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# Divorce Made Simple: The Ultimate Guide By A Former Family Judge

## **DIVORCE** **MADE SIMPLE**

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE  
BY A FORMER FAMILY JUDGE



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## Synopsis

Don't make another decision until you read this book! Written by a former family divorce judge and an attorney with more than thirty years of family law experience, the author navigates you through your divorce and steers you away from unnecessary delays and obstacles that threaten your financial and personal well-being. Practical advice, unique insights into the court system, and hot tips will empower you, with or without an attorney, to move through your divorce with confidence and clear direction. You'll discover the answers to these issues and more: If divorce is your best or only alternative if your marriage is irretrievably broken The short term and long term consequences of divorce How to reduce attorneys fees from day one What to expect at your final hearing How to file a petition or an answer without an attorney What 3cs are more important than other attorney credentials How to avoid paying high legal retainers What judges look for when deciding custody How to prepare for a temporary hearing without an attorney What to know before you sign an attorney's retainer agreement Basic principles behind child support, alimony, and equitable distribution How to prepare for mediation How to choose between a mediated or collaborative divorce The Appendix provides links to every state's specific family law forms and resources as well as residency requirements. About the Author As a former family law judge, attorney, and mediator, Linda Schoonover offered common sense and holistic approaches to divorce. In this, her first book in a series, she shares that same common sense approach to reduce the costs, delays, and headaches usually associated with divorce.

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Ending a marriage is almost guaranteed to be more difficult, time-consuming and expensive than starting it. Yet there are ways that you can make the process less complicated, less acrimonious, less stressful and less financially destructive if you go into the process with eyes open. If you and your soon-to-be-ex can agree to put aside feeling of hurt, humiliation and betrayal, you may be able to conserve most of your financial assets. But not without expert guidance. In this book, former family law attorney and family court judge tells you the ins and outs of navigating the divorce maze. Reading this book will not replace your investment in sound legal advice, but it will make you a better-informed and - prepared consumer of that advice. This book is valuable because it answers all the basic questions, helping you choose the best legal representative for your specific situation and take that best advantage of their service (and not run up your bill asking basic questions). Divorce isn't easy, but it can be less stressful, less painful, and more humane when you know what to expect and, where possible, how to minimize the damage. What if my spouse 'doesn't believe in' divorce and refuses to co-operate? What if he lives in another state or abroad? How does it change things if we have a pre-nup? Can I be required to give up my home? To find the answers, and help organize yourself before you hire an attorney, get Ms. Schoonover's expert insights and answers. It may save you grief - and will certainly save you in fees!

Whether you are currently going through the process of divorce or not, this is a good book to have as a reference. It contains pertinent information and guide that will educate you about the entire process. As the divorce process can be stressful, this book alleviates this stage as it equips you with knowledge on every step that you are about to take.

This book could save you a lot of time, money and additional heartbreak. It is a quick read, though each chapter is filled with pertinent advice from a person who has accustomed to seeing people travel this road.

This is an insightful and powerful guide from someone who has seen it all when it comes to divorce. I can't recommend it enough to help navigate the challenging times of divorce.

Divorce Made Simple was a great book that really gives clarity on the entire process from start to finish. Although I am not divorced and don't plan to be, I have had friends over the years who have. This book would have been extremely helpful. Now I feel much more capable and feel like I can add more value to someone going through this difficult process.

As an attorney who has practiced family law for many years I can say that this book is full of great information and insight. Divorce is not easy and getting good information is even more difficult. This book has many practical tips but it also gives you a great idea of what to expect. Most clients fear this process because it is totally unknown. Reading this book will take much of the uncertainty out of the process which is invaluable.

Being in the middle of a contested divorce myself right now, I can testify that everything that was explained is absolutely true. I certainly wish I had known these things ahead of time but for that reason this book will certainly be a valuable resource to anyone who may be considering divorce right now. Do yourself a favor and read it - it will be worth the time.

If you are separated - or know of someone who should be separated, this is a great read from a trusted friend. (Hahaha, I have a lawyer for a friend!) The book is currently a dollar, and certainly makes up for the price in the first few pages. 32 years ago, I had no idea what a landmine a divorce could be- I just wanted the pain to stop. I had a lawyer recommended to me, and she only charged \$400. I know. Ridiculous, isn't it? She gave me excellent advice, and did not take advantage of either my ex, or of me. At the proceedings, everyone in the room respectfully stood up- including the judge! She (the lawyer) drove an hour to get to the courthouse. (no extra fee) Why such a long explanation? It takes a heck of a lot of convincing to get me to appreciate a lawyer... or any so called expert. Linda, the author, will get you pointed in the right direction, and hopefully save you a lot of grief and \$. Linda commands my respect, as very few lawyers do, and I hope she garners your respect, as well. Divorce is expensive and has consequences. Make it a simple one.

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