



## Divorce Document Checklist: Essential Papers to Gather Before You File

This checklist outlines the essential documents your attorney will need to provide you with effective legal guidance during your separation or divorce. By gathering these materials in advance, you can enhance the quality of your initial consultation and the overall legal support you receive.

### FOR YOUR CONSULTATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recent paystubs ( <i>for you and your spouse if you have access</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Any motions, pleadings, or paperwork already filed with the Court ( <i>if applicable</i> )          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual income tax returns or W2s for the last three years         | <input type="checkbox"/> Any current court orders such as, judgement of divorce, custody or support ( <i>if applicable</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any prenuptial/postnuptial agreements ( <i>if applicable</i> )        | <input type="checkbox"/> Your next court date ( <i>if applicable</i> )   |

### AFTER YOU RETAIN AN ATTORNEY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Account Statements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Statements                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Appraisals                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Statements ( <i>from each card</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage(s)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Loans Statements                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Account Statements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Auto   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Account Statements ( <i>from before &amp; during the marriage</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Home   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRA  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 401(k)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Debt Consolidation                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pension  | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance Policies and Costs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trusts ( <i>for either you or your children</i> )                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Insurance Policies & Costs                |



## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

The documents listed below are ones that *could* be important depending on the case.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Powers of Attorney Documents                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Directives or Living Wills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registrations & Titles for Cars or Other Vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly Budget Worksheet               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Bills                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> List of Personal Property              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cell Phone  | <input type="checkbox"/> Furniture                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas   | <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electric  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry ( <i>with appraisals</i> )     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water   | <input type="checkbox"/> Heirlooms ( <i>with appraisals</i> )   |

## FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please remember that each situation is unique, and additional documents may be required depending on your circumstances. Consulting with a legal professional can provide guidance on any specific documentation needed for your case and ensure that you are thoroughly prepared. Taking these proactive steps can help protect your interests and lay the groundwork for a fair resolution.

We understand that a divorce/separation is a very complex, and life-changing decision. Scheduling a consultation does not always mean our clients are ready to get divorced. Our advisors are here to help you find the best solutions for you and your family.

*If you would like to consult with a Bousquet Holstein divorce attorney, please call our office at 315-422-1500 or visit [www.bhlawpllc.com](http://www.bhlawpllc.com).*