

CHECKLIST: Issues to Discuss with Your Divorce Attorney

When facing divorce, emotions run high and it is not always easy or even possible to keep a clear head. By referring to the following checklist, you can help ensure that you and your attorney cover all of the bases, address all of your concerns, and answer all of your questions.

- **Issues Relating to Children**

- ___ Child support
- ___ Child custody, legal
- ___ Child custody, physical
- ___ Visitation with non-custodial parent
- ___ Grandparent visitation
- ___ Visitation with stepchildren
- ___ Health insurance for children
- ___ Dental insurance for children
- ___ Uninsured health care costs
- ___ College education
- ___ Residence in the marital homestead
- ___ Beneficiaries of life insurance policies
- ___ Claiming children as dependents for income tax purposes
- ___ Religious upbringing of children

- **Property Issues**

- ___ Equity in homestead
- ___ Other real property
- ___ Home furnishings
- ___ Business assets
- ___ Professional practices
- ___ Professional degrees
- ___ Retirement benefits (pensions, IRAs, 401(k) plans)
- ___ Motor vehicles
- ___ Recreational vehicles
- ___ Personal property
- ___ Savings accounts
- ___ Stocks, bonds, and funds
- ___ Compensation for contributions as homemaker
- ___ Hidden assets
- ___ Debts

- **Spousal Support Issues**

- ___ Entitlement to support
- ___ How much?
- ___ How long?
- ___ Continued health care coverage through COBRA

- **Other Issues**

- ___ Domestic violence
- ___ Order for protection
- ___ Child abuse
- ___ Parental kidnapping
- ___ Restoration of maiden name
- ___ Post-divorce nonfinancial support
- ___ Attorney's fees and expenses