PRO SE DIVORCE WORKSHOP

Memphis Area Legal Services, Inc. (MALS) conducts monthly pro se (Latin term meaning “for self”) divorce seminars for low-income persons who wish to pursue a divorce without the expense of retaining an attorney. Monthly workshops are held in both our Memphis office, located in downtown Memphis at 22 N. Front Street, Suite 1100, and in our Covington office at 899-A Highway 51 South. The two-hour workshops provide participants with information and the necessary tools to obtain an uncontested divorce in court.

To participate, you will need to meet all conditions under either A or B below:

A. You know the whereabouts of your spouse and he/she will agree to the divorce, and

- No children have been born during the marriage that are not the biological child(ren) of husband or if there are children born during the marriage, you and your spouse must agree on all aspects of custody and visitation, and
- Neither you or your spouse own any real property, such as land or houses, and
- You and your spouse agree on who will keep the personal property purchased during the marriage, such as dishes, animals, furniture, automobiles, etc.; and
- Neither spouse has any employee benefits that the other spouse is entitled to or both spouses have agreed to waive all claim to such benefits such as retirement benefits, pension benefits, health insurance, etc., and
- Neither spouse has a history of physical assault against the other.

B. You do not know the whereabouts of your spouse, have had no contact with your spouse for several months or longer, and cannot find him/her through family or friends, and

- No children have been born during the marriage that are not the biological child(ren) of the husband, and
- Neither you or your spouse own any real property, such as land or houses, and
- Neither spouse has any employee benefits that the other spouse is entitled to such as retirement benefits, pension benefits, health insurance, etc., and
- Any domestic violence occurred prior to you losing contact with your spouse.

If you meet all the requirements under A or B, you may contact us to be screened for participation:

In Shelby County, at (901) 523-8822
In Fayette, Tipton or Lauderdale County, at (901) 476-1808 or toll free at (888) 207-6386