



FAQs in Georgia Divorce Matters

- 1. How will I know if my divorce is uncontested or contested?** If you and your spouse are in agreement on issues regarding division of property, marital debts, child custody, and child support, you should consider an uncontested divorce. However, if you and your spouse disagree on any of these important issues, your divorce will likely be contested.
- 2. How long will a divorce take?** In a standard uncontested divorce, a party must wait at least 31 days from the filing of all settlement documents before requesting a final signature on a Divorce Decree. In standard contested divorce matters, a party on average waits between 6 and 10 months for a final divorce. In complex divorces with many issues, a divorce can last anywhere from several months to several years.
- 3. How much will a divorce cost?** Our Firm charges flat fees for uncontested divorces and an hourly retainer for contested divorces. Our rates vary depending on the complexity of your matter. In order to get a fair quote for representation fees, it is prudent to schedule a consultation with one of our attorneys.
- 4. What documents do I need to gather?** Whether your divorce will be uncontested or contested, gather recent check stubs, bank account statements, life insurance policy, and any court issued documents. In more complex cases, you may want to gather your children's records, health records, or property records..
- 5. Do I have to go to court?** Court is not generally required for uncontested matters and in the rare times a Judge requires an appearance, court generally lasts less than one hour. However, in uncontested matters, there will be at least one hearing, and depending on the complexity of the divorce there could potentially be several court hearings. An alternative to court, even in a contested matter, would be mediation.

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