Michael S Green Law Outlines Divorce Process for Middlesex Families

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Michael S Green Law, LLC, a family law firm with offices in East Brunswick and Fort Lee, has published an overview of how divorce works in New Jersey, written for spouses in Middlesex County and the surrounding area who are considering a divorce or have just been served with a complaint.

The overview starts with requirements that apply before a case can be filed. At least one spouse must generally have lived in New Jersey for one year before filing, with an exception for adultery. Most divorces in the state are filed on the no-fault ground of irreconcilable differences, which requires that the differences have existed for at least six months and that there is no reasonable prospect of reconciliation. Fault grounds still exist, but they rarely change how property or support is decided and tend to add cost and conflict.

From there, the overview walks through the stages of a typical case in the Superior Court, Chancery Division, Family Part. Divorces filed in Middlesex County are heard in New Brunswick. Each spouse completes a Case Information Statement, a detailed financial disclosure covering income, expenses, assets, and debts, and the accuracy of that document shapes nearly everything that follows. Couples with children attend a parent education program. Many cases then go before the Early Settlement Panel, where experienced matrimonial attorneys volunteer to review both sides and recommend a resolution. Cases that do not settle there are typically referred to economic mediation before trial becomes a realistic option.

Property division in New Jersey follows equitable distribution, which means a fair division rather than an automatic 50-50 split. Courts look at factors including the length of the marriage, each spouse?s income and earning capacity, contributions to the household, and the property each spouse brought into the marriage. Inherited assets and gifts from third parties are generally excluded, though they can become marital property if they are commingled.

Alimony receives its own section, since it is frequently misunderstood. The 2014 amendments to the state?s alimony statute replaced permanent alimony with open durational alimony. For marriages under 20 years, the length of alimony generally cannot exceed the length of the marriage, absent exceptional circumstances.

Limited duration, rehabilitative, and reimbursement alimony address shorter-term needs. Child support is calculated separately, under the New Jersey Child Support Guidelines.

The overview also covers options that can keep a case out of court. Uncontested divorces, where spouses have already agreed on terms, move faster and cost less. Mediation and collaborative divorce give couples structured ways to reach agreement. Michael S Green Law, LLC offers flat fees for uncontested divorces and certain other matters, including prenuptial agreements and some post-judgment modifications, so clients know the cost at the outset.

Not every case resolves through agreement. Contested matters involving custody, relocation, or hidden assets may require litigation, and the firm also handles international custody disputes under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

Anyone looking for a divorce lawyer in East Brunswick, NJ is encouraged to gather recent tax returns, pay stubs, account statements, and any existing agreements before a first meeting, since financial information drives most of the early decisions.

This release is general information and not legal advice. Every case depends on its specific facts, and contacting the firm does not by itself create an attorney-client relationship.

Consultation requests with a divorce lawyer in East Brunswick, NJ are available through the Michael S Green Law, LLC website.

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