

# PREPARING FOR YOUR INITIAL CONSULTATION

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# INTRODUCTION

Every family law case begins with an initial consultation. The consultation is an opportunity for you to tell me your story, ask questions, learn about the legal process, and develop a strategy to resolve the issues in your case. During the consultation, the I will listen to the facts of your case and give you advice on the best way to approach each issue. Be candid and truthful and tell me all pertinent facts, both good and bad.

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

## WHO?

- WHO IS THE OPPOSING PARTY?
- WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE OPPOSING PARTY'S ATTORNEY?
- WHAT ARE THE NAMES AND AGES OF YOUR MINOR CHILDREN

## WHERE?

- WHERE HAVE YOU RESIDED FOR THE PAST 6 MONTHS?
- IS THERE AN EXISTING CASE, IF SO WHERE?

## WHY?

- WHAT DO YOU NEED THE COURT TO DO FOR YOU?
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If you and your spouse signed any prenuptial agreements, post-nuptial agreements, or settlement agreements, bring the documents to the initial consultation, even if it isn't signed.

Also, if you have been served with court paperwork (i.e. if your spouse filed first), you should be sure to bring those along to your consultation as well.

## WHAT YOU NEED

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## PRIMARY GOALS

When your consultation is over, you should be able to answer each of the following questions:

1. Can relate to and trust this attorney?
2. Who is primary point of contact ?
3. What is the legal strategy?
4. How much will the case cost
5. What is the timeline

- 1 ————— Initial Consultation
- 2 ————— Execute Retainer, Complete Client Intake, Pay Retainer Fee
- 3 ————— Review Draft Pleadings, Complete Financial Statement
- 4 ————— File Initial Pleadings

## TIMELINE

## MEET OUR TEAM



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I look forward to meeting you.