

10 Ways To Reduce Legal Fees in your Divorce Case©
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1. Complete all information, asset and liability forms provided by your attorney in detail with account numbers.
2. Provide all documents requested by your attorney at one time. Provide only documents requested unless you believe the documents may be relevant to an issue in your case. Pay particular attention to the time frames requested.
3. Organize all documents so that all bank, credit card, etc. statements are separated by account number and in chronological order.
4. Obtain missing documents yourself from the source, e.g. go to your bank and get all missing statements.
5. Do not write on original documents. If you want to highlight or footnote information, make a copy first and mark only on the copy.
6. Provide a flow chart for bank accounts, investment accounts, credit cards, etc. when accounts are closed and transferred to another account.
7. Do not withhold relevant information and do not provide inaccurate or misleading information.
8. Provide a list of potential witnesses with telephone numbers (home, office, cell) and addresses and include a brief statement regarding the witnesses' relationship to you (relative, friend, co-worker, teacher, etc.) and what knowledge you believe they have that is relevant to the issues.
9. Keep a log of questions as they occur to you and address them in one telephone call or conference instead of making one call for each question.
10. Keep a diary labeled "Upon Advice of Counsel" of relevant events and give a copy to your attorney on a regular basis. Your attorney can digest the relevant information in less time than it takes to convey the information by telephone or in person.