

4 Choices to Finish Your Case: A Response has been Filed

If you are in full agreement:

1. **Prepare the Judgment and other necessary documents yourselves.** See the Court's Judgment Checklist (local form FM-1052 (Divorce/Legal Separation) or FM-1053 (Parentage)) to see what forms you need to finish your case.
2. **Hire an attorney to prepare the Judgment documents for you.**
3. **The Court's Self-Help Center can help you finalize your case.** Set up a **Case Status Conference** by calling the Clerk's Office (408-882-2900). At the Status Conference the court attorney working with you will review your file and make an appointment to finish your case. Both parties must come to the appointment in person.

Important: The Self-Help Center does not write up agreements to divide things you own or debts you owe. Please see a private attorney for help.

If you disagree or the other party isn't cooperating to make an appointment:

4. File a *Request for Trial* (local form FM-1012) to finish your case
 - See the attached *Alternative Dispute Resolution Options* (local form FM-1021) information about how to resolve issues yourselves before going to trial.

You can find out more about the Court's Self-Help Center at www.scscourt.org

You can get a low-cost consultation with a private attorney by calling the Santa Clara County Bar Association at 408-971-6822 or www.sccba.com

You may be able to hire a lawyer to handle a specific part of your divorce as a way of saving money. For instance, the lawyer would help you with property division only, and not any other part of your divorce.

You can also visit the Santa Clara County Law Library at 360 N. First St., San Jose, 408-299-3567