

Divorce Documents Checklist

Personal records

- Birth certificates of Husband, Wife and Children
- Social Security cards of Husband, Wife and Children
- Immigration and naturalization documents of Husband, Wife or Children
- Prenuptial/postnuptial agreements
- Separation agreements
- Any other agreements between you and your current spouse
- Court orders and Final Decrees in proceedings with a prior spouse for Husband and Wife
- Death certificate of a previous deceased spouse
- Photos, videos, and any proof of grounds for divorce including adultery, cruelty or inappropriate marital conduct
- Letters, cards, notes, and emails written by or to you, your spouse, and your children
- Police reports if spouse involved in any criminal activity or domestic violence

Property records and financial documents

These documents are required in all cases, and are important in determining the division of marital property, child support, and alimony:

- Federal, state and local income tax returns for the last three to five years
- Payroll statements, pay stubs, and bonus records
- Checking and savings account records
- Real estate deeds, contracts or leases
- Documents about pension or retirement plans, annuities, and IRAs
- Insurance policies, including life, health, automobile, and homeowners
- Mortgages, loans, credit card statements, and other records of debt
- Household expense records for items such as food, rent, utilities, clothing, household goods, repairs, education, vacations, entertainment, and other expenses
- Credit card statements for all accounts for past 3 years
- Loan agreements for all loans
- Copies of your real estate warranty deed and deed of trust on any real estate you and/or your spouse own, have an interest in, or have purchased during the marriage
- Car titles and registration
- Bank account statements for any and all separate and joint accounts for past 3 years
- Asset Statement--list of all joint and marital personal items over \$500.00 in value
- A current budget (Income & Expense Statement) of your household's living expenses
- Liability Statement—list of all joint and separate debts incurred before the marriage or during the marriage
- Documents related to retirement plans (401K, IRA, etc.) including statements for past 3 years
- Life insurance policies and annuities
- Health insurance card
- Automobile insurance card and policy

Business records

If you or your spouse own a business, the following documents and records are necessary:

- Federal, state, and local income tax returns for the business
- Deeds, mortgages, leases, and other real estate interests held by the business
- Financial statements and balance sheets of the business
- Profit and loss statements
- Corporate records and minute books including articles of incorporation and bylaws
- Partnership agreements
- Shareholder agreements
- Business credit card statements and records
- Insurance policies for the business
- Any contracts between the business and third parties

Child Custody Records

If you and your spouse have minor children, the following documents and records are required:

- Adoption decrees, if any children are adopted
- Photographs of the minor child
- Photographs showing you interacting with the minor child
- Photographs of the house/living environment of the minor child\
- Photographs, movies, videotapes, and audio recordings of you, your spouse, and your children showing interactions
- Photographs showing home and living conditions inside home
- School records
- Medical records
- Documents reflecting expenses for current child care and payments made for which reimbursement is sought;
- Documents reflecting expenses for current healthcare insurance and payments made for which reimbursement is sought
- Documents reflecting expenses for uninsured medical expenses paid for which reimbursement is sought;
- Documents reflecting any extraordinary expenses;
- Documents regarding any obligation for child support for any child(ren) for whom support is not sought