Your top Financial Checklist of Questions and Hot Topics to Cover to Get You Ready for Divorce by Lisa Zeiderman

1. Is there a prenuptial and/or postnuptial agreement?
2. Create a list of assets and liabilities to formulate a marital estate chart
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1. Are there any business interests to value?
2. Is a vocational analysis for 1 or both spouses necessary To determine capacity to earn?
3. What other assets must be appraised such as real property and/or personal property such as artwork and jewelry?
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1. List any separate property including but not limited to gifts and inheritances from family members and/or premarital property
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1. List your monthly expenses including carrying costs for marital residence
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1. Determine which assets have tax implications including capital gains taxes and any exemptions that apply
2. Analyze whether or not it is best to remain in the marital home based upon child support and spousal support as well as other income earning assets
3. Determine child support
4. Determine spousal maintenance including amount and duration
5. Determine pro-rata obligations for what are known as add-on expenses
6. Are there 529 accounts for your children’s education?
7. What other large financial obligations are in your future?
8. How will legal and expert fees be paid?