

Divorce Planning Checklist

Divorce is a difficult emotional time for all parties. There are many decisions to make and it is easy for things to be forgotten that have not been considered before. To assist with organizing your thoughts and planning for the future of you and your children, I have developed a checklist of considerations that typically become the subject of divorce proceedings.

- A. Parenting Arrangements
 - 1. Co-Parenting/Parenting Time Schedule
 - 2. Exceptions for Holidays and Other Days
 - a. Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
 - b. New Year's Eve/Day
 - c. Easter
 - d. Holy Days of Obligation
 - e. Mother's Day/Father's Day
 - f. Mother/Father Birthdays
 - g. Child(ren) Birthdays
 - h. Thanksgiving
 - i. Monday Holidays - President's Day/Memorial Day/Labor day/4th of July, etc.
 - j. Spring Break/Fall Break, etc.(school vacations)
 - k. Summer Break
 - l. Family Visits and other Travel
 - I. number of trips
 - II. How long
 - III. How far (in-state/ou-of-state)
 - IV. Notification to other parent
- B. Legal Decision-Making - Sole/Joint
- C. Ancillary CO-Parenting Issues
 - 1. Care when a child is sick
 - 2. Care Providers
 - 3. Right of 1st Refusal
 - 4. College Savings
- D. Possible Move Away
- E. Health Insurance
- F. Child Support
- G. Spousal Support
 - 1. Amount
 - 2. Duration
 - 3. Conditions of Termination
- H. Property Settlement
 - 1. Non-retirement Paper Assets
 - 2. Real Estate
 - 3. Automobiles
 - 4. Retirement Assets
 - 5. Personal Property
 - 6. Tax Refunds/Liabilities
 - 7. Debts/Liabilities
 - 8. Student Loans
 - 9. Income Tax Refunds
- I. Co-ownership of Family Home
 - 1. Value/Assessment
 - 2. Financing, Title, and Debt service
 - 3. Partition and Sale
 - 4. Proceeds of sale
 - 5. Insurance and Taxes
 - 6. Utilities

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- 7. Occupancy
- 8. Renting to Third Parties
- 9. Maintenance and Repairs
- 10. Cosmetic Improvements
- 11. Material Improvements
- J. Tax Consequences of Settlement
- K. Periodic Review of Decree
- L. Agreement on how to resolve unresolved issues