

## FINAL OUTCOMES

We realize that when you move forward with a family law case, you are making an emotional commitment, a time commitment and a financial commitment. Most clients have a lot of discomfort surrounding these commitments and would like some certainty about the end – the end of the high emotions, the end of the case, and the end of the legal fees and costs.

⇒ Question: Will my feelings of anger, hurt, sadness, or disappointment be addressed in the final outcome?

⇒ Answer: There often are no legal solutions to the emotional wrongs that you may feel have been committed toward you. We strongly recommend that our clients pursue individual counseling, join a support group or grief workshop, and/or develop a strong support system of family and friends.

⇒ Question: How long will my case take?

⇒ Answer: It is impossible to predict how long any particular case will last. In our experience, cases can last anywhere from 2 months to 2 years. The following factors impact how slow or fast a case proceeds:

- Existence or non-existence of complicated facts;
- Existence or non-existence of complicated legal issues;
- Addiction issues;
- Mental health issues;
- Ongoing family violence;
- Schedules of lawyers, clients, and courthouse;
- Reasonableness of lawyers and clients;
- Whether one or more parties reside outside of the central Texas area;
- Competence and skill of the opposing lawyer; and,
- The level of support a client needs from the lawyer and staff.

⇒ Question: How much will my case cost?

⇒ Answer: It is impossible to predict how much a client will spend on any particular case. In our experience, our clients have spent anywhere between a few thousand dollars to hundreds of thousands of dollars on their case. The following factors impact the cost of the case:

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- Existence or non-existence of complicated legal issues;
- Addiction issues;
- Mental health issues;
- Ongoing family violence;
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