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CASE #: 21-3-02273-1 SEA

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KING**

In re the marriage of:

Petitioner:

MELINDA FRENCH GATES,

and

Respondent:

WILLIAM H. GATES III.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR DIVORCE  
(Dissolution)  
(PTDSS)**

**Petition for Divorce (Dissolution)**

**1. Information about the parties**

Petitioner lives in: King County, Washington

Respondent lives in: King County, Washington

**2. Information about the marriage**

We were married on January 1, 1994 at Lanai, Hawaii.

The parties are separated.

**3. Request for divorce**

This marriage is irretrievably broken. We ask the court to dissolve our marriage and find that our marital community ended on the date stated in our separation contract.

**4. Jurisdiction over the spouses**

The court has jurisdiction over the marriage because at least one of the spouses lives in Washington state.

The court has personal jurisdiction over the Respondent because the Respondent lives in Washington state.

**5. Is one of the spouses pregnant?**

No.

**6. Children of the marriage**

My spouse and I have no children together who are under 18 years old.

**7. Jurisdiction over the children (RCW 26.27.201 – 221, 231, 261, 271)**

Does not apply.

**8. Parenting Plan**

My spouse and I have no children together who are under 18 years old.

**9. Child Support**

The parties have no minor children and any post-secondary expenses have been addressed in their separation contract.

**10. Children from other relationships**

Neither spouse has children from other relationships.

**11. Written Agreements**

Have you and your spouse signed a prenuptial agreement, separation contract, or community property agreement?

Yes.

Type of written agreement: Separation contract pursuant to RCW 26.09.070.

Should the court enforce this contract? Yes.

**12. Real Property (land or home)**

I ask the Court to divide real property as set forth in our separation contract.

**13. Personal Property (possessions, assets, or business interests of any kind)**

I ask the Court to divide personal property as set forth in our separation contract.

**14. Debts (mortgages, loans, credit cards, other money owed)**

I ask the Court to divide any debts and liabilities as set forth in our separation contract.

**15. Spousal Support (maintenance/alimony)**

Spousal support is not needed.

**16. Fees and Costs**

No request.

**17. Protection Order**

Do you want the court to issue an Order for Protection as part of the final orders in this case?

No. I do not want an Order for Protection.

**18. Restraining Order**

Do you want the court to issue a Restraining Order as part of the final orders in this case?

No.

**19. Name Change**

No request.

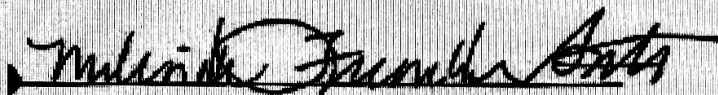
**20. Other requests, if any**

None.

**Petitioner fills out below:**


I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form are true.

Signed at Belleve, Washington on May 3, 2021.



Melinda French Gates

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**JOINDER**

I, WILLIAM H. GATES III agree to join this Petition. I understand that if I fill out and sign below, the court may approve the requests listed in this Petition unless I file and serve a Response before the court signs final orders.

I ask the Petitioner to notify me about any hearings in this case through my counsel identified below.

Signed at Palm Desert on May 3, 2021.

William H. Gates III  
WILLIAM H. GATES III

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vs

William H. Gates

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**CASE INFORMATION COVER SHEET AND  
AREA DESIGNATION**

(CICS)

**CAUSE OF ACTION**

DIN - Dissolution no Children

**AREA OF DESIGNATION**

SEA

Defined as all King County north of Interstate 90 and including all of Interstate 90 right of way, all of the cities of Seattle, Mercer Island, Issaquah, and North Bend, and all of Vashon and Maury Islands.

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Petitioner(s)

NO. 21-3-02273-1 SEA  
 Order Setting Deadlines (Case Schedule)  
 Domestic Without Children

vs

III William H. Gates

Respondent(s)

ASSIGNED JUDGE: Wiggs-Martin, DEPT. 17  
 TRIAL DATE: 04/04/2022  
 FILE DATE: 05/03/2021

As required by King County Superior Court Local Civil Rule 4, you must follow the deadlines below until:

- Agreed final orders or final orders entered by default are approved by the court, or
- The case is dismissed, or
- A Notice of Settlement is filed.

The court can fine you or dismiss your case if you fail to follow the deadlines listed below. (LCR 4(g))

**THE PETITIONER MUST SERVE THE OTHER PARTY**

If you are the person who filed this case, you are responsible for arranging for all parties to be served:

- Summons
- Petition
- A copy of this Case Schedule and Family Law Handbook

DATES YOU MAY NEED TO APPEAR IN COURT	DATE
Trial Date	04/04/2022

BOTH PARTIES MUST COMPLETE REQUIRED CLASSES	DATE
If you do not have an attorney, you must complete the Family Law Orientation (FLO) by: (Register at <a href="https://kcscfamlaworientation.eventbrite.com">https://kcscfamlaworientation.eventbrite.com</a> )	06/07/2021

DEADLINES TO KEEP YOUR CASE ON TRACK – DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT	DATE
On this date, your case will be reviewed to determine if it is in compliance. You will be mailed a letter from the court.  If service of the summons and petition has not been completed, you may receive an Order Setting a Hearing or your case may be dismissed.	09/03/2021
DEADLINE for Hearing Motions to Change Case Assignment Area <i>KCLCR 82(e)</i>	09/07/2021
If you want to change the trial date, you need to file a motion by: <i>LCR 40(e)(2) and LFLR 4(f)</i>	01/18/2022
You must try to reach a settlement outside of court with the help of a professional, such as a mediator or arbitrator. This is called <b>Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)</b> . Unless waived by the assigned judge, ADR must be completed by: <i>LCR 16(b)</i>	03/07/2022

DEADLINES FOR PREPARING FOR AN INFORMAL TRIAL – DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT	DATE
Trial materials are due to all other parties and the assigned judge by: Your assigned judge will tell you how they would like to receive working copies. <i>LFLR 23</i>	03/28/2022

DEADLINES FOR PREPARING FOR A TRADITIONAL TRIAL – DO NOT APPEAR IN COURT	DATE
You must exchange lists of all people they may call as witnesses at trial. This list is called the "Disclosure of Possible Primary Witnesses." Give it to the other party and file it with the Clerk's office by: <i>LCR 26(b)</i>	01/03/2022
If there are more people you want to call as witnesses, you need to complete a form called "Disclosure of Possible Additional Witnesses." Give it to the other party and file it with the Clerk's office by: <i>LCR 26(b)</i>	01/31/2022
If you want information or documents from the other party or third-parties, you must complete "discovery" by: <i>LCR 37(g)</i>	02/28/2022
You must prepare a final list of trial witnesses and a list of all exhibits (documents or other items) that they want the trial judge to review. Witness & Exhibit Lists with copies of exhibits attached must be served by: <i>LCR 4(j)</i>	03/14/2022
All parties must complete a form called "Joint Confirmation of Trial Readiness" and provide a copy to the assigned judge by:  In the Joint Confirmation of Trial Readiness form, you must designate whether you want a traditional or informal trial. The Family Law Trial Selection Form and information about informal trials can be found at <a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/fl-trials.aspx">https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/fl-trials.aspx</a> . <i>LFLR 23</i>	03/14/2022

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Trial materials are due to all other parties and the assigned judge by:

03/28/2022

Unless waived by the judge, all parties must complete a form called "Joint Statement of Evidence" by:

**IT IS ORDERED** that all parties shall follow this case schedule and the court may impose penalties, including dismissal of the case, if the parties do not comply, as authorized by LCR 4.

DATED: 05/03/2021

  
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PRESIDING JUDGE

**IMPORTANT:**

- This Order does not tell you everything you must do to resolve this case to your satisfaction.
- **Court Rules:** Court procedures are set by Washington State court rules and King County local rules. It is your responsibility to follow all court rules, which can be found at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/clerk/rules.aspx> and [http://www.courts.wa.gov/court\\_rules](http://www.courts.wa.gov/court_rules).

These rules can be changed by emergency court orders issued by Washington State Supreme Court as well as King County Superior Court. You can find emergency orders at:

<https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court.aspx>

- **Address Changes:** You must keep your address up to date with the court so you can receive additional notices and orders of the court. Please also provide an email address.

**INTERPRETERS**

Interpreters are provided for court events at no cost. You must request one 3-5 business days before the hearing at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/SuperiorCourt/InterpSrv.aspx>. For more information, please call (206) 477-1415.

**AFTER AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED**

If you are in agreement on all issues in your case, you may be able to avoid going to trial. If you do not have an attorney, you can receive help from the Family Law Information Center. You must notify the bailiff to your assigned judge once the case has been resolved.

**RESOURCES**

**Family Law Information Center**

If you do not have an attorney, you can get help at the Family Law Information Center. How to access help is detailed at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/FamilyCourt/facilitator.aspx>. Please do not come to court without consulting our website for current resources.

**VOLUNTEER SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

A mediator will try to help you reach an agreement; no fees are charged for mediation through this program. More information is available at: <https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/get-help/settlement-conferences/volunteer-settle.aspx>.

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**LEGAL AID PROGRAMS**

There are additional helpful resources available at: <https://kingcounty.gov/courts/superior-court/family/facilitator.aspx>.



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and William H. Gates, III  
Petitioner,

Automatic Temporary Order  
Setting Financial Restraints  
(TMO)

Respondent.

**I. NOTICE TO THE PARTIES**

An action has been started in this court that affects your rights. All parties are now required to obey the following order unless and until the court changes it in your case. Any party may ask the court to change or clarify this order by filing a motion. The Court has the power to punish violations of this order; the court may find the violator in contempt and require the violator to pay the other party for any attorneys' fees incurred for bringing the violation before the court.

**II. ORDER**

**2.1 Financial Restraints - (These restraints shall apply to family law petitions seeking dissolution of marriage or domestic partnership, legal separation, or declaration of invalidity filed under RCW 26.09.)**

- a. Both parties are restrained from transferring, removing, encumbering, concealing, damaging, or in any way disposing of any property, except in the usual course of business, or for the necessities of life, or as agreed to in writing by the parties, or as ordered by the court. Payment of reasonable attorney's fees and/or advance fee deposit in this case is not a violation of this provision.
- b. Both parties are restrained from assigning, transferring, borrowing, lapsing, surrendering, or changing entitlement of any insurance policies of either or both parties, or of any dependent children, whether medical, health, life, automobile, or

other insurance, except as agreed in writing by the parties or as ordered by the court.

- c. Unless the court orders otherwise, all parties are responsible for their own future debts whether incurred by credit card, loan, security interest, or mortgage, except as agreed in writing by the parties.
- d. Both parties shall have access to all tax, financial, legal, and household records. Reasonable access to records shall not be denied without order of the court.

## 2.2 Service, Effective Date of Order, and Motion to Quash

- a. The Petitioner shall serve a copy of this order on the Respondent and file proof of service with the court.
- b. The Petitioner is subject to this order from the time of filing the Petition. The Respondent is subject to this order from the time the order is served.
- c. This order shall remain in effect until the conclusion of this matter, unless it is modified or quashed by a further court order.
- d. Any party subject to this order may bring a motion to quash this restraining order under LFLR 8(f) and CR 65(b) or bring a motion to modify this order on the family law motions calendar.

## 2.3 Agreed modifications of this order may be presented to the Ex Parte and Probate Department

Dated: 5/3/2021



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Chief UFC Judge