Divorce Document Checklist

As part of preparing for a divorce, a thorough understanding of your and your spouse's personal financial situation is important.

The following is a list of financial records and other documents to obtain if you plan to file for divorce in Washington:

Income Records

- Current wage stubs (last 6 months) for you and your spouse
- Last year's W-2 forms for you and your spouse
- Tax returns for the two most recent years including all schedules
- Current social security statements for you and your spouse

Assets

- Vehicles, motorcycles, boats or mobile homes: Title showing legal owner and Vehicle Identification Number
- Art, antiques or collectibles: Most recent appraisal or insurance rider
- Documents regarding club memberships, including vacation memberships and exercise clubs
- Current statements for all bank accounts, credit union accounts, money market accounts, etc. showing names on each account, account number, and the current balance
- Stocks, bonds, and other securities
- Life insurance policies with current face value
- Stock option plans including vesting schedules
- Deferred compensation plans

Retirement/Tax Deferred Savings Plans

- Current account statements for each retirement account including pensions, 401-K's, IRA's
- Copy of the benefit plan

Real Property

- Warranty Deeds, Real Estate Contracts, and other recorded documentation

Business/Self-Employment

- Business tax returns
- Partnership and other agreements (buy-sell, etc.)
- Articles of Incorporation
- Stock Ledgers
- Financial statements
- Loan applications

Debts and Liabilities

- Most recent statements for credit cards, credit line accounts, mortgages, home equity lines of credit, and installment loans with account numbers and current balances
- Most recent statements or legal documentation for any other debts such as student loans, medical bills, and tax liens
- Credit reports
- Loan applications

Legal Documents

- Any prenuptial or postnuptial agreements
- Wills and any other estate planning documents
- Any documents showing an asset was owned prior to marriage (e.g., a 401-K statement showing value of account at the time of marriage)
- Documents showing property is inherited