

FORM SUMMARY

Name of Form: Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Judgment– with Minor Children

Form Number: FA-4160VA

Statutory Reference: §767.251, Wisconsin Statutes

Benchbook Reference:

Purpose of Form: This is the final document signed by the court that sets out the court's findings of fact concerning the marriage.

Who Completes It: The petitioner and/or one or more of the joint petitioners and is signed by the court.

Who Signs It: **BY THE COURT:** Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner.
THIS IS A FINAL ORDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPEAL IF SIGNED BY A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE.

Distribution of Form: Original will be filed with the court. Two additional copies of the document are required to be presented to the clerk for authentication and return to the parties.

Accompanying Forms: Any Marital Settlement Agreement or Order that has been approved by the court.

New Form/Modification: Modified; last updated 05/17.

Modification: 2017 Wisconsin Act 203. Relocating and establishing a residence with a minor child of the parties more than 100 miles from the residence of the other party. Added Amended. Deleted excess statutory language only included notice provisions.

Comments: This form is used when the parties have minor children, as it includes the information relating to children's issues.

Because this form makes reference to and incorporates significant provisions from the Marital Settlement Agreement (FA-4150V) or Proposed Marital Settlement (FA-4152V), it should only be used in conjunction with that other appropriate document. Using this form without the other document may make these Findings, Conclusions or Judgment incomplete or inaccurate.

In circumstances where a party is pregnant and it is believed that the other party is not the father, the Records Management Committee strongly recommends final hearing be continued until after the birth of the child.

About this Form: This form is the product of the Wisconsin Records Management Committee, a committee of the Director of State Court's Office.

As a *pro se* form, its use is NOT mandatory but it is required to be accepted and distributed by the circuit courts of the State of Wisconsin.