

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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Plaintiff ) CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.  
v. ) SPDR  
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Defendant. )

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Comes now, the undersigned and hereby demands a jury trial on the jury issues and authorizes the filing of a Demand for Jury Trial with full understanding of the following:

1. The Superior Court of Chatham County is operating but with distancing conditions under the terms of the orders issued by the Georgia Supreme Court during the Judicial State of Emergency.
2. Jury trials are suspended and are not likely to be conducted in civil and domestic matters for as much as year or more depending on the public health risks to potential jurors, litigants, the bar, court personnel and the public.
3. Even when jury trials are resumed, the business of the court will not return to its pre-COVID pace. Hence, a party demanding a jury trial in a divorce may remain married to the other party for an indefinite period.
4. Requests for temporary relief pending the jury trial may be filed by the party not demanding a jury trial to address the finances and living situations of the parties during a protracted divorce.
5. Child custody is not a jury issue.
6. Demands may be withdrawn at any time.
7. The party filing the demand for jury trial may be ordered to pay attorney's fees if the court finds that the filing was for purposes of delay.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Party's signature