

Roadmap for divorce cases

Case Starts. Petitioner files Petition for Divorce

Summons and Petition are served on respondent and proof of service is filed within 120 days (unless parties agree and file a Stipulation)

Parties Disagree*

Respondent files Answer and optional Counterpetition

Parties exchange:

- Financial Declarations
- Initial Disclosures

Parties attend case management conference

Parties attend mediation or file:

- Application or Motion to Excuse Mediation

Both parties attend pre-trial conference

Both parties file:

- Trial Issues document and
- Updated Financial Declarations

Trial – judge decides case and tells one party to prepare and file final documents

Parties Agree*

They file a Stipulation

Respondent Doesn't File Answer within:
21 days (in UT),
30 days (not in UT)*

Petitioner files paperwork for a Default Divorce

At any time...

Either party can file a Motion for temporary order

Wait 30 days from the date petition was filed

File:

- Final documents
- If there are children,** also file:
 - Proof of income for both parties
 - Certificates of Completion of Divorce Education Courses (or get waiver)

Judge reviews final documents

*** If there are children:** both parties must attend education classes or file:

- Motion to Waive Education Requirements

Case is finished.
Judge signs Divorce Decree
If needed: parties can file QDRO