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Checklist: Documents to Show Your Divorce Attorney

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Divorce is complicated - legally, financially, and emotionally. In order to ensure the best possible outcome, gather the following documents together and provide copies to your attorney, along with any others he or she specifically requests. By so doing, the two of you can work together as partners to reach a resolution of your divorce that protects your and your children's immediate and long-term interests.

_____	Individual income tax returns for past three to five years (federal, state, and local)
_____	Business income tax returns for past three to five years (federal, state, and local)
_____	Proof of your current income
_____	Proof of spouse's current income
_____	Prenuptial agreement
_____	Separation agreement
_____	Bank statements
_____	Certificates of deposit
_____	Pension statements
_____	Retirement account statements
_____	Trusts
_____	Stock portfolios
_____	Stock options
_____	Mortgages
_____	Property tax statements
_____	Credit card statements
_____	Loan documents
_____	Utility bills
_____	Other bills (e.g., school tuition, unreimbursed medical bills, music lessons for children, etc.)
_____	Monthly budget worksheet
_____	Completed financial statements
_____	Employment contracts
_____	Benefits statements
_____	Life insurance policies
_____	Health insurance policies
_____	Homeowner's insurance policies
_____	Automobile insurance policies
_____	Personal property appraisals
_____	Real property appraisals

_____	List of personal property, including home furnishings, jewelry, artwork, computers, home office equipment, clothing and furs, etc.
_____	List of property owned by each spouse prior to marriage
_____	List of property acquired by each spouse individually by gift or inheritance during the marriage
_____	List of contents of safety deposit boxes
_____	Wills
_____	Living Wills
_____	Powers of Attorney
_____	Durable Powers of Attorney
_____	Advance Health Care Directives

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