

# Divorce



## What happens in a Divorce?

A divorce case can handle the following issues:

- end the marriage
- reinstate a former name
- divide property and debt
- support of a spouse
- support of a child
- custody and visitation (parenting time)
- parentage issues if necessary

## Which Court handles divorce?

Divorces are heard in the [Circuit Court](#). Custody, visitation, child support, parentage and spousal support may be resolved in the [Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court](#). After a divorce, requests to revise support, custody and visitation generally go to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

## What are the different kinds of divorce?

There are three kinds of divorces: *Uncontested*, *No-Fault*, and *Contested*.

- For more information about *Uncontested* and *No-Fault Divorce*, please visit [VALegalAid.org](http://VALegalAid.org). This website offers an [online forms program for \*Uncontested or No-Fault Divorce\*](#).
- [Consult with a lawyer](#) to learn more about *Contested Divorce*.

## What resources can help me understand the divorce process?

**There are no official court forms dealing with the process of spousal separation or divorce.** Information about the divorce process, as well as practical concerns about financial matters and custody, is available from the [Virginia State Bar](#) and [VALegalAid.org](http://VALegalAid.org). These organizations and the [find a lawyer](#) resources, along with your local court, local law library or local Bar Association may also be able to refer you to someone who can help. **VA Law Help 2 Go** offers a [video](#) that explains your options in pursuing an uncontested divorce from your partner.

The [Spare the Child video](#), a project of the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section, guides parents through the difficult task of restructuring their family. The documentary-style, conversational video uses everyday language. It gives examples from people experienced with divorce, such as judges, lawyers, guardians ad litem, counselors, teachers, and children of divorce.

## What about custody, visitation and support?

Please visit the [Custody and Support page](#).

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Links

[Divorce, Custody and Separation in Virginia from VALegalAid.org](#)

[Divorce in Virginia from the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar](#)

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