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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

THE MOST COMMON REASON FOR DELAY IS INCOMPLETE FORMS.

Ways to return the questionnaire:

(1) Mail to the following address:

James R. Owen, Attorney Attention: Divorce 550 West Main Street, Suite 950 Knoxville, TN 37902

(2) Email: jody@knoxdwi.com

(3) Fax: 865-622-5250

Please include the following information:

- Completed questionnaire.
- Please provide all information requested in the packet.
- Please include all vehicles, even if they were purchased before the marriage.
- Please include all debt, including credit cards, loans, etc.
- Child Support Questionnaire (only required if you have children).
- Signed Engagement Agreement.

Submission of these forms does not automatically indicate representation. An attorney will review all forms, and if your case is accepted, you will be contacted to make payment and finalize representation.

The attorney fee for a non-contested divorce without children is \$750.00. The attorney fee for a non-contested divorce with children is \$1,250.00.

The filing and court fees are separate. Filing fees for Knox County 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court are as follows:

Non-contested divorce without children is \$239.75. Non-contested divorce with children is \$314.75

\* If you pay with a credit/debit card, you will be charged a 3% fee\*

Thank you!

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#### Dear Prospective Client:

Please find enclosed an engagement agreement and an agreed divorce questionnaire.

#### **Overview**

An agreed divorce is just that: a divorce where all the issues and/or items are agreed upon by both parties. No agreed divorce is possible if only one of the parties wants a divorce, if there is a conflict with respect to issues of property or children or if the current whereabouts of only the husband or wife are known. An uncontested, agreed, divorce based on irreconcilable differences with no children can be finalized sixty (60) days from the date of filing of the divorce Complaint depending on Court date availability. Our office will only represent the husband or wife, not both, unless our office agrees otherwise.

#### Fee

The attorney's fee is \$750.00 for an agreed divorce involving no children. Please note that, once we begin your paperwork, our fee is **nonrefundable** whether or not you decide to go through with the divorce. Any changes will require an additional fee of \$50.00 per change and if you decide not to follow through with the divorce, in addition to forfeiting the fee, there will be an additional \$50.00 charge to prepare and file an Order of Dismissal. This fee has been calculated on the preparation of standardized forms – including a Complaint, Order for Mediation, Marital Dissolution Agreement, and Final Order - and one appearance before the court by an office attorney. Any special circumstance, requirement or provision by a client that alters or adds to the expected performance of this office or its legal staff will entitle our office to terminate the services or charge an hourly fee of \$350 per hour in addition to the flat fee required above at our discretion. (Some examples of such changes are: failure to appear for a court hearing, a requirement for supervised visitation, complex property distributions, non-standard child support arrangements, unexpected pregnancy, etc.)

#### Costs

The court filing fee is \$239.75 for an agreed divorce with no children and this usually covers most, if not all, of the court costs. You will be responsible for any additional court costs imposed, if any.

#### **Procedure**

Once our office receives the completed questionnaire and the attorney fee, we will draft the legal documents for the divorce. Once the documents are completed, you will need to come to our office to review and sign them. Your spouse will also need to sign the documents and have them notarized. We officer this service, but it is not mandatory that your spouse sign in our office. Once our office receives the legal documents signed and notarized by both the husband and wife, our office will file them with the Court, usually within 48 hours. The Court Filing fee is due when the papers are received by our office. Note: you can expedite the filing of your divorce by ensuring that your questionnaire is complete and your divorce papers are signed in a timely manner. Most delays are due to the length of time that it takes for a client to return the documentation or because, once returned, the documentation is incomplete.

## **Engagement Letter**

Read the engagement letter carefully, as it spells out your rights, obligations, and agreement with our office. You need to sign the engagement letter and send it back to our office with your other completed materials. You will receive a copy of the engagement letter when you come into our office to sign your paperwork.

#### **Agreed Divorce Questionnaire**

You need to fill out the questionnaire completely and correctly because this is the information that will be used to prepare the legal documents for your divorce. For your agreement, write out exactly who gets what. The Court will enter an Order that states that the parties fairly and equitably divided up their marital estate. Please note the following special issues:

Assets – Please note that the assets obtained during your marriage are usually "marital property" under the law. This may be true even if your name is the only name on the title. Until the court finalizes your divorce, any property owned by you or your spouse remains marital property. Therefore, even though our divorce packets contain general asset transfer language, it is important that all property that is <u>titled</u> (cars, trailers, homes, etc.) be listed specifically in the questionnaire.

Debts - Please remember that this is an agreement between you and your spouse and is not legally binding on your creditors. If both spouses are listed on the debt (for example, credit cards, automobiles, houses, etc.), both of you will still be liable to the creditor regardless of your divorce agreement. If the spouse responsible for the debt stops paying it, the other spouse has the right to seek to enforce the divorce agreement against the other spouse but the creditor may seek to enforce the debt against either party.

### **Health Insurance**

If you have health insurance that covers your spouse or your spouse has health insurance that covers you, you or your spouse may be entitled to COBRA coverage. You have 60 days from the date that your divorce is granted to notify the health insurance carrier to obtain COBRA coverage or the entitlement is lost. COBRA coverage usually requires that the person covered pay the monthly premium cost.

Thank you for your business. We look forward to working with you during this difficult transitional period in your life.

Sincerely Yours, James R. Owen-Attorney at Law



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# AGREED DIVORCE QUESTIONNAIRE

We are Representing?	(please list name)
Wife's Inf	ormation/Party One
Name:	
	olease include middle name)
Do you wish to return to using your Maiden Name	? Full Maiden Name:
Phone Number:	Email address:
Street address:	
City, State, and Zip:	
County: Li	ved in than county 6 months or longer?Yes No
Birthplace (City, State):	
Date of Birth:	
Race:	
No. of Previous Marriages:	How ended: divorce/deceased?
Social Security Number:	
Employer:	
Responsible for court costs?Yes	No
Covered under Spouse's Health Insurance?  Yes	No
Enlisted in the military?Yes	No

# **Husband's Information/Party Two**

Name:		
(1)	No Nicknames, please include middle name)	
Phone Number:	Email address:	
Street address:		
City, State and Zip:		
County:	Lived in than county 6 months or longer?Yes	No
Birthplace (City, State):		
Date of Birth:		
Race:		
No. of Previous Marriages:	How ended: divorce/deceased?	
Social Security Number:		
Employer:		
Responsible for court costs?	YesNo	
Covered under Spouse's Health Insurance?	YesNo	
Enlisted in the military?	YesNo	
	<u>MARRIAGE</u>	
Date of Marriage:	Date Decided on Divorce:	_
County/State of Marriage:	County/State of Separation:	_
	LEGAL PROCEEDINGS	
Have you filed for divorce within the	he last six months in this or any other county or state?	
Have you, your spouse or a child ev	ver been involved in a child support or custody action?	
Have you filed bankruptcy within t	he last 90 days or will you file a bankruptcy within 90 days?	
Have you been a party to, or subject	et of, any court action, litigation or court order within the last year?	
Explain:		

# CHILDREN BORN AT ANY TIME DURING THE MARRIAGE REGARDLESS OF FATHER:

(List ALL children, regardless of legitimate or illegitimate, legal status, or actual parentage)

Currently Pregna	nt?			
NAME	Date of Birth	SS#	In your c	ustody?
			[] Yes	[] No
			[] Yes	[] No
			[] Yes	[] No
*****If you have a child that was born dur the person's name and contact information sign documents regarding the child*****				
	<u>PROPERT</u>			
Please indicate ALL titleable property below (Do Not List Items He			ifter the sep	aration.
House #1 Address:				
Currently on the property title: Husband/ Wi Will retain property after divorce:				
Mortgage Company:				
Mortgage currently in the name of: Husband	d/Wife/Both	Responsible after divorce	e:	<del></del>
Mobile home:	Purchas	sed during marriage:		
House #2 Address:				
Currently on the property title:	(I	Husband/Wife/Both)		
Will retain property after divorce:				
Mortgage Company:				
Mortgage currently in the name of: Husbane	d/Wife/Both	Responsible after divorce	e:	
Mobile home:	Purchas	sed during marriage:		
*** If more p	property, please l	ist it on the back***		
MISCELLA MISCELLA	NEOUS TITLE	ABLE PROPERTY		
<u>(t</u>	oats, motor hor	nes, etc.)		
Year, Make, Model, other information:				
Currently on the title				
Loan Company:		Account #		
Who will be responsible after divorce		urchased during marriage:		

\*\*\*\* If additional, please list on back \*\*\*\*

# **VEHICLES**

Husband's Vehicle	
Year:	Make/Model:
Lien Company:	Who is on the current title:
Purchased during marriage: YES	NO
Who will retain after divorce: Husband	
Who is on the current lien:	Who will be responsible after the divorce:
Wife's Vehicle	
Year:	Make/Model:
Lien Company:	Who is on the current title:
Purchased during marriage: YES	NO
Who will retain after divorce: Husband	d/ Wife/ Both
Who is on the current lien:	Who will be responsible after the divorce:
a credit card, please put the Household bills, such as	s, lines of credit, etc.), even if they're in only one name. If the debt type is last four digits of the account number in the appropriate area. s utilities, medical bills, etc., do not need to be listed.
1. Creditor:	
Currently named on debt Who will be responsible after divorce _	Debt Type:  Acquired during marriage:
2. Creditor:  Currently named on debt	Account#
Who will be responsible after divorce _	
3. Creditor:	Acquired during marriage:  Account#
	Acquired during marriage:  Account#  Debt Type:

4. Creditor:	Account#	
Currently named on debt	Debt Type:	
Who will be responsible after divorce		
5. Creditor:	Account#	
Currently named on debt		
Who will be responsible after divorce		
[] (Initials) I have advised my attorney of AL  1. Born to me or conceived by me, whether 2. Born to my spouse or conceived by my	er or not they are my spouse's child by blood and/or spouse, whether or not they are my child by blood and/or	
children or a court has determined parentag	of whether we have legal custody or parental rights over the se, child custody, visitation, or support for that child.  requested of me, and I am not withholding information. The correct to the best of my knowledge and belief	
•	he right to withdraw from representation if the information I	
CLIENT'S SIGNATURE	Date	