

**TYPICAL QUESTIONS ASKED BY CLIENTS**  
**WITH REGARDS TO FINANCIAL DECLARATION FORMS**

1. Is the income information for both my spouse and myself? The answer is no. Use your income information only.
2. Line #9 on Page 1 is for court ordered child support for previous children, not the children of the marriage at issue.
3. Work related childcare costs: If childcare costs are more during the summer months due to summer vacation from school, average the childcare costs for the entire year and that is the amount that should be placed on Line #14 on Page 1.
4. Monthly expenses section on Page 2: Review check register and average monthly expenses for the past 12 months to come up with figures for this section.
5. Other expenses: Include things such as gifts-Christmas, Birthdays, etc. and list those under the "Other Expenses" section.
6. With regards to assets beginning on Page 3 - Household Furnishings: Estimate what furnishings are in each of your possession. The value placed on these would be based on what they could be sold for at that time at things such as a garage sale or auction. This may lead to the conclusion that a personal property appraisal may need to be done.
7. If you believe that your spouse may have some assets but you are unsure as to the value, list them on the Financial Declaration and put a "?" in the value columns so that the attorney knows that such asset exists or may exist.
8. If you know that your spouse receives any type of a bonus from his/her employer yearly, that information needs to be put on the Financial Declaration because the amount of that bonus could make a difference when figuring their weekly gross income used to calculate child support as well as the final distribution of the assets.
9. With regard to assets owned prior to marriage on Page 5: Clients have a tendency to want to include things such as "pots and pans", "linens", etc. You should include things in this section such as real estate, silver, jewelry of significant value, and those types of things.

\*\*\* **NOTE--YOU SHOULD ALWAYS RETURN PAY STUBS WITH YOUR FINANCIAL DECLARATION SO THAT WE MAY VERIFY INCOME AND DEDUCTION FIGURES.**