

## Yes or No?

### Uncontested or contested divorce in New York

Getting married and getting divorced takes two people—but it only takes one to turn the dissolution of a marriage into a battleground. Of all the issues associated with divorce, the one that best defines the situation is whether the divorce will be **uncontested or contested**[H1] .

As the **largest family law firm in Long Island**, we have handled thousands of divorce matters of all kinds for people from every background. Basic issues that must be agreed upon or decided in any divorce include the following:

- Grounds for divorce
- Child custody and visitation arrangements
- Payment of spousal and child support
- Distribution of property and division of assets

#### Uncontested divorce

Spouses who can work together, or with their attorneys to make solid, satisfactory agreements can obtain an *uncontested* divorce. Uncontested divorces are predictable, obtained more quickly, cost less money, and leave less emotional damage. Uncontested divorces do not create *winners* and *losers*, and provide a better beginning for children of divorce.

#### Contested divorce

*Contested* divorces occur when spouses cannot agree. Couples can try to resolve differences through negotiation, mediation, or the collaborative divorce process. However, choosing litigation from the outset is sometimes a better approach for couples with clear, entrenched disagreements. Although more costly and time consuming, divorce litigation is effective in deciding contentious issues and finally resolving a marriage.

Most people going through a divorce would prefer an uncontested divorce. But if that is not possible in your case, choose an experienced attorney ready to fight for the results you need.

[H1][http://www.nycourts.gov/divorce/info\\_faqs.shtml#What%20is%20the%20difference%20between%20a%20Contested%20and%20an%20Uncontested%20Divorce?](http://www.nycourts.gov/divorce/info_faqs.shtml#What%20is%20the%20difference%20between%20a%20Contested%20and%20an%20Uncontested%20Divorce?)

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