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## Typical Documents Used in Divorce Settlement

Each divorce is unique and each will require a unique set of documents.

However there are some documents that are commonly needed by many divorcing couples.

The following is a typical list of documents you may want to gather to bring with you.

Having all these documents in hand is not necessary to initiate your divorce!

Do not worry if you do not have the documents—please make your appointment and we can go through the documents you will need as we proceed.

### Assets/income:

- Pay-stubs, three of your most recent pay-stubs. If you have bonus checks, a copy of a typical bonus/commission check.
- Bank accounts: most recent statement for any joint, individual or business bank account.
- Investment accounts: most recent statement (remember it might be monthly or quarterly) for any investment including brokerage, stock, IRA or any other investment account.
- Retirement accounts: most recent statement or booklet regarding any retirement account, this may include a 401(k), 403(b), annuity pension or employee stock savings plan.
- List of real property owned, including any vacation timeshares.
- Documentation of property valuation: a market survey or value statement (or estimate) if available from any company or government agency that shows the market value of your real property.
- List of any other asset or assets.

### Debts/taxes:

- Copies of your and your spouse's last three tax returns and form W-2's.
- Balance on any mortgage, home equity line (or lines) or any other lien on the real property.  
Remember - your monthly mortgage statement will show the current amount due as well as the principal balance.
- Most recent credit card statements (for both individual and joint credit cards) showing the balances.
- List or documentation of any other debt(s).