



FAMILY LAW CASE TIMELINE (IN MOST CASES)

<u>EVENT</u>		<u>TIMELINE / DUE DATES</u>
PETITION FILED & SERVED	—	START
ANSWER FILED	—	21 – 30 DAYS
PETITIONER'S FINANCIAL DECLARATION & INITIAL DISCLOSURES DUE	—	14 DAYS AFTER ANSWER FILED
RESPONDENT'S FINANCIAL DECLARATION & INITIAL DISCLOSURES DUE	—	42 DAYS AFTER ANSWER FILED
WE SEND DISCOVERY REQUESTS TO OPPOSING PARTY (IF NECESSARY)	—	AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED OPPOSING PARTY'S FINANCIAL DECLARATION & INITIAL DISCLOSURES
WE FILE MOTION FOR TEMPORARY ORDER (IF NECESSARY)	—	AFTER CLIENT'S FINANCIAL DECLARATION FILED & DIVORCE EDUCATION COURSES COMPLETED
HEARING ON MOTION & COURT ISSUES TEMPORARY ORDER	—	45 – 60 DAYS AFTER MOTION FILED
PRE-MEDIATION CLIENT MEETING	—	7 – 14 DAYS BEFORE MEDIATION
MEDIATION (YOUR CASE MAY RESOLVE ANYTIME THROUGH A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT EVEN BEFORE YOUR MEDIATION)	—	TIMING FLEXIBLE (USUALLY AFTER OPPOSING PARTY RESPONDS TO DISCOVERY REQUESTS)
DEADLINE DISCLOSE EVIDENCE FOR TRIAL (A/K/A FACT DISCOVERY DEADLINE)	—	222 DAYS AFTER ANSWER FILED (CHECK NOTICE OF EVENT DUE DATES)
CERTIFICATE OF READINESS FOR TRIAL	—	348 DAYS AFTER ANSWER FILED
PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE	—	30 – 60 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL
PRE-TRIAL DISCLOSURE OF EVIDENCE	—	28 DAYS BEFORE TRIAL
TRIAL & FINAL ORDER	—	END OF CASE (UNLESS APPEALED)