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 **Financial Documents for Family Law Cases**

**Documents are Not Required for Initial Consultation**

**\*\*Note: Please do not submit any financial documents to our offices until a conflict check has been performed and a consultation appointment made.**

Attorneys need to see your financial documents to help assess your case and file in court if required. If filed, your financial records are confidential and filed “under seal” so the public cannot see your documents.

**To the extent reasonable under your circumstances, please gather:**

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| * Complete Personal Income Tax Returns, including W-2s, 1099s and all Schedules: 5 years if available, but the last 2 years are the most important to begin.
* Pay stubs for the longer of: the calendar year, the last 6 months, or the date of separation.
* Documents showing all other sources of income for the longer of: the calendar year, the last 6 months, or the date of separation.
* If you or the other party owns 5% or more of any Partnership, Corporate or Entity: Income Tax Returns for each, with all Schedules, for 5 years if available, but the last 2 years are the most important to begin.
* Statements from all bank, credit union, brokerage, mutual fund and retirement accounts for the longer of: the calendar year, the last 6 months, or the date of separation.
* If you or the other party is paying a child(ren)’s expenses (such as tuition, extracurricular activities, uninsured medical expenses or post-secondary education): Documents showing the costs in the past 12 months.
* If you or the other party has received any non-taxable income or benefits (such as gifts, trust distributions, inheritance, life insurance proceeds or bartering) in the last 2 years: Documents showing all receipts, source and any deductions for the last 2 years.
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These are not all of the documents that would be needed, but they are an important beginning.

**All financial records you gather will be made available to the other party. Complete disclosure protects your interests. Please do not destroy any financial documents.**