.

**Article 103** - You and your spouse have already been separated for at least 180 days before filing for divorce.

**STEP 2** - You and your spouse should meet to negotiate the terms of the **Marital Settlement Agreement** and **Petition for Divorce** to file with the clerk's office and pay the **\$138** filing fee.

**STEP 3** - You must have your spouse now complete and sign the **Waiver** form and get it back to you so then you can file the form at the clerk's office.

\*If you and your spouse filed for divorce under **Article 102** you will have to wait the 180 day separation period until you may go to the next step.

**STEP 4** - You are now eligible to request for a court hearing date by completing the Show Cause Order Form and Affidavit. Submit these 2 forms to the clerk's office and you will receive a hearing date.

**STEP 5** - Attend your court hearing date and if you have completed the steps correctly then the Judge will authorize your **Judgment of Divorce**. Your divorce is now complete in the State of Louisiana.