

There are some important things for you to take care of after the Final Judgment is entered. Here is a checklist to help you remember.

- Save a copy of your Final Judgment, Settlement Agreement, and Parenting Plan in a safe place. If you have a Parenting Plan, you will need to refer back to it often to remember the timesharing schedules and other important details.
- Change your estate planning documents. If you previously had a Will appointing your former spouse as personal representative or beneficiary, you may want to have it amended. Our office will give you a referral to an estate planning attorney.
- Meet with your Financial Planner to reassess your financial needs and how your financial plan should be modified to better match your needs. Our office will give you a referral to an estate planning attorney.
- Change the beneficiary on any life insurance policies.
- If necessary, change the titles on assets like your home and cars.
- Take care of closing all joint bank and credit card accounts.
- Obtain individual auto and health insurance.
- If your name has been legally changed, you will need to request a new Social Security Card, driver's license, and passport. You will also need to change your name on all bank and credit card accounts, and notify your children's school.
- Keep records of all alimony and child support payments paid or received. Also record payments for extracurricular and uncovered medical expenses.
- Keep a log of any future incidents involving the children.
- You may also want to schedule appointments with a counselor, therapist or other professional to help you transition. Our office will give you a referral to professionals who specialize in therapy and family counseling.