Rule 17.200—Form 204a: ***Original Notice for Personal Service***

Petitioner: Use this form only if filing in paper.

Read the *Guide to Representing Yourself in an Iowa Divorce Case with Children* for additional important instructions. Iowa divorce forms are available free of charge on the Iowa Judicial Branch website.

- *If filing electronically,* ***Petitioner*** *must use form* ***204****.*
- *If filing in paper,* ***Petitioner*** *must use this form.*

If you do not understand how to use this form, or if you should use this form, talk to an attorney.

In the Iowa District Court for _____ County

County where Petition is filed

Upon the Petition of _____ **Petitioner** *Full name: first, middle, last* and concerning _____ **Respondent** *Full name: first, middle, last*	Equity case no. _____ **Original Notice for Personal Service**

1. To Respondent Named Above

- Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a divorce lawsuit naming you as Respondent.
- A copy of the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage with Children is attached to this Notice.
- Petitioner asks for a divorce.

Petitioner's contact information during the divorce case: _____

Petitioner's name

_____ _____ _____ _____

Mailing address *City* *State* *ZIP code*

(_____) _____ _____

Phone number *Email address*

2. Instructions to Respondent Named Above

- You **must** file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after you receive this Original Notice. If you do not file an Answer or Motion within **20 days** after receiving this Original Notice, the **court may enter a judgment against you** giving Petitioner what he or she asked for in the Petition.
- If you received Petition form **201,** you may use Answer form **215**.
- After you file your Answer or Motion, you must serve a copy of it on Petitioner.

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Clerk of Court

_____County Courthouse

_____, Iowa _____

City *ZIP code*

Important Notice to Respondent

You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests.

If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, contact the disability coordinator at: (_____) _____ Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). **Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.** Disability coordinator contact information available at: http://www.iowacourts.gov/Administration/Directories/ADA_Access/.