

"ARE WE THERE YET?" FINALIZATION OF THE CASE

COURT DATE

If your case is resolved rather quickly (which may be the case with agreements), it will usually be heard in the District Court in 90 to 120 days after it is filed. We will do everything possible to have your case heard as soon as possible. You do not need character witnesses. Appropriate dress should always be worn when you are appearing in Court. **NO SHORTS OR HATS!**

We will advise you of Court dates when we are notified of them. You should not be late when going to Court! However, please be aware that in cases in which there are contested issues, the time it takes to complete your divorce is usually much longer. Again, we will try to bring the case to a conclusion as soon as possible.

WHEN IS MY DIVORCE FINAL?

Your dissolution of marriage is final the date the Decree is signed by the Judge (which is NOT necessarily the date you appeared in Court before the Judge). We suggest you should not remarry for 45 days after your Decree is signed due to possible appeals.

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS OVER....

Just because we have a final hearing or attend mediation, there is still work to be done. A Decree/Order has to be drafted and reviewed by both attorneys and clients, often times revisions are made. All closing documents dealing with child support, real estate docs, powers of attorneys and dividing retirement have to be prepared.

FILE CLOSING

After all closing documents have been exchanged and the case is finalized, we will close your file. I oftentimes send you a checklist as a quick reference to remind you of various deadlines and continuing obligations you may have under the terms of your final order. Several of the required actions can only be performed by you.

You will need to make arrangements with our office to obtain the originals from your file within 14 days of the date on the closing letter. I do not retain hard copies of closed files, I scan all the necessary information. If you fail to pick up the items or arrange for an extension of time, I have all the information shredded.