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## Client Questionnaire – Family Law Cases

### I. About the Parties

#### A. General Information

*About You*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived there? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there already an open court case in this matter? \_\_\_\_\_

--If so, what is the case number? \_\_\_\_\_

Have there been any prior court proceedings about the marriage/children at issue here? \_\_\_\_\_

--If so, what is the case number? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you consulted with an attorney for any past or present child custody or divorce issues?

--If so, attorney's name: \_\_\_\_\_

*About the opposing party*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, if known: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How long has (s)he lived there? \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

--How do you know this information? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_

--How do you know this information? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this person in the armed forces? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this person currently cohabitating with someone else?  
\_\_\_\_\_

--If so, person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this person have an attorney? \_\_\_\_\_

--If so, attorney's name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Office Use Only

- Case type:
- Divorce - New
  - Divorce – Modification
  - Custody/Parentage – New
  - Custody/Parentage – Modification
  - Adoption

- This action initiated by:
- Client
  - Other party

- In court case client is:
- Petitioner
  - Respondent

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ref. Source \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial Consult Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I. About the Parties (cont'd)**

**B. Divorce-Specific Information**

Complete this section **only** if you are about to become involved in a **new** divorce case.

What was your wedding date? \_\_\_\_\_ Where did your wedding take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this your first marriage? \_\_\_\_ If not, how many times were you married prior to this marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this your spouse's first marriage? \_\_\_\_ If not, how many times was he/she married previously? \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Children at Issue in This Case**

Here we're asking about the children (including unborn children) whose custody needs to be addressed by the court. If you have other children, but there are no custody issues regarding those children, do not put their names here.

If yours is a divorce or divorce modification case, and you have no children with your spouse, skip this section.

**A. Names and locations**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This child currently lives with:  
\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_ Other parent

This child currently lives with:  
\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_ Other parent

How long has (s)he lived there? \_\_\_\_\_

How long has (s)he lived there? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did (s)he live before that? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did (s)he live before that? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long has (s)he lived there? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where did (s)he live before that? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did (s)he live before that? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is there any chance that you may currently have any unborn children? \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list any additional children on the back of this page.*

B. Preferred Custody/Parent Time Arrangement

Ideally, what kind of parent time schedule would you like to see for each child? \_\_\_\_\_

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What reasons would you give to the court to support this kind of arrangement? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you think your children's other parent would agree with this? \_\_\_\_\_

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What reasons would your children's other parent give a court for rejecting this type of schedule? *We need you to think about **any** possibility here, including any potential allegations regarding your fitness as a parent. We realize it's difficult to talk about such things at this point, but our experience is that such things usually come out sooner or later and things will be better both for you and for us if we are prepared to deal with any accusations that may come up. We will not share what you tell us with anyone without your consent.* \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Child Support.

Are you currently paying/receiving child support for the children at issue here? If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, do you want this amount to be changed? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please explain why you think this amount should be changed. \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. Your Household**

*In the following table, please list all people currently living in your household:*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Relationship to You</b>

**IV. Special Issues for Divorce Cases**

*Skip this section if you are not getting divorced.*

Are you and your spouse currently separated? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, who left the family home, and when? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your spouse currently have in his/her possession any of your personal property? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently have in your possession any of your spouse's personal property? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is there any one issue or event that has led you to decide to end the marriage? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any marriage counseling you and your spouse have sought. \_\_\_\_\_

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Have there been any incidents of violence? If so, describe. \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you anticipate any opposition to the divorce itself? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate any conflicts as to the disposition of property? If so, please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

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**IV. Special Issues for Divorce Cases (cont'd)**

Utah law generally imposes a minimum 90-day waiting period between the filing of your petition for divorce and the final divorce decree. Courts will waive the period in extenuating circumstance. Do you feel you have a good reason for waiving the 90-day period? If so, please state the reason here. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that you should receive alimony? If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think your spouse may wish to claim alimony? If so, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

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**V. Financial**

Assets	<i>Please be as complete as possible with regard to yourself; estimates are fine regarding the other party to the case.</i>	
	<b>You</b>	<b>Other party to case</b>
<b>Annual salary</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
<b>Retirement plans</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
<b>Automobiles (include year, make, model, and fair market value)</b>		
<b>Real Property (land)</b>		
<b>Other Assets or Income</b>		

**V. Financial (cont'd)**

<b>Liabilities</b>	<i>Please be as complete as possible with regard to yourself; estimates are fine regarding the other party to the case.</i>	
	<b>You</b>	<b>Other party to case</b>
<b>Mortgage or Rent</b>		
<b>Car</b>		
<b>Student Loans</b>		
<b>Credit Card</b>		
<b>Health Care Expenses and Debt</b>		
<b>Alimony</b>		
<b>Child Support Payments (not including children at issue here)</b>		
<b>Utilities</b>		
<b>Other</b>		

*Please return this form to our office as soon as possible. It is also important that you provide us with the following information:*

- Your previous year's tax return*
- A year-to-date income statement for you*
- Documentation of any money you have paid to your spouse, or any bills you have paid on your spouse's behalf, since the date of separation.*
- If you can **legally** and **honorably** obtain it, tax and year-to-date income statements for the other party to this action.*