



FAMILY LAW BLOG

# New Year; New Divorce Filing

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As the new year rolls around, many people take steps to make big changes in their lives; one of those may be to file for divorce from their spouse. Getting to the point where you want to get divorced is emotional, and getting to the point where you actually meet with an attorney and prepare to file can be a huge hurdle to overcome. But when you are ready to take that step, you should keep 2 things in mind:

1. Just because you are at a place emotionally where you want to leave your marriage, doesn't mean your spouse is at the same place. It likely took you a long time and many ups and downs to get to the point where you want to get divorced, so keeping in mind that it may take the other party some time to get even close to that same emotional space is important.
2. Filing for divorce is a significant step in what can be a lengthy process, so be prepared for many months of limbo before your divorce is finalized. Before COVID, it could take 12-18 months for a contested divorce to be finished, and with the continued backlog of cases in the family courts from the pandemic slow-down, it can take even longer than that.

Talking to an experienced divorce attorney about what to expect emotionally, financially, and how long the process can take, can help ease tension and anxiety with this new and significant step toward your future.

For this or other family law questions, please reach out to one of the family law attorneys at Sandberg Phoenix.