

# GETTING DIVORCED IN NEW YORK



## YOU NEED A REASON

Irretrievable breakdown in the relationship for a period of at least 6 months is a very common ground. Cruel & Inhuman Treatment, Abandonment, Extended Imprisonment & Adultery are also grounds.

## YOU HAVE TO HAVE TIES TO NY

In order to file for divorce in New York:

Either you or your spouse has to have been living in New York State continuously for at least two years before the divorce case is started;

Either you or your spouse has to have been living in New York State continuously for at least one year before the divorce case is started and (1) you got married in New York State, or (2) you lived in New York State as a married couple, or (3) the grounds for your divorce happened in New York State;

Both you and your spouse are residents of New York State on the day the divorce is started and the grounds for your divorce have to have happened in New York State.



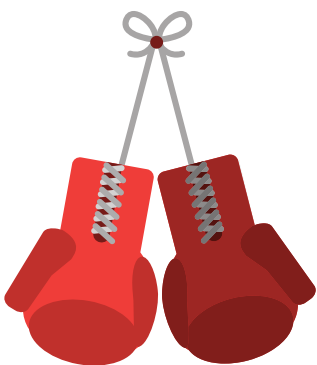
## FILE & SERVE YOUR SPOUSE

Once, you file, you have to serve your spouse with the Divorce Papers. They will either answer or not answer, which is called a default.



## CONTESTED VS. UNCONTESTED

If your spouse does not answer or agrees to divorce and on ALL terms, your divorce is UNCONTESTED. If your spouse does not agree on the terms of the divorce or will not agree to the divorce in writing, your divorce is CONTESTED.



## CONGRATS, YOU ARE SINGLE

The case will be disposed of by either a Settlement or a Trial/Inquest. Once that is done, a packet of documents are filed and after a period of time, the Court issue a JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE.



YOU CAN EITHER FILE ON YOUR OWN OR HIRE A LAWYER

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