

# 6 Things to Know about the Divorce Process in Florida

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# Welcome



## Education:

In 1980 Scott J. Stadler attended Broward County Community College. During that year he completed the requirements and was invited to Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity for achieving academic success. While attending Miami Dade Community College in 1981 Mr. Stadler received an award for Outstanding Academic Achievement for excellent grades. In 1986 Mr. Stadler received the American Jurisprudence Award for the highest "A" grade in his law school evidence class. Admission to Practice in These Courts:

Scott J. Stadler has been practicing divorce and family law since 1989 when he was admitted to practice law in the State of Michigan. In 1990 Mr. Stadler was admitted to practice law in federal court in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. He was later admitted to federal court in the United States District Court, Western District of Michigan in 1992. After Mr. Stadler moved back to Florida he was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1994. Pursuing his goals of practicing law in federal court he was admitted to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in 2001. Finally, in 2001 Mr. Stadler became one of the few attorneys admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court.

## Certified Family Law Mediator:

The Supreme Court of Florida certified Mr. Stadler as a Family Law Mediator in 2014.

## Family Law Practice:

Mr. Stadler has handled all types of divorce and family law cases. Family law includes divorce, paternity, children's issues, custody, support, alimony, property division, modification, relocation, enforcement, name change, domestic violence injunctions, step-parent adoption, and pre-nuptial agreements and post nuptial agreements.

Mr. Stadler's practice is dedicated 100% to divorce and family law issues. He recognizes that every case has a cost benefit analysis and assesses the value of each case for his clients. Mr. Stadler assists clients to determine the value of proceeding to the trial level and what benefits there may be to resolving the case short of trial. Mr. Stadler has 25 years of trial experience in helping families resolve the changes caused by divorce and separation. Mr. Stadler has participated in hundreds of family law mediations. Mr. Stadler is also a member of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar. Mr. Stadler is married with two children and lives in Coral Springs.

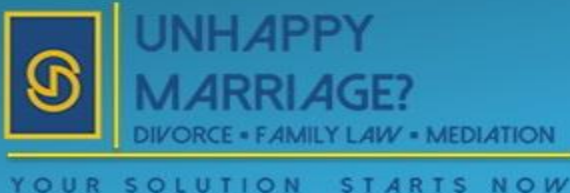
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Divorcing in Florida is similar to divorcing in many other states, but there are a few things you should know if you plan to file for divorce in Florida. Understanding the various requirements ensures your divorce goes smoothly and you transition from marriage to divorce with as few problems as possible.

What are six of the most important things you need to know about the divorce process in Florida?

## 1 Florida Require You to be a Resident to File for Divorce

Either you or your soon-to-be-former spouse must be a resident of Florida to file for divorce. Military members stationed in Florida are also eligible to file. Proof of residency is required in the form of a state driver's license. In addition to being a resident, either you or your spouse must have lived in the state for six months prior to filing.



## 2 Florida Offers No-Fault Divorce

Florida is considered a no-fault divorce state, which means there need be no accusations of wrongdoing in order to file for divorce. Though increasingly rare, some states require one spouse accuse the other of abuse, adultery, or abandonment in order to receive permission to divorce.

In Florida, all that needs to be shown is that a marriage is "irretrievably broken." When a divorcing couple has no children and agree the marriage is broken, divorce can be granted almost immediately. If one spouse disagrees and does not wish to divorce, the court does have the authority to order counseling.

## 3 Florida Distributes Property Equitably

Marital property is divided in an equitable manner between divorcing spouses. Keep in mind equitable does not mean equal. The court makes an effort to make the overall arrangement equal, but that does not always translate to an even division of property. For instance, if one spouse is responsible for the children, he or she could be awarded the family home in the best interest of the children.



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## Florida Courts Will Determine Child and Spousal Support if a Divorcing Couple is Unable to Negotiate an Arrangement on their Own



In order for a spouse to receive spousal support as the result of his or her divorce, the court must find that the need for support is well-founded. To determine this, the court considers each spouse's standard of living during the marriage, the age and health of each spouse, the ability to pay support, and the needs of each spouse.

Child support is also determined based on a series of considerations. The goal of the court is to grant a child support award based on the child's best interest. When possible, the court grants joint custody, so parents equally share the responsibilities and benefits of parenting. Child support might not be necessary in joint custody arrangements, but when they are, the court will consider the income of each parent, the number of children in the family, the child's health insurance and medical expenses, and any additional financial needs of the child.

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## Florida Courts Might Require Couples to Attempt Mediation

Divorce mediation brings in a third party neutral mediator to help a couple make decisions about their divorce settlement. It prevents the need for litigation, but makes it possible for even the most contentious situations to be resolved. Mediators help the couple work through disagreements and create a solution that works for everyone involved.

Mediation is not binding and divorcing couples are not required to accept the mediation arrangements unless they choose to do so. However, the rate of success in mediation is high because each spouse plays a role in designing the settlement.



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## The Florida Divorce Process Can Take a Long Time, but It Can Also End Quickly

Uncontested divorces between couples without children can be resolved very quickly. The same can be true for uncontested divorces in which couples agree on custody, child support, and property division issues. Unfortunately, because divorce includes so many sensitive details, the process can also take a long time. Essentially, it is up to the divorcing couple how long it will take to end their marriage. The more each is willing to compromise the greater the likelihood the marriage will end quickly.

*Are you considering divorce in Florida? Do you have questions about the process or do you have specific concerns about your divorce? **Scott Stadler** can help.*

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