

# DOs AND DON'Ts FOR YOUR FAMILY LAW MATTER

## Do's

Tell your lawyer everything – even the things that you think are “bad.”

Disclose all of your employment, income, assets and liabilities to your attorney.

Regularly check your email for correspondence from your attorney. Sometimes matters are time sensitive.

Check or change all passwords for email accounts, bank accounts, credit cards, etc. You don't want your former partner to have the passwords or access to the accounts.

Do keep us apprised of a change in mailing address, email address or phone number.

Do tell us if there has been a significant change in your life, such as a job change, illness, or change in arrangements with your former partner.

Dress conservatively for court. Minimal jewelry, minimal makeup, conservative hair style, no piercings, hide the tattoos, no cleavage, no flip-flops, no blue jeans with holes.

## Don'ts

Don't call the Court. They cannot talk with you. All communication with the court must come through your attorney.

Don't call opposing counsel. They cannot talk with you, either.

Don't file pleadings or protective orders on your own. Please talk with us first.

Don't post details about your case, your ex, or your children on social media while your case is pending.

Don't send an email or text message to your ex that you wouldn't want a judge to see. Always assume that the judge or other decision-maker will read your messages and act accordingly.

Don't “reply all” to emails. You may be sending sensitive information to persons who should not have the information.

