

DIVORCE PLANNING CHECKLIST

Materials to be assembled are not necessarily limited to, the following:

Financial Data: Client and Spouse

- Tax returns for the last three years: client, spouse, and joint
 - Personal Tax Returns, including all schedules and attachments
 - W-2s and 1099s
 - Partnership/Corporate Returns
 - Any amended tax returns
- Partnership/Corporate Financial Statements
- Three most recent pay stubs, including year-to-date, showing all income and deductions
- Social Security Statements
- Life insurance policies and most recent statement (personal and through employer)
- Information on cash or in-kind transactions
- Detailed breakdown of all expenses, whether personal or joint, on a month-to-month and annual basis
- Detailed benefit and defined contribution pension plans:
 - Summary of plan description
 - Benefits booklet
 - Most recent statements (three years)
 - Benefits estimate:
 - At Earliest Retirement Age
 - At Normal Retirement Age
 - At Current Age (if eligible)
 - Early Retirement Option Elections

Financial Data: Client and Spouse

- Stock Options:
 - Benefits bookley
 - Most recent statements (three years)

- IRA, Roth IRA, Keogh, SEP, 401(k), 403(b), 457 and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation statements

- Primary residence and other real estate:
 - Appraisal
 - Date of purchase
 - Purchase price
 - Original mortgage amount
 - Current mortgage amount
 - Interest rate/length of mortgage
 - Monthly payment
 - Particulars of second mortgage, if any

- Listing of all individual, joint and business non-investment assets (e.g. cars, boats, jewelry, collections, etc.) and their values at the date of marriage, the date of separation or valuation, and the most current date

- Information regarding all outstanding loans (either bank or private) and debts, including rate, term, monthly payment and statements at date of separation and the most current date.

- Cancelled checks and bank statements for all personal, joint, business, partnership, and corporate accounts for the previous three years

Financial Data: Client and Spouse

- Savings/passbook account statements for all personal, joint, business, partnership, and corporate accounts for the previous three years
- Statements regarding securities, money markets, brokerage, CDs, commodities, mutual funds, investment accounts, annuities, stocks, and bonds for all personal, joint, business, partnership, and corporate accounts
- All employee benefit and executive compensation booklets and statements, including information on any non-cash benefits such as company car, cell phone, etc.
- Business or partnership agreements
- Children's bank, savings, insurance, and investment account statements for the previous three years
- Loan and credit card statements for all personal, joint, business, partnership, and corporate accounts
- Prenuptial Agreement
- Documents to support any items claimed as gifts or inheritance
- Details and estimated values of any reward point plans (e.g. frequent flyer miles, credit card rewards, etc.)