

AZ STATEWIDE PARALEGAL

Here's what we need to get started on your Divorce

Don't worry if you don't have all of this information right at your fingertip. We will help you find everything you need.

1) Name

Mailing Address

Date of Birth

Phone number

Employer for you and your spouse

If the whereabouts of your spouse is unknown then we will publish a notice in the newspaper. If there are children involved then we will need your social security number and your spouse's, if you have it.

2) Date of Marriage

City in which it took place

3) If minor children are involved then we will need their names, dates of birth and a list of where they have resided for the past five years.

4) Hopefully, you and your spouse have already come to an agreement about the division of assets and liabilities. If so, then we will make the documents very simple. For Example:

Bank Accounts

Each party shall keep all funds in any bank account that is titled in their name alone.

Personal Property

Each party shall keep all of the personal property currently in their possession.

If you prefer to specifically list bank accounts with account numbers and personal property then that is no problem at all. Please provide us with a list and we will incorporate them into the documents.

Either of these two formats will also be used regarding:

Motor Vehicles

Pension/Retirement Plans

Business Interests

Debts

5) Real estate usually requires some specificity. We can draft language for any situation. Typically the factors to consider in this area include the following:

- In whose name is the property currently titled?
- Will it be sold?
- If it won't be sold then who will maintain possession and ownership after the divorce?
- Will the other party sign a Quit Claim deed?
- Will one party be given the option to refinance the property?
- What will the other party receive as their community share of the equity?

Don't worry if you are not sure about the answers to all of these questions. We will guide you through the process.

6) Do you want to file joint or separate tax returns this year?

7) Will either party receive spousal maintenance (alimony)?

8) If you have children then who will they live with and how often will they visit the other parent. Remember, there are county guidelines for visitation so, don't worry if you're not sure of the answer.

9) A child support calculation takes into consideration the following factors:

- The gross income (income before taxes) of each parent
- Whether or not either parent is supporting children from other relationships
- The cost of medical and/or dental insurance for the children
- Any extraordinary and ongoing school and/or medical expenses for the children
- The ages of the children
- The number of days of visitation per year

We hope this information has been helpful. Don't worry about anything, we complete this process hundreds of times per year.

Here is a flow chart to give you a bird's eye view of the uncontested divorce process.

