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MYTHS ON DIVORCE  
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Divorce itself is a confusing process where individuals experience a loss of control. This feeling is further perpetuated by the myths surrounding the entire process. The following are some of the myths causing the most anxiety:

1. [The wife automatically gets custody of the children.](#)
2. [Only wives receive alimony.](#)
3. [With joint custody of the children, neither party will pay child support.](#)
4. [The wife always gets to remain in the home until the children graduate from college.](#)
5. [Both parties will have to pay equally for college.](#)
6. [If one party avoids being served with the complaint, the filing party will not be able to proceed.](#)
7. [The court will rely on previous tax returns versus the financial statements.](#)
8. [One person loses and one person wins.](#)
9. [Every case has to be contentious and litigated through the court.](#)
10. [The court appoints an attorney or my spouse will pay my attorney fees.](#)

Divorce is a very daunting process full of the unknown and it is best to go into the process with an experienced attorney. Try to avoid listening to the horror stories of other divorces. Your case is unique and will be resolved in time.

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