



WHEN DIVORCE IS WHAT YOU NEED FOR A  
BETTER LIFE, BUT THE TIMING ISN'T RIGHT

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# A TYPICAL DIVORCE PROCESS

There are typically several stages to a divorce process. The next few pages will discuss the different stages and how you can prepare ahead of time for what is to come. Not only will this provide you an opportunity to have a clear picture of your current financial situation, but in the case of children, you'll begin to develop a clear idea of what you want for them during and after this process. *It's important to note that not every case will go through every stage.*

More amicable divorces will be completed through mediation, while more complex cases may involve a trial. The majority of cases are settled at mediation. This will be discussed further when you hire a law firm.

In addition to the divorce process itself, there are a two other items that the Atlanta Divorce Law Group recommends you consider and prepare for ahead of time - support systems and preparing for after the divorce.

## STEP 1: THE CONSULT

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Once you've decided that divorce is the path you need to go down to create a better life for yourself, the first step is to hire a law firm. We encourage you to hire a firm that makes you feel comfortable, safe, and empowered. The process can be expensive but to go with the cheapest law firm means you get what you pay for. There are many nuances in the law and many approaches and options available to you, so it's important to hire a firm that specializes in family law and are considered experts.

We believe that if you are provided a case strategy at your consultation, it's going to be a cookie cutter strategy based on other people's cases instead of the specific circumstances of your case. While experienced firms can give you an idea, a true strategy is created after your attorney has spent time digging into the facts of your case and is not something that can be given after a 30 minute conversation.