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ASSET DIVISION

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## **SYNDICATE LEGAL SERVICES**

*Team of:*  
*Attorneys / Lawyers*  
*Law Clerks*  
*Paralegals*  
*Industry Specialists*

Parties to a divorce are generally each equally concerned about the distribution of property. How can you equitably distribute items acquired over the course of your marriage? All Divorces generally deal with varying levels of complexity as it pertains to property division, which may include financial assets, real estate, jewelry, automobiles, pets, business ownership, professional licenses and much, much more.

Generally speaking (and this will vary ‘state-by-state’), property acquired during the marriage is considered community property (or assets of the marriage) and should be divided between spouses accordingly. Factors such as the increase in value of real estate and retirement accounts will also be included, with the exception of gifts and inheritances. For these reasons, it is critical that the assets and property acquired during the marriage be thoroughly evaluated to ensure an equitable division of assets. We work with multiple accounting firms, forensic accounting firms, business valuation experts, real estate appraisal firms and tax experts that can each ensure proper valuation of assets when needed.

Generally (again, this may vary ‘state-to-state’), Family Court Judges are required to distribute marital assets between spouses, including property acquired by either or both spouses during the marriage. What constitutes fair division of property is largely up the judge’s discretion, and subject to a list of legal issues the judge must consider.

In divorces that involve ownership of business assets, or real estate properties, several problems must be resolved either between the parties or through a Court Order, especially when contesting spouses each claim an asset as their own and not subject to community property laws.

We have experience in dealing with valuation & negotiation of property division, and when necessary, our network of Attorney’s have the litigation experience litigating complex divorce cases involving a wide range of asset classes.

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