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**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
PINAL COUNTY**

Name of Petitioner

Case Number: S1100DO

**DECREE OF LEGAL SEPARATION
WITH MINOR CHILDREN
IN A NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE**

Name of Respondent

Honorable: _____

THE COURT FINDS:

1. This case has come before this court for a final **“Legal Separation with Minor Children”**. The court has taken all testimony needed to enter a Decree, or the court has determined testimony is not needed to enter the Decree.
2. This court has jurisdiction over the parties under the law; the provisions of this Decree are fair and reasonable under the circumstances and in the best interests of the minor child(ren) as to legal decision- making, parenting time and support, and the division of property and debt is fair and equitable.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS THAT:

3. **ARIZONA RESIDENCY.** The requirements of A.R.S. § 25-313 for legal separation have been met: At the time this action was filed, the Petitioner or the Respondent was domiciled in

Arizona or was stationed in Arizona while a member of the United States Armed Forces.

4. **CONCILIATION COURT.** The provisions relating to the Conciliation Court either do not apply or have been met.
5. **SEPARATE AND APART.** The marriage is irretrievably broken or the parties desire to live separate and apart.
6. **COVENANT MARRIAGE.** This is a non-covenant marriage.
7. **LEGAL DECISION-MAKING, SUPPORT, SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT, DIVISION OF PROPERTY AND DEBT.** Where it has the legal power and where it is applicable to the facts of this case, this court has considered, approved, and made orders relating to issues of child legal decision-making, parenting time, child support, spousal maintenance/ support (alimony), and the division of property and/or debts.
8. **PROTECTIVE ORDERS.** Following is the effect, if any, of this Decree on any existing protective orders: _____

9. **COMMUNITY PROPERTY AND DEBT.** (Select One)
 The parties **DID NOT** acquire any community property or debt during the marriage, **OR**
 The parties **DID** acquire community property and/or debt but shall be divided as pursuant to this Decree.
10. **PREGNANCY OR PATERNITY.** (Select one.)
 Wife is not pregnant, **OR**
 Wife is pregnant, and the husband **IS OR** **IS NOT** the father of the child.
11. **SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT.** (Select one.)
 A party is entitled to an award of Spousal Maintenance/Support for the reason that
 Petitioner, **OR** Respondent
Lacks enough property, including property given to him or her as part of this divorce or legal separation, to provide for his or her reasonable needs, and is unable to support himself or herself through an appropriate job, or he or she is providing the primary

care to child(ren) of young age or is of a condition that they should not be required to look for work outside the home, or lacks earning ability necessary to support himself or herself, or contributed significantly to the educational opportunities of the other spouse, or had a marriage that lasted a long time and is of an age that may severely limit the possibility of getting a job to support himself or herself, **OR**

Neither party is entitled to an award of Spousal Maintenance/Support.

12. PARENT INFORMATION PROGRAM.

a. Petitioner has attended the Parent Information Program class as evidenced by the “Certificate of Completion” in the court file. **OR**

Petitioner has not attended the Parent Information Program. In accord with A.R.S § 25- 353, the Court may deny any request to enforce or modify the provisions of this decree which address legal decision-making or parenting time until Petitioner has completed the class.

b. Respondent has attended the Parent Information Program class as evidenced by the “Certificate of Completion” in the court file. **OR**

Respondent has not attended the Parent Information Program. In accord with A.R.S § 25-353, the Court may deny any request to enforce or modify the provisions of this decree which address legal decision-making or parenting time until Respondent has completed the class.

13. CHILD SUPPORT. (Select any that apply.)

a. Child support has been determined in accordance with the Arizona Child Support Guidelines. **OR**

b. Application of the Arizona Child Support Guidelines in this case is inappropriate or unjust. The Court has considered the best interests of the minor child(ren) in determining that a deviation is appropriate and makes the following findings:

The child support amount before deviation is: \$ _____

The child support amount after deviation is: \$ _____

The Court finds the guidelines amount is inappropriate or unjust because:

- Attached written agreement incorporated **AND**
 - All parties have signed the agreement free of duress and coercion.
 - Other:
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- c. Physical Legal Decision-Making Adjustment, Court Approved Discretionary Parenting Time Adjustment or other Adjustments. (The court must make written findings if any of these adjustments are made.):
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- d. Ability to Pay. The Court finds that the person responsible for paying child support has the ability to pay child support:

In the amount entered on Line 34 of the Worksheet of \$ _____

OR

In an adjusted amount calculated using the self-support reserve on the Parent's Worksheet for Child Support Amount of \$ _____

14. LEGAL DECISION-MAKING OF MINOR CHILD(REN). (Select any that apply.)

- a. **Joint Legal Decision-Making.** If joint Legal Decision-Making is awarded the court makes the following findings:

The Legal Decision-Making order or agreement is in the best interests of the minor child(ren) for the following reasons: (List the reasons.) _____

Domestic Violence.

Domestic violence **has not occurred** during this marriage, **OR**

Domestic violence **has occurred**, but the domestic violence has not been significant. Explain why joint Legal Decision-Making is in the best interest of the minor child(ren) even though domestic violence has occurred: _____

- b. **Supervised or No Parenting Time.** (Check and complete only if supervised

parenting time or no parenting time is ordered.)

Supervised Parenting Time between the children and Petitioner **OR** Respondent, is in the best interests of the minor child(ren), for the following reasons:
(Explain the reasons) _____

OR

No Parenting Time by Petitioner **OR** Respondent, is in the best interests of the minor child(ren), for the following reasons: (Explain). _____

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. LEGAL SEPARATION

THE PARTIES ARE LEGALLY SEPARATED.

2. ENFORCEMENT OF TEMPORARY ORDERS.

All obligations ordered to be paid by the parties in Temporary Orders dated (fill in dates of ALL temporary orders here) _____

are satisfied in full.

OR

Judgment is awarded against the party with the obligation up to the amount due and owing as of the date of this Decree, with the highest legal interest allowed by law, for the total amount of \$ _____

3. CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING, PARENTING TIME, AND CHILD SUPPORT.

a. PREGNANCY.

A child who is common to the parties is expected to be born _____ (DATE).

All orders below as to Legal Decision-Making, parenting time, support, and medical insurance/expenses include this child and all other children named below. **OR**

The orders below as to Legal Decision-Making, parenting time, support, and medical insurance/expenses do not include this child; the court reserves jurisdiction to address these issues regarding this child when the child is born.

b. **CHILDREN.** This Decree includes all minor children common to the parties as follows:

Name(s) Of Minor Child(ren) **Date(s) of Birth(s)** (Month/Day/Year)

c. **CHILD LEGAL DECISION-MAKING.** (Select one)

i. **SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING.** Sole Legal Decision-Making of the minor child(ren) is awarded to: Petitioner, **OR** Respondent, subject to parenting time as follows:

Parenting Time to the parent not having Legal Decision-Making, according to the terms of the Parenting Plan attached as **“Exhibit B”** and made a part of this Decree. **OR,**

Supervised Parenting Time to Petitioner **OR** Respondent according to the terms of the Parenting Plan attached as **“Exhibit B”**. Parenting Time may only take place in the presence of another person, named below or otherwise approved by the court.

Name of supervisor:

Restrictions on parenting time:

The cost of supervised parenting time will be paid by:

- Petitioner **OR**
 Respondent **OR**
 Shared equally by the parties **OR**
 No parenting time rights to Petitioner **OR** Respondent. **OR**

The court adopts the terms of the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement/Parenting Plan describing the Legal Decision-Making and parenting

time agreement between the parties. By attaching the Joint Legal Decision-Making Agreement/Parenting Plan to the Decree, the Agreement becomes part of the Decree and carries the same legal weight as the Decree.

d. CHILD SUPPORT.

The Child Support Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

This Court cannot make a legal order, without personal service on the Respondent, with respect to issues of child support, or medical, dental and vision care insurance for the minor child(ren). The court reserves jurisdiction to enter further orders at such time as the Court acquires personal jurisdiction over the Respondent.

e. MEDICAL, DENTAL, VISION CARE FOR MINOR CHILDREN.

(1) INSURANCE.

Petitioner is responsible for providing:

Medical Dental Vision Care Insurance

Respondent is responsible for providing:

Medical Dental Vision Care Insurance

Medical, dental, and vision care insurance, payments and expenses are based on the information in the Parent's Worksheet for Child Support attached and incorporated by reference. The party ordered to pay must keep the other party informed of the insurance company name, address and telephone number, and must give the other party the documents necessary to submit insurance claims.

(2) NON-COVERED EXPENSES.

Petitioner is ordered to pay___% **AND**

Respondent is ordered to pay_____%

of all reasonable uncovered and/or uninsured medical, dental, vision care, prescription and other health care charges for the minor child(ren), including co-payments.

4. SPOUSAL MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT.

a. Neither party shall pay spousal maintenance/support (alimony) to the other party,
OR

b. **Petitioner** OR **Respondent**

Is ordered to pay to the other party the sum of \$_____per month in spousal maintenance/support **BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH** after this Decree is signed.

Each payment shall be made by the first day of each month after that and shall **continue until** the receiving party is remarried or deceased OR until (date)_____.

All payments shall be made through the Support Payment Clearinghouse by wage assignment, until all required payments have been made under this Decree.

Payments made shall be included in receiving spouse's taxable income and is tax deductible from the paying spouse's income as required by law. Spousal maintenance/support payments end if the receiving party is remarried or deceased.

c. **In accordance with the parties' agreements,**

The spousal maintenance award **SHALL BE** modifiable in accordance with Arizona law, **OR**

The spousal maintenance award **SHALL NOT** be modifiable for any reason.

5. **PROPERTY, DEBTS AND TAX RETURNS.** (Select any that apply.)

- a. Petitioner is ordered to pay all debts unknown to Respondent, **AND**
 Respondent is ordered to pay all debts unknown to Petitioner, **AND**
 Each party is ordered to pay his or her debts from the following date,_____.

- b. Each party is assigned his or her separate property and Petitioner must pay his/her separate debt, and Respondent must pay his/her separate debt.

- c. This Decree can be used as a transfer of title and can be recorded. Parties shall sign all documents necessary to complete all transfer of title ordered in this Decree, such as motor vehicles, houses, and financial institution accounts. The parties shall transfer all real and personal property as described in **“Exhibit A”** to the other party on or before by _____5:00 p.m.

If the party required to transfer the property has not transferred the property to the party entitled to receive the property on or before the date and time listed above, the party entitled to receive the property is entitled upon application to a Writ of Assistance or

Writ of Execution to be issued by the Clerk of the Court commanding the sheriff to put him or her in possession of the property.

Other orders and relief relating to property or debt, if any, are contained in “**Exhibit A**”, which is attached and incorporated into this Decree.

d. For previous calendar years, pursuant to IRS rules and regulations, the parties will file:

Joint federal and state income tax returns and hold each other harmless from half of all income taxes and costs, if any, and each party will share equally in tax refunds, if any, **OR**

Separate federal and state income tax returns.

AND

This calendar year and continuing thereafter, each party will file separate federal and state income tax returns.

AND

Each party shall give the other party all necessary documentation to file all tax returns.

6. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXCHANGES.** In cases in which child support or spousal maintenance are ordered, then until such time as those would end under the orders in this Decree, the parties shall exchange financial information (tax returns, spousal affidavits, earning statements and/or other related financial statements) every 24 months.

7. **TAX EXEMPTION.** The parties shall claim as income tax dependency exemptions on federal and state tax returns as follows. A party required to pay child support is only entitled to claim (a) minor child(ren) as an income tax dependency exemption if that parent has paid all of the child support due and owing for the year that party is entitled to the exemption:

Parent Entitled to Claim	Name of Child	Tax Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Petitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent	_____	_____

8. **CHILDREN TO WHOM THIS DECREE DOES NOT APPLY.**

It is ordered that Petitioner, **OR** Respondent has no legal obligation or right to the minor child(ren) born during the marriage but not common to the marriage. These minor children include: (Use additional paper if necessary)

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Child expected to be born this date: _____

9. QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER. (QDRO)

A QDRO is not necessary;

A QDRO is submitted herewith, **OR**

A QDRO will be submitted to the court as soon as practicable or not later than _____
(DATE)

The court shall retain jurisdiction over the subject matter of the QDRO.

10. FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER. Pursuant to Rule 81, Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, this final judgment/decree is settled, approved and signed by the court and shall be entered by the clerk.

11. OTHER ORDERS. (List any other orders.)

FINAL APPEALABLE ORDER: Pursuant to Arizona Rules of Family Law Procedure, Rule 81, this final judgment/decree is settled, approved and signed by the court and shall be entered by the clerk.

DONE IN OPEN COURT: _____

JUDGE OR COURT COMMISSIONER

EXHIBIT A: PROPERTY AND DEBTS (Refer to section “E” in instructions)

1. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY: (property acquired during the marriage)

Award each party the personal property in his/her possession.

Community property is awarded to each party as follows:

2. LIST OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY: (Be very specific in your description of the property.)

Household Furniture and Appliances (Be specific)

AWARD TO

Petitioner Respondent

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Video: TV / DVD / DVR / VCR, etc. (Be specific)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Audio: Stereo/ Radio (Household or Portable) (Be specific)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Computers and Related Equipment (Be specific)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motor Vehicles (Be specific)

Year, Make, Model: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Last 4 digits of VIN #: _____

COMMUNITY PROPERTY: - continued

Motor Vehicles (Be specific)

Year, Make, Model: _____

Last 4 digits of VIN #: _____

AWARD TO

Petitioner Respondent

Year, Make, Model: _____

Last 4 digits of VIN #: _____

Cash, bonds of \$ _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

Other: _____

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3. DIVISION OF RETIREMENT, PENSION, DEFERRED COMPENSATION:
(WARNING. You should see a lawyer about your retirement, pension, deferred compensation, 401k plans and/or benefits. If you do not see a lawyer regarding these assets, you risk losing any interest you have in these plans and/or benefits. There are certain documents the plan administrator must have. Only a lawyer can help you prepare these documents.)

Neither party has a retirement, pension, deferred compensation, 401K Plan and/or benefits.

OR

Award each party his/her interest in any and all retirement benefits, pension plans, or other deferred compensation described as: _____

OR

Each party **WAIVES AND GIVES UP** his/her interest in any and all retirement benefits, pension plans, or other deferred compensation of the other party.

4. **DIVISION OF REAL PROPERTY:** (Land and Buildings) Section A is for one piece of property. Section B is for another, separate property.

A. **Real property located at** (address)

The *legal description* of this property, *as quoted from the DEED to the property* is:*

*** If you do not provide a correct legal description, you may have to come back to court to amend the Decree to include the correct legal description.**

The real property (“A”) described above is awarded as the sole and separate property of:

Petitioner or Respondent **OR**

Shall be sold and the proceeds divided as follows:

_____ % or \$ _____ To Petitioner.

_____ % or \$ _____ To Respondent.

B. **Real property located at** (address)

The *legal description* of this property, *as quoted from the DEED to the property* is:*

*** If you do not provide a correct legal description, you may have to come back to court to amend the Decree to include the correct legal description.**

The real property (“B”) described above is awarded as the sole and separate property of:

Petitioner or Respondent **OR**
 Shall be sold and the proceeds divided as follows:

_____ % or \$ _____ To Petitioner.
 _____ % or \$ _____ To Respondent.

5. **DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEBT:** (Debts incurred during the marriage) (You should see a lawyer about how to divide secured and unsecured debts.)

Community debts shall be divided as follows:

Creditor Name	Amount Owed	Amount to be paid by Petitioner	Amount to be paid by Respondent
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

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6. Any debts or obligations incurred by either party before the date of separation, that are not identified in the list above or attached, shall be paid by the party who incurred the debt or obligation and that party shall indemnify and hold the other party harmless from such debts.

7. **SEPARATE PROPERTY:** (Property acquired before the marriage or by gift or bequest to one party.)

Property recognized as the separate property of the Petitioner or Respondent, is assigned below:

Description	Value	To Petitioner	To Respondent
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. **SEPARATE DEBT:** (Debt acquired before the marriage.)
 Debt recognized as the separate debt of the **Petitioner** or **Respondent**, is assigned below:

Creditor Name	Debt Amount	Petitioner Pays	Respondent Pays
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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