

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FAMILY COURT
DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

PORTIA CHANDLER-BROWN,

Plaintiff,

v.

SAMUEL ANTONIO BROWN,

Defendant.

**Case No. 2024 DRB 001512
Judge WELLNER**

ORDER

Plaintiff Chandler-Brown filed a motion on August 29, 2024,¹ saying she has been unable to locate Defendant Brown to serve him the papers in this case. She asked the Court for permission to serve him by alternative means.

The Court finds, based on Plaintiff Chandler-Brown's representations, that she meets the requirements for alternative service under Super. Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 4(c)(4)(A)(ii). She reports that her income is "below the poverty line." Accepting that representation, made under penalties of perjury, as true, the Court also finds that Plaintiff meets the requirements for service by posting in the clerk's office and on the court's website. *See* Super Ct. Dom. Rel. R. 4(c)(4)(D). As required by the rules, the Clerk of the Court will post the notice below for a period of twenty-one calendar days. The Court will continue the initial hearing date to allow for this time period.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Plaintiff's motion to Serve by Publication or Posting, filed August 29, 2024, is **GRANTED**. It is further

¹ Ms. Chandler-Brown misidentified Mr. Brown as the Plaintiff on the first page of the motion. The rest of the motion makes clear that she meant to identify herself as the Plaintiff.

ORDERED that the initial hearing scheduling for September 20, 2024, is **VACATED**. It is further

ORDERED, that the parties **SHALL APPEAR** for an initial hearing on **October 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in Courtroom 103**, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., 20001. Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the issuance of default, dismissal, or sanctions upon the absent party. It is further

ORDERED that the **Clerk of the Family Court of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia SHALL POST** the following Order for a period of twenty-one calendar days:

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Case No. 2024 DRB 001512

Portia Chandler-Brown, Plaintiff

v.

Samuel Antonio Brown, Defendant

On April 30, 2024, Plaintiff Portia Chandler-Brown filed a Complaint for Divorce against Defendant Samuel Antonio Brown.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case on **October 15, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in Courtroom 103** of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, located at 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. If Defendant Brown does not appear at the hearing or otherwise respond to Plaintiff Chandler-Brown's complaint for divorce, the Court may grant an absolute divorce without input from Defendant Brown.

So ordered on August 30, 2024.
Judge Steven M. Wellner

SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 30, 2024



Steven M Wellner
Associate Judge

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