

SEPARATION CREATION SYSTEM™ - MODULE 1 - DIAGNOSTIC

DISCUSSION TOPICS	DISCUSSION ASSESSMENT		
	NO TALKING	TALKING STRAINED	TALKING OPENLY
<p>Joint and Marital Assets:</p> <p><u>Business/ Income Sources:</u> Can we disclose and discuss all income sources like employment, disability, rental income, inheritance, and any business ventures pending?</p> <p><u>Pre-Divorce Use of Home:</u> Can we discuss what to do with the home pre-divorce? (i.e. one party having exclusive use, or both parties sharing it, or renting-out, or immediately listing for sale)?</p> <p><u>Post-Divorce Use of Home:</u> Can we discuss what to do with the home after divorce? (i.e. one party having exclusive use, or renting-out, or listing for sale?)</p> <p><u>Motor Vehicles:</u> Can we discuss what to do with the vehicles pending divorce? (i.e. one party having exclusive use , or listing for sale?)</p>			

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<p><u>Other Marital Property:</u> Can we discuss division of household effects, collections, furniture, appliances, décor, wedding gifts/rings, airline miles, etc?</p> <p><u>Bank Accounts Pre-Divorce:</u> Can we disclose and discuss how to handle pre-divorce each joint checking and savings account that are currently open at any bank?</p> <p><u>Bank Accounts Post-Divorce:</u> Can we disclose and discuss how to handle each joint checking and savings account post-divorce?</p> <p><u>Retirement/Pension Accounts:</u> Can we disclose and discuss what should be done post-divorce with each retirement account or pension account?</p> <p><u>Investment Accounts:</u> Can we disclose and discuss each investment, stock trading, or mutual fund account?</p>			

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<p>Joint and Marital Debts:</p> <p><u>Secured Debts Pre-divorce:</u> For each "secured loan" on realty/ vehicle/ other items, can we discuss who is responsible for loan payments pre-divorce?</p> <p><u>Secured Debts Post-divorce:</u> For each "secured loan" on realty/ vehicle/ other items, can we discuss who is responsible for loan payments post-divorce?</p> <p><u>Unsecured Debts Pre-divorce:</u> For each "unsecured loan", such as credit cards, education loans, etc., can we discuss who is responsible for payments pre-divorce?</p> <p><u>Unsecured Debt Post-divorce:</u> For each "unsecured loan", such as joint credit cards, education loans, etc., can we discuss who is responsible for payments post-divorce?</p>			

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<p>Custody and Visitation:</p> <p><u>Legal Custody Pre-divorce:</u> Can we discuss one or both parties having “pendente lite” decision-making authority about health, medical, education, and other decisions on behalf of the minor child(ren)?</p> <p><u>Legal Custody Post-divorce:</u> Can we discuss one or both parties having long-term decision-making authority about health, medical, education, and other decisions on behalf of the minor child(ren)?</p> <p><u>Physical Custody Pre-divorce:</u> Can we discuss how to divide the “pendente lite” parenting schedule for each minor child?</p> <p><u>Physical Custody Post-divorce:</u> Can we discuss how to divide the long-term parenting schedule for each minor child?</p>			

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<p><u>Childcare 1st Right of Refusal:</u> Can we discuss the option of giving each parent an opportunity to provide childcare before a third-party childcare provider?</p> <p><u>Work-Related Childcare:</u> Can we discuss having one or both parties be responsible for paying the costs of work-related childcare?</p> <p>Health Insurance: <u>Insurance Pre-divorce:</u> Can we discuss whether existing coverage be maintained “pendente lite” or changed, and if one or both parties pay for monthly/annual insurance premiums?</p> <p><u>Insurance Post-divorce:</u> Can we discuss what changes to the existing coverage will take effect post-divorce, and whether one party or both parties pay for the monthly/annual insurance premiums?</p>			

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<p>Monetary Support:</p> <p><u>Alimony Pre-divorce:</u> Can we discuss whether one party will receive lump-sum or periodic payments “pendente lite” from the other?</p> <p><u>Alimony Post-divorce:</u> Can we discuss whether one party will receive lump-sum or periodic payments from the other post-divorce?</p> <p><u>Child Support Pre-divorce:</u> Can we discuss what amount each parent will contribute toward the minor child(ren)’s “pendente lite” childcare, education, medical, room/board and other lifestyle expenses?</p> <p><u>Child Support Post-divorce:</u> Can we discuss what amount each parent will contribute toward the minor child(ren)’s “post-divorce” childcare, education, medical, room/board and other lifestyle expenses?</p>			

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<p>Tax filings and liabilities:</p> <p><u>Upcoming Tax Preparation:</u> Can we discuss whether one or both parties will be compiling, completing, and/or delegating FY2012 taxes to a professional?</p> <p><u>Filing Status:</u> Can we discuss whether we will be filing our FY2012 taxes jointly or separately?</p> <p><u>Dependency exemptions:</u> Can we discuss if the minor child(ren)'s tax deduction will be claimed by one party for FY2012 taxes, or split by both parties?</p> <p><u>Tax Refund(s):</u> Can we discuss if one party will retain the entire FY2012 tax refund, or both parties divide it?</p> <p><u>Tax Liability:</u> If owe for FY2012 taxes, can we discuss if one party pays or will both parties divide it?</p>			

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<p>Life Insurance:</p> <p><u>Insurance Pre-divorce:</u> Can we discuss if existing policies will be maintained “pendente lite” or changed, and Will one party or both parties pay for the insurance premiums?</p> <p><u>Insurance Post-divorce:</u> Can we discuss what changes to the existing coverage will take effect post-divorce, and who will pay for the insurance premiums?</p> <p>Grounds for Divorce:</p> <p><u>Separation Date:</u> Can we discuss a date to begin living apart?</p> <p><u>No-fault Divorce:</u> Can we discuss waiving our claims to at-fault grounds for divorce (i.e. adultery, abuse, cruelty, abandonment, etc.)?</p> <p>Separate Property:</p> <p><u>Premarital & Sole Property:</u> Can we discuss keeping all premarital and other sole-owned assets and debts as our own separate (non-marital) property?</p>			
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<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<p>Any relationship imbalances in the marriage? (i.e. history of physical/verbal/emotional abuse between the parties; mental health issues; educational or financial disparity; chemical/substance dependencies; other described below)</p> <hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>
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