

Divorce, Parenting Plan & Financial Disclosure Preparation Checklist

Practical preparation guide for clients & referring family attorneys (Children's Act 38 of 2005 s33/34 & Rule 43 / Rule 58).

1. PARENTING PLAN & CO-PARENTING CHECKLIST (IF MINOR CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED)

- ☐ **Primary Residence & Weekly Routine:** School-term living schedule, mid-week contact, and weekend handovers (times, locations, and transport).
- ☐ **School Holidays & Special Days:** Division of April/June/September/December holidays, birthdays (children's and parents'), Mother's Day, Father's Day, and religious holidays.
- ☐ **Decision-Making & Guardianship:** Joint consultation protocol on schooling, major medical/dental treatment, extracurricular activities, and relocation/travel consent.
- ☐ **Child Maintenance & Direct Expenses:** Monthly cash contribution plus exact apportionment (%) of school fees, uniforms, medical aid gap cover, extra-mural costs, and tertiary education.
- ☐ **Voice of the Child & Future Dispute Clause:** How age-appropriate child feedback is incorporated (Children's Act s10 & s33) and commitment to return to mediation before approaching court for future variations.

2. FINANCIAL & ASSET DISCLOSURE SCHEDULE (CALM, STRUCTURED SUMMARY)

Marital Regime	☐ In Community of Property ☐ Out of Community WITH Accrual ☐ Out of Community WITHOUT Accrual
Immovable Property	Primary residence / other property valuation, bond settlement balance, and agreed retention or sale timeline.
Vehicles & Movables	Vehicles, finance balances, and household furniture/appliances schedule (focusing on practical value rather than emotional escalation).
Retirement, Investments & Bank Accounts	Pension/provident/RA fund statements (for clean-break pension interest calculation), savings, and business interests.
Liabilities & Monthly Budget	Joint/individual debts, credit facilities, and realistic post-separation monthly household expense budgets.

3. HOW TO SUBMIT BEFORE YOUR SESSION

You do not need formal court pleadings to begin. Bring your summary notes to your session or upload them securely in your private **iMedi8** workspace (blackthornresolute.co.za/medi8) or email support@blackthornresolute.co.za.

