



The Right Divorce Solution

Why The Right Divorce Solution is the best solution for your divorce

The decision to divorce is a difficult one. You ask yourself “Will I be OK, can the relationship be salvaged, what does the divorce process look like?” You feel overwhelmed and if you’ve never divorced before, you know little about the process.

As your advocate, I’ll empower you to become *YOUR OWN BEST ADVOCATE*

The decisions made in your divorce are possibly the most important financial decisions of your life. If you are thinking about divorce, or that decision has already been made, it’s important for you to manage the steps you will take to protect yourself financially and start looking to the future. You have lots of uncertainty but I can help you to transition from being overwhelmed and uncertain to taking control. I can help you understand your options, the process of divorcing in North Carolina, and strategies for working with an attorney. Together we will locate and organize all the documents you need and create the financial documents to support your case. I’ll guide you so you understand the short and long term financial impact of your divorce. Before you go to an attorney, you will know what to expect, have the information you need and know what questions to ask.

Lack of financial understanding puts you at a disadvantage

Woman in particular often do not have a good understanding of their short and long term financial needs. You trusted that you would be taken care of. But now that could put you at a disadvantage during divorce settlement negotiations. Emotions can take over leading you to either ask for too much, immediately creating an adversarial relationship with your spouse, or ask for too little, leaving what you deserve behind. You may have false expectations given by family or attorneys that you will be able to secure a divorce settlement allowing you to continue with their accustomed style of living even when the money to do that is not available. I will educate you so you understand your financial needs and your options, allowing you to make facts-based decisions. I will help you establish reasonable post-divorce financial and lifestyle expectations based on actual numbers. Knowledge is power.



Divorce is primarily about creating a financial settlement

The biggest misconception that people have when they hire an attorney is that their attorney will give them the financial guidance they need. However, attorneys are not trained financial experts.

It is very important that you understand your finances and the implications of a proposed settlement. Where a financial expert is not involved, divorce settlements are often being decided based on a snapshot picture of a financial situation. How will you know what your financial situation might look like when alimony or child support ends if you don't have an understanding of your present AND long term financial needs? This is critical to your financial wellbeing.

The financial summary (Financial Affidavit) is the backbone of your case

If you work with an attorney, you will need to prepare a Financial Affidavit. This is document contains the primary information that we will use to help you negotiate and make facts based decisions and it's crucial that it is thorough and correct. A Financial Affidavit is a summary of your assets and liabilities and your income and expenses (i.e. your budget). I'll review your bank statements and tax returns to see if there might be hidden assets. I'll help you create a budget so you don't miss the opportunity to show support that you need. Through this process you will begin to understand your financial future.

Seek legal counsel with a feeling of empowerment

Hiring a divorce attorney is an expensive proposition and hiring the right attorney is vital. You need to have a basic understanding of what the family law process is so you can manage the process, rather than letting the process manage you. You will help speed up your case by providing your attorney with the financial information they need. When you first meet your attorney, rather than feeling helpless, panicky and confused, you will know what to ask and you will have a better understanding of what he or she tells you because you will understand your own financial situation and the basics of divorce.

Pre-divorce financial consulting services include:

- Helping locate and organize financial documents
- Tracing money
- Preparation of budget
- Preparation of summary of assets and liabilities
- Lifestyle analysis
- Evaluation of keeping marital home
- Education on methods of divorce (mediation, financial facilitation, collaborative or litigated)
- Advice and education on hiring and working with an attorney
- Analysis of the relevant factors the court will consider for alimony and preparation of a summary for your attorney
- Review of settlement options you desire based on your post-divorce goals

Divorce can be the beginning of a new and powerful you. Let me help you on that path.

