



TELL US YOUR STORY

If you are represented by Robertson + Easterling, it will be necessary for you to tell us your story – neatly hand-written or typed. Provide us with the history of your marriage, highlighting important details in chronological order. These facts are critical to our accurately understanding your situation and for us to help you achieve your goals. Descriptive words and details are important. Your story should include the following:

1. **Age, health, education, current employment and current income** for both you and your spouse.
2. A **detailed chronology of the important events in your marriage** including: the time you and your spouse dated before marriage; the date and place of marriage; what you and your spouse were doing immediately prior to your marriage (school, employment, where you lived, what you owned, and your debt); the purchase and sale of any real estate or other significant investments or assets including the source and what you did with the money; the birth, care and/or adoption of children; moves; job changes; job promotions; inheritances; significant financial transactions; and other events which you consider to be important during your marriage.
3. A **detailed history of your financial contributions** to the marriage (money, property or otherwise).
4. A **detailed history of your spouse’s financial contributions** to the marriage (money, property or otherwise).
5. A **detailed history of your indirect contributions** to the marriage (as a mother, father, husband, wife, homemaker, assistance in your spouse’s career development, etc.).
6. A **detailed history of your spouse’s indirect contributions** to the marriage (as a mother, father, husband, wife, homemaker, assistance in your spouse’s career development, etc.).
7. A **detailed explanation of all the “foregone opportunities” that you (or your spouse) have lost** as a result of your marriage or decisions made during your marriage. This would include both economic and career opportunities. Examples would be seniority, retirement benefits, employment, businesses, etc. In other words, things you gave up to help your spouse or family.
8. **If custody or visitation is an issue, be detailed about the child(ren).** Talk about their growth and development; their health; their education and educational needs; your expectations; the relationship they have with both you and your spouse; and, the role and contributions you and your spouse have had in their upbringing. Use the *Albright* worksheet to help you think through these issues.

9. A **detailed history of the “bad” things your spouse has done to you** during the marriage (what, who was present, when, and where- be specific- e.g. saying he/she “abused” or “mistreated” you is not sufficient).
10. A **detailed history of all the “bad” things you have done to your spouse** during the marriage (be specific).
11. An **explanation of your “short term” and “long term” objectives in order of importance** dealing with such issues as divorce, separation, custody of children, visitation with children, obtaining particular property (real and personal) use or ownership of an automobile, restraining orders, alimony, child support and any other special results which you would desire to obtain through litigation or settlement.
12. Any other matters or events which you consider important.

DO NOT LET YOUR SPOUSE SEE THIS PAPER. CONFIDENTIALITY IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTING YOUR INTERESTS. IF YOU BREACH THIS CONFIDENTIALITY YOU ARE JEOPARDIZING OUR ABILITY TO PROPERLY REPRESENT YOUR INTERESTS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU ARE JEOPARDIZING OUR ABILITY TO OBTAIN A FAVORABLE RESULT FOR YOU.

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