

# Overview of Divorce in Michigan

**Disclaimer:** The information in this guide does not constitute and cannot be interpreted as legal advice. If you believe you need legal advice, please contact an attorney.

**Important:** After you pass our questionnaire and receive your forms, you will also get a detailed set of instructions guiding you through the divorce process. This is only an overview, which may not reflect the latest updates.

## To Fill Out The Forms

You will need your and your spouse's personal information:

- Full name
- Birth date and location
- Current address and work information
- Driver's license number & SSN
- Information on income, spending, and assets.

## Detailed Michigan Divorce Process Overview



## Guide on Serving the Divorce Papers On Your Spouse



## Preparing to File

Check the court website to find out about parking, payment options, work hours, and any additional requirements that the court may have at the moment. There may be an additional court or county-specific form for you to fill out.

## Notarizing Forms

Be careful when signing forms – some can only be signed in front of a notary public. You will likely find one in your local city/town hall, court, or bank.

Make sure that everyone who needs to sign the form (just you or your spouse as well) have a valid photo ID.

## Filing for Divorce

Give the initial set of forms to the court clerk and pay the filing fee, which will be about \$175.

## Serving Your Spouse

Process of service is mandatory in a divorce. Be careful and follow the due process, as you may not be able to proceed with your divorce otherwise.

A sheriff or a process server can be the one giving the paperwork to your spouse. You cannot complete the process of service yourself.

## Get Completed Michigan Divorce Papers Online



## Finalizing Your Divorce

After completing all the necessary legal steps, you can ask the court to schedule the final hearing for your case.

On the day of the hearing, dress appropriately and be on time. Bring the final set of forms with you and file them with the court.

When in the courtroom, stand when talking to a judge, and refer to them as "your honor." Once the divorce is granted by the judge, be sure to take further steps to officially finalize it.

**Note** that there are additional steps to the process, which depend on various factors. These steps will be covered in detail in the filing guide you receive along with your forms.