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How can I make my journey through divorce as calm as possible?

Divorce is frightening and can be destabilizing; having a skillful and compassionate attorney by your side will help you maintain your equilibrium throughout. There is good reason for having a civilized experience: the way your divorce is handled will have an impact on your life and the lives of your children. A good lawyer explains the processes, lays out all your options and introduces you to the other professionals you might need. I consider myself a tough advocate and a compassionate confidante, drawing on my college major of psychology and my work as a counselor at a local crisis center.

With all the information and forms available on the Internet, what is the downside to a do-it-yourself divorce?

Don't believe everything you read, especially on the Internet, where misleading and incorrect information abounds, and don't cut corners at a crucial life juncture. If you work on your own, you may sign an agreement that isn't in your best interests, just to be able to move past the pain of divorce. An attorney would never let you do that.

Some people, in error, think that Maryland guidelines are formulaic but only one aspect of family law can be reduced to a formula: child support amounts for people earning under a certain income. An experienced attorney knows what is reasonable and what is not. I structure settlements that take tax implications into consideration. Since divorce does not bring out the best in people, you want a strong advocate at your side.

At the Law Offices of Ellen L. Lee, we counsel clients on the full range of family law services including divorce, spousal support, child support and custody, premarital and post marital agreements and domestic violence cases.

