

DIVORCE DECREE

THE

Ultimate
Divorce
Checklist



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This checklist offers guidance on important steps to consider before, during, and after your divorce. At L.M. Knox Law & Mediation, we're here to support you every step of the way, making this journey as gentle and manageable as possible.

- **Before filing for divorce:**

- ☐ **Secure finances:** Your attorney can guide you on setting aside funds, safeguarding accounts, and protecting any personal valuables.
- ☐ **Create a safety plan:** If safety is a concern, discuss with your attorney options for relocating from the shared residence.
- ☐ **Prepare documentation:** Collect essential documents like tax returns, account statements, and IDs to help your attorney understand your financial picture.

- **During the divorce process:**

- ☐ **Review any agreements:** Bring any prenuptial or postnuptial agreements to your attorney so they can assess its impact on the divorce proceedings.
- ☐ **Document all income sources:** Provide your attorney with details about all sources of income to accurately assess support obligations.

- ☐ **Discuss spousal support terms:** Work with your attorney to understand potential spousal support options and obligations.
- ☐ **Plan for legal fees:** Coordinate with your attorney on covering costs, including attorney and mediator fees.
- ☐ **Divide assets and debts:** Your attorney will help you determine a fair division of shared assets and debts.
- ☐ **Address tax and debt considerations:** Your attorney will advise on tax implications and other financial impacts of property and debt distribution.

- **Additionally, if you have children:**

- ☐ **Establish child custody terms:** Work with your attorney to develop a child custody and visitation arrangement that's in the best interests of your children.
- ☐ **Plan holiday schedules:** Your attorney can help create a schedule for sharing holidays and special occasions.
- ☐ **Set child support terms:** Determine the terms of child support, if applicable, with your attorney's guidance.

- **After your divorce is final:**

- ☐ **Update personal information:** If changing your name, your attorney can assist with the legal steps required.

- ☐ **Close joint accounts:** Your attorney may advise you on closing shared accounts, memberships, and subscriptions.
- ☐ **Notify family and friends:** Communicate with loved ones about any changes in your circumstances.
- ☐ **Review insurance policies and beneficiaries:** Your attorney can help you update beneficiaries on policies and accounts.
- ☐ **Revise your will and legal documents:** Work with your attorney to update your will, trusts, and power of attorney to reflect your new circumstances.
- ☐ **Refer us:** If you found our services helpful, we'd be honored if you'd consider recommending us to friends or family who may need support in their own legal journey.

As you move through these steps, remember that you don't have to navigate this journey alone. L. M. Knox Law & Mediation is dedicated to helping you find clarity, peace, and confidence in each stage. Reach out to us whenever you need guidance or support – we're here for you.



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