

ANATOMY OF A DIVORCE

Introduction Letter ➤ No response ➤ File Complaint ➤ Serve via Sheriff ➤ No response ➤ File Default ➤ File Notice of FJD ➤ Default Hearing ➤ Final Judgment of Divorce

Introduction Letter ➤ "Positive" response ➤ Exchange CIS & Discovery ➤ Negotiate MSA ➤ Enter into MSA ➤ File Complaint for Divorce Incorporating MSA ➤ Adversary filed Acknowledgment of Service and Waiver of Right to Answer ➤ Uncontested Hearing ➤ Final Judgment of Divorce

Introduction Letter ➤ "Negative" response ➤ File Complaint ➤ Serve via Sheriff or Ack. thru attorney ➤ File Appearance/ Answer/ Counterclaim w/in 35 days ➤ CIS's filed w/in 20 days of Answer being filed ➤ Case Management Order ➤ Parenting Program Mandatory. Mediation. Interrogatories, Notice to Produce, Depositions ➤ MESP ➤ Economic Mediation ➤ PreTrial Conference/ Settlement Conference ➤ Trial ➤ Final Judgment of Divorce

DISCOVERY PERIOD - 6-7 MONTHS

DAY 1 DAY 365

LEGEND

FJD = Final Judgment of Divorce
 CIS=Case Information Statement
 MSA = Marital Settlement Agreement
 MESP = Matrimonial Early Settlement Panel