


# Which Starting Point May be Best for You?

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## (A) Pre-filing Settlement Options

If you and your spouse:	Then this option may be appropriate*:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree you do NOT want to “go to Court”</li> <li>• Have a general agreement about how to handle your Assets/child-related issues</li> <li>• Do not plan to divide retirement funds</li> <li>• Do not have a complex situation</li> </ul>	<p>* <b>Streamline Divorce<sub>SM</sub></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree you do NOT want to “go to Court”</li> <li>• Need attorney or other professional</li> <li>• Help with dividing retirement funds or real estate/other assets</li> <li>• Need help with a parenting schedule or running spousal support calculations</li> </ul>	<p>* <b>Streamline Divorce<sub>SM</sub> <u>plus</u> Limited Scope (hourly) services to address your issues</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree you do NOT want to “go to Court” <b>AND</b></li> <li>• Disagree on spousal support <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Have a business or complex asset or real estate/other assets <b>OR</b></li> <li>• Need to work through disputed Child-related issue <b>OR</b></li> <li>• You want a professional to guide</li> <li>• You step-by-step through the issues</li> </ul>	<p>* <b>Limited Scope (hourly) services or Mediation to arrive at a signed Settlement Agreement before filing, <i>followed by a Streamline Divorce<sub>SM</sub> OR Collaborative Divorce</i></b></p>

## (B) Traditional Divorce Lawsuit

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your Spouse will not discuss divorce</li> <li>• If your Spouse is concealing/destroying assets</li> <li>• If your Spouse threatens/engages in violence or intimidation</li> <li>• If immediate child-related concerns exist</li> <li>• If your access to funds or information has been cut off or impaired</li> </ul>	<p>* <b>File Traditional Divorce lawsuit <u>AND</u> seek <i>possible</i> restraining orders, temporary custody, support or other relief</b></p>
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\* This provides a general guide, based upon common divorce-related situations. Your situation and unique considerations are critical to selecting the best option for your particular circumstance. Consulting privately with a qualified family law attorney is always recommended.