

5 OVERLOOKED FACTORS

THAT CAN WREAK HAVOC ON YOUR FUTURE.



1 LIFE INSURANCE

- Not addressing life insurance in the divorce settlement can leave you destitute if your former spouse passes away.
- Alimony terminates upon death...
- You would have no recourse against the estate for the unpaid years of alimony you were counting on.
- Safeguard your future by incorporating life insurance terms into your divorce agreement.
- Require a clause that proof of insurance coverage **MUST** be provided to you on an annual basis.
- Without this clause, you may need to file motion after motion to obtain information.

2 DEBT

- Improper handling of marital debt can cause present and future financial problems.
- When marital debts incurred by one spouse are left off financial disclosures, it can result in the other spouse being liable to a creditor without even knowing it.
- Financial burden and collection calls can become a daily stressor when debt is overlooked.
- Unaddressed debt snowballs into future financial problems, including credit damage and court costs and fees associated with fixing debt division mistakes.
- Bankruptcy is unfortunately a common reality when marital debt is poorly handled.

3 INACCURATE INFORMATION

- Hiding financial information during the divorce process leaves you open to serious court sanctions.
- The court may view you as untrustworthy and side with your spouse on important issues.
- If you suspect your spouse of hiding assets during your divorce proceedings...
- Add a provision to your divorce agreement that allows you to seek relief in the future should you discover undisclosed asset/account information.
- This kind of provision is a must for safeguarding your right to fair and equitable asset division.

4 TIME

- The date that a Complaint for Divorce is filed is the cut-off date for determination of equitable distribution and/or alimony. Choose your filing date strategically.
- Not responding to divorce papers puts you at risk for a default judgment.
- After divorce, allowing too much time to pass before enforcing a court order can leave you without recourse.
- For example, if your ex fails to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses, allowing too much time to go before seeking enforcement could leave you unable to collect.

5 DOCUMENTATION

- Did you loan your ex money with only a verbal agreement to be paid back? Did you pay alimony in cash?
- Without documented proof of payment or a loan agreement, you are putting yourself at risk for accusations of non-payment -- or difficulties with reimbursements.
- Losing or misplacing your divorce agreement can lead to unintentional non-compliance and sanctions. Delays in dividing assets may result.

**Safeguarding your rights starts now.
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