

Pre-Separation Checklist: 5 Steps to Take To Protect Yourself Before A San Diego Divorce

If you're heading toward divorce in San Diego, there is no such thing as being too prepared. In fact, the more you're able to plan and prepare now, the better you'll be protected in the future as the divorce unfolds. Here are steps to begin taking now to prepare for your divorce.

1. Begin Collecting Necessary Documents

The San Diego Court will require that everything involved in the marriage to be documented. Income, expenses, assets, real property, debts and anything else connected to the marriage must be provided to the court. So as soon as possible, begin collecting and organizing financial documents including: State and Federal income tax returns for the past several years, paystubs, retirement account statements, insurance policies, loan statements, real estate deeds, bank statements, and household and personal expense records.

2. Cancel Communal Credit Cards

Joint credit cards should be canceled as soon as possible in order to prevent financial exploitation by an ex.

3. Redirect Joint Bank Accounts

Remove half of the assets in any joint bank accounts, and open a new account at a different bank. It is important however, to never remove more than half, as you don't want to be accused of raiding communal assets.

4. Document Valuables

Take photographs or videos of your home, and belongings, including vehicles, jewelry, and other assets.

5. Hire a Divorce Attorney

It's no secret that family law is complex, and the San Diego family court system can be challenging to navigate. So it is in your best interest to hire a San Diego divorce attorney who specializes in family law as soon as you've made the decision to divorce.

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