

# **Five Options**

## **Divorce**

### **Option #1: Do Nothing**

Advantages:

- Stay married
- No life Changes

Disadvantages:

- Remain unhappy, depressed, anxious
- Feel unsafe
- Money and assets may disappear
- Spouse may threaten to leave and/or divorce you
- May cause children to be confused, distressed
- What is going to change?

### **Option #2: Go to Counseling**

Advantages:

- Reconcile marriage
- Help make a better life

Disadvantages:

- Past issues are highlighted and may dredge up old wounds
- It may just clarify the reasons you need to separate and/or divorce
- There is no quick fix for any situation and BOTH parties must be invested and willing to participate
- Bringing a third party into the marriage may cause more confusion and possible distrust

### **Option #3: Do it Yourself**

Advantages:

- No attorney fees

Disadvantages:

- People often find that what is “fair,” may in fact, not be truly fair
- Often times, people do not know the risks
- Complicated legal system
- Unsure how to complete the necessary paperwork and meet the deadlines
- You are too emotional and may be unable to remain clear-headed
- It can be very stressful

### **Option #4: Limited Representation**

Advantages:

- Balance between going alone and our limited involvement in the case

Disadvantages:

- Our terms may not benefit from our legal knowledge
- The legal consequences of your legal documents will not be explained to you so that you can formulate a plan for handling the rest of your case.
- Your spouse or other parties may cause your legal fees to increase significantly without action on your part

### **Option #5: Hire Us**

Advantages:

- Provide peace of mind
- Often saves you money in the long run
- Can stop problems before they start and advise how actions/events may impact your case
- May be able to come to a settlement agreement sooner
- Lessen the emotional stress of one of the worst things that can happen to a person
- Inform you of your rights and what you are entitled to
- Save you time and energy
- Gain the full benefits of our experience
- Provide a shoulder to lean on and a sounding board

Disadvantages:

- Cost