



CREATING A TIMELINE OF EVENTS

One of the most critical pieces of your case is communicating your life to the attorney's here at Hait & Kuhn. We only know what you tell us. The Judge will know even less. In order to save you on legal fees and cut down on overwhelming litigation, it is important that you create a detailed timeline to assist us during trial. This timeline is not shared and is kept confidential. The length of your timeline will depend on the length of your relationship. Obviously, the longer your relationship with the other person the longer the timeline.

To get started, we suggest going from today and working backwards. Reference emails, text messages, and calendars to refresh your recollection and reference the emails etc. as attachments. The Court will be most interested in the recent events, so the more details from the past two years the better! Here is a very brief sample of what we need from you:

12/1/13	Rec. email from Husband re: not coming home (again) (1)
12/1/13	Ask Husband when coming home (2) NO RESPONSE
11/30/13	Kids have play. Husband not there. Sent txt NO RESPONSE (3)
11/30/13	Tell husband no money in bank account, says will put in \$1,000 (4)
11/28/13	Addy ear infection. Take to doctor. See bill (5)
11/28/13	Husband home. Drunk. Start verbal fight and email fight (6)
11/27/13	Rec disconnection notice from electric company (7)
11/26/13	Husband's facebook: he's at beach with girlfriend (8)

You can see how bogged down and tedious this information is. Your credibility will increase substantially with the court if you are able to calendar, diary, and document your life with text messages and emails. If you are not in the habit of keeping "track", it is not too late to start.

You need to keep a daily diary of significant events from the time you retained the firm until your divorce is final. You will need to turn in your diary for review prior to your court hearing. The attorneys will review your notes and ask more detailed questions. You also should include names and addresses of persons who witnessed events. This will also gain credibility with the court.

It is important to keep this diary and NOT email the attorneys daily in order to keep your costs down. Obviously if someone is physically harmed, power is being shut off, house is going into foreclosure or someone lost their job, please contact us immediately so that we can protect you.

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