

## Day #19: The Eleven Step Divorce Litigation Process, #11: The Trial

Hi,

Thanks again for Subscribing. Today we continue through our “eleven steps” for a contested New Jersey Divorce. Today is here, the monster at the end of this email series: The Trial.

### **The Trial: (Paging Kafka)**

Although the New Jersey Divorce Trial is too large a topic to adequately address in this series, I do want to relay a few basic pieces of information.

For one, the trial likely won't be continuous. What that means is that you might be called in March 3 for half a day, then have your trial continue on March 18<sup>th</sup> for a full day, and then pick up again sometime in May. Finally, once a trial has concluded it may take months for the judge to write his or her opinion.

In short, it's generally a slow and costly process.

That's why the vast majority of New Jersey Divorces settle prior to trial.

Philosophically, it's important to prepare as though every case will go to trial even though statistically the vast majority of cases settle prior thereto. This allows you to gain leverage and negotiate from a position of strength. By preparing for trial, you will ironically often be better able to settle the case.

### **The Trial: Conclusion**

Every case is fact-sensitive, so you should review all of the available grounds for divorce with your attorney to ensure you select the proper grounds for your case.

Tomorrow I will forward one last email in this series to get our bearings back. In the future I will on occasion forward you information regarding important changes to the law, interesting happenings at my firm, links to my publications in outside journals, and the like.

All the best,

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