

## What to expect when working with Marble

# Response to Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in California

We're in this together. We're here to make the process as transparent as possible. Below you'll see the step by step process and what you can expect in terms of timeline.

Your service, explained in a sentence:

Once you're served with a petition for dissolution of marriage, you have 30 days to respond.

## What's included

Preparing and filing paperwork needed (including the Response to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and Preliminary Declaration of Financial Disclosures)

1 attempt to serve the document to your spouse (if they're in the US and we know where to find them)

Court filing fees



Wait, does this mean I'm divorced?

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Not just yet. Once your spouse files for divorce, you're required to respond within 30 days.

This service is to help you file your response.

You may want to hire us to help you finalize your divorce. This will be an additional service.

## The steps and timeline

The descriptions provided here are for illustrative purposes only. Please refer to your signed Marble Agreement to review the specific services you have agreed to. Your legal team will do its best to tackle your legal issue(s) as timely as possible, however, we make no guarantees as to how long your case will take. Every case is different, and several factors may impact the timeline of your case, including varying court processing times and suggested changes to your legal service offerings.

### 01 Talk to a lawyer about your needs

Once we understand your unique situation, we can recommend the right service for you.

### 02 Sign the Marble Agreement

This is our official agreement, with the services we'll do and the payment info.

### 03 Meet your legal team

First things first, you'll meet your attorney, get to know your legal team and go over your case strategy.



**When will this happen?**  
Up to 3 days from signing the Marble Agreement

### 04 We need some information from you

To take care of your paperwork, we'll need some info and documents from you.



**When will this happen?**  
It's up to you—we ask you to send it back to us as soon as possible

### 05 We prepare all the paperwork needed to respond



**How long does this take?**  
10 days once we have all your documents and information

### 06 Your paperwork is ready for your signature



**How long does this take?**  
We'll ask you to review and sign within 2-3 days

### 07 We file the forms with the court



**How long does this take?**  
1 day

### 08 The county clerk processes your paperwork



**How long does this take?**  
It's up to the court, but this typically is the longest part of the process and can take up to 2 months

### 09 We attempt to serve your spouse and file proof of service

According to state law, the opposing party needs to be officially notified about your response.



**How long does this take?**  
2 weeks

#### Please note

The opposing party needs to be in the US and we need to know where to find them.

### 10 We prepare the Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure together and serve your spouse

Required by the state of California, these are court forms outlining your finances, including your income, expenses and debt. You need to prepare and serve this to your spouse within 60 days of responding to your spouse filing for divorce.



**How long does this take?**  
4-5 weeks

### 11 According to the Marble Agreement, we've completed our work

We know this may not be the end of your legal journey, but you've already come this far. Take a moment to acknowledge this milestone.

## What happens next

The next step depends on your unique circumstance.

**We're here to help.**

Every divorce is different. You may want to hire us to help you with the next steps to finalize your divorce.

Additional services may include:

- Negotiations
- Child/spousal support requests
- Child custody/visitation requests
- Court appearances
- And more

If you have any questions, your legal team is here to help.

Marble moves you forward