COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY – CIVIL DIVISION – LAW

NOTICE TO DEFEND AND CLAIM RIGHTS

You have been sued in Court for:

_____ Divorce/Annulment
_____ Permanent Alimony
_____ Division of Property
_____ Custody/Visitation
_____ Attorneys Fees/Temporary Alimony/Court Costs Expenses
_____ Child support

If you wish to defend against these claims, you must take prompt action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served upon you. You are warned that if you fail to do so, a case may proceed without you and a Decree of Divorce or Annulment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice. A judgment may also be entered against you for any other claims of relief requested above by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you, including custody or visitation of your children.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE A CLAIM FOR ALIMONY, MARITAL PROPERTY, COUNSEL FEES OR EXPENSES BEFORE THE FINAL DECREE OF DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT IS ENTERED, YOU WILL LOSE THE RIGHT TO CLAIM ANY OF THEM.

You are further notified that under the Divorce Code you may request that the Court direct you and your spouse to attend marriage counseling. A list of professional marriage counselors is available at the Domestic Relations Office at the Schuylkill County Courthouse, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. This list will be made available to you upon request.

If you desire to pursue counseling, you must make your request for counseling within twenty (20) days of the date on which you receive this Notice. This request must be made upon proper motion filed with the Court. Failure to do so will constitute a waiver of your right to request counseling.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP:

PENNSYLVANIA BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

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