

GoransonBain

Flat Fee Divorce – FAQ

GENERAL

How much will it cost me to get divorced?

We offer 4 Flat Fee Divorce Plans:

Flat Fee Divorce #1 – no children and no property – \$2,500

Flat Fee Divorce #2 – no children and agreed property division – \$3,500

Flat Fee Divorce #3 – agreed child issues and no property – \$3,500

Flat Fee Divorce #4 – agreed child issues and agreed property division – \$5,000

Are there any additional or hidden fees?

No. The Flat Fee Divorce Plans include all legal fees for an agreed divorce case.

Does the fee include attorney's fees and filing fees?

Yes. All attorney's fees and filing fees are included in the Flat Fee Divorce Plans.

What expenses are not covered?

As long as your divorce continues as a Flat Fee Divorce case, all fees and expenses are included. The preparation of any additional transfer documents outside of the Flat Fee Divorce Plan would require a separate agreement.

What transfer documents may need to be prepared other than the divorce decree?

If real estate, retirement accounts, motor vehicles or other assets need to be divided as part of your divorce case, it may be necessary to complete additional documents to complete the transfer. The additional documents may include special warranty deeds, qualified domestic relations orders, power of attorney affidavits to transfer motor vehicles, and other similar transfer documents.

Can I hire you just for legal advice and draft my own documents?

Yes. Please contact one of our legal staff members for additional information.

How long will it take me to get divorced?

By law, the minimum amount of time for a divorce in Texas is 61 days. We strive to complete the divorce process in 61 days. The amount of time it takes to finalize the divorce case depends primarily on the parties' level of cooperation and availability.

What if I do not have information about my assets or debts?

Flat Fee Divorce Plans are designed for individuals with no property and debt or those individuals who know exactly what property and debts they have in their estate. If you do not know what assets and debts are in your estate, then a Flat Fee Divorce Plan may not be right for you. Please contact one of our legal staff members to discuss what services Goranson Bain, PLLC has to assist you.

What if I need child support or spousal support before my divorce is finalized?

Temporary child support or temporary spousal support is an issue that may be worked out by the parties without the assistance of attorney. If you and your spouse are not able to reach an agreement regarding temporary child support or temporary spousal support without an attorney, then a Flat Fee Divorce Plan may not be right for you. Please contact one of our legal staff members to discuss what services Goranson Bain, PLLC has to assist you.

ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP

Will I be representing myself or will Goranson Bain, PLLC represent me?

Goranson Bain, PLLC will represent you during your Flat Fee Divorce case.

Will I be working with an attorney or office staff?

You will work with an attorney and our legal staff during your Flat Fee Divorce case.

How much time can I spend talking to and meeting with an attorney?

The amount of time you spend talking to and meeting with an attorney will depend upon the issues in your case and the Flat Fee Divorce Plan you have selected.

Will Goranson Bain, PLLC represent my spouse too?

No. You will be represented by Goranson Bain, PLLC. Your spouse may represent themselves or they may decide to hire their own attorney.

Who is responsible for paying the legal fees?

The spouse who retains Goranson Bain, PLLC is responsible for the cost of the Flat Fee Divorce Plan. In many cases, legal fees are paid from marital assets. You may also ask your spouse to share in the cost of the Flat Fee Divorce Plan.

Will my spouse have his/her own attorney?

The decision to hire an attorney is a decision your spouse would have to make. In a Flat Fee Divorce case, your spouse may be able to complete the divorce process without legal representation.

What happens if after the initial consultation, Goranson Bain, PLLC determines my divorce does not qualify for a flat fee divorce?

In the event that your flat fee case becomes a contested divorce, any unearned fees from your flat fee payment will be credited towards a litigation retainer, or refunded to you.

AGREEMENT/NEGOTIATION

What happens if my spouse and I cannot agree on the terms of our divorce?

If you and your spouse cannot agree on the terms of your divorce, then a Flat Fee Divorce may not be right for you. Please contact one of our legal staff members to discuss what services Goranson Bain, PLLC has to assist you.

What happens if my spouse refuses to sign the decree of divorce?

If your spouse refuses to sign the decree of divorce, then a Flat Fee Divorce Plan may not be right for you. At that point, Goranson Bain, PLLC would work with you to consider other options regarding your legal representation.

Who drafts the necessary documents?

Goranson Bain, PLLC will prepare an Agreed Final Decree of Divorce and the necessary state required forms. If your case involves child support, Goranson Bain, PLLC will also prepare a Wage Withholding Order and the required child support forms.

GOING TO COURT

Will I have to go to court?

Yes. Every divorce decree must be presented to a judge for signature (often referred to as a prove-up hearing). A Goranson Bain, PLLC attorney will represent you at the hearing to finalize your divorce case.

What happens if I need to go to court before my case is ready to be finalized?

If you need to go to court during your divorce case or before your case is ready to be finalized, then a Flat Fee Divorce Plan may not be right for you. If during your divorce it becomes necessary to go to court, Goranson Bain, PLLC would work with you to consider other options regarding your legal representation.

Will an attorney represent me in court?

Yes. A Goranson Bain, PLLC attorney will be with you in court to finalize your divorce.

- See more at: <http://www.gbfamilylaw.com/services/flat-fee-divorce-texas/>

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