



Top Ten Mistakes Smart People Make in Divorce

- I. Think they will only get what they want by destroying the other side when once they were able to collaborate.
- II. They think they need to play their cards close to their chest; that they can't reveal their real needs.
- III. They get overwhelmed by the process and lose track of the best interest of their children.
- IV. They proceed as if a trial is inevitable thereby wasting huge amounts of time and money.
- V. They hire competing financial experts that ultimately leave the financial decisions to a judge that may not know the subtle details of their financial life.
- VI. Doing the financial analysis themselves they miss opportunities for smarter and more durable divorce outcomes.
- VII. They hand over control of their divorce decisions to lawyers and judges assuming they will hear their family's needs
- VIII. They allow their lawyers to escalate the conflicts delaying the process and raising costs.
- IX. They allow their emotions to run the show causing further delay and bad results.
- X. They assume that the trial process will result in personal and financial vindication and that justice must come from a judge.