# INSTRUCTIONS FOR FLORIDA FAMILY LAW RULES OF PROCEDURE FORM 12.930(c) STANDARD FAMILY LAW INTERROGATORIES FOR MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS (11/20)

## When should this form be used?

This form should be used to ask the other <u>party</u> in your case to answer certain standard questions in writing. These questions are called **interrogatories**, and they must relate to your case. If the other party fails to answer the questions, you may ask the <u>judge</u> to order the other party to answer the questions. (You cannot ask these questions before the <u>petition</u> has been <u>filed</u>.)

The questions in this form should be used in **modification proceedings** and are meant to supplement the information provided in the **Financial Affidavit**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). You should read all of the questions in this form to determine which questions, if any, the other party needs to answer in order to provide you with information not covered in the financial affidavit forms. If there are questions to which you already know the answer, you may choose not to ask them.

This form should be typed or printed in black ink. You must complete the box at the beginning of this form to indicate which questions you are requesting that the other party answer.

You must serve the other party with this document and a copy of these interrogatories and a copy of the **Notice of Service of Standard Family Law Interrogatories**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.930(a), if by mail or hand delivery. You must serve these interrogatories and a copy of the **Notice**, if by email. **Service** must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

You should also keep a copy for your records. You should not file this form with the clerk of the circuit court. However, you must file the **Notice of Service of Standard Family Law Interrogatories**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.930(a), to tell the court that you have sent this form to the other party.

After you receive the completed answers to the interrogatories, **DO NOT FILE THIS DOCUMENT**WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT UNLESS THE ANSWERS ARE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE BY THE
COURT AND ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH FLORIDA RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION 2.425

## Where can I look for more information?

**Before proceeding, you should read General Information for Self-Represented Litigants found at the beginning of these forms.** The words that are in **bold underline** in these instructions are defined there.

For further information, see the instructions for **Notice of Service of Standard Family Law Interrogatories**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.930(a) and Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure 12.280, 12.285, 12.340, and 12.380.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-FILING

The Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all petitions, pleadings, and documents be filed electronically except in certain circumstances. **Self-represented litigants may file petitions or other pleadings or documents electronically; however, they are not required to do so.** If you choose to file your pleadings or other documents electronically, you must do so in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.525, and you must follow the procedures of the judicial circuit in which you file. The rules and procedures should be carefully read and followed.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING E-SERVICE ELECTION

After the initial service of process of the petition or supplemental petition by the Sheriff or certified process server, the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration now require that all documents required or permitted to be served on the other party must be served by electronic mail (e-mail) except in certain circumstances. You must strictly comply with the format requirements set forth in the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration. If you elect to participate in electronic service, which means serving or receiving pleadings by electronic mail (e-mail), or through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal, you must review Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. You may find this rule at www.flcourts.org through the link to the Rules of Judicial Administration provided under either Family Law Forms: Getting Started, or Rules of Court in the A-Z Topical Index.

**SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS MAY SERVE DOCUMENTS BY E-MAIL; HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO SO.** If a self-represented litigant elects to serve and receive documents by email, the procedures must always be followed once the initial election is made.

To serve and receive documents by e-mail, you must designate your e-mail addresses by using the Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915, and you must provide your e-mail address on each form on which your signature appears. Please CAREFULLY read the rules and instructions for: Certificate of Service (General), Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.914; Designation of Current Mailing and E-mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915; and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516.

# Special notes...

In addition to the standard questions in this form, you may ask up to 10 additional questions. You should type or print legibly your additional questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form. If you want to ask more than 10 additional questions, you will need to get permission from the judge.

You may want to inform the other party of the following information: As a general rule, within 30 days after service of interrogatories, the other party must answer the questions in writing and serve you with the answers. Service of the answers must be in accordance with Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516. His or her answers may be written in the blank space provided after each separately numbered interrogatory. If sufficient space is not provided, the answering party may attach additional papers with the answers and refer to them in the space provided in the interrogatories. He or she should be sure to make a copy for him/herself. All answers to these questions are made under oath or affirmation as to their truthfulness. Each question must be answered separately and as completely as the available information permits. The answers to the interrogatories are to be provided to the requesting party. DO NOT FILE THIS DOCUMENT WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT UNLESS THE ANSWERS ARE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE BY THE COURT AND ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINSTRATION 2.425. The other party may object to a question by writing the legal reason for the objection in the space provided. He or she may also ask the court for a protective order granting him or her permission not to answer certain questions and protecting him or her from annoyance, embarrassment, apprehension, or undue burden or expense. If the other party fails to either answer or object to the questions within 30 days, he or she may be subject to court sanctions.

Remember, a person who is NOT an attorney is called a nonlawyer. If a nonlawyer helps you fill out these forms, that person must give you a copy of **Disclosure from Nonlawyer**, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.900(a), before he or she helps you. A nonlawyer helping you fill out these forms also **must** put his or her name, address, and telephone number on the bottom of the last page of every form he or she helps you complete.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COUNTY, FLORIDA		
Case No.:		
, Petitioner,		
and		
Respondent.		
STANDARD FAMILY LAW INTERROGATORIES FOR MODIFICATION PROCEEDINGS		
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARTY SERVING THESE INTERROGATORIES am requesting that the standard questions be answered: [check all that apply]	ne following	
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The answers to the following questions are intended to supplement the information provided Financial Affidavits, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b) or (c). You should group of questions indicated in the above shaded box. The questions should be answered i space provided below each separately numbered question. If sufficient space is not provide attach additional papers with the answers and refer to them in the space provided in the intervou should be sure to make a copy for yourself. Each question must be answered separa completely as the available information permits. All answers are to be made under oath or aff to their truthfulness.	answer the n the blank ed, you may rrogatories. tely and as	
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I, {name of person answering interrogatories} being sworn, certify that the following information is true:		

#### 1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- a. State your full legal name and any other name by which you have been known.
- b. State your present residence and telephone numbers.

#### 2. **EDUCATION**:

- a. List all business, commercial, and professional licenses that you have obtained since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified.
- b. List all of your education since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified including, but not limited to, vocational or specialized training, including the following:
  - (1) name and address of each educational institution.
  - (2) dates of attendance.
  - (3) degrees or certificates obtained or anticipated dates of same.

#### 3. EMPLOYMENT:

- a. For each place of your employment or self-employment since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, state the following:
  - (1) name, address, and telephone number of your employer.
  - (2) dates of employment.
  - (3) job title and brief description of job duties.
  - (4) starting and ending salaries.
  - (5) name of your direct supervisor.
  - (6) all benefits received, including, for example, health, life, and disability insurance; expense account; use of automobile or automobile expense reimbursement; reimbursement for travel, food, or lodging expenses; payment of dues in any clubs or associations; and pension or profit sharing plans.

- b. Other than as an employee, if you have been engaged in or associated with any business, commercial, or professional activity since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified that was not detailed above, state for each such activity the following:
  - (1) name, address, and telephone number of each activity.

- (2) dates you were connected with such activity.
- (3) position title and brief description of activities.
- (4) starting and ending compensation.
- (5) name of all persons involved in the business, commercial, or professional activity with you.
- (6) all benefits and compensation received, including, for example, health, life, and disability insurance; expense account; use of automobile or automobile expense reimbursement; reimbursement for travel, food, or lodging expenses; payment of dues in any clubs or associations; and pension or profit sharing plans.

c. If you have been unemployed at any time since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, state the dates of unemployment. If you have not been employed at any time since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, give the information requested above in question 3.a for your last period of employment.

## 4. ASSETS:

- a. **Real Estate.** State the street address, if any, and if not, the legal description of all real property that you own or owned during the last 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter. For each property, state the following:
  - (1) the names and addresses of any other persons or entities holding any interest and their percentage of interest.
  - (2) the present fair market value.
- b. **Tangible Personal Property.** List all items of tangible personal property that are owned by you or in which you have had any interest during the last 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, tools, furniture, boats, jewelry, art objects or other collections, and collectibles whose fair market value exceeds \$100. For each item, state the following:
  - (1) the percentage and type interest you hold.
  - (2) the names and addresses of any other persons or entities holding any interest.
  - (3) the present fair market value.

- c. Intangible Personal Property. Other than the financial accounts (checking, savings, money market, credit union accounts, retirement accounts, or other such cash management accounts) listed in the answers to interrogatories 4.d and 4.e below, list all items of intangible personal property that are owned by you or in which you have had any ownership interest (including closed accounts) within the last 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter, including but not limited to, partnership and business interests (including good will), deferred compensation accounts unconnected with retirement, including but not limited to stock options, sick leave, and vacation pay, stocks, stock funds, mutual funds, bonds, bond funds, real estate investment trust, receivables, certificates of deposit, notes, mortgages, and debts owed to you by another entity or person. For each item, state the following:
  - (1) the percentage and type interest you hold.
  - (2) the names and addresses of any other persons or entities holding any interest and the names and addresses of the persons and entities who are indebted to you
  - (3) the present fair market value or the amounts you claim are owned by or owed to you, at the time of answering these interrogatories.

You may comply with this interrogatory (4.c) by providing copies of all periodic (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual) account statements for each such account for the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter. DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE COURT FILE. However, if the date of acquisition, the purchase price and the market valuations are not clearly reflected in the periodic statements which are furnished, then these questions must be answered separately. You do not have to resubmit any periodic statements previously furnished under rule 12.285 (Mandatory Disclosure).

- d. **Retirement Accounts:** List all information regarding each retirement account/plan, including but not limited to defined benefit plans, 401k, 403B, IRA accounts, pension plans, Florida Retirement System plans (FRS), Federal Government plans, money purchase plans, HR10 (Keogh) plans, profit sharing plans, annuities, employee savings plans, etc. that you have established and/or that have been established for you by you, your employer, or any previous employer. For each account, state the following:
  - (1) the name and last 4 digits of the account number of each account/plan and where it is located.
  - (2) the type of account/plan.
  - (3) the name and address of the fiduciary plan administrator/service representative.
  - (4) the present fair market value of your interest in each account/plan.
  - (5) whether you are vested or not vested; and if vested, in what amount, as of a certain date and the schedule of future vesting.
  - (6) the date at which you became/become eligible to receive some funds in this account/plan.
  - (7) monthly benefits of the account/plan if no fair market value is ascertained.
  - (8) beneficiary(ies) and/or alternate payee(s).

- e. **Financial Accounts.** For all financial accounts (checking, savings, money market, credit union accounts, or other such cash management accounts) listed in your Financial Affidavit, in which you have had any legal or equitable interest, regardless of whether the interest is or was held in your own name individually, in your name with another person, or in any other name, give the following:
  - (1) name and address of each institution.
  - (2) name in which the account is or was maintained.
  - (3) last 4 digits of account numbers.
  - (4) name of each person authorized to make withdrawals from the accounts.
  - (5) highest balance within each of the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter.
  - (6) lowest balance within each of the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter.

You may comply with this interrogatory (4.e) by providing copies of all periodic (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual) account statements for each such account for the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter. DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE COURT FILE. You do not have to resubmit account statements previously furnished pursuant to rule 12.285 (Mandatory Disclosure).

- f. **Closed Financial Accounts.** For all financial accounts (checking, savings, money market, credit union accounts, or other such cash management accounts) closed within the last 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter, in which you have had any legal or equitable interest, regardless of whether the interest is or was held in your own name individually, in your name with another person, or in any other name, give the following:
  - (1) name and address of each institution.
  - (2) name in which the account is or was maintained.
  - (3) last 4 digits of account numbers.
  - (4) name of each person authorized to make withdrawals from the accounts.
  - (5) date account was closed.
- g. **Trust.** For any interest in an estate, trust, insurance policy, or annuity, state the following:
  - (1) If you are the beneficiary of any estate, trust, insurance policy, or annuity, give for each one the following:
    - (a) identification of the estate, trust, insurance policy, or annuity.
    - (b) the nature, amount, and frequency of any distributions of benefits.
    - (c) the total value of the beneficiaries' interest in the benefit.
    - (d) whether the benefit is vested or contingent.
  - (2) If you have established any trust or are the trustee of a trust, state the following:

- (a) the date the trust was established.
- (b) the names and addresses of the trustees.
- (c) the names and addresses of the beneficiaries.
- (d) the names and addresses of the persons or entities who possess the trust documents.
- (e) each asset that is held in each trust, with its fair market value.

h. **Name of Accountant, Bookkeeper, or Records Keeper.** State the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of your accountant, bookkeeper, and any other persons who possess your financial records, and state which records each possesses.

#### 5. **LIABILITIES:**

- a. **Loans, Liabilities, Debts, and Other Obligations.** For all loans, liabilities, debts, and other obligations (other than credit cards and charge accounts) listed in your Financial Affidavit, indicate for each the following:
- (1) name and address of the creditor.
- (2) name in which the obligation is or was incurred.
- (3) last 4 digits of loan or account number, if any.
- (4) nature of the security, if any.
- (5) payment schedule.
- (6) present balance and current status of your payments.
- (7) total amount of arrearage, if any.

You may comply with this interrogatory (5.a) by providing copies of all periodic (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual) account statements for each such account for the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter. DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE COURT FILE. You do not have to resubmit account statements previously furnished under rule 12.285 (Mandatory Disclosure).

- b. **Credit Cards and Charge Accounts.** For all financial accounts (credit cards, charge accounts, or other such accounts) listed in your Financial Affidavit, in which you have had any legal or equitable interest, regardless of whether the interest is or was held in your own name individually, in your name with another person, or in any other name, give the following:
- (1) name and address of the creditor.
- (2) name in which the account is or was maintained.

- (3) names of each person authorized to sign on the accounts.
- (4) last 4 digits of account numbers.
- (5) present balance and current status of your payments.
- (6) total amount of arrearage, if any.
- (7) highest and lowest balance within each of the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter.

You may comply with this interrogatory (5.b) by providing copies of all periodic (monthly quarterly, semi-annual, or annual) account statements for each such account for the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter. DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE COURT FILE. You do not have to resubmit account statements previously furnished under rule 12.285 (Mandatory Disclosure).

- c. Closed Credit Cards and Charge Accounts. For all financial accounts (credit cards, charge accounts, or other such accounts) closed with no remaining balance, within the last 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, in which you have had any legal or equitable interest, regardless of whether the interest is or was held in your own name individually, in your name with another person, or in any other name, give the following:
  - (1) name and address of each creditor.
  - (2) name in which the account is or was maintained.
  - (3) last 4 digits of account numbers.
  - (4) name of each person authorized to sign on the accounts.
  - (5) date the balance was paid off.
  - (6) amount of final balance paid off.

You may comply with this interrogatory (5.c) by providing copies of all periodic (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual) account statements for each such account for the preceding 3 years, or since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, if shorter. DO NOT FILE THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE COURT FILE. You do not have to resubmit account statements previously furnished under rule 12.285 (Mandatory Disclosure).

# 6. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

a. If you are claiming a diminished earning capacity since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified as grounds to modify alimony or deviate from the child support established in your case, describe in detail how your earning capacity is lowered and state all facts upon which you rely in your claim. If unemployed, state how, why, and when you lost your job.

- b. If you are claiming a change in mental or physical condition since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified as grounds to modify alimony or change the child support established in your case, describe in detail how your mental and/or physical capacity has changed and state all facts on which you rely in your claim. Identify the change in your mental and/or physical capacity, and state the name and address of all health care providers involved in the treatment of this mental or physical condition.
- c. If you are requesting a change in shared or sole parental responsibility, ultimate decision-making, the time-sharing schedule, the parenting plan, or any combination thereof, for the minor child(ren), describe in detail the change in circumstances since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified that you feel justify the requested change. State when the change of circumstances occurred, how the change or circumstances affects the child(ren), and why it is in the best interests of the child(ren) that the Court make the requested change. Attach your proposed parenting plan.
- d. If you do not feel the requested change in shared or sole parental responsibility, ultimate decision-making, the time-sharing schedule, the parenting plan, or any combination thereof, for the minor child(ren) is in their best interests, or if you feel there has not been a change in circumstances since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified, describe in detail any facts since the entry of the Final Judgment sought to be modified that you feel justify the Court denying the requested change. State what requested change, if any, in shared or sole parenting responsibility, ultimate decision-making, the time-sharing schedule, or of the parenting plan is justified or agreeable to you and why it is in the best interests of the child(ren).
- 7. **LONG FORM AFFIDAVIT:** If you filed the short form affidavit, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure Form 12.902(b), and you were specifically requested in the Notice of Service of Standard Family Law Interrogatories to file the Long Form Affidavit, Form12.902(c), you must do so within the time to serve the answers to these interrogatories.

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Other party or his/her attorney:	
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