



# ESKEW LAW

## INDIANA DIVORCE TIMELINE

### Step-by-Step Overview

What to expect from **filing to final decree** in an Indiana divorce



#### 1 File Petition for Dissolution of Marriage

The divorce process begins when one spouse files a **Petition for Dissolution of Marriage** with the court.



#### 2 Service of Process on Opposing Party

The filed petition must be formally served on the **other spouse**, giving legal notice of the divorce.



#### 3 Discovery

Both parties exchange information to ensure full financial transparency. This process may include:

- **Interrogatories** (written questions)
- **Requests for production of documents**
- **Exchange of financial declaration forms**
- **Depositions**

• This may occur before the discovery is issued or completed



#### 4 Provisional Hearing or Agreement (If Applicable)

Temporary orders may be put in place to address issues such as:

- **Child custody** and parenting time
- **Child support** or spousal maintenance
- **Use of the marital home**

• This may occur before the discovery is issued or completed



#### 5 Negotiation, Mediation, or Alternative Dispute Resolution

Many Indiana divorce cases resolve without trial through:

- **Negotiation** between attorneys
- **Court-ordered** or voluntary mediation
- Other alternative dispute resolution methods



#### 6 Informal Settlement or Trial

If an agreement is reached, terms are submitted to the court for approval.

### Questions About Divorce in Indiana?

Every divorce is unique. An experienced family law attorney can guide you through the process and help protect your rights.

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