

## **Before You Sign...**

# **EVALUATE YOUR DIVORCE AGREEMENT**

HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS to consider when evaluating a legal separation or a marital separation agreement:

- | <b>Y</b>                 | <b>N</b>                 |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Is this agreement fair?</b> Answer this only for yourself - your spouse will be evaluating separately. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Is this in my best interests?</b> Does it reflect my children's best interests?                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Is the method to collect or enforce the financial obligations clearly stated?</b>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Can I afford this agreement</b> - Now and in the foreseeable future?                                   |

What didn't I get that I wanted? (Check "My Priorities List")

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Can I live without what I didn't get but wanted?</b>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Is it worth more time and money to get the missing items?</b> What am I willing to give up to get the items I want?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>If I reject this agreement, is it because important provisions are missing or very unfavorable for me, or is it because I am angry with my spouse and want to punish him/her?</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>If I go to trial, will I be better or worse off?</b> Ask your attorney how a judge is likely to rule based on state laws and guidelines.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Is the financial/emotional price too high for me and my children if we don't settle?</b>  |

*Work with a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® (CDFA™) to increase your chances of reaching a divorce settlement that fully addresses your long-term financial needs.*