

DIVORCED **DAD** ROADMAP



FAMILY COURT FLOW CHART

1	COSTS OF A LAWYER	\$129,000 Average Cost Over 18 Months If It Goes To 2 Day Trial - ISSUES: Custody, Visitation, Child / Spousal Support, Property
2	EX-PARTE MOTIONS	To Argue For Emergency Court Orders Before A Judge, Based On Sworn Unsworn and Filed Motion / Affidavit Materials
3	ORIGINATING PROCESS	1. Application / Petition / Statement Of Claim 2. Answer / Statement of Defence & Counterclaim 3. Reply
4	FIRST APPEARANCE	First Appearance Clerk Makes Sure Everyone is Ready, And Extends Deadlines On Consent Or Judge's Order
5	CONFERENCES	Before A Case Management Judge For Settlement Discussions. No Court Orders Except For Emergency Or On Consent
6	MOTIONS	To Argue For Temporary Court Orders Before A Judge, Based On Sworn Sworn and Filed Motion / Affidavit Materials
7	TEMPORARY ORDERS	Temporary Orders Of The Court After A Motion
8	INVESTIGATION	Appoyntment of Children's Lawyer / Assessment Discovery of Documents / Examinations For Discovery
9	TRIAL	Conducted Before A Judge To Hear Live Testimony and Receive And Admit Documentary Evidence
10	ORDERS / REASONS	Orders Of The Court With Reasons For Orders
11	APPEALS	Conducted Before An Appeal Court - Only To Hear Errors of Law, Misapprehension Of Facts, No Reasons For Judgment
12	MODIFICATIONS	Conducted As Change or Variation Motion Hearing - Same Practice As A Motion, Except Requires 30 Days Notice
13	CONTEMPT	To Seek Enforcement of A Court Order Being Disobeyed. 30 days Notice Required. Penalties Can Include Fines & Jail