

Property Division in a Complex Divorce Process

Let Our Attorneys Protect Your Financial Future

If you are involved in a divorce with significant assets, having a knowledgeable lawyer to protect your interests is essential. Without the right attention upfront, you could shortchange your financial future. That's true whether you are a spouse with assets to protect or one who needs to make sure you receive your fair share.

At Hertz Schram PC, our attorneys focus on making sure that your financial interests are protected during and after divorce. When it comes to dividing your complex property, our job is to gain a complete picture of your financial situation and develop strategies for a property division that protects your interests. We serve divorce clients with complex property issues in the Detroit area and throughout Michigan.

Why Hire Hertz Schram PC for Your Divorce?

The family law team at Hertz Schram PC has decades of experience handling some of the most challenging family law matters in the state. We are one of the state's premier firms for divorce matters and have handled many complex divorces.

Executives of Fortune 500 companies, athletes, entertainers, business owners, lawyers, doctors and others with assets to protect all rely on us for guidance during divorce. Spouses also rely on us to make sure they obtain their fair share of marital assets.

Our approach to family law is twofold: We couple personal attention with advice based on our deep understanding of family law matters in Michigan. By getting to know you, we are able to develop strategies that align with your goals and to aggressively pursue them.

The Difference Between Separate and Marital Property

In Michigan, property that was acquired before marriage or was a gift or inheritance is generally considered separate property. Marital property is property acquired after marriage - or property that grows or appreciates in value, in most circumstances.

For some divorcing couples, division of assets is fairly straightforward. The family home, vehicles and other assets are divided equitably. Even in these cases, an experienced attorney may be required. Retirement accounts may have special requirements.

We Understand Complex Property Division

If you have other, more complicated assets, property division can be one of the most challenging issues. We help you ensure your fair share of:

- Executive compensation and employee stock shares
- Appreciation of stocks and other assets
- Investment portfolios
- Pensions and retirement accounts, including implementation of qualified domestic relations orders (QDROs)
- Assets subject to premarital agreements
- Real estate investments
- Family-owned or closely held businesses
- Professional practices
- Overseas assets

To say these assets require special care during divorce is an understatement. Is the asset marital property or separate property? What about the increase in value of the asset? How can this asset be accurately valued? How would changing ownership affect the asset? What particular laws and regulations apply?

Through thorough preparation, careful analysis and a deep understanding of your needs, we will answer these questions - and help you negotiate a settlement that ensures you receive your fair share of the marital assets.

Contact Hertz Schram PC

For a confidential consultation, call 248-494-4486. We maintain offices in Detroit and Bloomfield Hills and represent clients throughout Michigan.