

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DIVORCE

1. How much is it to file for divorce?
Usually, I require a \$1,000.00 retainer if there are no children, and \$1,500.00 retainer if there are children. We bill against the retainer at \$200.00 per hour for attorney time and \$75.00 per hour for the legal assistant's time. In some cases, I will do a flat rate if the parties already have an agreement regarding all issues. If the case appears more complicated than normal a larger retainer may be required.
2. Can I get child support from the other party?
Yes, once we file your divorce, we will set up a conciliation hearing to determine child support and parenting time schedule.
3. How is support determined?
Child support is a formula based on your income, your spouse's income and how much time you have the children.
4. If I have been served with divorce documents how long do I have to decide if I should retain an attorney?
If you were served by mail, you have 28 days to file an Answer with the court. If you were served in person, you have 21 days to respond.
5. How do I get started?
I offer a half hour free consultation. I will meet with you and answer any questions that you may have. I will give you a fee agreement and a questionnaire. Once you are ready to get started, bring in the signed fee agreement, the completed questionnaire and the retainer and we will get started on your documents.
6. My spouse is threatening me, is there anything I can do?
Yes, if you feel threatened, you should go to the court and file for a Personal Protection Order (PPO) immediately. Go to the Circuit Court and they can help you.
7. Are you aggressive when necessary?
An amicable resolution to family matter is always in the best interest of all of the parties; however, if necessary I can and will aggressively protect my clients and their rights.