

TOP 10 THINGS **NOT** TO DO DURING DIVORCE

1. **Don't file for divorce without a financial reserve fund.** Until there is a court order all property is joint property, and it's possible that your spouse retaliates by cleaning out the bank account. Be prepared.
2. **Don't use social media as a diary or to vent your feelings.** Anything in the public space can be seen and potentially used at a trial.
3. **Don't text or write anything you wouldn't want the judge to read.** Keep things cordial between the parties, especially concerning your children.
4. **Don't talk to your kids about litigation or about things the other parent has "done wrong."** Judges HATE IT when children are placed in the middle of litigation. They don't need to know why you hate their other parent, what they have done or why you are getting a divorce.
5. **Don't expect long term alimony or spousal support.** Unless there is a diagnosed disability that keeps a spouse from working, you should not expect long term spousal support post divorce. It is mean only as a bridge to get you to the point where you can support yourself.
6. **Don't expect YOUR emergency to be your attorney's only active emergency.** We serve several clients and often have to prioritize our work based on which client's needs are the most pressing. If there is a serious or unsafe situation, don't call your attorney, call the cops.
7. **Be mindful of how you speak to your attorney or more importantly, the office staff.** We are all here to help you during this time, and want to listen, but it is not anyone in my offices fault for the situation you are facing. Don't take it out your frustrations on the wrong person.

8. **Don't forget time is money.** We get paid based on the time we spend on your case. Remember to review your contract on how our office bills for time.

9. **Don't listen to other people.** Every case is different and just because your best friend or neighbor had something happen in their case doesn't mean it is the right move or a correct path for you. Trust your attorney to do what is appropriate for your case. And number 10,

10. **Don't be a dumbass.** If you don't think you should do it you shouldn't. So often the outcome of your case would turn out so much better if you stop and think before you act. Don't be dumbass!

These are my Top 10 things you should not do when getting a divorce or going through a custody fight. If you need further explanation on any of these points, or assistance with your case, please call Mundy legal services to set up a consultation.