

## WORKSHEET: MY PRIORITIES

If you do not really know what your priorities are, you will not know what to ask for—and what to fight for, if necessary—and what you can live without. Saying “I want it all!” is useful neither to you nor your lawyer. Use this worksheet to help identify your priorities before entering into serious negotiations, and share this information with your lawyer. If you need more space, copy this worksheet onto separate pages of a legal or letter-sized notepad; use the top half of each page to list your priorities, and the bottom half to list your spouse’s. Add or delete items to suit your individual case.

### PROPERTY DIVISION

My priorities are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

My spouse’s priorities are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCES (spousal support, division of retirement assets and debts)

My priorities are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

My spouse’s priorities are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

### CHILDREN (child support, custody, visitation)

My priorities are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

My spouse’s priorities are:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If you and your spouse do not agree on custody, write down why you feel your custody arrangements are reasonable and in your children’s best interest, and why your spouse’s are not.

A Certified Divorce Financial Analyst® (CDFA®) professional can help you to understand: the difference between personal vs. marital property; the general rules for how property is valued and divided during separation and divorce; retirement and pension plan issues; tax issues as they relate to spousal and child support; solutions for dealing with the family home; and provide you with data to help you decide which settlement to choose. For more information about how a CDFA professional can help, go to [www.InstituteDFA.com](http://www.InstituteDFA.com).