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If you hope to successfully resolve your family law issues, you need to make sure that you are adequately prepared. Here are 10 keys to resolving your case:

- 01 **Obtain and organize your financial documents.** This includes tax returns, brokerage account statements, bank statements, and real property records.
- 02 **Identify the issues that are not in controversy.** All other issues will be decided by the court. The more agreements reached, the more you are in control of the outcome of your case.
- 03 **Identify parenting duties.** These duties include everything in your children's lives, from transportation to school, attending medical appointments, and extracurricular activities.
- 04 **Obtain and organize evidence to support your claims.** For cases involving domestic violence or substance abuse, you will need to be able to provide evidence to the court in the form of medical records, photographs, videos, witness statements, and more.
- 05 **Obtain your own mental health counselor.** Having your own personal therapist will demonstrate to the court that you take your role as a parent and provider seriously. It also will assist your personal process of divorce, allowing you to focus on legal issues.
- 06 **Be prepared to address any modification requests.** If you want to make a change to an existing order of child support or parenting plan, or contest such requests, make sure you are prepared to show the court that your reasoning is in the best interests of your children.

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- 07 **Refrain from engaging in social media.** Anything you post on social media, including memes, photos, videos, and any other content, should be considered as evidence for the court. It is best to stay off of social media during litigation.
- 08 **Assess your own weaknesses and where you need to improve.** If you had substance abuse issues, a debilitating mental health condition, or struggled financially, addressing these issues first can improve your credibility to the court and/or a parenting evaluator.
- 09 **Manage your concerns and expectations.** It is most efficient for your lawyer to receive one email from you with all of your questions instead of an email for each question. Discern what concerns are legal and what concerns are emotional, and address them with the appropriate professional.
- 10 **Follow your attorney's advice.** Failing to follow your attorney's advice may create more problems for you. Any mistakes made will need to be addressed and can hurt your case.

These 10 essential tips for successfully resolving your family law disputes are helpful yet will not assist you in adequately handling your case. You still need a strong legal advocate on your side to help you prepare the best case possible. Schedule your case assessment with The Law Office of Stacy Heard, PLLC to get started. Complete our online contact form or call us at 206-447-8200.

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