

GET TO KNOW US

You know us individually as your family's lawyer - now get to know us as a team. Mary Gurganus, Larry Economos, David Franklin and Ashley Prince are Triangle Divorce Lawyers and we are stronger than ever.



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**DIVORCE CAN
BE TOUGH—**

**THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE
TO HELP YOU THROUGH IT
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**

the several stages of DIVORCE:

- 1 initial break up of the relationship
- 2 identifying personal priorities with respect to children, income, debts and property
- 3 negotiating and settling the case
- 4 distributing property
- 5 the absolute divorce; and ongoing issues of enforcing or modifying the agreements.

There's a lot to it— so how should you get started when faced with divorce? This guide is our recommendation to help keep things productive.

CREATE A TEAM

- Create a strong team of attorneys who you feel comfortable with. It is important that the attorney understands the ultimate results that you desire so that the case stays focused on what's most important to you.
- Engage with a counselor or therapist to cope with the challenges that you will face during divorce. We work with qualified counselors in the triangle area to help you navigate your life turns as smoothly as possible for you and your children.**
- Work with a financial planner to identify your intangible assets such as retirement accounts. Your attorney will work with the financial advisor to ensure the distribution of these assets best benefit your financial position.
- Identify other professionals that you may also need, such as realtor, appraiser, private investigator, mover, etc.**

MAKE A PLAN

KNOW THE CUSTODY SCHEDULE

Identify what your ideal situation would be, then prioritize. Speak with your attorney to discuss options and strategies. Speak with your spouse if you are leaving without the children. Have an agreement about interim custody before you move out, if possible.

ENGAGE THE TEAM

With your team's input, determine your next steps: Move, or stay in your home, start negotiations in person, prepare a separation agreement, or file court papers. Your team has helped many other people through this process, so put our background, training and experience to work to identify your best, worst and most likely outcomes. Understand your options, and keep your team updated on every decision that you make

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Contact your attorney to make sure you are taking the best next steps.

- Take everything you want, such as favorite photos, personal jewelry, family heirlooms, etc.
- Make a list of all property that you are leaving, but want to get later. If possible, take an inventory and photograph of all major items in the home. (furniture, jewelry, valuable personal property)
- Take important documents, such as your birth certificate, social security card, passport, etc.
- Make copies of important financial documents including:
 - tax returns (2 years)
 - pay stubs (3 months)
 - child care, health insurance payments
 - medical expenses
 - bank and credit card statements
 - retirements statements
 - business records (including contracts, invoices and financial reports)

CONTACT US to set up an informative consultation

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