1.27 I'm worried that I won't remember to ask my lawyer about all of the issues in my case. How can I be sure I don't miss anything?

Write down all of the topics you want to address with your attorney, including your goals for the divorce and the priority of those goals. Your lawyer will also help you in identifying the issues in your case. The following checklist will also provide guidance in determining what issues are applicable to your unique divorce.

Divorce Issues Checklist

Issue	Notes
Divorce	
Legal separation	
Annulment	
Custody of minor children	
Placement of minor children	
Removal of children from jurisdiction	
Parenting plan	
Child support	
Deviation from child-support guidelines	
Variable expenses	
Wage assignment	
Cost of living adjustment	
Parental alienation	
Grandparents' rights	
Automatic withholding for support	
Child-support arrearage from temporary order	
Child-care expenses	
Child-care credit	
Terms of child support	
Health insurance for minor children	

Divorce Issues Checklist (Continued)

Issue	Notes
Uninsured medical expenses for minor children	
Qualified medical support order	
Private school tuition for children	
College expenses for children	
College saving accounts	
Health insurance	
Real property: marital residence	
Real property: such as rentals, cabins, and commercial property	
Time-shares	
Retirement accounts	
Federal or military pensions	
Business interests	
Business valuation	
Checking accounts	
Savings accounts	
Money market accounts	
Anticipated tax refunds or tax liability	
Investments	
Stock options	
Stock purchase plans	
Life insurance policies	
Frequent flyer miles	
Credit card points	
Season tickets to events	
Premarital or nonmarital assets	
Premarital or nonmarital debts	

Divorce Issues Checklist (Continued)

Issue	Notes
Pets	
Personal property division: including motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, airplanes, collections, furniture, electronics, tools, and household goods	
Inherited items	
Exchange date for personal property	
Division of marital debt	
Mortgages	
Home equity loans	
Motor vehicle loans	
Bank loans	
Tax liens	
Personal loans	
Student loans	
Credit card balances	
Property settlement	
Maintenance	
Life insurance to fund unpaid maintenance	
Arrearage of maintenance from temporary order	
Tax exemptions for minor children	
Tax consequences	
IRS Form 8332 and allocation of tax credits	
Filing status for tax returns for last/current year	
Former name restoration	
Attorney fees	