

## Is Legal Separation Right for You

Your marriage is over—or is it?

While going your own way would mean a clean break, there are advantages to staying married but separate. Do you wonder if **legal separation** could be right for you?

As the largest Long Island firm focused solely on family law, **Brian L. Salamone & Associates, PC** handles **divorce issues**<sup>[H1]</sup> every single day. We craft custody agreements and devise winning strategies for seemingly unwinnable divorce cases. Nevertheless, our attorneys also understand compelling reasons *not* to divorce, including the following:

- Providing medical insurance for a dependent spouse
- Investment, property, tax, and lifestyle purposes
- Religious considerations
- Hopes for reconciliation
- Qualification for Social Security benefits
- Avoiding disagreements over parental rights, child custody, and other divorce issues

Make no mistake, separating without a legal agreement leaves you in limbo. A well-drafted separation agreement provides clear understanding about assets, debt, and custody arrangements. In addition to providing important protection, a separation agreement can be used to establish agreed-upon rights if you decide on divorce.

Unlike hard-fought, financially draining divorce battles over children or assets, most long-term separations are undertaken to preserve marital wealth and a quality of life earned and sought by both parties.

Even with an agreement, and assets intact, you cannot remarry without a divorce. Only you can decide whether divorce or legal separation works for you. But if you do decide to call it quits, get experienced legal advice and make the right agreements to safeguard your future and that of your children.

[H1]<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/courthelp/faqs/divorce.html>

Tagged **divorce alternative, separation**

---

Attorney Advertising. This web site is designed for general information only. The information presented at this site should not be construed to be formal legal advice nor the formation of a lawyer/client relationship.