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5 MISTAKES THAT ARE GOING TO HURT YOUR DIVORCE

Divorce is a life-changing and emotionally draining process for all parties involved. An individual can face raw emotions, anger, betrayal, and denial when going through a trial. These feelings can take a toll on your health. Plus, the individuals can take certain actions that can hurt their case from a legal standpoint.

This guide lists the five most common mistakes that clients make in divorce cases:

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POSTING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

A divorce trial can be stressful, and, naturally, the person in that situation would want to vent out to friends and family members. Since it's a digital age, we connect to our loved ones through social media platforms.

As much as you might want to discuss what happened in court or the sensitive details about your case, it's best to avoid spreading news or interacting online. It is crucial to resist the urge to post your feelings on social media, as that content can be used as evidence against you in court.

You should note that a judge might not look favorably on a person involved in regular trashing and bad-mouthing a spouse over the internet. The situation can worsen if the married couple has a child and the custody has still to be decided. In addition to keeping away from social apps, be careful about what your family and friends are posting.

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TALKING TO YOUR KID ABOUT THE OTHER PARENT

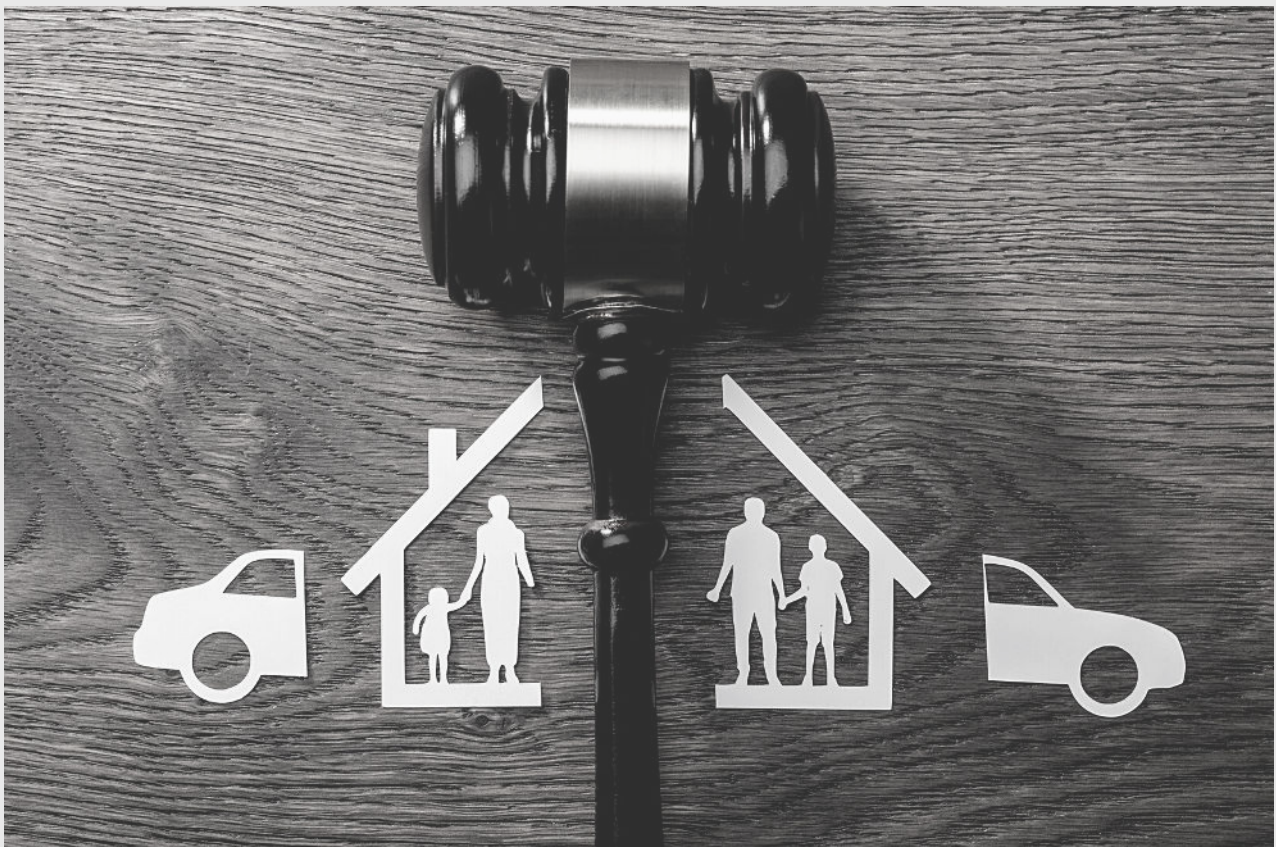
No matter how traumatic you feel the divorce trial is for you, it would be best if you stay mindful of your actions. It's very common to have negative feelings, and there will be instances where you will want to talk about the bad parts of your marriage.

However, no matter how strongly you want to rant, avoid doing it in front of or with your child. This behavior can be extremely harmful to children. It is because children, in most cases, have a strong attachment with both their parents.

When one parent criticizes the other, that can leave a lasting impact on the child. In addition, if a judge finds out about your actions, it can be disastrous for your divorce trial and custody battle. Moreover, the Texas Family Code empowers a child to voice their opinion regarding visitation and several other sensitive issues.

The court interviews the child above and below of age 12 to know their opinion regarding custody. Now, if you have been engaging in bad-mouthing the other parent, the interview can go against you since the judge will ask for sensitive details that can hurt your case.

So, take the high road and always look out for the well-being of your children. By doing this, you will demonstrate to the court that you are a responsible parent and a better influence on the child.



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CALLING, TEXTING, AND EMAILING IN ANGER

Everyone has shown some kind of extreme anger over phone calls and other modes of communication. These emotions can further exacerbate when a couple is facing a divorce trial. However, feeling an emotion is okay, but acting on it can really hurt your case. This issue is one of the gravest mistakes that people make during a divorce because the spouse can exaggerate your behavior. This can affect your trial, the alimony, and child custody.

If you reside in Texas, you must know that it is a "one-party" consent state. It is legal for a spouse to record a phone conversation without seeking permission from the other spouse.

Now, this can destroy the case you have made in court, as emotions may have clouded your words during the conversation. So, there can be instances where you say too much and make the other party's case stronger.

To steer clear of such a situation by acting out of anger, revenge, or guilt, you can seek help from an attorney, therapist, or family counselor. Try to remain calm no matter how much the other spouse tries to push your buttons. Stay cordial, communicate only when necessary, and always keep a check on your mental and emotional health.



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HIDING YOUR INCOME AND OTHER FINANCES

Another mistake that people often make is lying in court and trying to hide their income or marital assets. No matter what your spouse's intentions are, don't be dishonest in court. Always disclose all of your documents, including the prenuptial and postnuptial documents. If you take the other road and decide to keep anything to yourself, you can lose important ground in your case.

In addition, if your spouse is a stay-at-home mom and you are the one who earns full time, then the act of hiding your finances will be frowned upon in court. In addition, you must educate yourself about the laws.

For instance, according to the Texas Family Code, any property acquired during the marriage will be community property. It will be divided equally. So, hiding an asset will not result in anything positive. Bottom line: Keep every financial aspect transparent!

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KEEPING THE CHILD FROM THE OTHER PARENT

It is bad to criticize the other parent in front of your child, and it is even worse if one of the parents goes against the visitation schedule. Try to keep your children away from divorce-related disputes, as such actions will negatively impact your case.

A parent cannot stop a child when court orders are in place, certainly not when the other parent does not endanger the child. In addition, there can be instances where the child might not want to visit the other parent.

Or the parent might pose a threat to a child. In both cases, the primary parent or the parent in charge can immediately file for a modification and contact an attorney.

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BONUS NOT HIRING AN ATTORNEY

Big Decisions are made in a family law court. These decisions affect your family's financial and psychological well-being for years to come. So, being prepared, having the right plan, and an effective and experienced lawyer on your side will help you achieve what's in your best interest is critical.

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