

# THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EXECUTIVES UNIT 20 – PRACTICE OF FAMILY LAW\*

# Time allowed: 3 hours plus 15 minutes reading time

### **Instructions to Candidates**

- You have been provided with a clean copy of the case study materials for you to use in this examination.
- You have FIFTEEN minutes to read through this question paper and the case study materials before the start of the examination.
- It is strongly recommended that you use the reading time to <u>read</u> the question paper fully. However, you may make notes on the paper or in your answer booklet during this time if you wish.
- All questions are compulsory. You must answer ALL the questions.
- Write in full sentences a yes or no answer will earn no marks.
- Candidates may use in the examination their own unmarked copy of the designated statute book: Blackstone's Statutes on Family Law 2013-2014, 22<sup>nd</sup> edition, M Oldham, Oxford University Press, 2013.
- Candidates must comply with the CILEx Examination Regulations.
- Full reasoning must be shown in answers. Statutory authorities, decided cases and examples should be used where appropriate.

## **Information for Candidates**

- The mark allocation for each question and part question is given and you are advised to take this into account in planning your work.
- Write in blue or black ink or ballpoint pen.
- Attention should be paid to clear, neat handwriting and tidy alterations.
- Complete all rough work in your answer booklet. Cross through any work you do not want marked.

Do not turn over this page until instructed by the Invigilator.

\* This unit is a component of the following CILEx qualifications: LEVEL 6 CERTIFICATE IN LAW, LEVEL 6 PROFESSIONAL HIGHER DIPLOMA IN LAW AND PRACTICE and the LEVEL 6 DIPLOMA IN LEGAL PRACTICE

# Question 1

Reference: Question relates to **Documents 2 and 3** of the case materials.

Student Bounts, com William Allen attends at the office. He confirms that he wishes to proceed with a divorce and asks you to prepare the paperwork that he will need.

Using the attached form D8 (Document A) draft the divorce petition for (a) Mr Allen using the fact you believe is the most appropriate for his case.

IMPORTANT: Write your candidate number clearly on Document A and attach it securely to the inside of your answer booklet.

(15 marks)

Mr Allen confirms that he does not expect his wife to challenge the divorce or the arrangements for the children. He asks you to explain what happens next. Outline the process of the divorce from this point to its conclusion.

(10 marks)

(Total: 25 marks)

# **Question 2**

Reference: Question relates to **Document 4** of the case study materials.

(a) Explain the options available to Mrs Singh to resolve financial matters amicably and without recourse to the court.

(8 marks)

(b) Your secretary tells you that Mrs Singh visited the office earlier and has asked for an urgent appointment with you. She hands you a copy of the Attendance Note from this meeting (Document B) and advises you that Mrs Singh will attend at the office later this afternoon to seek your advice.

Discuss what action you could take on her behalf to protect each of the realisable assets.

(18 marks)

(Total: 26 marks)

# Question 3

Reference: Question relates to **Document 5** of the case study materials.

Further to his e-mail to Jane, Nicholas Griffiths attends at the office for an appointment with you.

SHIDENTBOUNTS.COM Explain to Mr Griffiths the options available for him to secure his position relating to the issues concerning his ability to be involved in decisions regarding his care of the children, following his separation from Yvette.

Advise him as to which option you consider to be the best in his circumstances and why.

(8 marks)

(b) Assume that following an unsuccessful Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (M.I.A.M), Mr Griffiths later elects to apply to the court.

Using the attached C100 form (**Document C**), draft the court application for him.

IMPORTANT: Write your candidate number clearly on Document C and attach it securely to the inside of your answer booklet.

(12 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

# **Question 4**

Reference: Question relates to **Document 6** of the case study materials.

What orders should you apply for to protect Miss Mitchell? Explain why she is entitled to apply for those orders.

(6 marks)

Advise Miss Mitchell of the factors which the court will consider when deciding whether to grant each of the orders you have applied for and the likely outcome of the case.

(17 marks)

Assume that you are successful in obtaining the orders sought. Outline the likely terms of the orders.

(6 marks)

(Total: 29 marks)

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# DOCUMENT A (Petition for Divorce - to be used with Question

# Divorce/dissolution/ (judicial) separation petition

To be completed by the Court	
Name of court	A
Case No.	
Date received by the court	
Date issued	
Time issued	<u>.</u>

### **Notes to Petitioners**

- This form should be used if you are making an application to the court for divorce/dissolution to end your marriage or civil partnership or (judicial) separation from your spouse or civil partner.
- · Before completing this form, please read the supporting notes for guidance on completing the form.
- Please answer all questions. If you are unsure of the answer to any question, or you do not think that it applies to you, please indicate this on the form.
- If there is not enough room on the form, you may continue on a separate sheet. Please put your name, the Respondent's (your spouse/civil partner) name, and the number of the Part the information relates to, at the top of your continuation sheet.
- If completing this form by hand, please use black ink and BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS and tick the boxes
  that apply.

## See the supporting notes for guidance

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I,	(please state your full name)	
apply for a divorce		
dissolution		
(judicial) separation		
in respect of my marriage		
civil partnership		
and give the following details in support of my application.		

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D8 Divorce/dissolution/(judicial) separation petition (04.12)

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ly current name is irst name(s) (in full)	Respondent (your spouse/civil p  Respondent  The Respondent's current name is First name(s) (in full)
ast name	Last name
ly address is (including postcode)	The Respondent's address is (including postcode)
Postcode	Postcode
/ly date of birth is	The Respondent's date of birth is
ly occupation is	The Respondent's occupation is
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am male female	The Respondent is male female
Part 2 Details of marriage or civil partnee the supporting notes for guidance	ership
On the day of	[19 ][20 ]
(insert your name exactly as it appears on your marriage/	civil partnership certificate)
married formed a civil partnership with	
(insert the name of the Respondent exactly as it appears	on your marriage/civil partnership certificate)
at	

A certified copy of your marriage/civil partnership certificate must be sent to the court with this completed petition (see supporting notes for guidance).

# Part 3 Jurisdiction

See the supporting notes for guidance

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The Resp at	risdiction rting notes for guidance condent and I last lived together as  husband and wife civil partners
Address	
The court	has jurisdiction to hear this case under
Arti	cle 3(1) of the Council Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 of 27 November 2003
or	
the	Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of Judgments) Regulations 2005
on the f	following grounds
The	Petitioner and Respondent are both habitually resident in England and Wales and/or
Oth	er (please state any other connection(s) on which you wish to rely)
	*
or	
☐ The	court has jurisdiction other than under the Council Regulation on the basis that no court of a stracting State has jurisdiction under the Council Regulation and the Petitioner Respondent omiciled in England and Wales on the date when this application is issued
or	
Jud	court has jurisdiction other than under the Civil Partnership (Jurisdiction and Recognition of gments) Regulations on the basis that no court has, or is recognised as having jurisdiction as set in the Regulations, and
eith	er:
	the Petitioner and/or the Respondent is domiciled in England or Wales
or	
	the Petitioner and Respondent registered as civil partners of each other in England or Wales and it would be in the interests of justice for the court to assume jurisdiction in this case.

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## Part 4 Other proceedings or arrangements

Student Bounty.com See the supporting notes for guidance There are and/or have been proceedings in any court in England and Wales or elsewhere with reference to the marriage civil partnership or to any child of the family or between the Petitioner and Respondent with reference to any property of either or both of them (please enter details below) or no other proceedings in any court in England and Wales or elsewhere. This is an application based on five years' separation and agreement has been made or is proposed to be made between the parties for the support of the Petitioner the Respondent and any child of the family (please enter details below) no agreement has been made or is proposed to be made. Part 5 The fact(s) See the supporting notes for guidance I apply for a divorce on the ground that the marriage has broken down irretrievably, or dissolution on the ground that the civil partnership has broken down irretrievably, or (judicial) separation and I rely on the following fact(s) in support of my application: The Respondent has committed adultery and the Petitioner finds it intolerable to live with the Respondent (this fact is not applicable in relation to a civil partnership) The Respondent has behaved in such a way that the Petitioner cannot reasonably be expected to live with the Respondent The Respondent has deserted the Petitioner for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the presentation of this petition The parties to the marriage/civil partnership have lived apart for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition and the Respondent consents to a decree/order being granted The parties to the marriage/civil partnership have lived apart for a continuous period of at least five years immediately preceding the presentation of the petition.

# Student Bounty Com Part 6 Statement of case See the supporting notes for guidance (in all cases, please state briefly any relevant details about the fact(s) on which you rely) Part 7 Details of the children (a) (b) See the supporting notes for guidance Over 16 but under 18 and in education, training or Other child of the family Child of both parties Children of the family working full time Gender Date of birth Full names of the children of the family female (or state if over 18) male Statement of arrangements for children See the supporting notes for guidance I attach a completed statement of arrangements in respect of those children of the family who are either aged under 16, or aged under 18 and at school, college, or in training for a trade, profession or vocation No statement of arrangements is attached, because there are no children of the family, or no children

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of the family are either aged under 16 or aged under 18 and at school, college, or in training for a

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trade, profession or vocation.

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			DD/MM/YYYY	

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# Part 9 Service details

See the supporting notes for guidance

_	sented by a solicitor in these proceeding		
I am not repres	sented by a solicitor in these proceeding	s but am receiving a	dvice from a solicitor
	ed by a solicitor in these proceedings, whould be sent to my solicitor whose detail		0, and all documents for
my attention si	iodid be sent to my solicitor whose detail	is are as follows.	
Box 1 Solicitor's de	etails	*	
Name of solicitor			2
Name of firm			
	documents should be sent for service	Telephone no.	
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		DX no.	
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Box 2 Petitioner's	address for service		
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Box 3 Respondent	's address for service		
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3ox 4 Co-Respond	ent's details, if any		
☐ There is no Co-	-Respondent		
☐ There is a Co-F	Respondent whose details are as follows	6:	
First Name			
Last Name			
Address (including post	tcode)		
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# Part 10

Prayer

See the supporting notes for guidance

The Petitioner therefore prays	
(1) The application	
☐ That the ☐ marriage ☐ civil partnership be dissolved	
or	
☐ That the Petitioner be (judicially) separated from the Respondent.	
(2) Costs (if you wish to claim costs from the Respondent or Co-Respondent)	
☐ That the ☐ Respondent ☐ Co-Respondent shall be ordered to pay the costs of this application	
(3) Financial Order (if you wish to make an application for a Financial Order)	
(a) That the Petitioner may be granted the following Financial Order(s):	
an order for maintenance pending suit/outcome	
periodical payments order	
secured provision order	
lump sum order	
property adjustment order	
order under section 24B, 25B or 25C of the Act of 1973/paragraph 15, 25 or 26 of Schedule 5 the Act of 2004 (Pension Sharing/Attachment Order)	to
(b) For the children	
a periodical payments order	
a secured provision order	
a lump sum order	
a property adjustment order	
Signed Dated DD/MMJ/YYYY	
Petitioner ['s Solicitor]	

# **Document B** (Attendance Note re: Darshana Singh - for use with Quest

Attended upon Mrs Singh who had come into reception to ask to see so urgently about her case.

Student Bounty.com She was very agitated. She explained that the children had seen their father for their usual contact visit yesterday after school. As soon as they got home she could tell they were upset. Vikram told her that his father had announced that he intended moving away soon to stop his mother taking all of his assets and that when he did, it might be a while before he saw them again.

Vikram had tried to get more information from his father about when and where he was planning to move. His father said that he couldn't give him exact details at the moment because he needed to sell some of his assets to know what he could afford to do.

Uma mentioned that her uncle had been at her father's house when they arrived and that her uncle had seemed very happy. When she asked him why he was so happy he told her that he'd just bought 7 Central Avenue at a particularly low price of £50,000 from her father, so he was celebrating a good deal.

Mrs Singh asked to see someone urgently. I explained that you were with clients all morning but gave her an appointment with you for this afternoon.

Time taken: 12 minutes.

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# **Document C** (Form C100 - to be used with Question 3)

Date issued

Case number

Student Bounty.com To be completed by the court Name of court

C100

Application under the Children Act 1989 for a residence, contact, prohibited steps, specific issue section 8 order or to vary or discharge a section 8 order

Before completing this form please read the leaflet 'CB1 - Making an application - Children and the Family Courts'. You can get a copy of from your local court or at www.justice.gov.uk.

- · Failure to complete every question or state if it does not apply, could delay the case, as the court will have to ask you to provide the additional information required.
- If there is not enough space please attach separate sheets, clearly showing the details of the children, parties, question and page number they refer to.
- Cafcass/CAFCASS CYMRU will carry out checks as it considers necessary. See Section J of leaflet CB1 for more information about Cafcass and CAFCASS CYMRU.

1. Summary of application			
Some people need permission to ap now to get permission	pply - See Section C of the leaf	let CB1 for details on	who needs permission and
lave you applied to the court for permission to make this application	? Yes Permission	n not required	
our name (the applicant(s))			
The respondent's name(s) see Sections G and H of the booklet CB1.			
Please list the name(s) of the child( understand which order to apply fo			starting with the oldest. To
Child 1 - Full name of child	Date of birth	Gender	Order(s) applied for
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Relationship to applicant(s)	Relati	onship to respondent(	s)
hild 2 - Full name of child	Date of birth	Gender	Order(s) applied for
	DDMMYYY	Male Female	
Relationship to applicant(s)	Relati	onship to respondent(	s)
Child 3 - Full name of child	Date of birth	Gender	Order(s) applied for
	DD/MM/YYY	Male Female	
Relationship to applicant(s)	Relati	onship to respondent(s	s)
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# Student Bounts, com 2. About you (the applicant(s))) Applicant 1 (You) Applicant 2 (if applicable) **Full names** Previous names (if any) Gender Male Female Male Female Date of birth (If under 18 read DD/MM/YYYY D D / M M / Y Y Y section R of leaflet CB1) Place of birth (town/county/country) If you do not wish your address to be made known to the respondent, leave the details below blank and complete Confidential contact details Form C8. Address Postcode Postcode Home telephone number Mobile telephone number **Email address** Have you lived at this address for No Yes No Yes more than 5 years? If No, please provide details of all previous addresses you have lived at for the last 5 years. If you do not wish your contact details to be made known to the Respondent, leave the details blank and complete Confidential contact details Form C8

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3. The respondents Sections G and H of the the booklet 'CB1 - Making an application - Children and the Family Courts' explain who a respondent is. If there are more than 2 respondents please continue on a separate sheet. **Respondent 1 Respondent 2** Full names Previous names (if known) Gender Male Female Male Female Date of birth (If party under 18 DD/MM/YYYY DD/MMM/YYY read section R of leaflet CB1) Place of birth (town/county/country) Address (to which documents relating to this application should be sent) Postcode Postcode Home telephone number Mobile telephone number **Email address** Have they lived at this address Don't know Yes Don't know Yes No No for more than 5 years? If No, please provide details of all previous addresses for the last 5 years below (if known, including the dates and starting with the most recent)

# 4. Others who should be given notice

Others who should be give	en notice	10	78
Others who should be given notice  There may be other people who should be notified of your application, for example, someone who cares for the hild but is not a parent. Sections G and I of the the booklet 'CB1 - Making an application - Children and the samily Courts' explain who others are.  Person 2			CHAI
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Previous names (if known)			
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	Postcode	Postcode	
ease state their relationship to e children listed on page 1. If eir relationship is not the same each child please state their lationship to each child.			

o you have a solicitor acting for you?	Yes No If No, see section R of leaflet CB1 for more inf	formation
	If Yes, please give the following details	
Your solicitor's name		
Name of firm		
Address		
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Telephone number		
Fax number		
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Solicitor's Reference		
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6. The child(ren)	3	18
Are any of the children known to the local authority children's services?	Yes Don't know	BOUNTS
If Yes please state which child and the name of the Local Authority and Social worker (if known)		
Are any of the children the subject of a child protection plan	Yes Don't know	
Do all the children share the same parents?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
If Yes, what are the names of the parents?		*
If No, please give details of each parent and their children involved in this application		
Please state everyone who has parental responsibility for each child and how they have parental responsibility (e.g. 'child's mother', 'child's father and was married to the mother when the child was born' etc.) (See Section E of leaflet CB1 for more information)		
Who do the children currently live with?	Applicant(s) Respondent(s) Other	
If other, please give the full address of the child, the names of any adults living with the children and their relationship to or involvement with the child.		
If you do not wish this information to be made known to the Respondent, leave the details blank and complete Confidential contact details Form C8		

# Student Bounty.com 7. Why are you making this application? Do not give a full statement, please provide a summary of any relevant grou Please give brief details: and reasons. You may be asked to provide a full statement later. · any previous agreements (formal or informal), and how they have broken down · your reasons for bringing this application to the court · what you want the court to do · reasons given by the respondent(s) for their actions in relation to this application. 8. Agreements about residence and/or contact Have you received a copy of the Yes No If No, you can get a copy free of charge from your 'Parenting Plan: Putting your children local court or you can download a copy from the first: A guide for website www.tso.co.uk separating parents' booklet? Have you attended a mediation You can find your nearest family mediation service Yes No information/assessment meeting as by visiting the government's website DirectGov suggested in the pre-action protocol (www.direct.gov.uk) and search using the words and/or attached form FM1? 'family mediation'. You will find a database of accredited family mediation services on the website.

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If you did not use mediation or attend a mediation information/assessment meeting please explain why:

9. Risk	The state of the s
Do you believe that the child(ren) named at Section 1 have experienced or are at risk of experiencing harm from any of the following by any person who has had contact with the child?	any form of domestic abuse/violence Yes No child abduction Yes No child abuse Yes No drugs, alcohol or substance abuse Yes No other safety or welfare concerns Yes No If you answered Yes to any of the above, please complete form C1A (Supplemental information form).
10. Other court cases which c	concern the child(ren) listed on page 1
Are you aware of any other court cases now, or at any time in the past, which concern any of the child(ren) at Section 1?	Yes If Yes, please attach a copy of any relevant order, and complete the details of the Cafcass/CAFCASS CYMRU officer and child's solicitor below. If you do not have a copy of the order please complete all the additional details below.  No If No, please <b>go to Section 11</b>
Additional details	
Name of child(ren)	
Name of the court where proceedings heard	Case no.
Date/year (if known)	THE RESIDENCE THE ACTION OF THE PARTY OF THE
Name and office (if known) of Cafcass/CAFCASS CYMRU officer	
Name and address of child's solicitor, if known	
Please tick if additional sheets are attached.	If the above details are different for each child please provide details on additional sheets.

# 11. Attending the court

Student Bounty.com Section N of the the booklet 'CB1 - Making an application - Children and the Family Courts' provides information about attending court. If you require an interpreter, you must tell the court now so that one can be arranged. Do you or any of the parties need Yes No an interpreter at court? If Yes, please specify the language and dialect: If attending the court, do you or Yes No any of the parties involved have a disability for which you require special assistance or special facilities? If Yes, please say what the needs are Please say whether the court needs to make any special arrangements for you to attend court (e.g. providing you with a separate waiting room from the respondent or other security provisions). Court staff may get in touch with you about the requirements 12. Statement of truth \*[I believe] [The applicant/respondent believes] that the facts stated in this application are true. \*delete as \*I am duly authorised by the applicant/respondent to sign this statement. appropriate Print full name Name of applicant solicitors firm Dated | D | D | M | M | Y | Y | Y | Y Signed

> Proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against a person who makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth.

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(Applicant) (Applicant's solicitor)

Position or office held (If signing on behalf of firm or

company)

# Information for completing form C100

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Information for completing form C1	100
A copy of this application will be provided to Cafcass upon i form C100 enables Cafcass to conduct enquiries prior to the initial safeguarding checks and enquiries.	issue of proceedings. The information contained in a first court hearing, without it they cannot conduct the
Whilst every question in this form should be completed or sessential information is required by Cafcass/CAFCASS CYM unnecessary delays to proceedings:	
Page 1	Page 7
☐ Whether permission is required	☐ The nature of the application for each child
$\square$ The full name(s) of the child(ren) in	_
the proceedings	Page 8
☐ Their date(s) of birth ☐ Their gonder	$\square$ Have the child(ren) suffered or are at risk of
<ul><li>☐ Their gender</li><li>☐ The applicants relationship to the child(ren)</li></ul>	suffering harm
☐ The applicants relationship to the child(ren)	Page 9
respectations reader to the children	☐ Check you have completed and signed section 12
Page 2	and a section is
☐ Your/the applicant's full name	
☐ Any previous names	What to do now
☐ Your/the applicant's gender and date of birth	☐ Check you have attached copies of any
<ul> <li>Your/the applicant's address, including the postcode</li> </ul>	relevant orders (as per Section 10).
<b>Note:</b> if you/the applicant does not wish the address to be made known it should be included in an accompanying form C8.	<ul> <li>You must provide a copy of the application and attached documents for each of the respondents and one for the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass or CAFCASS CYMRU).</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Your/the applicant's telephone number and if applicable, mobile telephone</li> </ul>	
Note: if you/the applicant does not wish the	☐ Is form C1A attached (if applicable)?
number to be made known it should be included in	☐ Is form FM1 attached?
an accompanying form C8.	☐ Are any additional sheets attached?
Page 3	☐ If you have included additional sheets you must
☐ The respondent's full name	add the names of the parties and children at the top of the page and details of the questions and page
☐ Previous surnames (if known)	number the additional sheets relate to.
☐ The respondent's gender and date of birth	☐ Check you have attached the correct fee. The leaflet
☐ The respondent's address, including the postcode	'EX50 County court fees' provides information about
<ul> <li>The respondent's telephone number and if applicable, mobile telephone</li> </ul>	court fees you will have to pay.
applicable, mobile telephone	Now take or send your application with the correct fee
Page 5	and correct number of copies to the court.
☐ Solicitor details (if applicable), including a	
telephone number	Court fees  You may be exempt from paying all or part of the fee The
22go 6	You may be exempt from paying all or part of the fee. The combined booklet and application form 'EX160A Court
Page 6	Fees - Do you have to pay them' gives more information. You can get a copy from the court or download a copy
☐ The names of the child(ren)'s parents	
☐ If the child(ren) is/are not living with either the Applicant or Respondent you must give:	from our website at www.justice.gov.uk
<ul><li>the child(ren)'s current address</li></ul>	
the full names of the adults living with	
them and their relationship or involvement with the child(ren)	0

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