

Filing for Divorce and Obtaining the Best Possible Outcome

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Choosing Legal Representation

Filing for the dissolution of marriage is often a highly emotional process, but in order to obtain the best possible outcome, it is important that you can make a series of rational decisions based on logic and cognitive thought. The choices that you make during divorce proceedings can have long-lasting negative consequences if not handled properly, and working with an [experienced Colorado family law attorney](#) can help you to obtain the most favorable results. A domestic relations lawyer can guide you through the legal aspects of your case while assisting you with the division of your marital property, helping you to negotiate spousal support, and facilitating the creation of a detailed parenting plan.

The Consequences of Being Unrepresented

Recent statistics from the Colorado Bar Association indicate that more and more individuals are filing for divorce without being represented by a family law attorney. Some counties have reported that the number of individuals filing for divorce pro-se is as high as 70%.

This growing do-it-yourself approach to divorce may have led to a generalized demystification of the family law court, but many unrepresented individuals with more complex legal matters have discovered too late that they created errors with far reaching consequences. Colorado law states that parties who are representing themselves are held to the same standard of knowledge as attorneys licensed to practice law, and many of those who chose not to hire counsel have suffered the aftermath of their inexperience and limited understanding of our state's legal system.

The consequence of this trend is that many domestic relations lawyers are seeing an increase in the number of new clients with [post-decree matters](#) incited by mistakes made by the client when attempting to represent themselves.

Understanding our Legal System

Before a party decides to file for divorce on their own, it is important for them to know that, like a Colorado family law attorney, they must be familiar with the state's recent changes in family law, and they must understand the current version of the Rules of Civil Procedure. They must also know how and when to file petitions and motions with the court and have experience with property division, maintenance, and the allocation of parental rights. Additionally they must be aware of the rules that must be followed in the county that maintains jurisdiction over the case. And they must understand that the agreement they sign is binding and they are responsible for having full knowledge of its content.

Conclusion

There are numerous advantages to being represented by counsel during the divorce process. Your attorney can help you to understand your rights and options according to Colorado law and guide you through the labyrinth of our legal system. Your divorce lawyer can also assist you with the division of your marital property, help you to negotiate spousal support, and facilitate the creation of a detailed parenting plan for you and your children.

The decisions that you make during the divorce process can have long-term and undesirable consequences if handled incorrectly, but choosing to work with an experienced Colorado family law attorney can give you peace of mind and the advantage you need to obtain the best possible results.

