

# 3 Things to do Before Talking to a Divorce Attorney

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If you are thinking about getting divorced, there are 3 things you can do before you even talk to an attorney:

1. **Get copies of your last 3-5 years' tax returns.** Getting copies of your tax returns (filed joint or separately) can help an attorney assess an average annual income for you and your spouse, as well as give an indication of some of the assets held by you and/or your spouse.
2. **Get a list of your monthly and annual bills.** Having a better understanding of the finances of your family can help both you and your attorney determine the cash flow of your family. Cash flow needed for bills can impact someone's ability to pay support, or someone's need for support.
3. **Gather information about special needs for children.** If you have children with special needs, write out what their needs are, their diagnoses, and the treatments, medications, and accommodations that your children need. Custody may be impacted by any special needs of a child, so having that information compiled in one place can assist your attorney in being better equipped to understand the needs of your family.

For these or other family law questions, please contact one of the family law attorneys at Sandberg Phoenix.