

## The BASIC Divorce Process



Complaint for Divorce / Ex Parte Orders

0-7 days from the first office visit.

Service of Process / Answer the Complaint

The Complaint must be served within 90 days of filing. Spouse has 21 days to file an Answer

Conduct Discovery

The process of discovery (gathering facts) begins after filing and typically lasts until settlement.

Negotiate or Mediate

Mediation only occurs if the parties are unable to reach a settlement.

Trial or Arbitration

No children - typically < 180 days after filing.  
Children > 180 days after filing.