Simplified Dissolution of Marriage: Florida's Expedited Option

Under certain circumstances, spouses may jointly file for divorce and schedule their case for a final hearing within thirty days or less. Pursuant to Florida Family Law Rule of Procedure 12.105, this is known as a simplified dissolution of marriage.

Eligibility for a Simplified Dissolution of Marriage

To be eligible for a simplified dissolution of marriage in Florida, the following must be true:

- The parties have no minor or dependent children;
- The wife is not pregnant;
- At least one of the parties has resided in Florida for at least six months prior to filing for divorce;
- The marriage is irretrievably broken (the parties cannot fix their marriage);
- The parties have filled out and exchanged <u>financial affidavits</u>, disclosing their assets, debts, monthly income, and monthly expenses;
- The parties have agreed how to divide their assets and liabilities in a marital settlement agreement;
- Neither party is seeking alimony;
- The parties are willing to waive their right to trial and appeal; and
- The parties are willing and able to appear together at the final hearing.

If all of the above circumstances are not present, then the parties may not file for a simplified dissolution of marriage. However, the parties may still work together to expedite the process in an uncontested dissolution of marriage.

To learn more about <u>dissolution of marriage</u>, whether standard, simplified, or uncontested, you may contact The Law Firm of Adam B. Cordover, P.A., at (813) 443-0615 or visit our homepage at <u>www.abcfamilylaw.com</u>.

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