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Considering Divorce After 50?

While the numbers of divorces filed in the U.S. are lower now than in 1990, the number of divorces for couples over 50 has increased.

There are many reasons to end a long-term marriage, and most people file for divorce because they are simply not happy. Older couples often recognize that their relationship did not improve when their children left home, and they don't want to spend the rest of their lives in a marriage that is just not working anymore.

Some older people get divorced for financial reasons, and others part ways when health issues become problematic.

Others may have different views regarding how their retirement should be funded.

When couples divorce, the assets of the marriage must be divided equitably. Retirement income must also be divided so both parties can live comfortably. For these reasons, not only do older couples need experienced divorce attorneys, but they may also benefit from the use of mediation, the Collaborative Process or a Certified Divorce Financial Planner. Mature couples must carefully consider how they will live when they retire, and time is of the essence when planning for divorce.



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