



Family Law

Family law is built on relationships – we understand and highly value that our family law clients often share very personal and intimate details of their private lives. Our effectiveness in assisting our clients is founded upon developing trusting relationships with our clients, by dedicating ourselves to the client's needs and circumstance and not the case.

Family law matters encompass the joy and responsibility of planning for the future growth and care of the family – such as adoption, or the need for a will, or legal documents to ensure proper medical treatment and care. If you are need of assistance in any of these matters, please [contact us](#).

However, we also recognize that most often the overriding need for a family law attorney is to navigate the legalities of a divorce.

Divorce

Divorce proceedings can be the most traumatic and emotionally trying event in a person's life. The circumstances for a divorce range from an amicable joint decision to divorce to the contentious decision by one spouse to end the marriage. A divorce is more than just filing documents with a court; every divorce has its own unique circumstances the spouses must resolve. Even the most amicable of divorces require decisions for caring for the children to dividing the property to ensuring the financial stability of each spouse.

Many couples make financial decisions during the course of the marriage without the thought of divorce. One spouse may have completed an education program while the other spouse delayed their own education goals to provide financial support for the family. Or one spouse may have pursued a professional career or developed a business while the other spouse had responsibility for managing the home and caring for the children. While these decisions benefited the family during the marriage, these same decisions may leave one spouse in financial distress after the divorce. It is important that a divorce not necessarily equally divide the marital property, but that the division is just and right for both spouses.

Child Custody / Support

Often children are the most contentious issues in a divorce. Sometimes the spouses focus on the emotional stress of the marriage ending, and lose focus of what is just and right for the continuing parent relationship and the children. Although no longer spouses, each will continue to be parents.

Children should never be negotiating leverage in a divorce. It is important to plan for the continued care and financial support of the children. Financial support should be for the benefit of the children and not a financial windfall for the custodial parent.

Only in extreme circumstances should one parent be denied access and visitation with the children. Although there may be difficulties and stress in accommodating visitation, there are greater benefits in each parent maintaining a role in the children's lives. The reasons for the spouses divorcing should very seldom be the reasons for keeping one parent away.

Post-Divorce Proceedings

Not all family law issues end with the divorce. Additionally, circumstances and needs can change over time. What may have been fair, just and right during the divorce proceedings, may no longer meet the needs of the former spouses or the children. Issues such as financial hardship or unexpected financial windfall, or relocation for one parent, or a subsequent marriage, or unexpected death may make it necessary to modify the terms of the divorce. Please contact us is you are in need of assistance in any of these matters.