IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF IOWA
IN AND FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Frederick Shaddock, **Petitioner,** ***pro se*** v. **Oksana Shemet Shaddock,** **Respondent**	**Case No. CDCV402064** MOTION TO CONVERT PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO PETITION FOR LEGAL SEPARATION

NOW COMES Petitioner, Frederick J. Shaddock, *pro se*, and respectfully moves this Court for an Order converting his pending Petition for Dissolution of Marriage into a Petition for Legal Separation, pursuant to Iowa Code § 598.21.

In support thereof, Petitioner states:

1. The parties were married on January 17, 2001. Currently they have no immediate prospects for a next marriage, or pending children, requiring divorce.
2. A state of extreme conflict and irreconcilable differences exists, making cohabitation dangerous and nearly impossible.
3. Since on or about September 10, 2025, the parties have successfully lived apart, with Petitioner residing at the Washington, D.C. condominium and Respondent residing at the Fairfield, Iowa home.
4. The parties are in the process of negotiating the terms of a proposed Marital Separation Agreement that would govern this living arrangement, ensuring financial responsibility, equal access to properties, and mutual non-harassment. They enjoy having both life styles available, city life in D.C. and small town life in Fairfield Iowa.
   https://shaddock.net/fred/case/oksana/divorce/2025/separation
5. The parties wish to formalize this separation under a court decree without terminating the marital status at this time. A decree of legal separation will provide the legal framework and enforcement mechanisms necessary for peace and stability, while preserving certain marital benefits.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays that this Court enter an Order:

A. Converting the pending Petition for Dissolution of Marriage in this case into a Petition for Legal Separation.
B. Setting an expedited hearing on the Petition for Legal Separation and the incorporated Marital Separation Agreement.
C. Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Frederick J. Shaddock
Frederick J. Shaddock, Petitioner, Pro Se

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this motion was served on Respondent via her attorney of record, Joseph C. Pavelich, Esq., via the Iowa Courts Electronic Filing System on October 10, 2025.