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For the past forty plus years, our firm has had the privilege of assisting our clients in nearly every type of family law case. When most people think of family law, they think of divorce, also known as dissolution of marriage. Each dissolution case has its own unique set of circumstances. Our level and diversity of experience allows us to provide the quality of family services our clients need and deserve.

In some situations, the parties to a dissolution have agreed to each and every aspect of the divorce. In such circumstances, we are sometimes able to estimate the cost of the dissolution reasonably close to what it will be. In other situations, the parties have agreed to resolve their disputes by way of mediation. Frank C. Gibson offers mediation services in those situations and can represent the parties as co-petitioners once they have reached an agreement.

Other times, court proceedings may be necessary to resolve issues involving child custody, parenting time, division of assets, child support, spousal support, and more. Each of our family law attorneys has significant experience litigating these matters and looks forward to assisting you in settling your case, or if necessary, going to trial.

Even after a divorce is final, it may be necessary to enforce your rights under a judgment of dissolution. For example, the former spouse who is obligated to pay spousal and/or child support may fail to do so. In such situations, our attorneys have successfully represented clients in show cause, contempt, and enforcement proceedings. In another scenario, one parent might refuse to allow the other parent access to the children as required under a judgment of dissolution. Our attorneys have also successfully assisted our clients to enforce parenting time, and when necessary, modify the underlying judgment to reflect a parenting schedule that is in the best interest of the children.

Sometimes, a change in circumstances of one ex-spouse will require modification of spousal or child support. Our attorneys have successfully prosecuted and defended support modification actions.

If you have questions regarding your rights and obligations in a dissolution or other family law matter, please feel free to contact us at any time.