## Practical Divorce Advice

- ~Any voicemail message that you leave your spouse, you will hear again. Don't leave a message that you would not want a judge to hear.
- ~Any e-mail, text message, note or letter that you send, you will see again. Don't write anything that you wouldn't want a judge to read.
- ~Assume (because it usually is true) that nothing is ever completely erased from your computer. Forensic Computer Experts can find anything. Be careful what you do on your home computer.
- ~Never promise what you can't deliver, and keep the promises you do make. Pick up your children when you say you will. Do not disappoint your kids.
- ~Dress up for court! Just because you are not at work, you are not on vacation. It is your job to make a good impression on the judge.

Never sign a Separation Agreement because:

- ~ My spouse will go to counseling/reconcile, etc. if I sign it;
- ~ I want to avoid animosity;
- ~ I just want this over with

<sup>\*\*</sup>It is much less expensive to have a lawyer review an Agreement before you sign it than to live with the consequences of having signed it forever. This is a legally binding contract, and you probably will not be able to get out of it.