

## What Your Family Law Attorney MUST Know

Never – ever -- hide your skeletons from your attorney! As family law lawyers, we give our clients the benefit of the doubt and it's our job to be your champion. It's also our job to "make hell sound like a party" but we can't do our best to defend you if we don't know in advance what problems have occurred.

Nothing is worse for an attorney than to find out for the first time – in a formal court hearing -- that client pulled a gun on his/her spouse or has been repeatedly arrested for DWI.

While hiding such facts damages your divorce case, it is pure disaster in a custody fight. It also can seriously harm your visitation rights even if you are not fighting for custody.

What you tell your attorney is protected by the attorney client privilege. But, if you don't give your attorney the "whole truth," you could easily be headed for a disaster of epic proportions.

Let your divorce lawyer know if you (or YOUR SPOUSE) have ever.....

- Been in jail or prison
- Been arrested
- Committed a felony
- Abused prescription drugs
- Used illegal drugs
- Had problems with alcohol
- Been arrested and/or convicted of drunk driving
- Attempted suicide
- Been involved with illegal gambling or had a legal gambling addiction
- Been involved in any other kind of illegal activity
- Have an emotional or psychiatric condition
- Been hospitalized for an emotional or psychiatric condition
- Physically or verbally abused your spouse or kids
- Been guilty of adultery
- Had a pregnancy or gave birth to a child outside of the marriage
- Had a homosexual relationship
- Had a sexually transmitted disease

Although this list is not exhaustive -- it's a good place to start!!!! Please help your lawyer to help you by letting him or her know anything embarrassing that could be brought up by your spouse.

Call us at 281.550.6650 to arrange for a free attorney divorce consultation.