

DIVORCE DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

This checklist will help you collect the documents you will need to give your lawyer to substantiate your income, assets, and debts for purposes of resolving the financial issues in your divorce.

INCOME AND ASSETS. COPIES OF:

- Last two pay stubs (yours and spouse's)
- Auto titles
- Most recent savings account statement
- Most recent checking account statement
- Certificates of deposit
- Most recent money market account statement
- Stocks, bonds, and/or investment accounts (most recent statements)
- Real estate documents for all properties (closing package from purchase or refinancing)
- All documents relating to business interests (tax returns, financial statements, and the like)
- Life insurance policy statements showing death benefit and cash values
- Most recent statements for all retirement accounts, pension plans, IRAs, 401(k) plans
- Federal and state tax returns for the last three years
- Any appraisals you've had done for property, jewelry, collectibles, etc.

LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES. COPIES OF:

- Most recent utility bills (phone, gas, garbage, etc.)
- Receipts for household repairs and quotes for expected or ongoing repairs
- Most recent auto loan statement
- Receipts for auto repairs and maintenance
- Medical/dental/optical/pharmacy bills and/or quotes for expected treatments
- Children's school fees
- Most recent credit card statements
- Most recent mortgage statement (or mortgage release)
- Most recent home equity line or loan statement
- Papers from any lawsuits pending against you or your spouse