

# How to Serve Divorce Papers in Utah

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We all know that serving divorce papers is a necessary step in the process of getting divorced. However, it can be difficult to find out what you need to do if you are not familiar with the legal system. If it's time to serve your spouse with divorce papers, but you don't know how. Then this blog post will help guide you through some important steps on how to serve divorce papers in Utah. Click to jump to section:

## What Does It Mean to Serve Divorce Papers?

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The process of serving papers also called service of process is as it sounds, the process of delivering a copy of the documents filed with the court to begin a case to the individuals opposing you. Divorce papers, more specifically, are a summons and complaint, or a petition, that informs the defendant that he or she must answer the complaint. These documents state the number of days he or she has as well as the default judgment that will occur if the individual doesn't respond within the given time. You should keep the original documents, and your spouse should be served with copies of the following documents:

- Copy of Complaint
- Copy of [Court Summons](#)
- Copy of Temporary Injunctions if needed

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Hiring a Utah divorce attorney can help you through this process and help you remain protected throughout it, especially in complex cases of custody or significant joint assets. Please review the information on this page carefully, as failing to properly serve your spouse can get your case dismissed, and then you will have to start all over again.



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## The Utah Service of Process

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In addition, some cases include a temporary court order that dictates several things including:

- Who will remain in the home
- Financial matters and payment responsibility
- Custody of children
- Child support
- Spousal support

After completing these forms, the original copies must then be filed with the proper county court. *Papers must then be served to the other party within 120 days of the filing of the petition.* The defendant or other spouse must be told about the case, given copies of all documents filed, and given time to respond to the action taken.

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## **FAQ – Serving Divorce Papers in Utah**

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Here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about [getting a divorce in Utah](#):

[Who Can Serve Divorce Papers?](#)

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[How to Serve Your Spouse Utah Divorce Papers?](#)

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[Is Proof of Service Required?](#)

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[What Happens After You Serve Your Spouse Divorce Papers](#)

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[When a Spouse Doesn't File an Answer to Being Served Divorce Papers](#)

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[If I Am Served Divorce Papers Do I Have to Sign Them?](#)

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[Do You Have To Respond to the Paperwork?](#)

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[Do You Need To Attend Any Hearings?](#)

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[How Long Can You Avoid Being Served Divorce Papers?](#)

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[How Do I Know if My Spouse Has Been Served Divorce Papers?](#)

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## **We Can Help You Serve Divorce Papers in Utah**


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If you are considering filing for divorce in Utah, don't go through this process on your own. Contact the Law Office of David Pedrazas to help ensure that your rights and interests are protected by hiring an experienced attorney who understands state law. The Law Office of David Pedraza is ready to provide you with a confidential consultation so that we can discuss how best to protect your rights as well as meet all legal requirements when it comes time for court proceedings. [Schedule a consultation today](#) or just give us a call at [\(801\) 263-7078](tel:8012637078) when you're ready.

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David is very knowledgeable and experienced. After dealing with a lawyer that did nothing and charged plenty for it, David was a relief! He got the case moving in a productive direction and provided realistic insight and expectations. He communicated with the other lawyer, set up mediation, advised me during the mediation and followed through with finalizing the divorce modification paperwork. Of course, both sides had to

compromise, but we resolved many problems and the outcome was an improvement. David didn't nickel and dime me for every email I sent - which was amazing! It's hard to work with a lawyer knowing every request for direction is going to cost you \$100. David was not like that at all! It felt like he was NOT focused on my money. Thank you for that! To date, I've dealt with more family law attorneys than I prefer, but David is the one I can recommend the most. He's honest, reliable, will let you know what's reasonable and responds quickly. I agree with everybody else on here. Use David. He's earned this spectacular rating. 

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I have to give kudos to Delta Airlines. I took a trip to Nashville on March 1st 2019. After a very disappointing business conference and feeling like it was a huge waste of money and my time I arrived at the terminal with time to spare. So I got lunch and ate it while waiting to board. When the time came I boarded the plane and was looking forward to just getting home when all of a sudden a flight attendant was calling out my name. My attention perked up at hearing my name and I was obviously a little confused. She came over and asked, "are you Julie Jensen?" I said yes, and she proceeds to hand me my wallet. In my bad mood and feeling the whole trip had been a huge let down I inadvertently had walked off and left my wallet sitting on the floor in the terminal. Not only did it have cash, but my passport, License, credit cards ect but it also had my layover and airfare ticket to get home. I didn't even know I had walked off and left it until she brought it to me. I can't even tell you the rush of emotions I felt all at once in the instance. I will be forever grateful that the plane did not take off before I got my wallet back and that the flight attendant was discreet when handling the situation. Thank you Delta.



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I live in Georgia, my now ex-wife left the state with our four children and moved to Utah. She made false allegations of domestic violence to justify her reason for leaving and would not let me see or even talk to our children. I had no idea where she went and by the time I was able to locate them Utah had jurisdiction. I researched many lawyers in Utah. It was kinda scary to hire and pay a lawyer over the phone without meeting in person. I really wanted to get the best possible lawyer because my children were at stake and they asked me to please try and get custody. When I came across David I really felt like I had the right lawyer. I read all the reviews and they felt sincere, now I definitely know they were. David is a Great lawyer, the best I've ever dealt with! David is on top of his game and will not hold back! David is an exceptional trial lawyer, he is aggressive just like you want and really knows his stuff! David was always really easy to get in touch with and would call you back the same day if he was busy. I felt really confident through the whole experience with him on my side. I knew I made the right choice by hiring him. David is very thorough and suggested a GAL with turned out to be really helpful. David stayed committed to the case the whole time! I started the process with no contact or even phone call's with my children. During the process David got me phone call's, then visits. The outcome was amazing! I am still in shock of how great it turned out! After the accusations and the kid's being gone almost two years David got me sole physical custody! The court ordered for the kid's to come home to Georgia from Utah! He even got the court to order my now ex-

wife pay child support. The court pretty much ordered exactly what David asked for. I definitely feel like I got the best possible outcome by far and the best possible lawyer! I feel truly blessed I had David as my attorney and would highly recommend him to anyone! I cannot express my gratitude enough! Thank you so much for helping my family David! [REDACTED]

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David handled my lengthy divorce great. I was very worried when learning of who my, now ex-spouse, obtained for his attorney. (You know, the one everyone hires to screw over their spouse in divorce). David wasn't afraid to go to bat for me. He handled my drawn out divorce (made extra long with COVID happening), and I was satisfied with the outcome. Even though divorce is never fun, I highly recommend him. [REDACTED]

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I strongly recommend David for anyone who is dealing with extremely high conflict ex spouses. Child custody evaluations are becoming common on cases when parents dispute schedules, and they can be time consuming, confusing and expensive. David is very knowledgeable of evaluations, statutes, rules, and motions. He successfully fought to see that my ex had his entire motion dismissed completely in the last few weeks. His court demeanor and preparation is exactly what is needed when you have lengthy court procedures that aim to change parent time or custody standings. This is the attorney you need if you have any custody or divorce needs! [REDACTED]

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David was amazing. He fought hard, worked with me, and shows that he truly cares for people. He always got back to me in a timely manner, kept me updated with everything and to this day anytime I have questions or concerns he is always there. I recommend him highly to anyone looking for an excellent, professional, Affordable and caring Attorney. He Truly fights hard and shows it in the court room. Thanks David for helping me get my kids I couldn't have asked for anyone better. [REDACTED]

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Pedrazas represented me in a very tough divorce case that involved assets, property and custody. I could not be happier with the level of professionalism, the compassion, and



straight forward advice. He went above and beyond for me and without getting into specifics got me EVERYTHING that I wanted in our case. There are attorneys out there that will bleed you dry ... this is not DP. Don't be fooled by the calm demeanor ... I saw one of the most intelligent and powerful negotiations I have ever seen by him in our mediation. Thanks DP. If you find yourself in need of a family lawyer I can say that he is by far the best I have worked with. [REDACTED]

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David was great to work with. I had a very long dreadful case and I'm glad i had him to represent and support me through it. He is always available, he will return your calls & emails right away, he truly takes his cases seriously and cares about his clients. Will always use him again in any legal matter and i 100%recommend him, he's the best!



★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I would strongly recommend hiring or consulting with David during any family or child law case. His experience shows in his ability to provide clear answers during what is usually a very difficult time in life. He has been established in the local area for some time and knows how to navigate the system to get desired results. In addition to frequent email communications, he was flexible with my work schedule and we met face to face multiple times after normal work hours to ensure that we were both on the same page and that we had all the necessary data to present a strong case. That was a big deal to me, and David will do that for his clients. On top of all that, he is a friendly person that is understanding of the difficult circumstances of a divorce and child custody which he puts all efforts into helping you get results. I would not hesitate to continue consulting with David if there are future needs. [REDACTED]

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Our family needed custody advice and representation. David Pedrazas was knowledgeable, professional, candid, and a true advocate! You can trust that your case will be handled with attention to detail and compassion. You truly are getting the best in the family law business with David!! [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Both pre Covid-19 and present Covid-19, David has shown me what a stellar attorney he is. One of his best qualities to me as someone looking for litigation is his responsiveness. He gets back to you extremely quickly, and will give you the time of day. He will get things done. Be like David and don't wait! Get in touch with him. [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

From the first time I spoke with David he was super helpful and responsive. I transitioned over to him after dealing with a lawyer that was slow and constantly giving me the run around. He made the process quick and easy for me, so much so that one day, he emailed me and said I was divorced and I did not believe him. [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

David is amazing and I especially recommend him for anything that feels IMPOSSIBLE! He takes impossibility as a challenge to make things possible. David is highly experienced and I've referred him to many family and friends. He is more than fair, even GENEROUS, with his fees and is flexible with retainer payments to accommodate those unplanned and emergent situations. David knows the "ins and outs" of Family Law and is an incredible negotiator! He thinks outside the box and holds his clients' interests in high regard. Lower your stress and anxiety...give him a call now! You'll be glad you did. [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

David made sure that not only did my divorce go smoothly, but that things were taken care of. He pushed to make sure I got what I wanted and what was fair. He gave great advise and always had an answer to my questions. He made sure that when it was my court date or paperwork needed to be done, that my case was the main focus. I heard about him from a friend and I'm glad that he is my lawyer! [REDACTED]

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David helped me with my divorce a couple years ago. Very quick and painless process with his help. From the initial consultation, he was very straightforward and helped me



understand the options I had so that I could make the best decision for myself. He was reasonably priced and prompt in both communication and filing. Definitely recommend him to anyone in the Salt Lake Area [REDACTED]

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I have never reviewed anybody or any business before but what David has done for me I felt the need to share my experience. He took care of everything to do with my case and made a horrible situation with child custody seem bearable and under control. I recommend David to anyone that needs an attorney with a back bone and doesn't play games. [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

David is far the best custody lawyer in utah. I never would have got custody of my child if I hadn't hired him. He is very aggressive and he knows the laws. He is very responsive and always calls you back quick. He answers all your question and is very good at explaining to you what's going on and what your options are I want to thank you David for all you have done for me and my child you sir are a rock star. [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

When working with David, he was very genuine in our conversation. He cares about his clients and wants the best for them. I would recommend and have already recommend David when it comes to family law matters. [REDACTED]

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At first i had my doubts with my full custody case i took to Mr. Pedrazas. But he was an honest person who gave me the answers of not what i want to hear but what could happen if i don't provide the right evidence to fight for my kids full custody. Most of the time we expect things to go our way but with the knowledge Mr. Pedrazas have about the law makes him the right person to be on your side legally. And because of him my kids are now safe with me and now have full custody! Thank you Mr. Pedrazas [REDACTED]

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David did an amazing job, the ex wanted to take 100% of my house and my boy and leave me with nothing. David made sure I got 50/50 on both... everything I asked for, he gave me. Thank you David. [REDACTED]

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Our community is well served by the award winning law firm of David Pedrazas, PLLC. This firm has won many awards for outstanding service including the "Reviewer's Choice" award for best attorney and Avvo's "Client Choice" award. You can trust them to represent you well. [REDACTED]

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Dave and his staff are extremely professional and I highly recommend them. I really like their comprehensive website. Lots of resources and links to assist if your going through a divorce. I can see why they got so many awards!! [REDACTED]

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As a past client of David, I highly recommend his services. He was very knowledgeable throughout the process and helped make the best outcome possible. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Pedrazas is realistic and straight forward in his advice and instruction. A very competent and insightful Attorney for any legal matter. Handles himself appropriately and professionally in the courtroom. Thank you for your work. [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

I went to David with a custody issue that had significant time restraints and what I'm sure what not the "norm" (if there is such a thing). David did not miss a beat. Always quick to return a call or a rambling email. Highly recommend!! [REDACTED]

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Hubby and i had a mutual friend who recommended this office to us in case we need legal help in the future. She had a great experience that is why i decided to leave this feedback to recommend them to anyone else who needs legal help in this matter. [REDACTED]

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David Pedrazas' law firm has won many awards, including the "Reviewer's Choice" for best attorney and Avvo's "Client Choice" award. They are a positive benefit to our community. [REDACTED]

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You will get straightforward information about the law. Very professional and returned my call quickly. [REDACTED]

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David was amazing I pre-paid him and he did everything very timely manner and give me very good details to protect myself I highly recommend them to everyone [REDACTED]

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Went in for a consultation with a close friend. So impressed with the information provided and advice they gave to help her in her situation. Not surprised by her confidence in their services. [REDACTED]

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So happy with the work David did for my custody case! Would recommend! 100%



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A wonderful practice to help with divorce and the messiness of it.



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Very professional and know what they are talking about.



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