

Checklist of Matters to Address After Dissolution

1. If you and your ex-spouse have Wills, you need to change your Will unless you want him/her to get all your assets.
2. If you don't have a Will, you should get one put into place. Upon your death, your children would get your solely owned assets and your ex-spouse might end up being the person in charge of those assets. Your will should have a trust provision so that you can name a person to be in charge of those assets. Through the trust, you can control how the assets are spent.
3. If you have life insurance, you need to call the company(ies) and check who is listed as the beneficiary.
4. If you have a pension, 401(K), retirement account, etc., and there is a payout at death, you need to change the beneficiary.
5. If you have a joint financial account with your ex-spouse (or he/she is listed as POD or beneficiary) you need to change that.
6. If you have bills or credit cards in both names, you need to get your name off those accounts if you do not wish to be liable. You should have done this right away.
7. Have at least two (2) certified copies of the Judgment and Decree.
8. If there is a transfer of real estate, make sure to get all transfer documents signed as soon as possible.
9. If you are required to change the titles of any vehicles pursuant to the Judgment and Decree, do so immediately.
10. Please keep us advised of any change of address and/or telephone numbers.