



DIFFERENT CASES DIFFERENT COSTS



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The Law Office of Bryan Fagan has helped over 950 families within the last year with their legal matters. We have been providing professional, high-quality legal services since 2012, negotiating, resolving and litigating many cases just like yours. We start our work by getting to know you, so we can guide you through the unique complexities of your matter. Unlike other firms, we take a holistic approach to family law, not just getting the matter filed, but walking with our clients through the process and providing education that allows them to make the best decisions on how to move forward.

In addition to providing a wide variety of legal services, we also provide you with complimentary e-books and other resources so you can fully understand the laws and legal processes surrounding your case. Resources like this, in addition to direct support from our skilled, dedicated legal team, guide you through the complexities of the legal process.

The 2023 Different Divorces Different Costs is a pamphlet to help clients considering a divorce determine how much it might cost. This sheet is designed to give you a personal cost context using our internal statistics by case type. This data allows you to see what other clients, like you, have spent on their legal matters. Although these are only estimates and your case can be higher or lower than the average based on the elements of your case. We hope it helps you have a better understanding of the potential costs involved so you can prepare to be successful in your matter.

Texas Divorce Journey



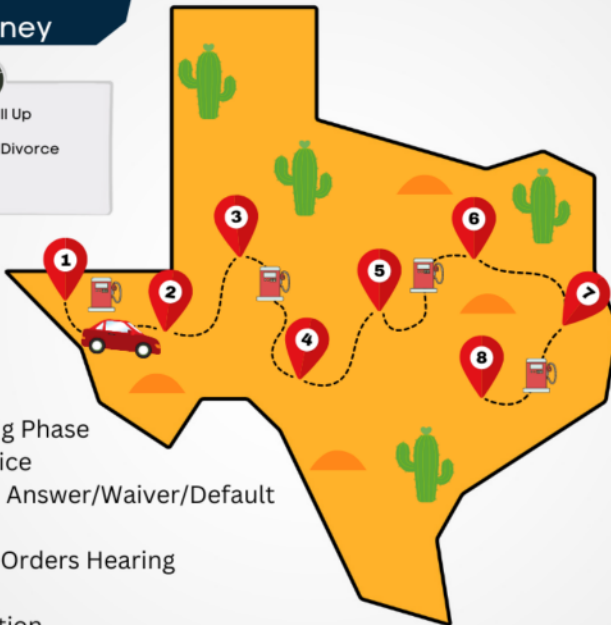
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Steps Of A Divorce



You



- 1.- The Planning Phase
- 2.- Filing & Notice
- 3.- Wait For An Answer/Waiver/Default
- 4.- Mediation
- 5.- Temporary Orders Hearing
- 6.- Discovery
- 7.- Final Mediation
- 8.- Final Trial

Steps Required for All Divorces

1- The Planning Phase/Gathering Info for a Divorce-

Planning includes Inventory (Assets, 401ks, Debts, Taxes), as well as — work schedules, medical insurance, possession, and access if there are children involved.

2- Filing & Notice-

This includes drafting the petition for Divorce, Filing the petition with the District Clerk, Getting Stamps and Returns, and Issuing the Citation. You must wait for an answer to be filed after the service is completed.

3- Wait for an Answer/Waiver/Proceed with Default

Now you will revisit step 1 and provide financials, inventory, tax returns, and medical insurance in the initial disclosures.

Once there's an answer, you file the required initial disclosures 30 days after an answer is filed.



Steps Not Required (But You May Need)

4- Mediation

If you agree at mediation for temporary orders you get an agreed temporary order filed. A Discovery would be requested for issues left unresolved after mediation. If you don't agree at mediation it goes to temporary orders hearing and discovery would follow. If the parties agree on all circumstances at mediation the decree could be made final here.

5- Temporary Orders Hearing

The judge decides how things will be temporarily managed based on evidence or info provided by the parties. This includes Child Custody Rules, Conservatorship, Financial Orders, and Child Support.

6- Discovery

This includes Interrogatories, Production, Admissions, and Depositions.

7- Final Mediation

Once you have the discovery completed, the final mediation would be requested to discuss the unresolved issues from the prior mediation. Final Mediation has two Roads as follows:

- a. Trial-This happens ONLY if the mediation process was not successful and the Judge will decide what happens in this case.
- b. If you agree on the Final order, you file the divorce decree and it will end there.

8- Final Trial

You will gather evidence & any info that you gathered throughout the case to support your claims. You can request in your petition for a bench trial or a jury trial. A bench trial will happen in front of a judge and a jury trial would be in front of a jury. This can often be costly and add one more step to the divorce process if you can't come to an agreement in final mediation.

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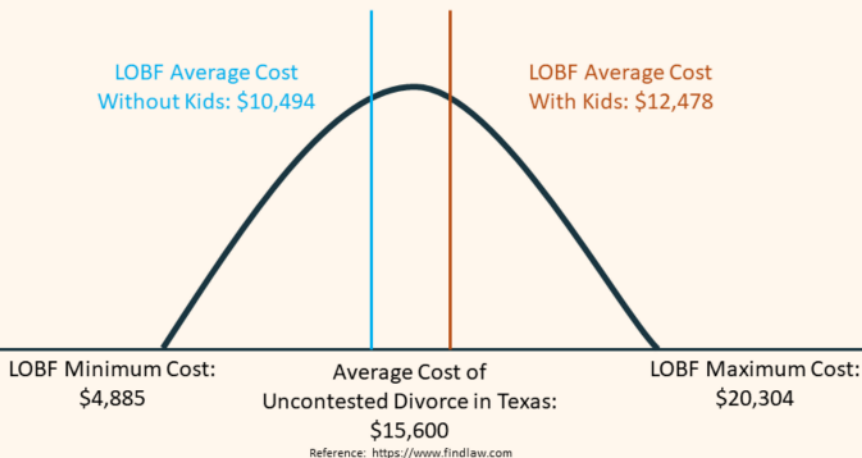
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Average Cost of Divorce: Simple



“ Helped me with my recent divorce ending a 40yr marriage. The process took many months and they were with me every step of the way and gave me confidence that I had the right team on my side. ”

 ★★★★★ - Elizabeth F.

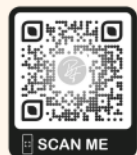
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Experience matters in your line of work just as much as it does in the world of the law. For instance, divorce cases are best served by hiring a lawyer who specializes in the world of Texas Family Law.

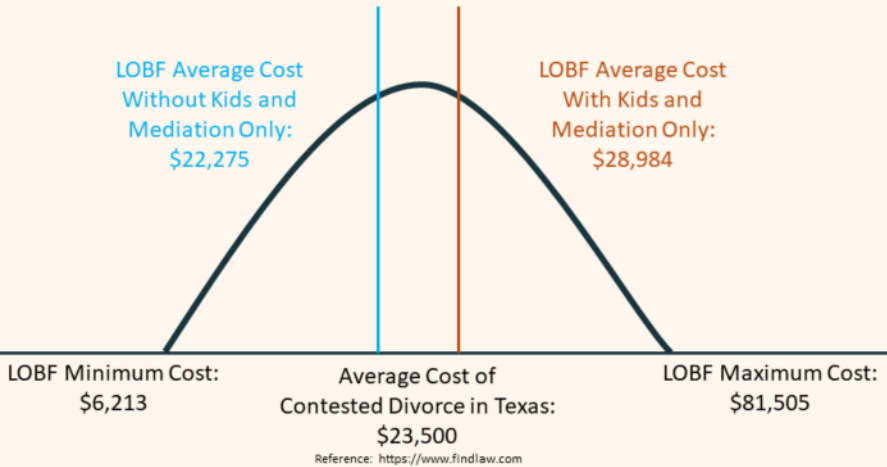
While there is no requirement to hire an attorney to represent you in your divorce; working with an attorney who has a proven track record in family law can make for an overall smoother experience.

Our divorce services when both parties voluntarily agree on all issues, with or without kids, can help you avoid mistakes that will cost you a lot of unwanted time and money. Uncontested divorces require fewer resources, time, and money than going to trial. For many of our clients, uncontested divorce is an affordable option that brings their matter to a successful conclusion.

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Average Cost of Divorce: Complex- Mediation Only



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 ★★★★★ - Lacey M.

Complex Divorce: Complex w/ Mediation

From the beginning of a divorce until the very end, going to mediation is ideal for our more complex and contested cases. Because of the resources required and the amount of time a mediation can take, this can be a pricier option for clients. However, for some families, it can be the right fit to handle the most disputed matters.

Is mediation right for your situation? Our clients who have certain elements in their cases often find mediation is often their best choice to go considering their desires and complex situation. If your divorce is highly contested or contains: complex assets, domestic violence, concerns about the safety of children, substance abuse, dangerous mental illnesses or significant conflict about custody, this might be an avenue for you to take.

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Average Cost of Divorce: Complex w/ Mediation & T.O. Hearing

LOBF Average Cost
With Kids, Mediation
and TO Hearing:
\$20,594

LOBF Average Cost
Without Kids,
Mediation and TO
Hearing: \$27,312

LOBF Minimum Cost:
\$7,573

Average Cost of
Contested Divorce in Texas:
\$23,500

LOBF Maximum Cost:
\$63,127

Reference: <https://www.findlaw.com>

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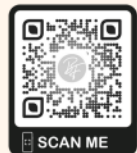
 ★★★★★ - Lacey M.

Complex Divorce: Mediation w/ Temporary Orders

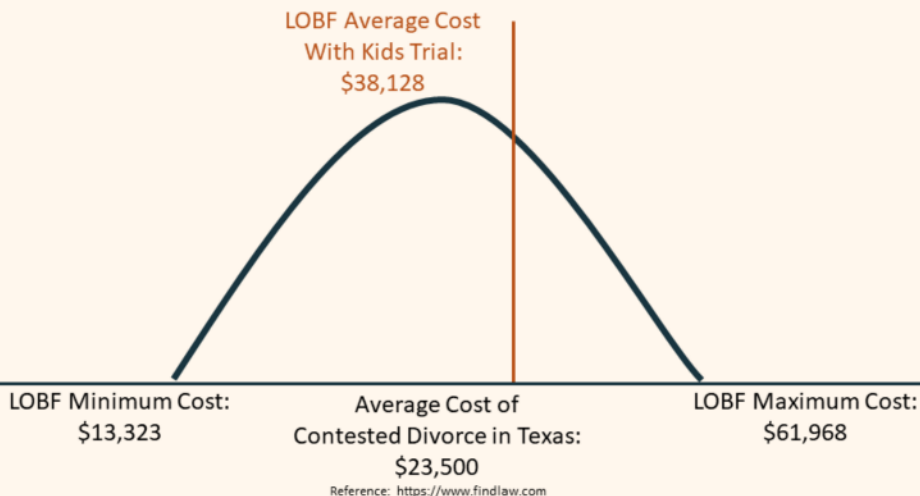
Mediation with temporary orders can be a useful tool in complex divorce cases. This process involves working with a neutral third party to reach temporary agreements on issues such as child custody, visitation, and financial support. Mediation can help divorcing couples avoid the time and expense of going to trial while also providing a framework for resolving their most pressing issues.

This approach is particularly helpful in complex cases where there are many contested issues, and the parties may benefit from having a neutral mediator guide them towards mutually agreeable solutions. Overall, mediation with temporary orders can be an effective way to navigate a complex divorce case and help parties move forward with their lives.

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Average Cost of Divorce: Including Mediation, T.O Hearing and Trial



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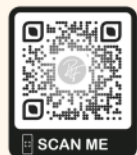
 ★★★★★ - Lacey M.

Complex Divorce: Mediation w/ Temporary Orders & Trial

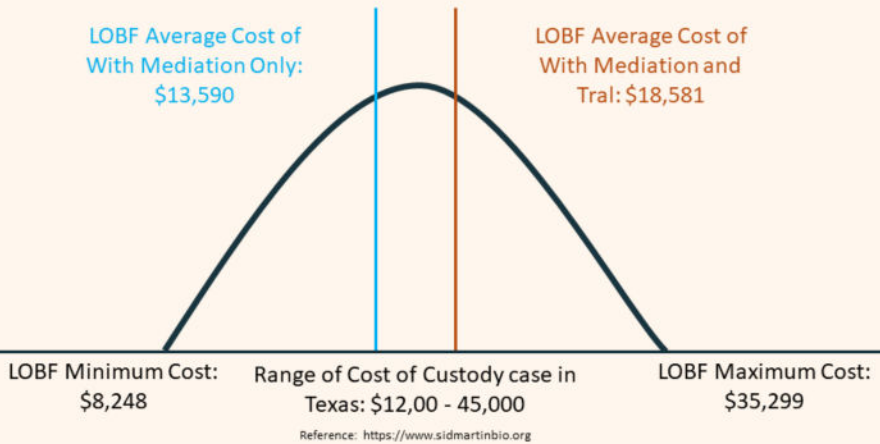
Mediation with temporary orders is a method of resolving complex divorce cases that involves a neutral third party facilitating temporary agreements on issues such as child custody, visitation, and financial support. While mediation can be a cost-effective and efficient way to resolve disputes, it may not always resolve the issues in highly contested cases.

In such instances, going to trial may be necessary to resolve all outstanding issues, even though it can be more expensive and time-consuming for clients. Ultimately, the decision to pursue mediation or trial will depend on the specific circumstances of each case. For highly contested cases, going to trial may be the ideal route to achieve a fair and satisfactory outcome.

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Average Cost of Custody: Complex



“ Going through a divorce and child custody is hard but they make it easier and answer all your questions. Definitely recommend ”

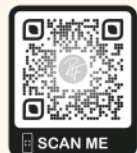
 ★★★★★ - Janet A.

Complex Child Custody

Understand if you are about to go through a child custody case you are going to experience some challenges. Do not assume because you are your child's parent you are guaranteed the opportunity to act as your child's primary caretaker moving forward. Every person who goes through a child custody case needs to be prepared to diligently approach it. Just because something is in your best interest as a parent does not mean the court will agree it is in the best interest of your child.

This is where the advantages of hiring an experienced family law attorney can truly make a difference for you and your family. Having one of our attorneys available to assist you in your case can be a huge help. When it comes to custody, there are many moving parts. Specific expertise is highly recommended.

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Average Cost of Enforcement

LOBF Average Cost:
\$10,430

LOBF Minimum Cost:
\$2,834

Range of Cost of Custody case in
Texas: \$12,00 - 45,000

LOBF Maximum Cost:
\$22,484

Reference: <https://www.sidmartinbio.org>

“ Made me feel comfortable while taking care of one of the most important decision of my life. I am thankful for the time shared with the company. Will definitely use the company for all of my legal needs. ”

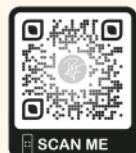
 ★★★★★ - Glenda J.

Enforcement

If you are unknowledgeable about an enforcement case, this is a great place to start. Enforcement cases are where your court order is not being followed by the person who was formerly your opposing party. In a divorce, this would be your ex-spouse. In a child custody or divorce case, this could be your co-parent. Regardless, you have a family court order from a prior court case not being followed. In the world of family law enforcement cases, this is known as a violation. A fine line that needs to be determined is whether the violation is severe enough or has occurred repeatedly to merit the filing of a legal case. Ultimately, this is in the eye of the beholder.

You can seek advice and perspective from an experienced family law attorney. We are thoroughly equipped to help you decide whether an enforcement case would be worth the effort and likely successful if you seek it.

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Average Cost of Modification: Complex

LOBF Average Cost
With Mediation Only:
\$23,944

LOBF Average Cost
With Trial: \$34,867

LOBF Minimum Cost:
\$9,589

Range of Cost of Custody case in
Texas: \$12,00 - 45,000

LOBF Maximum Cost:
\$88,123

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“ I tell you what Bryan Fagan's law firm has treated me with fairness & kindness from the very beginning and instantly knew I had FINALLY found the right firm. ”

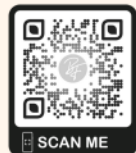
 ★★★★★ - Darci T.

Complex Modification

One of the toughest parts of this type of case is the ability to consider what is best needed for your child rather than yourself. Sometimes those two things coincide perfectly. However, your child's needs at that time might differ from your preferred and ideal child custody orders. With so many moving pieces involved, it is wise to consider the viewpoints of your family, as well as the perspective of an attorney.

For more complicated cases, it might be beneficial to have one of our family law attorneys work on your case. If you are trying to change custody, have a lot of contests, are self-employed, own a business or are a 1099 worker, a custody attorney might be a better option for you.

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In his online posts and books, he succeeds in taking the complex language of the law and making it understandable to the general public.

“ Their customer service team responded promptly and listened to my concern. ”

 ★★★★★ - Lydia P.

“ I will be referring this office to friends and family on any family law cases. ”

 ★★★★★ - Joe A.



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