



## Maryland Divorce Checklist

- Discuss the divorce** with your spouse if possible to establish initial expectations, address immediate concerns and potentially set the tone for an amicable process that could save time, money and emotional stress
- Hire an attorney with Maryland family law experience** who understands local courts, has established relationships with judges and mediators, and can develop strategies tailored to your specific circumstances and goals
- Get emotional support from friends, family or professionals** to help maintain clarity and perspective throughout the proceedings, process grief constructively and make decisions based on long-term interests rather than temporary emotions
- Sort out separation details** including living arrangements, expense division, temporary support needs, health insurance coverage and access to shared accounts and property during the separation period
- Make plans for your children** including custody arrangements, visitation schedules, holiday divisions, education decisions, communication protocols and how to minimize the emotional impact of the divorce process
- Itemize your belongings and document valuable assets** with photographs, appraisals, acquisition information, current market values and documentation regarding whether items are marital or separate property
- Organize financial paperwork** including tax returns, bank statements, retirement accounts, property deeds and insurance policies
- Protect your credit** by monitoring joint accounts, establishing separate credit and creating a plan for handling shared debts

(note: this is a suggestion and does not qualify as legal advice)

For a personalized divorce plan, talk to Trevillian Law by calling 410-609-9987.