

Florida Divorce Tip: Don't Rush To File - Try to Work Things Out First

Ask any Florida divorce attorney, and you'll find that often clients seeking a divorce from a spouse are under the impression that they need to be quick - and that they have to be the first to file.

When Should I File First?

In most cases, it doesn't really matter which spouse files first. The only time that it really matters is if you and your spouse live in different counties or states and the jurisdiction or venue of filing is an issue.

If both you and your spouse have jurisdiction in your respective areas, then your spouse may just bring you into an environment you don't want to be in. Should you wish to avoid this situation, then this is the time you should file for divorce first.

What Should You Do Now?

Now that you know that you aren't losing a tactical advantage by not filing right away, what should you do now?

The most important thing to do is to attempt to work out the case before even filing for a divorce. You and your spouse may not see eye to eye on several things, but make it a common priority to cooperate and get things done in a peaceful manner.

Both you and your spouse should each retain a family lawyer. Afterwards, both parties and your respective attorneys should all get together to see what the underlying issues are, and then discuss how to work things out without having to involve the Courts.

Avoiding Even More Conflict

When one party files for divorce and papers are served, there is often plenty of anger and emotion from one or both parties. To make things worse, some spouses and divorce lawyers will even file angry allegations simply intended to provoke the other party.

In many cases, the disclosure and negotiating process prior to the filing may just be enough to work out the case early and in a more civilized manner. This results in a less costly, less argumentative divorce.

The best time to work together and be nice to each other is before any documents are filed. It may not always work, but it is definitely worth a try - especially for the nominal effort and time that the process involves. Should you need to litigate (ie: go to court), you will at least know that you've both first tried to reach a settlement via collaborative means.

When Should I Contact a Divorce Attorney?

If you and your spouse are getting a divorce, retain a good divorce attorney as soon as you can. If you are looking for a good [Florida divorce lawyer](#) then contact Denmon & Denmon Trial Lawyers at (813) 554-3232 or visit <http://www.tampa-divorce-attorney.com/> to learn more and schedule a consultation.