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**DOCUMENTATION NEEDED**

The following is a list of documents that most likely will be needed to evaluate your case. For purposes of the initial meeting, the most important records to bring are: evidence of income of both parties; current balance for all financial accounts, current balance for all retirement accounts, mortgage balance, debt balances, records of any pre-marital assets, and gifts or inheritance received during the marriage. Do not be alarmed if you are unable to provide this information. If you do not have it in your possession, it will be obtained.

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| _____ | _____ | 1. <b>Evidence of Compensation (for both parties)</b> – most recent paystubs, last paystub of the preceding year, bonuses or commissions earned in the three preceding years, employment contract.  |
| _____ | _____ | 2. <b>Employee Benefits</b> - additional benefits from employment such as company car, expense accounts or other benefits, life insurance and medical insurance. If there is medical insurance for children, provide the difference in cost between insurance for just the employee and the cost for the employee and children. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. <b>Income Tax Returns</b> – personal, corporate or partnership tax returns, including W-2, 1099 and K-1 forms in your possession or control for the last 3 years.  |
| _____ | _____ | 4. <b>Banking Information</b> – all monthly bank statements for personal and business accounts, certificates of deposit, money market accounts from banks or other institutions, which have been or are maintained by you or your spouse during the past 6 months.  |
| _____ | _____ | 5. <b>Financial Statements or Loan Applications</b> – submitted to banks, lending institutions, or any persons or entities which were prepared by you or your spouse during the last 3 years.   |
| _____ | _____ | 6. <b>Broker's Statements</b> – statements (from the last 6 months) of securities and mutual funds you or your spouse maintained during the marriage and held individually, jointly, or as a trustee or guardian.   |
| _____ | _____ | 7. <b>Stock Options</b> – all records pertaining to stock options held in any corporation or other entity, exercised or not.  |
| _____ | _____ | 8. <b>Pensions, Profit Sharing, Deferred Compensation and Retirement Plans</b> – current statements for any plan owned by you or your spouse, or by any corporation in which you are or have been a participant during the marriage.  |

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|  |  | 9. <b>Life Insurance</b> – certificates of life insurance currently in existence, in which you or your spouse are named as either owner or beneficiary, including death benefit, beneficiary designation and cash surrender value.   |
|  |  | 10. <b>Outstanding Debts</b> – the most recent documents reflecting all debts owned including personal loans, credit cards, medical bills and car loans, showing the name of the debtor and/or creditor and unpaid balance.  |
|  |  | 11. <b>Real Property</b> – all deeds, appraisals, mortgage balances and other evidence of any type of interest or ownership, together with evidence of all contributions, in cash or otherwise, made by you or on your spouse’s behalf, toward the acquisition of such real estate prior to the marriage, or during the course of the marriage if acquired by inheritance or gift. |
|  |  | 12. <b>Corporate &amp; Partnership Interest</b> – all records indicating any kind of personal interest in any corporation or partnership.  |
|  |  | 13. <b>Gifts</b> – all records pertaining to gifts, particularly of cash, made to you or your spouse during the marriage. If these gifts were used to purchase an asset such as payment on a home, produce any tracing documentation.  |
|  |  | 14. <b>Any inheritance</b> – received by you or your spouse during the marriage, including any expected inheritance. If funds from inheritance were used to purchase an asset, produce any tracing documentation.  |
|  |  | 15. <b>Pre-Marital Assets</b> – all records reflecting any asset owned prior to marriage such as investments or real estate.   |
|  |  | 16. <b>Inventory of Safe Deposit Boxes</b> – of you and your spouse.   |
|  |  | 17. <b>Unused sick, vacation or compensatory time</b> – available to be cashed in by you or your spouse through employment.  |
|  |  | 18. <b>List of household goods.</b>  |
|  |  | 19. <b>Sky Miles.</b>  |
|  |  | 20. <b>Blue book values of automobiles.</b>  |