

Divorce is never an easy process and can be complicated at times. But these are some of the things you should not do during your divorce.

1) Lie to your lawyer- This should go without saying, but for some reason people don't get it. Your lawyer is the only one on your side, so why would you lie to him/her? Everything you say to your lawyer is confidential, and if your lawyer knows upfront what is going on, then he/she is in a better position to deal with any issues. But if they don't know the full facts, your lawyer may inadvertently do something that could harm your case.

2) Post on social media-One of the first things I do as a divorce lawyer is to scour Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, etc. for incriminating posts from the other party. I am looking for pictures of the new main squeeze, drug use, alcohol abuse, etc. (especially if child custody is involved). People like to blab and I am looking for that one comment that helps my client's case. More than likely, I'm going to find it. So don't post anything that you wouldn't want your ex-spouse to know, even if they don't use social media.

3) Talk bad about your spouse in front of the children-Your children have nothing to do with you getting a divorce, or how your spouse acted during the marriage. Your kids love you both equally, and when

you start putting down your spouse, they will feel confused and hurt. It's not fair to them, so don't do it.

4) Hide or transfer assets-A good divorce lawyer is like a bloodhound. We will sniff stuff like this out. Your spouse may know a lot more than you think they do and they will let their lawyer know what they think you have. The lawyer will snoop around and will find out what you did. This will draw the ire of your judge and you may end up losing it anyway, plus losing face with the court (and your own lawyer).

5) Be your own lawyer- I've always said I could find a good book on how to take your own appendix out, but I'd rather leave it to the professionals. The same goes for your divorce, especially if the other party is represented. If you think the court will go easy on you because you are representing yourself, think again. Most courts dislike unrepresented parties. On top of that, you will have unequal bargaining power if you go up against a seasoned divorce lawyer. Why put everything you are entitled to at risk? Speak to a divorce lawyer first. Remember the old adage, he who represents himself in court, has a fool for a client.

If your are contemplating divorce, call your Metro-Detroit Divorce Lawyer at (586) 439-4297, Extension 0, and set up your free consultation. Let me analyze your case and explain to you what I can do to protect your assets, wages, and rights in a divorce.

