

Client Name: _____ Date: _____

CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please fill out this questionnaire and return it as soon as possible. It is important that you answer each question fully. It is imperative that you be candid!

You should answer all questions relevant to your case. If a question does not apply to your particular situation, please indicate by marking the question "N/A". If the answer to any question requires more space than has been provided on the form, please complete your answer on a separate sheet. Refer to the question number to which your answer applies, and attach your answer to this questionnaire.

Your responses to these questions will help to organize your case and will save you money on attorney's fees in trying to gather and assemble information after the case is in progress. Since your answers are being made to an attorney, you are assured of confidentiality and are protected by the attorney-client privilege.

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Personal

About you:

1. Please give your *full* name, date and place of birth, and Social Security number.

Full name: _____

Maiden Name _____ Race: _____

Birth date: _____ State where born: _____ City where born: _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number: _____

2. Where are you living now, and what is your phone number?

Address: _____

City: _____

County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

3. At what address do you wish to receive mail from this office?

4. How do you prefer that we contact you?

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Pager: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ (e-mail communications may not be confidential)

5. Who referred you to this office? _____

6. Have you consulted or retained any other attorneys on this matter before coming to this office? _____ If so, please state who and when: _____

7. Please complete the following information concerning your employment.

Employer: _____

Job title: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Phone number: _____

May we call you at work? _____

E-mail: _____ May we e-mail you at work? _____

Gross salary per month or annually: _____

Length of employment: _____

Education: _____

About your spouse or ex-spouse:

8. Please give your spouse's or ex-spouse's *full* name, date and place of birth, Social Security number, and driver's license number.

Full name: _____

Maiden name: _____ Race: _____

Birth date: _____ State where born: _____ City where born: _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number: _____

9. Where is your spouse or ex-spouse living now, and what is his or her phone number and e-mail address?

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Home phone: _____

Home e-mail: _____

10. Please complete the following information concerning your spouse's or ex-spouse's employment.

Employer: _____

Job title: _____

Street address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Gross salary per month or annually: _____

Length of employment: _____

Education: _____

About your children:

11. Please give the full name, date and place of birth, sex, Social Security number, and driver's license number of each child of this marriage (Please note if the wife is currently pregnant and due date):

Name: _____

Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____

Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Name: _____

Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Driver's license number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

12. Will there be a dispute over the children? _____

If *not*, with whom will custody be? _____

13. Where and with whom are the children living now? _____

14. **Health insurance coverage for the children:** Are the children currently covered by

health insurance? Y / N If so, or if coverage is available, answer the following:

Name of Healthcare provider: _____

Name of plan: _____

Type of plan - i.e. HMO or PPO, etc. _____

Policy Number: _____

Provided through employment? If so, whose employment or union? _____

Monthly cost (for children's coverage only) _____

Other particulars: (co-pays, deductibles, etc.) _____

About your marriage and separation:

15. Please give the date and place of your marriage:

Date: _____ Place: _____

Are you now separated from your spouse? _____

If so, please state date of separation: _____

16. Have you seen a marriage counselor? _____

17. If so, please state name: _____

18. What is your religious preference? _____

19. If none, are you agnostic or atheist? _____

20. What is your spouse's or ex-spouse's religious preference? _____

If none, is your spouse or ex-spouse agnostic or atheist? _____

21. Check as appropriate if your marital difficulties involve any of the following:

___drugs/alcohol	___sexual disappointment	___infidelity
___financial dispute	___physical violence	___religion
___incompatibility	___pornography	___other: _____

22. How long have you lived in Texas? _____

23. Have you or your spouse ever filed for divorce? _____

If so, when and where? _____

24. Does your spouse or ex-spouse have an attorney? _____

If so, who? _____

25. Have you ever been married before? _____ If so, how many times? _____

26. Do you or your spouse or ex-spouse have any other children for whom a duty of support is owed? _____

If so, please give the full name, date and place of birth, sex, and Social Security number of each such child:

Name: _____

Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Name: _____

Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

Name: _____

Sex (M/F): _____ Date of birth: _____ Age: _____

Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

27. Where and with whom do these children live? _____

28. Do you pay/receive child support? _____

If so, how much? \$ _____ per _____

29. Does your spouse or ex-spouse pay/receive child support? _____

If so, how much? \$ _____ per _____

30. If a divorce is granted, should the wife's maiden name be restored? _____

If so, what name should be used? _____

31. **UCCJEA Information:**

Where and with whom have the child(ren) lived for the past five years? List each residence, the persons living at each residence, and the time periods during which the child resided at each residence.

From:	Until:	Address:	Persons residing there:

32. If you have participated, as a party or witness or in any other capacity, in any other proceeding concerning the custody of or visitation with the children, identify the court, the case number, and the date of the child custody determination, if any.

33. If you know of any proceeding that could affect the current proceeding, including proceedings for enforcement and proceedings relating to domestic violence, protective orders, termination of parental rights, and adoptions, involving you, your (ex-)spouse, or the children, identify the court, the case number, and the nature of the proceeding.

34. Please provide the name and address of any person not a party to the current proceeding who has physical custody of the children or claims rights of legal custody or physical custody of, or visitation with, the children.

35. If you believe that the health, safety, or liberty of you or the children would be jeopardized by disclosure of your address or that of the children, please disclose the reason for that belief.

"Skeletons in the Closet" and Sensitive Topics:

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU BE OPEN AND HONEST IN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. ANY DISCUSSION RELATING TO ANY OF THESE TOPICS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR ATTORNEY WILL BE PROTECTED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE. IF YOU FAIL TO BE HONEST IN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS, IT COULD BE ABSOLUTELY DISASTROUS TO YOUR CASE. REMEMBER THAT IF A PROFESSIONAL, INCLUDING YOUR ATTORNEY OR AN EMPLOYEE OF YOUR ATTORNEY, HAS CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED OR MAY BE ABUSED OR NEGLECTED OR THAT A CHILD IS A VICTIM OF AN OFFENSE UNDER SECTION 21.11 OF THE TEXAS PENAL CODE, THE PROFESSIONAL SHALL MAKE A REPORT TO AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY, AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED TO YOU IN THIS CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE.

If an answer to one of the questions below is "yes," please describe the situation in detail.

Will anyone allege that you or your spouse or ex-spouse has done any of the following:

	You	Your spouse/ ex-spouse
1. Committed a crime?	_____	_____
2. Been arrested?	_____	_____
3. Been in jail or prison?	_____	_____
4. Used illegal drugs?	_____	_____
5. Been hospitalized for using illegal drugs?	_____	_____
6. Abused prescription drugs?	_____	_____
7. Been hospitalized for abusing prescription drugs?	_____	_____
8. Abused alcohol?	_____	_____
9. Been hospitalized for abusing alcohol?	_____	_____
10. Been arrested for or convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol (drunk driving)?	_____	_____
11. Engaged in gambling activities (legal or illegal)?	_____	_____
12. Engaged in other illegal activities?	_____	_____
13. Attempted suicide?	_____	_____
14. Been hospitalized for an emotional or psychiatric disorder?	_____	_____
15. Suffered from or received treatment for an emotional or psychiatric condition?	_____	_____
16. Abused own spouse?	_____	_____
17. Been accused of child abuse?	_____	_____
18. Had a sexual relationship during the marriage with someone other than own spouse?	_____	_____
19. Had a sexual relationship (during or not during the marriage) with someone other than own spouse of which the children were aware?	_____	_____

If so, describe the children's reaction to the relationship and the children's feelings about the person(s) involved in the relationship. _____

	You	Your spouse or ex-spouse
20. Had a homosexual/bisexual relationship?	_____	_____
21. Engaged in unusual sexual practices?	_____	_____
22. Had a pregnancy outside of marriage?	_____	_____
23. Engaged in excessive use/viewing of pornographic materials.	_____	_____
24. Had a sexually transmitted disease?	_____	_____
25. Drunk to excess?	_____	_____
If so, what and how often? _____		

26. Had any affiliation with any gang or gang related activities.	_____	_____
27. Other?	_____	_____

28. If you or your spouse or ex-spouse has a relationship with a person whom the children see frequently and that person would answer "yes" to one or more of the preceding "skeleton-in-the-closet" questions, describe the situation: _____		

29. Do you or your spouse or ex-spouse suffer from any physical disability that would interfere with being able to care for the children?		

30. Have you or your spouse or ex-spouse made any photographs or audio or visual recordings of the other party? _____ If yes, describe the content: _____		

YOUR INTERNET PRESENCE

31. Do you have an internet account or presence with any of the following Internet sites:

	Y/N	Account Name/Username	Content:
MySpace	_____	_____	_____
Facebook	_____	_____	_____
Friendster	_____	_____	_____
Blog	_____	_____	_____
Webpage	_____	_____	_____
You-Tube	_____	_____	_____
Flickr	_____	_____	_____
Snapfish	_____	_____	_____
PhotoBucket	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____

(Please provide as much information as possible regarding any and all sites that may have information, photo or video representation of you that may be relevant to the issues in this case, even if the site is not your own. All information is protected by attorney-client privilege).

YOUR SPOUSE'S INTERNET PRESENCE

32. Does your spouse have an internet account or presence with any of the following Internet sites:

	Y/N	Account Name/Username	Content:
My Space	_____	_____	_____
Facebook	_____	_____	_____
Friendster	_____	_____	_____
Blog	_____	_____	_____
Webpage	_____	_____	_____
You-Tube	_____	_____	_____
Flickr	_____	_____	_____
Snapfish	_____	_____	_____
PhotoBucket	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____

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Property and Debts

Real Estate:*(Address, legal l description, lienholder information. Attach extra sheets if necessary)*

Vehicles: *(Year, make model, VIN, lienholder information. Identify the party in possession)*

Hobby items or collectibles:

Retirement benefits:*(Identify participant, type of account, account numbers, other identifying info)*

Life Insurance / Annuities / Contingent assets:

Other Assets:

Debts: *(include creditor information, account number and approximate balance)*
