



Preliminary Document Checklist for Divorce

One of the ways you can help yourself streamline the divorce process is to begin gathering documents which are commonly requested. The easiest way to do this is to obtain a USB storage device and save electronic copies of the following documents. Where possible, name each document by date and title of document – this labeling will save you money.

While this list is not comprehensive, it will help you get a good head start on the information exchanges which usually take place during the process of divorce. We recommend you continue to gather new information as it becomes available to you.

- Copies of your last several paycheck stubs;
- Copies of your last three annual state and federal income tax returns in full form as filed, including those which were prepared for any business in which you have an ownership interest;
- The last six months of account statements for all of your personal and business banking, investment, retirement and/or credit card accounts;
- A copy of your most recent Social Security Statement;
- Any financial statement you have prepared for any reason in the last three years;
- Copies of all insurance policies that are maintained by you or for your benefit;
- Deeds and debt instruments for all real estate owned by you personally or through any business interest you may have; and
- Any other document which you believe will help us understand your situation better.