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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY44th
Livingston

Court address

204 S. Highlander Way, Howell MI 48843

Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no.
SHELIA BEZOTTE
2031 Peavy Road
Howell, MI 48329Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address, and telephone no.
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SUMMONS

CASE NO.

DO

23-9440

Court telephone no.
(517) 546-9816Defendant's name, address, and telephone no.
ROBERT JAMES BEZOTTE
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Howell, MI 48329
(517) 331-2697

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Instructions: Check the items below that apply to you and provide any required information. Submit this form to the court clerk along with your complaint and, if necessary, a case inventory addendum (MC 21). The summons section will be completed by the court clerk.

Domestic Relations Case

- ☒ There are no pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint.
- ☐ There is one or more pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint. I have separately filed a completed confidential case inventory (MC 21) listing those cases.
- ☐ It is unknown if there are pending or resolved cases within the jurisdiction of the family division of the circuit court involving the family or family members of the person(s) who are the subject of the complaint.

Civil Case

- ☐ This is a business case in which all or part of the action includes a business or commercial dispute under MCL 600.8035.
- ☐ MDHHS and a contracted health plan may have a right to recover expenses in this case. I certify that notice and a copy of the complaint will be provided to MDHHS and (if applicable) the contracted health plan in accordance with MCL 400.106(4).
- ☒ There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as alleged in the complaint.
- ☐ A civil action between these parties or other parties arising out of the transaction or occurrence alleged in the complaint has

been previously filed in ☐ this court, ☐ _____ Court, where it was given case number _____ and assigned to Judge _____

The action ☐ remains ☐ is no longer pending.

Summons section completed by court clerk.

SUMMONS

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified:

1. You are being sued.
2. **YOU HAVE 21 DAYS** after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to **file a written answer with the court** and serve a copy on the other party or **take other lawful action with the court** (28 days if you were served by mail or were served outside of Michigan).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date

11/30/23

Expiration date*

2/29/24

Court clerk

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ELIZABETH HUNDLEY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
HOWELL, MICHIGAN 48843

*This summons is invalid unless served on or before its expiration date. This document must be sealed by the seal of the court.

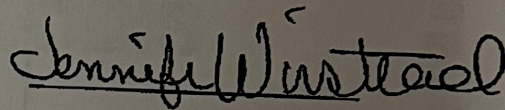
F. Grant the Plaintiff attorney fees.

G. That the Court grant Plaintiff such other relief as the Court finds equitable and just under the circumstances.

Dated: November 27, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

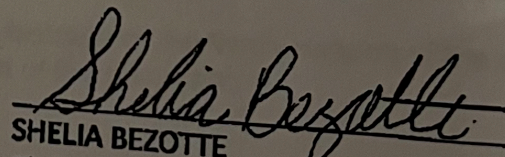
Winstead Law, PLLC



Jennifer Winstead (P78369)
Attorney for Plaintiff
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I declare that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated 11-27-2023



SHELIA BEZOTTE
Plaintiff

2. The Defendant is a resident of the city of Howell, located in Livingston County.
3. The parties have no minor children.
4. Plaintiff and Defendant were married on November 18th, 1972, in Oakland County Michigan.
5. The Plaintiff is not pregnant.
6. Plaintiff's maiden name was "Belcher;" however, she does not wish to restore.
7. There is personal and real property to be divided.
8. The parties have assets and debt to be divided.
9. There has been a breakdown of the marriage relationship to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved. The Plaintiff has suffered from mental, emotional, and physical abuse throughout the years of marriage.
10. The Plaintiff does not work nor has she during the 51 years of marriage other than minimum wage jobs and those were sporadic and for not more then two years.
11. The Plaintiff is fearful that should the attached Ex-parte Financial Status Quo Order not be entered the Defendant will transfer, liquidate, or sell assets. The Plaintiff would be financially destitute without this Honorable Court's intervention.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court grant Plaintiff's Complaint for relief as follows:

- A. The marriage between Plaintiff and Defendant be dissolved, and the parties be divorced.
- B. That this Court equitably divides the parties real and personal property.
- C. That this Court equitably divides the party's assets and debt.
- D. Enter the Financial Status Quo Order attached.
- E. Award the Plaintiff Spousal Support according to the Michigan guidelines.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

SHELIA BEZOTTE,

Plaintiff

vs.

ROBERT JAMES BEZOTTE, JR.,

Defendant

23-9440 -
Case No: DO

Honorable

JUDGE GEDD
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

NOW COMES The Plaintiff, SHELIA BEZOTTE, by and through her attorney, Jennifer Winstead Law PLLC and for her Complaint for Divorce states as follows:

1. The Plaintiff is a resident of Howell in Livingston County, Michigan. Plaintiff has resided the State of Michigan for more than 180 days and in Livingston County for more than 1 days prior to filing this Complaint for divorce.

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-TRIAL AND FINAL PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS

You are to join Sheila Thorp, Research Attorney for the Honorable L. Suzanne Geddis for the Pre-Trial and the Final Pre-Trial hearing in the virtual court room. It is your obligation and responsibility to ensure you have the equipment and networking needed for a successful call. If you are unable to appear, you must contact your attorney and contact the Court to alert the Court.

Screen Name: It is the responsibility of each user to enter a screen name that substantially conforms to the following format: Firstname_Lastname. Pseudonyms are not acceptable. Users whose information is listed as "confidential" in the file may name themselves by party designation or similar. A facility may name itself by facility name, commonly accepted abbreviation, or similar. The Court may, in its sole discretion, amend or otherwise modify your screen name at any time if it deems your screen name unacceptable.

Technical Responsibilities: The Court does not provide technical assistance for testing or troubleshooting. In addition, the Court does not provide time during court proceedings to troubleshoot issues. It is your responsibility to ensure that your connection works, before your court date.

Testing Windows, Apple, or Android devices: Directions for testing your device and networking prior to the proceeding can be found at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362313-How-Do-I-Test-My-Video->

Technical Support: The Court uses Zoom meeting services for the Virtual Court Room experience. If you are having TECHNICAL issues with your equipment, you should review Zoom training and support materials at Zoom.us. Please understand Zoom is an independent service provider and will have NO knowledge of your court case or legal issues.

Local Court Policy:

- The call is a court proceeding and therefore an extension of the court room. Appropriate conduct and attire is expected and required.
- Remote participants should use a good WiFi connection or a substantial LTE mobile data plan to ensure a quality connection. (Note: Mobile data use may incur substantial cellular carrier charges which are the responsibility of the remote participant.)
- Remote Participants must use a private and quiet room that will be free of interruptions. (Outdoor, car, or public places are not permitted.) Also, video meetings need good, consistent lighting. Rooms with bright windows and/or back-lighting should be avoided.
- Remote Participants must place their mobile devices on a solid surface with the camera at eye level. Do not use hand-held mobile devices and do not lay phones or tablets flat on a desk or tabletop.
- Remote Participants should take time prior to the call to become familiar with the controls and test the microphone and speaker controls.
- If the court determines the quality of the video experience is not acceptable, the court may terminate the call.
- The Judge has full control over remote participants as if they were present in the physical court room.

Connecting to the Virtual Court Room at the time of the proceeding:

- **Polycom Systems (Court Rooms, Jails, etc.):** Dial 162.255.37.11##4083222039#78467744
- **Desktop PCs and Laptops:** Go to the Zoom Web Site (zoom.us). Click on "Join a Call." Join using Meeting ID 408-322-2039 and password: 78467744.
- **Tablets and Phones (Apple and Android):** Install the Zoom App from the App Store or Play Store prior to the call. At the time of the call, launch the Zoom app and join using Meeting ID 408-322-2039 and password: 78467744
- **Phone Call Only:** Call 646 876 9923 or 669 900 6833 and connect using Meeting ID 4083222039 and password: 78467744.

either party owns or controls, or has an interest in as an owner, beneficiary, insured, or otherwise.

3. Removing or causing the removal of any household furniture, furnishings, equipment, appliances, or other items of value from the marital home without the written consent of the other party.
4. Increasing the marital debt or depleting marital assets, including bank accounts, retirement accounts, real property, or any other account or thing of value.

This **Mutual Restraining Order** should be interpreted broadly and applies to, but is not limited to, stocks, bonds, all securities, cash, savings, bank accounts, automobiles, valuable contents contained in safe deposit boxes, business interests, real and personal property, and any other assets acquired or maintained by either party during the course of the marriage.

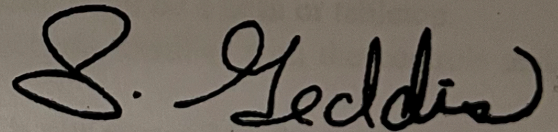
This **Mutual Restraining Order** is not intended to prevent the parties from providing for the necessities of life or using funds or assets in the ordinary course of business. As such, the parties are **FURTHER ORDERED** to continue to contribute to household expenses and marital accounts and funds according to the status quo.

The parties may dispose of assets impacted by this **Mutual Restraining Order** if the disposition is mutually agreed upon and in writing, or following further order of this Court.

OBJECTIONS TO THIS ORDER: Any objections to this order shall be submitted in the form of a motion within 45 days of the date of service on the defendant, and shall be noticed for hearing on a regular motion day for determination by this Court. Failure to comply with any provisions of this Order may result in sanctions as allowed by law, including dismissal of the case.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you require special accommodations for use at the Court due to disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in Court proceedings, please contact the Court immediately to make arrangements. When contacting the Court, please provide your case number.

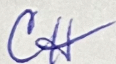
IT IS SO ORDERED.



Hon. L. Suzanne Geddis (P35307)
Family Court Judge

I certify that a copy of this Scheduling Order was provided to the filing party with approved summons on

November 30, 2023, by ☐ Mail ☐ Personally ☐ Attorney Mailbox or ☒ Other email


Livingston County Clerk / Assignment Clerk

Proofs cannot be heard until 60 days after filing the complaint for divorce. Both the plaintiff and the defendant are required to appear before the Court **via Zoom ID 7539674155 Passcode 04142020**, unless excused by the Court. If a settlement is reached by the time of the pre-trial hearing, proofs can be taken at the pre-trial hearing, provided the 60 days have elapsed since filing. If a settlement is reached after the pre-trial hearing but before the final pre-trial hearing, proofs can be taken at the final pre-trial hearing. Settlements can also be placed on the record at the final pre-trial.

FINAL PRE-TRIAL / TRIAL: Attendance of each trial attorney and each party VIA ZOOM at the final pre-trial and/or trial is mandatory. ATTORNEYS AND/OR PARTIES SHALL PRODUCE A HARD COPY OF THE JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE OR A PROPOSED JUDGEMENT OF DIVORCE AT THE TIME OF THE FINAL PRE-TRIAL.

TRIAL BRIEFS: The parties shall exchange and submit to the Judge's Chambers the following at least 10 calendar days prior to the scheduled trial date in both hard copy and via e-mail to JudgeGeddisMotions@livgov.com in Word format only:

1. A proposed statement of facts, individually numbered, to be used by the Court in deciding factual disputes, with reference to the witness from whom the testimony will come, and any argument of law which include factual support for the relief prayed. Limit 10 pages.
2. A proposed **joint property division chart**, which includes an itemized list of all assets and debts with accurate value, and a schedule of proposed division. Each asset and debt shall reference each exhibit which supports the claim for that particular item. Parties **shall confer** regarding this chart during the 10 day period prior to trial and each shall submit a revised chart on the day of the final pre-trial in substantially the same order.
3. Proposed marked exhibits, with bench copy and index. Plaintiff exhibits are numbered, Defendant exhibits are lettered. Exhibits shall be exchanged before the final pre-trial. If an exhibit contains multiple pages, each individual page must be identified by page number and marked (ex. Exhibit A, page 1-100 or Exhibit 1, page 1-5000), with total number of pages included for each exhibit.
4. A proposed judgment. As previously stated, a hard copy of the judgment shall also be submitted to the Court at the final pre-trial.
5. A trial brief outlining the legal position of the party based upon assumed facts.

MUTUAL RESTRAINING ORDER AS TO ASSETS: Plaintiff and Defendant, as well as any individual or entity acting on their behalf, are ordered to desist and refrain from:

1. Concealing, disposing, removing, transferring, destroying, selling, or in any way encumbering, depleting, assigning, transferring, or otherwise altering assets in existence, (including real, personal, tangible, or intangible assets), or any interest there.
2. Surrendering, borrowing upon, using as collateral security, assigning, modifying, transferring, altering, or causing any change whatsoever to be made to any policy of life, medical, or other insurance, any pension, retirement, profit sharing, bonus, savings, or stock program, or any other asset with value or bearing a beneficiary designation which

applicable Order of the Court or PPO, the parties shall confer with each other prior to the pre-trial hearing to attempt resolution of any disputed matters.

MEDIATION: Failure to complete mediation may result in sanctions allowed under the Court Rules. The cost of mediation shall be divided on a pro rata basis, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or a different recommendation is made by the Mediator. Parties shall confer on selection of a mediator or one shall be assigned from the approved list by the close of the pre-trial hearing. A form order for mediation is available with the circuit court clerk.

MOTIONS: All Motions are held via Zoom ID 7539674155 passcode 04142020. Exhibits proposed for use at the hearing shall be provided to the Court at least three business days prior to any hearing date and exchanged with the opposing party or counsel at least by the same time. Exhibits shall be marked as described below as if for trial with the Court.

REAL PROPERTY: The parties shall provide the Court with a written stipulation of the value of any real property at the time of the pre-trial hearing. That value shall be stipulated in the pretrial statement. If the parties have not reached agreement regarding value of the real property, the parties shall confer and submit a stipulation on the date of the pre-trial hearing naming an appraiser who shall conduct an independent appraisal. This appraiser shall be named in the pretrial statement. The independent appraisal shall be completed by the close of discovery. The cost of the appraisal shall be paid on a pro rata basis, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or a different recommendation is made by the Mediator. If the parties cannot agree on an appraiser, the Court shall appoint an appraiser.

BUSINESS VALUATION: The parties shall provide the Court with a written stipulation of the value of each business at the pre-trial hearing. That value shall be stipulated in the pretrial statement. If the parties have not reached agreement regarding value of the business, the parties shall confer and submit a stipulation naming an appraiser who shall conduct an independent appraisal. This appraiser shall be named in the pretrial statement. The independent appraisal shall be completed by the close of discovery. The cost of the appraisal shall be paid on a pro rata basis, unless otherwise ordered by the Court or a different recommendation is made by the Mediator. If the parties cannot agree on an appraiser the Court shall appoint an appraiser.

RECONCILIATION/DISMISSAL: If the parties reconcile or want to stipulate to dismiss this action, an order shall be submitted to the Court.

PLEASE FILE ALL ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT FOR PURPOSES OF DISTRIBUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT.

PRO CONFESSO HEARING (Proofs/Settlement):

*****THE PRO CONFESSO HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM ID 7539674155
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INSTRUCTED BY THE COURT*****

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON
NOVEMBER 2023, DOMESTIC SCHEDULING & TRIAL ORDER

HONORABLE L. SUZANNE GEDDIS

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Shelia Bezotte,
Plaintiff,

v

Robert Bezotte,
Defendant.

Case No. 23-9440 -DO

Attorneys and parties SHALL ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED COURT DATES.

Discovery Terminates:

February 1, 2024

Pre-trial Hearing
held via zoom ID 4083222039 PC 78467744

February 23, 2024 @ 11:10 AM

Final Pre-trial:
held via zoom ID 4083222039 PC 78467744

April 26, 2024 @ 11:10 AM

Trial:

April 29, 2024 @ 8:30am

PLAINTIFF SHALL SERVE a copy of this order upon Defendant in this case in the same manner as, and at the same time as, the service of the Summons and Complaint. Proof of Service shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court.

PRE-TRIAL AND FINAL PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS:

***** HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM UNLESS
OTHERWISE REQUESTED BY A PARTY OR INSTRUCTED BY THE COURT*****

*****Zoom Instructions Are Attached*****

Attendance of each attorney and each party at the pre-trial is mandatory. Each party's Witness List, Joint Pretrial Statement, and Financial Disclosure Statement shall be submitted at the time of the pre-trial hearing and exchanged with the opposing party. An order for mediation shall be entered at the pre-trial hearing if there are any disputed issues. Appropriate forms can be obtained from the circuit court clerk by visiting the window or visiting the website at <https://www.livgov.com/courts/circuit/clerk/Pages/forms.aspx>. Except as limited by any

- A. This Ex Parte status quo order is effective upon entry.
- B. Defendant may move to modify or rescind this Order; however, it must be filed within 14 days after service of this order.
- C. If Defendant does not object to this Order within 14 days of being served, it automatically becomes a temporary order and remains effective until further Order of the Court.

November 27, 2023

s/s Jennifer Winstead
Jennifer Winstead (P78369)
Attorney for Plaintiff

3. There is reason to believe that the Defendant will or has moved, transferred, and sold assets.
4. Plaintiff fears the Defendant will stop contributing financially to the marital home as well as the bills he has been paying for years.
5. The Plaintiff is unemployed; she has been a stay-at-home wife and mother for 52 years. The Plaintiff draws a social security check where the Defendant is still employed and collects retirement benefits as well. The Plaintiff and the marital household relies on the Defendant financially and without the Defendant maintaining the financial status quo the Plaintiff is financially destitute.
6. Therefore, there is a need for a status quo order.

That it will automatically become a Temporary Order if the other party does not file a written objection or motion to modify or resend the Ex Parte Order and a request for hearing. The written objection or motion and the request for a hearing must be filed with the clerk of the Court, and a true copy provided to the friend of the court and the other party, within 14 days after the order is served. (MCR 3.207(B)(6)).

STATUS QUO AND MUTUAL RESTRAINING ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED That the parties shall maintain the status quo as was done prior to the initiation of these divorce proceedings. This shall include but is not limited to paying all ongoing expenses as they were paid during the course of the marriage, including but not limited to mortgage/rent, taxes, insurance, utilities, automobile expenses, cellular phone bills, groceries, clothing, healthcare, credit cards in any other household and personal expenses for the Plaintiff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Neither party shall transfer, move, hide, or dispel marital assets.

See Court's Sch
Order

Family Division Judge

DENIED

NOTICE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
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SHELIA BEZOTTE,

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EX PARTE STATUS QUO ORDER and MUTUAL RESTRAINING ORDER

At a session of said Court Held in the City of Howell,

County of Livingston, State of Michigan, on _____

PRESENT: HONORABLE _____

Upon the reading and filing of Plaintiffs complaint for divorce, the court finds that:

1. An action for divorce is pending.
2. An Ex Parte status quo order is necessary for the divorce proceedings.

of the attorneys/parties of record herein at their respective addresses disclosed on the pleadings on December 4, 2023.

BY: ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Telefacsimile
☐ Hand Delivered ☐ Overnight courier
☐ Federal Express X Other: Email

Signature:

/s/Juli Morga
Juli Morga

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 44th CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

SHELIA BEZOTTE,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT JAMES BEZOTTE,

Defendant.

Case No. 23-9440-DO

Hon. L. Suzanne Geddis

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ENTRY AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

TO: Clerk of the Court;

NOW COMES McCririe Law, PLLC, by William D. McCririe, and hereby enters an Appearance on behalf of the Defendant, Robert James Bezotte, who has an interest in the above referenced matter.

Dated: December 4, 2023

/s/ William D. McCririe
WILLIAM D. MCCRIRIE (P34144)
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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing was served upon all parties to the above cause to each

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11. The Plaintiff is fearful that should the attached Ex-Parte Financial Status Quo Order not be entered the Defendant will transfer, liquidate, or sell assets. The Plaintiff would be financially destitute without the Honorable Court's Intervention.

Answer: Deny as untrue. The Defendant would further affirmatively state that Judge Geddis' Scheduling Order regarding such issues speaks for itself.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant prays this Honorable Court dissolve the marriage between the parties and a divorce from the bonds of matrimony be granted; That the Court order an equitable division of the personal property of the parties hereto; that the Plaintiff be restrained from transferring, disposing of, or secreting any assets of the parties; and that the Defendant may have such other and further relief in the premises, and whatever else the Court deems just and equitable.

Dated: December 4, 2023

Respectfully submitted,
McCrie Law, PLLC

/s/William D. McCrie
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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing was served upon all parties to the above cause to each of the attorneys/parties of record herein at their respective addresses disclosed on the pleadings on December 4, 2023.

BY: U.S. Mail Telefacsimile
 Hand Delivered Overnight courier
 Federal Express X Other: Email

Signature: /s/ Juli A. Morga
 Juli A. Morga

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Michigan.

Answer: Admit as true.

5. The Plaintiff is not pregnant.

Answer: Admit as true.

6. Plaintiff's maiden name was "Belcher"; However, she does not wish to restore.

Answer: Admit as true.

7. There is personal and real property to be divided.

Answer: Admit as true.

8. The parties have assets and debt to be divided.

Answer: Admit as true.

9. There has been a breakdown of the marriage relationship to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that marriage can be preserved. The Plaintiff has suffered from mental, emotional, and physical abuse throughout the years of marriage.

Answer: Admit there has been a breakdown of the marriage relationship. Deny as untrue, the allegations that the Plaintiff has suffered from mental, emotional, and physical abuse throughout the years of marriage.

10. The Plaintiff does not work nor has she during the 51 years of marriage other than minimum wage jobs and those were sporadic and for not more than two years.

Answer: Admit as true.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 44th CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON

SHELIA BEZOTTE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 23-9440-DO
Hon. L. Suzanne Geddis

ROBERT JAMES BEZOTTE,

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DEFENDANTS ANSWER TO VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE

NOW COMES the Defendant, Robert James Bezotte, by and through his attorneys

McCririe Law, PLLC and as his answer to the Plaintiffs Complaint for Divorce states as follows:

1. The Plaintiff is A resident of Howell in Livingston County, Michigan. Plaintiff has resided in the State of Michigan for more than 180 days and in Livingston County for more than 10 days prior to filing this Complaint for Divorce.

Answer: Admit as true.

2. The Defendant is a resident of the City of Howell, located in Livingston County.

Answer: Admit as true.

3. The parties have no minor children.

Answer: Admit as true.

4. Plaintiff and Defendant were married on November 18, 1972, in Oakland County