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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 [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 two kinds of divorces: No-Fault and At-Fault.

- For more information about No-Fault divorce, please visit VALegalAid.org's [Divorce page](#). There are online forms and guidance for filing a No-Fault Divorce.
- [Consult with a lawyer](#) to learn more about At-Fault 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](#). 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.

[Spare the Child](#), 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. There is a [brochure](#) to use with the video.

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](#)

[VALegalAid.org Family Law Page](#)

[Divorce and Financial Support: A guide for spouses ending their marriage in Vir...](#)

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