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DIY Divorce Exhibit Guide

Essential documents for uncontested divorce filings. Organize your financial records, agreements, and supporting documents for a smoother process.

An uncontested divorce where both parties agree can often be completed without attorneys, but proper documentation is essential. Courts require specific financial disclosures and supporting documents. This guide helps you gather everything needed to complete your divorce filing efficiently and avoid delays.

Financial Disclosure Documents

- Recent pay stubs (last 3 months)**
For both parties if both are employed
- Tax returns (last 2-3 years)**
Complete returns with all schedules and W-2s
- Bank statements (last 3-6 months)**
All checking, savings, and investment accounts
- Retirement account statements**
401(k), IRA, pension statements showing current values
- Credit card statements**
Showing balances owed on joint and individual accounts

Property Documentation

- Real estate deeds**
Deeds showing ownership of homes or land
- Mortgage statements**
Current statements showing loan balance and payment
- Vehicle titles and loan documents**
For all cars, boats, or other vehicles
- Property appraisals**
Recent valuations of real estate if dividing property

Marital Agreements

- Prenuptial or postnuptial agreement**
If one exists, the original signed copy
- Separation agreement**
Written agreement on property division, support, custody
- Parenting plan (if children)**
Agreed schedule for custody and visitation

Identity & Marriage Documents

- Marriage certificate**
Certified copy from the county where you married
- Photo IDs for both parties**
Driver's licenses or state IDs
- Children's birth certificates**
If there are children of the marriage

Debt Documentation

- Loan statements**
Personal loans, student loans, auto loans
- Medical bills**
Outstanding medical debt
- Credit report**
Shows all debts in your name (free at annualcreditreport.com)

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. Hiding assets or income, which can result in the agreement being voided
2. Forgetting to disclose retirement accounts or pension benefits
3. Not getting agreements in writing before filing
4. Missing deadlines for required financial disclosures
5. Failing to account for tax implications of property division

ORGANIZATION TIPS

- Create separate folders for each category of documents
- Make a spreadsheet listing all assets and debts with current values
- Keep originals in a safe place and bring copies to court
- Date-stamp all documents to show when they were gathered
- Organize bank statements in chronological order by account

COURTROOM PREPARATION

- Review your settlement agreement thoroughly before your court date
- Be prepared to answer questions about your finances under oath
- Bring photo ID and arrive at least 30 minutes early
- Dress conservatively and professionally
- If you have a final hearing, both parties typically need to appear
- Be patient - family court dockets are often crowded

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