What to Gather in Preparation for Divorce

Key Financial and Legal Documents You Need for Divorce in Kansas

Below is a list of documents and information you will need to gather and keep in a safe place:

- 1. Have contact information for both you and the other party. This includes family members and employers.
- 2. Social Security numbers of all the parties, including the children.
- 3. Date of births of all the parties, including children.
- 4. State of birth of all the parties, including children.
- 5. Necessary Documentation:
 - Credit reports for you and your spouse. (Each person can pull one credit report per year at <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>).
 - Copy of credit card statements (at least the last three months, including transactions). If you don't have a copy, most credit card companies will allow you to print off up to twelve months of reports from their websites.
 - Bank account information, including transaction reports.
 - Current pay stubs for both parties
 - At least last year's tax returns. If you don't have these you can request a copy from the IRS.
- 6. List of assets:

- Real Estate (legal descriptions of all property owned by you and your spouse, or each of you individually, or with other parties).
- Cars
- Bank accounts
- Retirement accounts
- 7. List of all monthly expenses (and copies of debts)
 - Monthly household expenses
 - \circ Rent
 - Utility
 - Phone
 - Cell phone
 - \circ Cable
 - School expenses
 - Insurance
 - Medical expenses
 - Food

**Once you have gathered the above information, keep it in a safe place. You will need to be able to retrieve the documents even if you are Court Ordered out of the marital house. **

Be sure to check out the **Divorce 101** page for more information on preparing for and filing a divorce in Kansas.

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