

### **INITIAL CONSULTATION OBJECTIVES FOR:**

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	(Date)
1.	To discuss, in a <b>confidential</b> setting, your legal rights related to family law issues;
2.	To receive a summary of family law in our Initial Client Memorandum to read at home
3.	To receive checklists and forms of information you need to gather for your attorneys;
4.	To determine a preliminary strategy for your case, if you feel ready to do so;
5.	To meet your potential attorney(s);
6.	To discuss fees; and
7.	To discuss any other objectives you have listed below:

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SKIPANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT KNOW OR UNDERSTA
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GIVE ESTIMATES OF VALUES WHEN POSSIBLE.

DO NOT GET FRUSTRATED OVER ANY QUESTION!!!

SKIP IT AND DISCUSS WITH YOUR ATTORNEY

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

	Please	give	the n	name,	addres	s and	brief	explan	nation o	of any	person	or	entity	you
think	would	have	a con	flict	of inter	rest w	ith yo	u with	regard	l to ou	r handli	ng	your (	case.
Please	e give a	ll nan	nes a p	persor	n/entity	may	have u	ised						

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Master Contacts Checked:	(date)	(initials)	
Conflicts called to attorney's attention:	(date)	(initials)	

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1.	Overview. (Please give us a brief summary of your case)
2. paper	Have you been served with pleadings, lawsuits, subpoenas, papers by the sheriff or s by certified mail?
Ye	es No
3. What	What are your top goals and objectives? How will we know if we "win" your case? does a successful result look like?

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

(Continued)

4.	Case Plan: (To be completed v	vith attorney in initial consult)
5.	Have you or your spouse ever	been through bankruptcy?
	You: Type	:
	Spouse: Type	:
6.	Are you or your spouse on any	leases?
	You:	Type:
	Spouse:	Type:
7.	Are you or your spouse on any	Guarantees?

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Spouse:

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

# **PERSONAL ISSUES: EDUCATION**

List your highest educational level (high school, college, graduate school professional training) with the name of the institution(s):
Do you have any special job training? Describe:
Will you need further training/education before beginning a new job (if currently unemployed)?
List your spouse's highest educational level (high school, college, graduate school professional training) with the name/address of the institution(s):
Does your spouse have any special job training? Describe:
Will you need further training/education before beginning a new job (if currently unemployed)?

# **PERSONAL ISSUES: PRIOR DIVORCE**

Date(s) of Prior Divorce(s):	
Please check all that apply:	
Separation Agreement: Divorce Decree: Custody Order:	
Child Support Order: Alimony/PSS Order:	
If you are paying child support for children from a prior marriage/relationship, how much per month:  Date child support obligation ends:	W
If you are paying alimony from a prior marriage, how much per month:	
Date alimony obligation ends:	

# PERSONAL ISSUES: MEDICAL

Your general physical health:
Your general mental health:
Any specific medical problems:
Do you have any disabilities:
Your spouse's general physical health:
Your spouse's general mental health:
Does your spouse have any specific medical problems:
Does your spouse have any disabilities:

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l.	Does your case potentially involve a marital property settlement (known in this state of Equitable Distribution)?							
	Yes No							
	A. Does a Premarital Agreement exist?							
	Yes No							
	If yes, please provide us with a copy at your next meeting.							

# **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION: A. BANK/SAVINGS ACCOUNTS**

1.	Larg	est Account:	
	a.	Bank/Financial Institution:	
	b.	Type of account:	
	c.	Approximate Amount:	
	d.	Name(s) on account:	
	e.	Do you have access? Yes	No
2.	Seco	ond Largest Account:	
	a.	Bank/Financial Institution:	
	b.	Type of account:	
	c.	Approximate Amount:	
	d.	Name(s) on account:	
	e.	Do you have access? Yes	No
3.	<u>Addi</u>	itional Account:	
	a.	Bank/Financial Institution:	
	b.	Type of account:	
	c.	Approximate Amount:	
	d.	Name(s) on account:	
	e.	Do you have access? Yes	No

4. Other accounts will be covered on the Equitable Distribution Affidavit.

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# B. PROMISSORY NOTES, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, PROMISSORY NOTES DUE TO OTHERS, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1.	Note:	
	a.	Bank/Financial Institution:
	b.	Approximate Amount:
	c.	Terms:
	d.	Due to or from you?
2.	Note:	
	a.	Bank/Financial Institution:
	b.	Approximate Amount:
	c.	Terms:
	d.	Due to or from you?
3.	Note:	
	a.	Bank/Financial Institution:
	b.	Approximate Amount:
	c.	Terms:
	d.	Due to or from you?

# C. STOCKS, BONDS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

1.	Stoc	ks, etc:	
	a.	Entity :	
	b.	Approximate Shares:	
	c.	Approximate Worth:	_
	d.	Do you have access? Yes No	
2.	Stoc	ks, etc:	
	a.	Entity :	
	b.	Approximate Shares:	
	c.	Approximate Worth:	_
	d.	Do you have access? Yes No	
3.	Stoc.	ks, etc:	
	a.	Entity :	
	b.	Approximate Shares:	
	c.	Approximate Worth:	-
	d.	Do you have access? Yes No	

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### D. REAL ESTATE

1.	Real	Estate: Primary Home
	a.	Address:
	b.	Gross Fair Market Value:
	c.	Amount Owed:
	d.	Monthly Payment:
	e.	Equity Line Owed:
	f.	Payment:
	g.	Do you desire to retain the home?YesNo Not Sure
	h.	Are there any environmental issues? Yes No Not Sure
	ase De	Estate:escribe, e.g. Second home, commercial, etc.; please include here the most ece of Real Estate other than your home.)
	a.	Address:
	b.	Gross Fair Market Value:
	c.	Amount Owed:
	d.	Monthly Payment:
	e.	Equity Line Owed:
	f.	Payment:
	g.	Do you desire to retain the home? Yes No Not Sure
	h.	Are there any environmental issues? Yes No Not Sure

3.	Real	Estate:		
(Plea	ase De	scribe, e.g. Second home, commercial, etc.)		
	a.	Address:		
	b.	Gross Fair Market Value:		
	c.	Amount Owed:		
	d.	Monthly Payment:		
	e.	Equity Line Owed:	<u> </u>	
	f.	Payment:		
	g.	Do you desire to retain the home? Yes	No	Not Sure
	h.	Are there any environmental issues? Yes	No	Not Sure
4.	Real	Estate:		
(Plea	ase De	scribe, e.g. Second home, commercial, etc.)		
	a.	Address:		
	b.	Gross Fair Market Value:		
	c.	Amount Owed:		
	d.	Monthly Payment:		
	e.	Equity Line Owed:	_	
	f.	Payment:		
	g.	Do you desire to retain the home? Yes	No	Not Sure
	h.	Are there any environmental issues? Yes	No	Not Sure

### E. LIFE INSURANCE

1.	<u>Insu</u>	rance:	
	a.	Policy Holder:	
	b.	Beneficiary:	
	c.	Monthly Payment:	
	d.	Who makes payment: You Spouse	
	e.	Cash Value:	
	f.	Do you wish to retain this policy? YesNo Not Sure	
2.	Insu	rance:	
	a.	Policy Holder:	
	b.	Beneficiary:	
	c.	Monthly Payment:	
	d.	Who makes payment: You Spouse	
	e.	Cash Value:	
	f.	Do you wish to retain this policy? YesNo Not Sure	
3.	Insu	rance:	
	a.	Policy Holder:	
	b.	Beneficiary:	
	c.	Monthly Payment:	
	d.	Who makes payment: You Spouse	
	e.	Cash Value:	
	f.	Do you wish to retain this policy? YesNo Not Sure	

### F. BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

1.	Name of Entity:
2.	How is ownership held?
3.	Please provide a brief summary of what the business does:
4.	Have appraisals been done?
Yes _	No Not Sure
5.	What kind of tax returns does the business file?
6. pertin	Please bring five (5) years of tax returns, financial statements and any other eent business records to your next meeting.

# G. PENSIONS PLANS, KEOGHS, IRAS, PROFIT SHARING, RETIREMENT PLANS AND LOANS

<b>SEL</b>	<u>F:</u>
a.	Type:
	Where Held:
	Value/Amount:
b.	Type:
	Where Held:
	Value/Amount:
c.	Type:
	Where Held:
	Value/Amount:
SPO a.	USE: Type:
	Where Held:
	Value/Amount:
b.	Type:
	Where Held:
	Value/Amount:
c.	Type:
	Where Held:
	Value/Amount:

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### H. VEHICLES AND LOANS

1.	<u>Ty</u>	ype (year, make, model):	
	a.	Titled to:	
		Used by:	
		Total gross fair market value:	
	d.	Total debt owed:	
		Payment amount:	
		Who makes payment?	
		To whom is payment made:	
	_	Who has the title?	
		Do you want this vehicle?	
2.	<u>Ty</u>	<u>ype (</u> year, make, model):	
	a.	Titled to:	
	b.	Used by:	
		Total gross fair market value:	
	d.	Total debt owed:	
		Payment amount:	
	f.	Who makes payment?	
	g.	To whom is payment made:	
	h.	Who has the title?	
		Do you want this vehicle?	
3.	<u>Ty</u>	ype (year, make, model):	
	a.	Titled to:	
	b.	Used by:	
	c.	Total gross fair market value:	
	d.	Total debt owed:	
	e.	Payment amount:	
	f.	Who makes payment?	
	g.	To whom is payment made:	
	h.	Who has the title?	
	i.	Do you want this vehicle?	

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### I. PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUED AT \$500.00 OR MORE

1.	Type	:
	a.	Value:
	b.	Location:
	c.	Do you want this item?
2.	Type	::
	a.	Value:
		Location:
	c.	Do you want this item?
3.	Туре	:
	a.	Value:
	b.	Location:
	c.	Do you want this item?
4.	Туре	:
	a.	
	b.	Location:
	c.	Do you want this item?

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#### J. HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS

Please list items of marital furnishings that you wish to retain. Make photographs of all items. Include items in garage/storage. Include tools, guns, collectibles, etc.

Also, please list all property you consider to be separate property items (most typically items given to you by a family member).

# **EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION: K. CREDIT CARDS**

1.	Cred	lit Card Name:
	a.	Account number:
	b.	Balance:
	c.	Name(s) on account:
	d.	Considerations:
2.	Cred	lit Card Name:
	a.	Account number:
	b.	Balance:
	c.	Name(s) on account:
	d.	Considerations:
3.	Cred	dit Card Name:
	a.	Account number:
	b.	Balance:
	c.	Name(s) on account:
	d.	Considerations:
	Wha	at do you estimate as your total credit card debt not paid off on a monthly basis?

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# EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION: L. OTHER DEBTS

Please describe below any other assets/debts not already listed:

### **NET WORTH**

		value	would	you	put	on	your	marital	property/assets	as	of	the	date	of
separa	ation?													
2.	What	value v	would y	ou pu	t on	you	r total	debt as	of the date of sep	ara	tion	?		

# **Child Custody**

1.	Does your ca	ase potentially	involve contes	ted custody?	
	Yes	No	Not Sure		
2.	Is there an e attorney.)	existing custod	ly order or agre	ement? (If yes, pleas	e provide a copy to your
	Yes	No	Not Sure		
3.	Briefly descr	ribe how you	would resolve th	he custody issue and v	why.
(P	lease include	consideration	of the special r	needs of the children.	)
4.	Please list fo	r each child:	Name	Birthdate	Social Security #
5.	What time	e do vou leavo	e to go to work	in the morning?	
6.		-	_	vening?	
7.	How wou	•	the transportat	_	from school in the event
8.	How is th	ne transportation	on of children to	o and from school cur	rently handled?
9. or	•	•	•	ployment in the even ith them for a day or t	t the children become ill two?

### **Child Custody** (Continued)

10.	How many meals a day do the children have in the home?
11.	What kind of meals do the children have for breakfast?
12.	What kind of meals do you have for lunch and dinner?
13.	What time do you generally have dinner?
14.	Did your spouse usually come home for dinner?
15.	Did you usually have dinner together with the children?
16.	What are the children's favorite foods?
17.	Where do you grocery shop? Do the children go with you when you shop?
18.	Do you eat out with the children?
19.	Describe the children's cleanliness and how you would tend to their hygiene.
20.	Do they have separate bedrooms? Describe their bedrooms.

# Child Custody (Continued)

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31.	Do the children go for regular medical and dental checkups?
30. descr	Do the children have any special medical or dental health problems? Please ibe.
29.	Has your spouse been to the doctor's office with the children?
28.	Estimate how many times you've been to the doctor's office with the children.
27.	Do you know the doctor?
26.	Where is his/her office located?
25.	Who is the children's doctor or pediatrician?
24.	Has your spouse ever complained to you about the children? Please describe.
23.	Are the children responsible for their rooms and clothes?
22.	How and why did you select these particular chores?
21.	Do the children have chores and responsibilities about the house? What are they?
21.	Do the children have

# Child Custody (Continued)

32.	What prescriptions do the children take at this time and for what reason?
33.	Who gives the children the medicine when they need it?
34.	Who purchases the clothing for the children?
35.	Where do you purchase the clothing for the children?
36.	How do you select clothes for the children?
37.	Specify the clothes sizes that each child wears.
38.	Does your spouse know the children's clothing sizes?
39.	Do you see that the children brush their teeth regularly?
40.	What school do the children attend?
41.	What grade are they in?
42.	Have you visited the school?

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43.	Have you engaged in	activities	at the	school	(PTA	or	volunteer)?	How	often	do
	you do this?									

# Child Custody (Continued)

44.	Have you met with the teachers? How often?
45.	How are the children's grades?
46.	Do you help the children with homework?
47. etc.?	Do you read to the children in the home, take them to museums, theaters, plays, Please describe:
48.	What is your position concerning television viewing by the children?
49.	How do you deal with discipline with the children?
50.	What is your involvement with the children's religious activities?

51. Do you believe that the children would be better off in your custody than in the custody of your spouse?

# Child Custody (Continued)

O: Circle those you handle

—: Put a line through those your spouse handles

X: Put an 'x' beside those you and your spouse handle

- Doctor, dentist visits
- Yearly physicals
- Purchase clothing
- Allowances
- Discipline
- Help with homework
- Have friends over for the night
- Teach responsibility with household jobs
- Chauffeur
- Plan and carry out birthday parties
- Monitor grades
- Calls to teachers and principals
- Attendance at plays and concerts
- Teacher/parent conferences
- Haircuts

- Prepare breakfast
- Prepare lunch
- Prepare dinner
- Monitor friends
- Wash, sort and iron clothes
- Read to children
- Maintain relationships with relatives
- Encourage music, dance lessons, etc.
- Attendance at sporting events and other extracurricular activities
- Monitor TV viewing
- Referee fights between siblings
- Religious training, church activities
- Cleaning and general housekeeping tasks
- Grocery shopping

### Child Custody Your Custody Proposal

How do you propose to handle custody and visitation with the other parent? Include a plan for the school year, summer and holidays.

# **Child Support**

1.	Do you need child support?				
	Yes	No	Not Sure		
2.	Is there an e	xisting child	support order or agreement?		
	Yes	No	Not Sure		
3.	How much o	do you make	annually?		
4.	How much o	does the other	r parent make annually?		
5.	Is either pare	ent responsib	le for other children?		
	Yes	No	Not Sure		
	If yes, please do	escribe:			
6.	Which parer	nt covers hea	Ith insurance?		
	Mother	Father	What is the cost?		
7.	Which parer	nt covers day	care?		
	Mother	Father	What is the cost?		

# **Alimony/Post Separation Support**

1.	Do you	need support	?		
a.	Yes	No	Not Sure		
b.	How m	uch?			
2.	Does y	our spouse wa	ant support?		
a.	Yes	No	Not Sure		
b.	How m	uch?			
			receive alimony or posted tax payments:	t separation support	that it is taxable and
a.	Yes	No	Not Sure		
	If 'No'	or 'Not Sure,	' please request that we	explain further.	
	determ	ining whether	ions reflect factors that your spouse is entitled umstances surrounding	d to support. Use	
	Did yo	u or your spo	ouse do any of the follo	owing:	
	a. 6	engage in illic	it sexual behavior?	You	Spouse
	b. c	cause a separa	tion through criminal ac	ctivity? <b>You</b>	_ Spouse
			ther spouse (by moving <b>Spouse</b>	out of the marital h	ome)?
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d. companions	constructively abandon hip, sex)? <b>You</b>		(withdrawal	of love, affection	n,
e.	force the other spouse or	ut of the house?	You	Spouse	_
	endanger or treat the os.) <b>You Spo</b> u	_	v?(Include patt	erns of cruelty a	nd
_	render the condition of elties)? <b>You</b>	_	e intolerable	through indigniti	es
h. property?	spend income of either You Spou		vaste or conce	al assets, or destr	oy
	use alcohol in a manr You Spou		the the life o	f the other spou	.se
j.	use drugs in a manner th	at rendered the life	of the other sp	ouse intolerable?	
You	Spouse				
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# **ALIMONY/POST SEPARATION SUPPORT Health Insurance**

1.	Does your ex provide health insurance for	you?	
Yes_	No Not Sure		
Name	e of Carrier:	Cost:	
2.	Do you provide health insurance for your e	ex?	
Yes_	No Not Sure		
Namo	e of Carrier:	Cost:	
3.	Who is your health insurance carrier:		Cost:

#### **PRACTICAL ISSUES**

- 1. <u>Segregate Accounts</u> Start new accounts post date of separation to avoid comingling.
  - 401Ks: pick new investment options for post date of separation contributions.
  - Checking
  - Financial Accounts
- 2. Credit Cards
  - Close Down
- 3. Secure Records
- 4. Lis Pendens
- 5. <u>Understand retroactive support issues, if applicable, and what precedents are being set by current conduct.</u>
- 6. Understand that all your claims for support and property <u>must</u> be pending before your divorce is final.
- 7. Understand games that may be played by your ex.

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# ALIENATION OF AFFECTION / CRIMINAL CONVERSATION / WIRETAPPING AND OTHER CAUSES OF ACTION

1. Please describe facts that give rise to your allegations/defense.

#### MARITAL HISTORY

1. Please describe the entirety of your relationship to the spouse in question in a detailed summary:

(Type if possible at home. Bring this history to your attorney as soon as possible.)

### SEPARATE PROPERTY/INHERITANCE/GIFTS

Describe assets you or your former spouse have received by inheritance and/or gifts attach a separate sheet, if necessary)
Describe all assets and/or liabilities you had at date of marriage:  e attach a separate sheet, if necessary)
Describe all assets and/or liabilities you have acquired after separation: attach a separate sheet, if necessary)
Describe all assets and/or liabilities your spouse had at date of marriage: e attach a separate sheet, if necessary)
Describe all assets and/or liabilities your spouse acquired after separation: e attach a separate sheet, if necessary)

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#### PREMARITAL AGREEMENT

Full name of fiancée (please print):
Expected date of wedding:
1. Describe how you wish to handle property settlement in the unfortunate event of divorce:
2. Describe how you wish to handle estates in the unfortunate event of death:
3. With whom will we handle negotiations? (Please give contact information if you have it.)
4. Each party needs to attach a financial statement to include with the Agreement.
5. <u>Practical Advice</u> . Do not commingle premarital assets with property acquired after marriage.