

# **DISCLOSURES**

Thank you for choosing Fresh Start Alternative Divorce Services, LLC to assist you with your dissolution of marriage. We are committed to working with you so that your dissolution of marriage can proceed without you incurring significant legal fees and without long, drawn out, contentious fighting potentially resulting in a court battle and irreparable harm to each of you and your children. We pride ourselves on the ability to assist you in your dissolution of marriage so that the dissolution can be completed with limited costs, time, frustration, and stress. We truly believe there is a better way to resolve most dissolution of marriages than high priced attorney battles which in the end often leave you with drained savings accounts and irreparable harm to the children.

Before we can get started, we must provide you with the following information.

## **Fees and Services:**

### **Non-Contested Dissolution Services.**

Our standard fee for our legal staff to prepare and file the legal documents needed to finalize your dissolution of marriage is \$1,200.00 dollars if there are no minor children and \$1,350.00 if you have minor children.\* In order to assist you, our legal staff will be required to represent only one of you under a “limited scope of representation” per Missouri Court Rule 4-1.2. You will sign an agreement that our legal staff is representing only one of you for the limited purpose of legal document preparation and no other legal services shall be provided. After the agreement is signed, our legal staff will only meet with whichever of you is being represented by our firm under the limited representation agreement. All contact and communication will be between our staff attorneys and whichever of you is being represented.

During the course of representation, our staff attorneys will gather the information needed from whichever of you we are representing concerning the agreement you have reached with your spouse. Our attorneys will then prepare the legal documents based on that agreement that will need to be filed with the court. We will provide the prepared documents to whichever of you we are representing and you will have an opportunity to review the documents for accuracy with your spouse. Once approved by both of you and the documents are signed, our legal staff will then file the documents with the appropriate court in order to finalize the dissolution of marriage.

## **Disclosures Concerning Legal Representation of Parties:**

### **Non-Contested Dissolution Services.**

For Non-Contested Dissolution Services, Fresh Start Alternative Divorce Services, LLC may only represent one of you concerning your non-contested dissolution of marriage. Further, our representation shall be limited per Missouri Rule 4-1.2 for the sole purpose

of document preparation. Our firm shall not provide any other legal services beyond legal document preparation. We will not have private conversations, meetings or otherwise with whichever of you we are not representing. Whichever of you our firm is not representing has the right to retain counsel to review any and all legal documents prepared by our legal staff for the finalization of your dissolution of marriage. Whichever of you we are representing shall provide our legal staff with the agreements reached between the two of you concerning issues such as property settlements, child custody and visitation, child support, debt obligations, etc., and our legal staff shall prepare all the necessary dissolution documents based on the information provided. Our legal staff shall then provide whichever of you we are representing with the prepared legal documents to review with your spouse. If changes are necessary or you do not agree to something in the documents, then the both of you must work out the disagreement and our legal staff will provide no legal counseling or advice as to how to resolve the disagreement as our representation is limited to legal document preparation. If the disagreement is resolved and changes need to be made to the documents, our legal staff shall make the appropriate changes and provide the revised documents to you so that the revised documents may be reviewed and signed. Once approved by both of you and the documents are signed, our legal staff will then file the documents with the appropriate court in order to finalize the dissolution of marriage.

If the two of you are unable to reach an agreement, our firm's limited representation shall terminate and you both shall be responsible for seeking new counsel to represent you concerning resolving the disputes between you and our fee will be prorated based on the amount of time Fresh Start has spent on your case. Under no circumstances shall our firm or one of our staff attorneys agree to represent either of you should you fail to reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

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\* If a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) is required, an additional fee will be added to the standard fee.