

Legal Separation

Miami Separation and Divorce Attorney

Prior to divorcing, a couple may choose to separate as the first step toward marriage dissolution. As part of the separation process, a husband and wife will likely create a separation agreement that will later be finalized with the divorce decree.

I am Theodore H. Enfield, a family law attorney in Miami with more than 30 years of experience in guiding couples through issues such as separation, divorce and child custody. Contact me to discuss your concerns during a free telephone consultation.

Separation Considerations

Separation affords couples the option to end a marriage relationship without the permanence or connotations of divorce. For those with personal beliefs against divorce, separation allows spouses to live separate lives while remaining legally married. For those uncertain as to where their relationship will go, separation allows time to consider life goals and how the marriage commitment fits into your plans.

During a period of legal separation, together with their attorneys, the couple can negotiate and settle upon a separation agreement. This agreement will contain the same elements as that of a divorce, such as:

- Property and debt division
- Spousal support
- Child custody
- Child support
- Retirement/Pension account division

If you are considering legal separation, now is a good time to take inventory of your assets and liabilities. Documents important to collect include prenuptial agreements, contracts, mortgages, tax returns, insurance policies and bank statements. By collecting these prior to discussing a separation agreement with your attorney, you will be able to save time and money associated with negotiation and court fees.

Free Consultation with a Florida Lawyer

If you have questions pertaining to separation, divorce or family law, contact the Miami law firm of Theodore Enfield. For a free consultation by telephone, call 305-933-9592 or 1-800-733-5299 or fill out the contact form on this Web site.