

Divorce

Marriage, divorce, and related matters are governed by state law. The New Jersey state legislature has established grounds for divorce by statute, and can change these grounds. Currently a Complaint for Divorce must allege one of the following:

- 1. Adultery**
- 2. Desertion**
- 3. Extreme Cruelty (mental or physical)**
- 4. No-Fault Separation (living separate and apart for 18 months in different homes)**
- 5. Habitual Drug Addiction**
- 6. Habitual Drunkenness**
- 7. Institutionalization for Mental Illness**
- 8. Imprisonment**
- 9. Deviant Sexual Conduct**
- 10. Irreconcilable Differences (breakdown of the marriage for a period of 6 months without prospect of reconciliation)**

You will be asked to provide certain relevant information on a confidential questionnaire from which we will get the necessary facts for preparing and filing legal documents such as the Complaint for Divorce or an Answer and/ or Counterclaim.

After the initial Complaint for Divorce has been filed and served on the other party that party has 35 days to file an Answer or, if so intended, an Answer with Counterclaim. If an Answer is not filed within the time prescribed the matter may proceed by default. Or if an Answer is filed and there are outstanding issues, the matter will be deemed contested and the Court will schedule certain events to help the litigants resolve their issues. Once the issues are settled, the matter will proceed as uncontested. If the case is unable to be settled within a certain time frame the Court will finally schedule a trial date.

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