

# Divorce Injury Questionnaire and Notice of Legal Rights & Information

## Has your spouse ever done any of the following to you?

**YES**    **NO** (Hit; Beat; Slap; Cut; Stab; Choke; Strangle; Smother; Poison; Drown; Point a Gun; Threaten to Hurt or Kill; Give You a Sexually Transmitted Disease; Video Tape You Nude or Having Sex without Permission; Force Unwanted Sex; Rape; Threaten to Show/Post Nude Photos; Alienate your Child's Affections; Take or Destroy Your Property; Commit Fraud; Hide Assets; Lock you inside a Closet or Room; Confine or Hold you Against your Will; Threaten to Harm Your Children, Loved Ones, or Pets; or Threatened or Injured You in Any Other Way)?

***(If YES, please answer the following): (If the space below is insufficient, please continue on the back)***

What did your spouse do? \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Where (city/state)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time it happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you injured? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you get medical or hospital treatment? Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any photos/videos of the incident or injuries? \_\_\_\_\_

List any witnesses? \_\_\_\_\_

Was 911 or the police called? Which agency? \_\_\_\_\_

Was your spouse criminally charged or convicted? If yes, with what? When? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your spouse make promises or threaten you not to tell or report it? How? \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Notice of Legal Rights & Information (RE: potential Divorce Injury Claims)

- If you have been harmed, injured, or abused by your spouse, you may have the legal right to sue your abusive spouse for your injuries and damages. If yes, you should tell and discuss this with your attorney.
- A Civil Lawsuit for injuries ***may*** impact the distribution of property in your divorce. However, there are many factors in whether you may have the legal right or sufficient factual evidence to warrant filing a civil lawsuit to sue an abusive spouse. Not all injuries or abuse warrant a civil lawsuit. You need to fully discuss these matters with your attorney to determine whether or not filing a civil lawsuit is in your best interest.
- Statute of Limitations: You must file a civil lawsuit within legal time limits, or forever lose your rights.
- Divorce Agreements & Decrees: may waive any and all rights you have to sue your abusive spouse.
- You Must Tell the Truth. The court can impose criminal and civil penalties for perjury (lying), including large monetary fines and jail. Do not lie in an attempt to get a more favorable divorce result.
- **IMPORTANT:** While a civil lawsuit for your injuries may impact the distribution of property in your divorce, a civil lawsuit is nevertheless **a Separate Legal Matter from your Divorce**. Legal representation for a civil lawsuit for your injuries is **NOT automatically included in our divorce representation**. If our law firm agrees to also represent you in a civil lawsuit for injuries, **it would be done by a Separate Legal Retainer Agreement** for your Civil Law Suit, and would be different from and in addition to the Legal Retainer Agreement for your Divorce. It would also require separate and additional payment of legal fees.
- **Referral:** If you need a referral for a divorce injury attorney, visit the website: [DivorceInjury.com](http://DivorceInjury.com).

**I have read and understand the above information:**

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Print your name

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Sign your name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

