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How to Put Your Children First When Going Through a Divorce

One of the biggest challenges divorcing couples face is helping their kids adjust to their new life with separated parents. You and your ex can essentially make or break your children's transition process. Rule number one is keeping your kids' best interests in mind at all times. Other things you can do to help your children through it are:



- 1.) Find a workable parenting time routine and stick to it
- 2.) Make sure your children get good quality time with both parents.
- 3.) Try to keep arguments and disagreements with your ex away from the kids.
- 4.) Schedule fun activities with the kids as well as giving them chores and responsibilities when they're with you.

Above all else, your kids need to know that you and your ex divorced each other, not them.

How to Put a Pricetag on Your Business During a Divorce

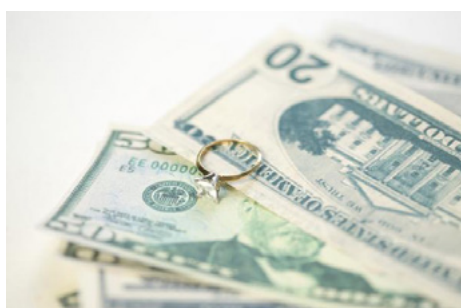
Deciding how to divide property is one of the principal issues divorcing couples face. You'll need to determine the value of your assets and debts to arrive at a fair split for both sides. Some property is easy to value such as bank accounts or even real estate. When one or both parties owns their own business, a value must be placed on it so you can determine the other spouse's fair share of it.



In many cases, a financial expert or business appraiser must be brought in to help estimate the value of the business. This is especially true when the parties can't agree. In most cases, the business won't be sold so the spouse who plans to keep the business will need to come up with a monetary figure to "buy out" their spouse.

Factors Courts Use to Decide Whether to Grant Alimony

Alimony isn't always a given in a divorce. The decision to grant alimony is ultimately up to the judge if the parties can't agree. The factors courts use will depend on state law, but most courts look at what's fair under the circumstances. Usually, you can expect the judge to look into the following areas.



Is Your Spouse Able to Work?

If your spouse is staying home with the kids, the judge may order alimony rather than forcing him/her on public assistance.

Do Any of Your Kids Have Special Needs?

If so, the judge might be more disposed to grant alimony to help out the principal caretaker.

How Long Were You Married?

Judges tend to grant alimony for longer marriages rather than short ones.

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