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Separation Agreement Fairfax VA The Irving Law Firm Virginia Divorce A separation agreement in Virginia is one of the most practical tools available to divorcing spouses who want to take control of their own outcomes rather than leaving key decisions to a judge. Also called a property settlement agreement or marital settlement agreement, this written contract addresses the division of the marital estate, any spousal support obligations, and when children are involved, the custody, visitation, and support arrangements that will govern the family's new structure. The Irving Law Firm drafts and reviews separation agreements for Fairfax County clients with the thoroughness and legal precision these documents require. The timing of a separation agreement relative to the divorce filing has significant practical implications. When the divorcing spouses have no minor children and execute a comprehensive separation agreement, the required separation period for a no-fault divorce is reduced from one year to six months. This incentive makes a well-drafted separation agreement worth pursuing early in the separation period for eligible couples. When children are involved, the separation period remains one year, but a separation agreement that addresses custody and support still provides the parties with finalized arrangements and can be incorporated into the final divorce decree. A separation agreement is only as protective as its drafting. Ambiguous terms, incomplete coverage of assets or debts, and provisions that do not survive later scrutiny under Virginia law can create future disputes that are more difficult and expensive to resolve than the original negotiation would have been. The Irving Law Firm drafts agreements with clarity and completeness, addressing each element of the marital estate and each family circumstance in language that is plain enough to follow and precise enough to enforce.

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The firm also reviews separation agreements presented to clients by the opposing party's counsel, ensuring that clients understand the full implications of what they are being asked to sign before they commit to terms that will be difficult to change after execution. Call The Irving Law Firm - Fairfax Divorce Lawyers [hire a criminal defense attorney](#) at (571) 474-1990. Office at 10505 Judicial Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.