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## **Divorce**

Divorce is common these days and laws in most states have changed to reflect the desire many couples have to make the end of their marriage as easy as possible. There was a time when getting divorced was a difficult legal process and designed to punish at least one spouse. This is rarely the case anymore and many couples enjoy a stress-free divorce that

does not place the blame on either spouse.

Even if your divorce is relatively free of hardship, it can still be a frustrating process if you do not understand the divorce laws in your state. If you and your spouse want to end your marriage and do so in New Jersey, there are several things you need to know.

Are you contemplating divorce or has your spouse approached you with a desire to end your marriage? You need the assistance of an experienced attorney as soon as possible. Even if you and your soon-to-be-former spouse are splitting on amicable terms, you need and deserve legal protection. This is even more the case if you are a divorcing parent. If you intend to divorce in the State of New Jersey, Steven Greenberg can help.

## **Mediation**

Mediation can help you resolve a variety of personal and business legal issues quickly and efficiently. The process prevents disputing parties from having to settle a matter in the courtroom, allowing them to maintain control over the resolution of the dispute.

Mediation costs less than litigation and diffuses a situation that could evolve into a long-term legal battle by bringing together all parties in an environment that encourages healthy communication. If you are involved in a legal dispute and you are hoping to avoid the expense and frustration of litigation, mediation can help.

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The process of mediation is less formal than litigation, which means disputing parties have more options. Not all disputes are the same and one-size-fits-all resolutions are not going to suit every case. Unfortunately, this is what you might get when settling an issue in the courtroom. Mediation, on the other hand, allows disputing parties to consider all options, even if they seem unorthodox or unusual. The goal of mediation is to help disputing parties negotiate and find the best possible solution that works for everyone involved.

Mediation is also confidential, which allows everyone to speak openly and honestly about their issues. This non-threatening and non-adversarial environment makes it easier to negotiate. When there is a spirit of “we’re in this together” and the end goal is the same for everyone – to find the best possible outcome – it removes the “them against us” mentality that leads to defensiveness. Mediation feels good and makes it possible not just to resolve the matter at hand, but to also continue mutually beneficial relationships in the future, if appropriate.

## **Business Transactions**

Business formation is one of the most important decisions you will ever make as a business owner. What you choose affects all aspects of your business – from your daily work to the tax implications you face.

Choosing the wrong formation when you launch your business can cost you thousands of dollars and put you or your company at risk, which is why it is so important to consider all of your options and work with a legal professional who understands the pros and cons of each formation option.

There are also times when you might need assistance with purchasing or selling a business. This is a significant business transaction and requires the assistance of an experienced attorney to review contracts and advise on the proper way to legally handle the process. Laws concerning the sale or purchase of a business vary from state to state, so it is important to choose someone familiar with the regulations in your area.



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## Real Estate

Legal matters in real estate can be complex and require the review and understanding of a legal professional. Too many people put their personal and professional futures at stake by assuming a real estate agent can handle all aspects of a real estate transaction. In nearly every real estate transaction, an attorney provides an additional layer of protection and ensures you are making the best decision. Real estate attorneys are not trying to sell you a home – they are trying to protect your financial future.

There are emotional issues involved in real estate transactions that can make situations quite dicey. Buying or selling personal or business property is a business transaction, but it can also feel personal. Having someone on your side that is considering only the business side of the issue can help you stay focused and make the smartest decision, regardless of your emotions.

Any time you participate in a real estate transaction you should consider hiring an attorney. He or she can review contracts and other important documents, request information that will allow you to make the most informed decision, and advise you on the best way to proceed in the transaction. You should never assume work with a real estate attorney is redundant or unnecessary – hiring a real estate attorney might be the most important decision you ever make.

Steven has more than 35 years of legal experience. He graduated from the University of Baltimore - School of Law and was admitted to practice law in New Jersey in 1975. Steven is a court approved mediator and a member of the New Jersey and Essex County Bar Associations.

If you have questions about divorce laws in New Jersey or you are ready to file for divorce, contact Steven at 973.857.9300 or by email at [smg.esquire@verizon.net](mailto:smg.esquire@verizon.net).

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