



POST-DIVORCE CHECKLIST

- Obtain several copies of the Final Judgment or Divorce Decree.
- Obtain several copies of the QDRO (Qualified Domestic Relations Order), if applicable.
- Review every detail of the final Settlement Agreement with your attorney and your financial advisor.
- Close any joint accounts (AFTER confirming that there are no outstanding checks, debit balances, or automatic withdrawals on the accounts.)
- Open a new bank account.
- Establish a separate credit history. Open a new credit card account.
- Change any necessary titles (home, automobile, etc.)
- Ensure all property transferred was correctly recorded with the county recorder's office (houses, cars, boats, planes, etc.).
- Remove your spouse's name from the mortgage, if applicable.
- Change your name on all necessary documents and with all appropriate agencies (Social Security Administration, employer, driver's license, passport, bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, credit cards, utility companies, insurance company, mortgage, post office).
- Change the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies and retirement accounts (unless life insurance is used to secure payments to your spouse).
- Revise health insurance coverage following the final divorce decree.
- Execute a new will. Update your health care proxy and power of attorney documents.
- Review tax consequences with your accountant or other tax professional.
- Set up a process to record all payments and receipts of alimony and child support.