

Divorce in Arizona—Is an Inheritance Acquired Before Marriage Considered Separate Property?

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Depending on the circumstances of your [Arizona divorce](#) case, any inheritance that you acquired before marriage can be considered as your separate property – especially if the funds remained in an account that belonged to you and you alone during the course of your marriage. On the other hand, if the funds from your inheritance were deposited into any type of “joint account,” there is a greater chance that the funds will be considered as community property in the terms of your divorce.

Should you and your spouse disagree on the designation of separate and community property in your divorce, you might want to consider using alternative methods, such as mediation, before resorting to litigation in order to resolve your differences. Mediation is a great way for two opposing sides to minimize the stress and anxiety, as well as obtain a mutually beneficial end result.



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