

What to Expect From Divorce Court



What should you expect if you find yourself having to go to divorce court? The answer to this question is not the same for everyone who is faced with their marriage ending. There are various different things that you may have to do for your divorce. You will certainly want to make sure that you are doing everything that you can to make this divorce happen in your favor so that you can get you where you need to be in your life. Try focusing on the things that you can do, the things you have direct control over, to make this struggle easier on you.

Sometimes, although not often, there is a mutual agreement between divorcing parties that will allow people to settle the divorce on their own. However when things get messy between husband and wife it is important to have a qualified, disinterested, and impartial party mediate the divorce so that it goes smoother for everyone involved. This is almost always the safest way to go so that the divorce goes just as smoothly as it can for everyone and that each person gets a fair deal.

If you are fortunate enough to be getting a divorce agreement that is uncontested and a marital settlement agreement reached, then most of the time the legal documents can be filed with the court and the final judgment can be mailed to you. However, oftentimes the court will request a hearing, either informal or formal. At an informal hearing the judge has the right to ask you questions about the certain facts that are presented in the divorce paperwork. At a formal hearing, the entire divorce case will be presented right from the beginning so that all the facts are available for the judge to see and make a proper ruling.

Most often, there are many disputes centered around the division of properly, child custody; spousal support and many other assets and monies that will need the courts help to divide. This is the easiest way to approach it and it will also ensure that each person get what is fair to their settlement and to what they both deserve from the divorce hearing. For sure you will want to have an qualified divorce attorney present who is familiar with your state's divorce laws.

Most importantly, be sure to listen to the judge and to not make him or her angry at anything you might say or do during the hearing. You will always want to be respectful to both the judge and the court system so that you are able to get all that is due to you and that you are pleased with the outcome of the divorce hearing. Under no circumstances will you want to disrupt the divorce court hearing and make the judge mad in any way. By following the judge's rules and the decision of the court you can be certain things will go better for you and that you will get the property and monies that you rightly deserve.

Here are a few simple tips to follow in preparing for divorce court:

1. Do not talk unless the judge asks you a question;
2. It doesn't matter if the judge is male or female, always refer to them as "Your Honor."
3. Be polite and respectful at all times, thanking the judge each time he/she gives you the opportunity to address the court.
4. Do not address your spouse during the court proceeding. By the same token, to not make negative gestures, facial expressions or emotional remarks directed at your spouse.
5. If you have children, leave them at home unless your attorney or the court requests that you bring them.
6. Be prepared for anything by bringing as much supporting documentation to court with you. It is better to have too much information than not have the information you need during the court hearing.
7. Always check with your attorney on what you should wear to court so that you are dressed for the occasion.