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WHY YOU SHOULD USE WALLACE & KARSON LAW OFFICE, PLLC ATTORNEYS: Every client has a personal conference with an attorney to get his or her questions answered. There is no charge for your initial conference with the attorney. We try to make this difficult time easier and handled with as little conflict as possible. An uncontested divorce means you are agreeing with all of the aspects of your divorce.

DO I NEED TO GO TO COURT?: If your spouse will sign the court papers, you do not have to go to court at all.

WHAT ABOUT ANNULMENTS, LEGAL SEPARATIONS, MODIFICATIONS?: We handle annulments, legal separations, and modifications of child support and parenting plans for the same prices. All the information in this questionnaire is necessary for an annulment or a legal separation. The attorney will answer your questions about annulments at the conference. Each case is different and may cost more than the flat fee.

The basic role of the Court in your divorce is to determine whether or not your proposed distribution of property, residential time with children, and each issue is fair. The more detailed you can be in these sections is better. Each section of the divorce packet is important.

Please read through the following to make sure you understand what will we go over during your consultation. Make sure your spouse will sign the papers when they are ready. Each change to the petition that we have to write based on changes is \$50.00.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY SPOUSE DOES NOT AGREE?: If your spouse will not sign the divorce papers, we will help you start your divorce by serving your spouse. There may be additional charges involved. **If your case becomes contested, we will refer you to an attorney who will handle it for you.** Please note: you will not be refunded your attorney fee in this situation. You will receive all of your filing and presentment fees, minus any costs.

PROPERTY AND DEBTS DIVISIONS, PARENTING PLANS & CHILD SUPPORT: We help you divide your property and debts, prepare your parenting plan and calculate your child support.

- **PERSONAL AND MARRIAGE INFORMATION:** This section concerns the basic information necessary to begin your case.
- **DIVIDING THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS:** This section divides up the property owned by SPOUSE #1 and SPOUSE #2 as well as the debts owed by either or both.

- **CHILDREN BORN DURING THIS MARRIAGE:** This section asks for information about all dependent children born during this marriage and any dependent children adopted during the marriage.
- **RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN:** This section sets out the specific times when the dependent children are to be with each parent. A residential schedule must be included in all cases even if you think you do not need one.
- **DECISION MAKING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Your parenting plan must state which parent is to make decisions regarding the children and how disputes are to be resolved.
- **RESTRICTIONS:** This section covers the reasons for any special restrictions in your parenting plan.
- **CHILD SUPPORT:** This section is concerned with the payment of child support for the children you listed in Section 3.
- **INSTRUCTION LETTER:** The letter on the back of this questionnaire sets out the terms of your agreement with the attorney. It must be signed before we can begin work on your divorce.
- **FEES:**
 - Uncontested divorce, legal separation, or annulment: \$850.00 (no minor children)
 - Uncontested divorce, legal separation, or annulment: \$1000.00 (minor children)
 - Certified copies of decree: \$15.00 per copy.
 - Filing fee: \$314.00 (goes to the court)
 - Presentment fee: \$30.00 (goes to the court)
 - Changes in petition: \$50.00 each time papers are rewritten.

PROVIDING INFORMATION SAVES YOU MONEY AND TIME!

We offer you an attorney's help in obtaining your divorce at a very low fee. We can do this only if you will take the time to provide us with all the requested information before you meet with the attorney. This questionnaire is designed to help you save money by collecting all the necessary information before your meeting with the attorney. Consequently, it is very important that you read and carefully follow the instructions in this questionnaire. If the information you provide at your meeting with the attorney is incorrect or incomplete, your papers will have to be changed and you will be charged additional fees of \$50 or more. You can avoid additional fees by collecting all the information before your meeting with the attorney.

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

After you have filled out this questionnaire, you will be given a free initial consultation with the attorney based upon the information in the questionnaire. The attorney will answer your questions and advise you about your case. The answers and advice the attorney will give you are based on the information you provide in this questionnaire, and the consultation is free only if the questionnaire is filled out. If you have **not** filled out the questionnaire, the attorney can answer only general questions and **there will be a fee of \$50 cash or debit** for the consultation. If you have trouble filling out the papers, please arrive at least 15 minutes early so that we can help you complete the papers for your consultation.

SHOULD I BRING THE FEES TO THE INITIAL CONSULTATION?

You are not required to bring the fees to the free initial consultation, but most clients do so in order to avoid making two trips. If you will not have the fees for another week or so, you should still come in and have your consultation now.

The paperwork is very detailed. This is so we can make sure to cover all areas of property and issues to be determined in the divorce process. Please read all the information carefully and discuss the answers with your spouse. This will save you time and money.

PERSONAL AND MARRIAGE INFORMATION

The information requested on the following pages are necessary to prepare the papers which begin your divorce. The rest of the information must be submitted to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the time we file those papers.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: The mandatory forms require that you provide the Social Security number for yourself and your spouse. If you do not provide your spouse's Social Security number, we will assume that you do not know it and have no way of finding out what it is.

DRIVER'S LICENSE/IDENTICARD: The mandatory forms also require that you provide the driver's license or identicard number for you and your spouse. If you do not provide your spouse's driver's license or identicard number, we will assume that you do not know it and have no way of finding out what it is.

MILITARY SERVICE: If your spouse is presently on active duty in the military service, you will need his or her cooperation in order to use the uncontested divorce service. He or she will have to sign the papers which we will prepare for you. If your spouse will not cooperate by signing these papers, you will need special assistance to obtain your divorce. If you are on active duty in the military service, you can obtain your divorce in Washington only if one of the following applies: (1) Washington in your home state of record; (2) you will be stationed in Washington throughout the 90 day waiting period (even if you are temporarily on duty elsewhere); or (3) your spouse is a resident of Washington.

CAN I CHANGE MY NAME? Yes. Either of you can change your name as long as you are not changing it to defraud creditors. If you want your name legally changed, make a note of the desired name on the next page. It is recommended that you obtain at least two (2) certified copies of the decree for the purposes of changing your name with Social Security and the Department of Licensing.

WHAT IF MY SPOUSE IS MISSING?

If your spouse is missing, you must try to locate him or her by contacting relatives or friends. If you are not able to locate him or her, write the word "missing" in the blank which asks for your spouse's address. It is in your best interest to find your spouse based on cost. A motion to serve by publication must be made in Court after showing that you have made a reasonable effort to

find your missing spouse. Additionally, you must publish notice, at your own expense, for a continuous six weeks. This significantly will raise the cost of your dissolution.

WHAT ABOUT SPLITTING MY RETIREMENT? A Qualified Domestic Relations Order can be prepared for you for a fee of \$500 per order. We will require paperwork regarding your retirement account at the time of the consultation to begin this process. Please know it can take many months to complete a QDRO.

WHAT IF WE ARE SPLITTING UP THE HOUSE? A name can be taken off of a title only through surrender in bankruptcy, refinance, or a Quit Claim Deed. If your name is on the mortgage, you will need to refinance to have the spouse keeping the home be on the mortgage alone. Our office can prepare a Quit Claim Deed for the price of \$150.
