

Compassionate Legal Support & Guidance

Are you going through a divorce, child custody dispute, or other family law issue? When navigating the legal system, you need an experienced family law attorney in your corner defending your best interests. At Walke-Wilson Firm, we are dedicated to helping clients understand their legal options and in overcoming the myriad of challenges which may lie ahead. We strive to find the out-of-court solutions, but if litigation becomes the only path forward, you can trust that we will be in your corner every step of the way. When you need a compassionate attorney, do not hesitate to contact our family law team. We know the law and we can help you discover the most appropriate path moving forward.

What do family lawyers help with?

- ❖ Uncontested and contested divorce
- ❖ Child custody and visitation
- ❖ Child and spousal support
- ❖ Domestic violence restraining orders
- ❖ Adoption
- ❖ Prenuptial agreements

We'll meet with you to understand your needs, explain your options and help give you a better understanding of how much the process may end up costing. You'll partner with both a proficient paralegal and a reliable attorney, who will create a strategy specifically for your situation and prepare all necessary court documents on your matter.

What's the difference between uncontested and contested divorces?

❖ Uncontested divorce

You and your spouse agree on all the terms of your divorce: property, childcare, assets and more. This is generally a straight-forward process. You and your spouse will come to an agreement and then we will prepare your final decree and all other required documents. The divorce decree will need to be approved by a judge, but that's usually a fairly quick process. As long as the state mandated sixty-day time period has passed and the judge approves the decree, your divorce will be final. Though it's never easy, an uncontested divorce is simpler, in turn saving you considerable time, money and aggravation.

❖ Contested divorce

You and your spouse don't agree on major issues and rely on the court to determine the final outcome of your case. This is what people traditionally think of when they think of a divorce—a couple on opposite sides of a court case with a judge or a jury deciding who gets what and how things are divided.

Judges often encourage spouses to reach a settlement out of court. One way parties are able to achieve these out of court settlements is through mediation. It is an excellent tool and if successful, can allow parties to come to unusual agreements that work best for their family, whereas the Court is more restricted on what they can grant in a trial. Often, by settling in mediation, you have more control over your case and your future. Surprisingly, with the use of mediation, only a small fraction of contested cases actually end up in a formal trial.