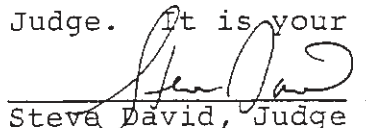
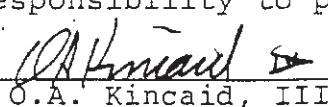


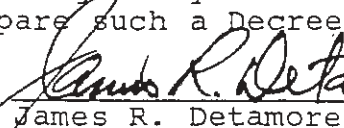
**NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO FILE ACTIONS FOR DISSOLUTION
OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT BENEFIT OF COUNSEL**

You have the right to file an action for dissolution of marriage without securing an attorney to represent you. However, the Clerk's Office, the Courts staff and the Judges cannot act as your legal advisor. The rules that apply to attorneys who file dissolutions apply equally to litigants who represent themselves. Those rules are as follows:

1. You must file a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage which complies with all of the statutory requirements. Any Petition not satisfying the statutory requirements will be dismissed.
2. You must correctly and completely file with your Petition the proper summons with sufficient copies as required by the Clerk. Do not ask the Clerk or her staff to assist you in preparing or correcting a summons. This is your responsibility. Incorrect or incomplete summons will not be accepted by the Clerk.
3. Once a proper Petition is filed, you must request a final hearing date from the Court. Final hearing dates are not assigned until after the statutory waiting period has lapsed. Therefore, do not request a date until after that time. It is your responsibility to calculate the waiting period, not the Court's.
4. Upon arriving at the Courthouse for your final hearing, notify the particular Court staff of your presence. You will be summoned into Court when your case is called for trial. At the final hearing, the Judge will place all witnesses under oath, and you are then responsible for presenting all the statutorily required evidence to receive a dissolution of marriage. It is very important that you know all of the evidence that is necessary because the Judge cannot assist you or act as your attorney during the trial. If you fail to present all of the necessary evidence, your dissolution will not be granted.
5. If the Petitioner fails to appear for the final hearing, a divorce may still be granted if the Respondent presents the required evidence. You should bring a written Decree of Dissolution with you to the final hearing and present it to the Judge. Your dissolution is not final unless a written Decree of Dissolution is signed by the Judge. It is your responsibility to prepare such a Decree.


Steve David, Judge
Boone Circuit Court


O.A. Kincaid, III
Judge, Boone
Superior Court I


James R. Detamore
Judge, Boone
Superior Court II