

Preparation for our first meeting

Thank you for making an appointment to see me. To make the best use of our time together in our initial consultation, I recommend you;

First, prepare a short timeline of your relationship including the date you began to live together, date of marriage (if applicable), date of separation and other important events (such as birth dates of your children). If you need urgent help from the Family Court try to remember and write down the date, time and place significant events happened. If you have it, bring supporting documents with you (for example, a Police Safety Order).

Second, for property matters, make a list of the assets, liabilities and other resources you and your partner have (for example the value of your home, balance of mortgage, value of Kiwisaver, balance of bank accounts and credit cards).

Third, make a list of questions you might have so you can refer to this during your appointment.

If you can't collate this material prior to your first appointment don't worry - I will help you to gather the necessary information.

I look forward to meeting with you.

Yours faithfully

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