

## **Client Questionnaire - Divorce**

Please fill out this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. It is important that you answer each question fully. It is imperative that you be candid!

You should answer all questions relevant to your case. If a question does not apply to your particular situation, please indicate by marking the question "N/A." If the answer to any question requires more space than has been provided on the form, please complete your answer on a separate sheet. Refer to the question number to which your answer applies and attach your answer to this questionnaire.

Your responses to these questions will help to organize your case and will save you money on attorney's fees in trying to gather and assemble information after the case is in progress. Since your answers are being made to an attorney, you are assured of confidentiality and are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

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Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information Requested**

**About you:**

1. Please give the following information.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number and state: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where are you living now, and what is your phone number?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who else lives in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

4. At what address do you wish to receive mail from this office? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you prefer that we contact you?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Pager: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(e-mail communications may not be confidential)

6. Who referred you to this office? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you consulted or retained any other attorneys on this matter before coming to this

office? \_\_\_\_\_

Is so, please state who and when: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Please give the following information concerning your employment.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ May we call you at work? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ May we e-mail you at work? \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly gross salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual gross salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Education/training: \_\_\_\_\_

**About your spouse:**

9. Please give the following information.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number and state: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Where is your spouse living now, and what is his or her phone number and e-mail address?

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Who else lives in your spouse's household? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please give the following information concerning your spouse's employment.

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly gross salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual gross salary: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Education/training: \_\_\_\_\_

**About your children:**

13. Please give the full name, date and place of birth, sex, social security number, driver's license number, and disability, if any, of each child of this marriage.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number and state: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number and state: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number and state: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Is private health insurance in effect for the children? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please give the following information:

Name of insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

Party responsible for premium: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly cost of premium: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the insurance coverage provided through a parent's employment? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which parent? \_\_\_\_\_

15. If private health insurance is not in effect for the children, please answer the following questions.

Are the children receiving Medicaid benefits under Ch. 32, Human Resources Code? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the children receiving health benefits coverage under the Children's Health Insurance program under Ch. 62, Health and Safety Code? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is the cost of the premium? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the mother have access to private health insurance at a reasonable cost to her? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the father have access to private health insurance at a reasonable cost to him? \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone applied for Medicaid benefits for the children or for coverage for the children under the Children's Health Insurance Program? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who applied? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the status of the application? \_\_\_\_\_

16. Will there be a dispute over the children? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, who will have custody? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Where and with whom are the children living now? \_\_\_\_\_

**About your marriage and separation:**

18. Please give the date and place of your marriage.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now separated from your spouse? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please state date of separation: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Have you seen a marriage counselor? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please state name: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you and your spouse attempted reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, would you like to attempt reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_

21. What is your religious preference? \_\_\_\_\_

22. What is your spouse's religious preference? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Check as appropriate if your marital difficulties involve any of the following:
- |  |   |                                 |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| ___ drugs/alcohol  | ___ financial dispute                       | ___ physical violence           |
| ___ emotional abuse  | ___ your infidelity                         | ___ religion                    |
| ___ confinement in<br>mental institution<br>for at least 3 years | ___ noncohabitation<br>for at least 3 years | ___ your spouse's<br>infidelity |
| ___ other:   | _____                                       |                                 |

24. How long have you lived in Texas? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived in the county where you now reside? \_\_\_\_\_

25. Have you or your spouse ever filed for divorce? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

26. Does your spouse have an attorney? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

27. Have you ever been married before? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many times? \_\_\_\_\_

28. Do you or your spouse have any other children for whom a duty of support is owed?

\_\_\_\_\_

If so, please give the following information for each such child.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's license number and state: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

29. Where and with whom do these children live? \_\_\_\_\_



30. Do you pay/receive child support? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_
31. Does your spouse pay/receive child support? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_
32. If a divorce is granted, should the wife's maiden name be restored? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what name should be used? \_\_\_\_\_
33. Have you or your spouse ever sought or been subject to a protective order? \_\_\_\_\_
34. Have you or your spouse ever contacted or been contacted by the Office of the Attorney General? \_\_\_\_\_
35. Have you or your spouse ever contacted or been contacted by child protective services?  
\_\_\_\_\_
36. Have you or your spouse ever been arrested for or convicted of a crime other than receiving a traffic ticket? \_\_\_\_\_

**About weapons and ammunition:**

37. Are there firearms or ammunition in your possession or subject to your control? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please describe the items and state their location. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
38. Are there firearms or ammunition in your spouse's possession or subject to your spouse's control? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please describe the items and state their location. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**About the jurisdiction of the children:**

39. Please provide a list of the places where the children have lived during the past five years and the names and present addresses of the persons with whom the children have lived during that period. \_\_\_\_\_

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40. If you have participated, as a party or witness or in any other capacity, in any other proceeding concerning the custody of or visitation with the children, identify the court, the case number, and the date of the child custody determination, if any. \_\_\_\_\_

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41. If you know of any proceeding that could affect the current proceeding, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to domestic violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, and adoptions, involving you, your (ex-)spouse, or the children, identify the court, the case number, and the nature of the proceeding.

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42. Please provide the name and address of any person not a party to the current proceeding who has physical custody of the children or claims rights of legal custody or physical custody of, or visitation with, the children. \_\_\_\_\_

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43. If you believe that the health, safety, or liberty of you or the children would be jeopardized by disclosure of your address or that of the children, please disclose the reason for that belief.

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