

Could Tiger Woods Stop a Divorce?

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It has been widely reported that Tiger Woods' wife, Elin Nordegren, has hired a Los Angeles-based divorce attorney to begin the marital dissolution process. Meanwhile, Tiger has taken a leave of absence from the PGA Tour in an attempt to save his marriage. The question becomes, if Elin is determined to get divorced, is there anything Tiger can do to stop her?

If Elin were to file for a marital dissolution in California, the answer would be no.

California is a "no-fault" divorce state. This means that a divorce will be granted if one party simply *claims* there are "irreconcilable differences" warranting a marital dissolution. As long as one spouse *believes* that these irreconcilable differences exist, that is enough for the Court to grant the divorce.

As a result, if Elin were to file for a divorce in California, the Court would grant her the marital dissolution. The Court would not inquire into whether Tiger's actions justify the divorce. Therefore, there is nothing Tiger could do to stop Elin if she were to desire a divorce from him.

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