

# VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

The forms and instructions in this Packet are to be used only by the Plaintiffs/Petitioners who want to dismiss a case that they have already filed. These forms cannot be used by Defendants/Respondents.

**NOTE: You cannot file a dismissal of your case if the opposing party has filed a counterclaim to your petition.**

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