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## VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER.

ESTHER P. SWEET

Winchester, VA 22601

Plaintiff

v.

MICHAEL L. SWEET

Docket No. VALIDATE CASE PAPERS RCPT : 18000006903 DATE : 08/02/2018 TIME: 15:17 CASE : 840CL18000452-00 ACCT : SWEET, ESTHER P AMT. : \$86.00

Defendant

## **COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW the Plaintiff, Esther P. Sweet, by counsel, who states the following as and for her Complaint for divorce:

The Plaintiff and the Defendant are of sound mind, over the eighteen
(18) years of age, and that neither of whom is in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

2. The Plaintiff and Defendant were lawfully married in Winchester, Virginia on September 14, 2014.

3. The Plaintiff is now, and has been for more than six (6) months immediately preceding the commencement of this suit, a bona fide resident of and domiciled within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

4. The Plaintiff and the Defendant last cohabited together as husband and wife in the City of Winchester, Virginia at Winchester, Virginia 22601.

5. The parties separated on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017, and have lived separate and apart, continuously, without interruption, and without cohabitation since that date.

6. There is no reasonable probability of reconciliation.

7. There are two (2) minor children born of this marriage,

There were no other minor children adopted during the marriage and none are expected. Matters of child custody and visitation have been resolved by Order dated March 7, 2018 entered in the Winchester City Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

8. The parties' respective child support obligations should be established pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Virginia Code Section 20-108.1 *et seq*.

9. Based on the earning capacity of the parties, their respective obligations, and the lifestyle established during the marriage, your Plaintiff is in need of, and requests an award of spousal support from the Defendant, both temporarily and permanently.

10. Plaintiff is without funds with which to prosecute this cause, and asks that she be awarded attorney's fees and court costs expended in her behalf to further this cause.

11. The parties hold property and debts subject to an award, division, or transfer of property pursuant to Virginia Code §20-107.3, as amended.

12. The parties entered into a Temporary Marital Settlement Agreement dated July 31, 2017 (attached hereto as Exhibit A).

WHEREFORE, your Plaintiff prays as follows:

1. That she be awarded a divorce <u>a vinculo matrimonii</u> on the grounds of living separate and apart, continuously with interruption and without cohabitation for a period in excess of one (1) year;

2. That the Court, pursuant to § 20-107.3, Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) determine the marital and separate property of the parties, as well as the appropriate distribution of said property between the parties and the appropriate distribution of debt;

3. That this Court award to Plaintiff temporary and permanent child support for the children of the parties.

4. That the Court make an appropriate allocation of all medical and dental expenses of the minor children not covered by insurance;

5. That this Court award Plaintiff temporary and permanent spousal support; pursuant to § 20-107.1, of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) or, in the alternative a reservation of rights to seek spousal support pursuant to Virginia Code § 20-107.1 (D), Code of Virginia (1950, as amended);

6. That this Court order Defendant to contribute to the marital debts to preserve the marital estate pursuant to §20-103 of the Code of Virginia;

7. That Defendant be ordered to pay the costs incurred by Plaintiff in this matter, including, but not limited to, her reasonable attorney's fees; and

8. That this Court award such other relief as it may deem proper in this cause.

Respectfully submitted,

## ESTHER P. SWEET

By:

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