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Hello and welcome,

In the course of a pre-decree proceeding, and in many post-decree proceedings, there will be an Initial Status Conference. A paralegal will coordinate with you and send you notice of the conference setting and outline. The conference notice will contain instructions on how to participate. You will need to attend this conference, and it is usually held informally with a family court facilitator rather than a judge. Please schedule a phone call with our Associate Attorney, Jandi, prior to the conference so she can go over what will happen with you. The Initial Status Conference or Stipulated Case Management Plan serves the following purposes:

1. Inform the Court on any agreements between the parties;
2. Identify any areas of disagreement;
3. If there is disagreement, set the case for mediation;
4. Discuss whether a Child Custody Investigation by a Child Family Investigator is necessary, if children are involved;
5. Determine whether a temporary orders hearing is necessary and schedule a date; and
6. Discuss whether formal discovery is necessary.

Mediation

Mediation is a conference where a neutral mediator assists the parties in attempting to reach agreement on parenting and the division of assets and debt, as applicable. Mediation is confidential, and the details discussed in mediation cannot be disclosed to the Court. The parties share the cost of mediation equally.

Request for Temporary Orders

A temporary orders hearing can result in temporary provisions for:

- a. Child support
- b. Payment of household bills
- c. Parenting time
- d. Spousal maintenance

The only way to compel support compliance is through a temporary order. A temporary orders hearing is a short hearing set prior to a permanent orders hearing. Generally, a temporary orders hearing is requested at the Initial Status Conference, if desired. If the other party is voluntarily providing support, then a temporary orders hearing is not necessary. If compliance stops, please let us know and inform us as to whether or not you would like to request a temporary orders hearing. The cost of an evidentiary temporary orders hearing should be considered. As with legal fees overall, we do not know what the cost will be up front, as cost often relates to factors outside of our control, such as the level of cooperation or conflict between the parties and the need for our staff to follow up to obtain requested information or documents.

At Janko Family Law, we do our best to provide you with the most cost-effective representation possible and to provide you with information about your case. If you have any questions, please contact our office to schedule an appointment.

Very Truly Yours,

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