MetLife | Legal Plans

Legal assistance to navigate divorce

When diamonds aren't forever



A separation is emotionally, mentally, and sometimes physically challenging. In addition to grappling with the change in your life and its impact on your family and relationships, you are having to navigate the legal complexity of the divorce itself, including splitting assets, child custody, selling property, initiating a name change, and a number of other factors which may arise in your unique situation.

With an attorney from MetLife Legal Plans, you can rest assured that your legal matters will be handled with professionalism and care. Choose from over 18,000 qualified network attorneys to find the right person to help counsel and represent you through this difficult time. With no copays, deductibles, or claim forms, let your attorney advocate for your interests while you focus on you.

The cost savings

Average divorce in US	Without a legal plan[1]	With a legal plan[3]
Average divorce cost range	$15,000 - $20,000	$0 out of pocket
Average attorney services	$391 per hour[2]	$0 out of pocket
Potential savings		**$14,760 – 19,760**

Attorney services covered by our legal plan can include phone consultations, court appearances, document review, and arbitration.

Consider this scenario:[4]

After five and a half years, Sammi and her husband decided it was time to part ways and were engaged in an emotional separation. Sammi was feeling overwhelmed from dividing up their assets—including the handling of a joint business—and selling their home. Sammi found a MetLife Legal Plans attorney who specialized in divorce law.

The attorney advocated for Sammi's interests throughout the divorce proceedings, including the most crucial part – negotiating joint custody of Sammi's daughter. It's a good thing too. Sammi has been mentally exhausted from this experience and has needed time off from work to manage her feelings and recharge.

To learn more about your coverages and see our attorney network, create an account at members.legalplans.com

Questions? Call our Client Service Center 800-821-6400

1. "How much does a divorce cost in 2023?" Forbes. July 2022.
2. Average hourly rate of $391.00 based on years of legal experience, National Law Journal and ALM Legal Intelligence, Survey of Law Firm Economics, (2021).
3. Available plan hours for divorce vary by employer.
4. This testimonial is for illustrative purposes only.

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