

DOCUMENTS TO HAVE READY

Getting your divorce case to completion will be time consuming, but there are things you can do to make sure that it is over as quickly as possible. Gathering information will make things easier for both you and your attorney in the long run.

The following is a list of documents you will want to have for your Divorce File Folder. While no means exhaustive, we have included as many as possible and hope you find it helpful.

- Individual and business income tax returns for the past three years (federal, state, and local);
- Proof of your current income;
- Proof of your spouse's current income;
- Prenuptial agreement;
- Separation agreement;
- Wills;
- Living wills;
- Powers of attorney;
- Durable powers of attorney;
- Advance health care directives;
- Bank statements last 5 years;
- Budget;
- Financial plans
- Basic list of assets and liabilities;
- Credit card statements;
- Important emails, text messages, social media posts;
- Utility bills;
- Mortgages and personal loans;
- Credit card bills;
- Children's private lessons or school tuition statement;
- Unreimbursed medical bills;
- Bills for other expenses;
- Completed financial statements;
- Employment contracts;
- Benefits statements;
- Life insurance policies;
- Health insurance policies;
- Homeowner's insurance policies;
- Automobile insurance policies;
- Personal property appraisals;
- Real property appraisals;
- Social security benefits estimate forms;
- A business evaluation (if either one of you own a privately held company)