
DIVORCE DICTIONARY

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INTRODUCTION

*Are you or someone you know considering
divorce?*

The process may seem scary, especially for those who are meeting with an attorney for the first time.

We are here for you. To speak with an experienced family law attorney, call us at
407-872-3161.

Our **Divorce Dictionary** is an **eBook** that was created to help you understand eight commonly used terms.

For more information, go to our website:
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COLLABORATIVE DIVORCE

The *Collaborative Process* is an alternative to traditional court proceedings, as it involves attorneys for each party, a mental health neutral, and a financial neutral.

In a Collaborative Divorce, both parties work together with a team of professionals to come to an agreement and avoid litigation.

All of our attorneys at The Marks Law Firm are collaboratively trained and knowledgeable of this approach.

TRADITIONAL DIVORCE

Often referred to as Dissolution of Marriage, **Traditional Divorce** can involve any number of complicated issues, including how to value and divide your assets and liabilities, how to calculate both spousal and child support where appropriate, and how to arrive at an appropriate schedule for time sharing with your minor children.

In a traditional divorce, the Court may be utilized as part of the litigation process. Prior to going to Court, both parties are required to submit Discovery (also known as evidence) that is relevant to their case. Examples of Discovery include: requests for production of documents, mandatory disclosure, depositions, etc.

At The Marks Law Firm in Orlando, FL, our focus is on guiding you through these often painful issues and helping you emerge on the other side of your divorce with hope for the future.

CHILD SUPPORT

Our Team at The Marks Law Firm has the understanding and skills to help you make sure that your **child support** determination is fair and accurate.

In Florida, child support is determined by Florida Child Support Guidelines Worksheet which includes each parent's income and other factors such as overnights spent with each parent as well as the costs of health insurance premiums, day care, after school care for the minor children, etc.

PARENTING PLAN

Co-parents use a **Parenting Plan** as a guide that outlines their parental responsibilities and timesharing arrangements.

It includes details such as the time each parent spends with the child(ren), education, holidays and vacations, communication, and many other important decisions for the children.

Clients who have specific questions regarding their parenting plans can turn to our family law attorneys for support and guidance.

TIMESHARING

Previously known as child custody or visitation, *Timesharing* relates to the amount of time each co-parent spends with the minor child(ren).

Timesharing isn't always split 50/50.

Each case is different, and attorneys often favor an outcome that reflects the best interest of the children and family.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Shared **parental responsibility** means the parents will be jointly responsible for making major decisions for the child, including medical treatments, child care, and education.

If it is in the best interest of the child(ren), one parent may be the sole decision maker for the child(ren), however this is uncommon.

FINAL JUDGMENT

A **Final Judgment** is a Court Order that states the official end of your marriage. It includes the final terms of the Dissolution, including Equitable Distribution, Alimony, and Child Support as applicable, whether made by agreement of the parties or determined by the Judge.

MODIFICATION

If a significant change occurs regarding your resolution or agreement, you may be eligible to revisit your rights or obligations.

Such a revision is called a *Modification*.

To proceed with a modification, contact our office to schedule a consultation with one of our family law attorneys.

IF YOU FOUND THIS RESOURCE TO BE HELPFUL

**Please share it with others who may be
contemplating divorce.**

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**“To Honor God and Faithfully Represent
our Clients with Great Leadership, Attitude,
Excellence and Teamwork.”**