

Roadmap for divorce cases

Case Starts. Petitioner files Petition for Divorce

Summons and Petition are served on respondent and proof of service is filed within 120 days (unless parties agree and file a Stipulation)

Parties Disagree*

Respondent files Answer and optional Counterpetition

Parties exchange:

- Financial Declarations
- Initial Disclosures

Parties attend mediation or file:

- Application or Motion to Excuse Mediation

One party files:

- Certification of Readiness for Trial

Both parties file:

- Proposed settlement
- Updated Financial Declarations

Both parties attend pre-trial conference

Trial – judge decides case and tells one party to prepare and file final documents

Parties Agree*

They file a Stipulation

At any time...

Either party can file a Motion for temporary order

Respondent Doesn't File Answer within:
21 days (in UT),
30 days (not in UT)*

Petitioner files paperwork for a Default Divorce

Wait 30 days from the date petition was filed

File:

- Final documents

If there are children, also file:

- Proof of income for both parties
- Certificates of Completion of Divorce Education Courses (or get waiver)

*** If there are children:** both parties must attend education classes or file:

- Motion to Waive Education Requirements

Judge reviews final documents

Case is finished.
Judge signs Divorce Decree
If needed: parties can file QDRO