

What you will need for Divorce (No Children) Step 1: Start Your Case

1. Basic contact information for you and your spouse.
2. Personal information for you and your spouse including date of birth, sex, SSN (if you know it), employer name and any past legal names.
3. The date and location where you were married.
4. A list of your property and debts and how you want them to be divided:
 - a. Community Personal Property - a list describing who will get the personal property obtained during the marriage;
 - b. Community Real Property - the address and legal description for any homes or land obtained during the marriage;
 - c. Community Debts - the creditor's name and the last 4 digits of the account number for any debts incurred during the marriage; and
 - d. Separate Property - a list describing your and your spouse's personal and real property from before the marriage.
5. If the wife had any children during the marriage with someone else, you will need the children's names, dates of birth and any information you know about any court cases they have been involved in.
6. Any information you know about any domestic violence or abuse cases you, your spouse or a wife's child has been involved in.

Definitions:

Community Personal Property is all of the belongings acquired by one or both spouses during the marriage, excluding real property and separate property.

Personal property can include furniture, clothing, vehicles, bank accounts, debts owed to you, retirement accounts, etc.

Community real property is real estate or land (with or without any houses or buildings) that you and/or your spouse acquired during the marriage.

Community debts are generally debts incurred during your marriage by you or your spouse. Debts can include mortgages, vehicle payments, taxes, credit cards, student loans, medical bills, judgments, etc.

Separate property is real property or personal property either:

- Owned before the marriage,
- Received during the marriage by gift or inheritance, or
- Property you got in exchange for separate property.