



FAMILY LAW

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Client: My relationship with my significant other is in turmoil. I want to work it out, but it seems that a separation is going to be needed. What can I do?

What is a legal separation?

Lawyer: There are many options, but 4 main ones stick out: (1) reconciliation therapy/couples counseling, (2) a physical trial separation, (3) legal separation, and (4) dissolution of the relationship. My office puts out a brochure that discusses these 4 options in more detail (call or e-mail me and I will mail it to you for free). A legal separation involves all the aspects of a divorce (division of property/debts, child support, custody/visitation scheduling), but the parties remain married for legal purposes. Some want to live "separate and apart," but for various reasons need to be defined as a "spouse"; for example, for insurance coverage.

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