

Common Issues to Consider in Your Divorce

This list provides an overview of many of the decisions that need to be made in a divorce. This list is not comprehensive; there are many other issues that may apply to your situation. You should spend some time thinking about these different topics prior to your appointment. Don't worry about getting all of the issues resolved yourself – Forrest will help you work through them.

Child Related Issues

Parenting Plan

What is the general parenting schedule?

What is the holiday schedule?

What is the vacation schedule?

Do any other provisions need to be included?

Decision Making

Will you work together to make major decisions on behalf of the children in the future?

Will one parent be responsible for making those decisions?

Are there certain issues that are more important to one parent than the other?

Health Insurance

Who will provide health insurance for the children?

Unreimbursed Medical Expenses

If a child has a serious illness and you get a large medical bill, how much will each parent pay?

Dependency Exemptions

Who will claim the children for tax purposes?

Asset and Liability Division

How will all of the assets be divided?

Who will be awarded the home?

Will you continue to co-own the home and sell it in the future?

Does there need to be a buyout of someone's share of the home equity?

What is the timeframe for removing someone's name from the mortgage?

Do you know how much the home is worth?

When will someone be moving out?

How are household bills going to be paid until one person moves out?

How will the debts be divided?

If a debt is in both names, how will that be paid?

Is it possible to remove someone's name from a joint debt?

If someone takes more assets, should they take more debts?

Spousal Support

Is spousal support appropriate in this case?

How long will spousal support get paid?

How much will spousal support be?

Will spousal support decrease at some point in the future?

Does it make sense to award someone more assets instead of spousal support?

Child Support

How much is the guideline child support calculation?

Should some different amount of child support be paid?

In addition to child support, does it make sense to split other child-related costs?

Other

Do you want your judgment to include special provisions about how to pay for college?

Will one or both people maintain life insurance?

How will the personal property be divided?

Do retirements need to be equalized?

Are there any businesses that need to be valued or divided?

Does someone owe the other person additional money due to the overall asset and liability division?

If so, when is that money due?

Does anything need to be included regarding the pets?