

Legal assistance to navigate divorce

When diamonds are not forever



A separation or divorce can be emotionally and financially challenging. A legal plan can help reduce the cost of obtaining qualified legal representation, allowing you to focus on your family and future. Along with adjusting to major life changes, you may need to address legal matters such as dividing assets, child custody arrangements, selling property, your name change, and other issues unique to your situation.

With a MetLife Legal Plans attorney, you can feel confident your matter will be handled with professionalism and care. Choose from our attorney network to find the right professional for your needs, and let them advocate for your interests while you focus on moving forward.



Legal Plan | Potential cost savings

\$240 annual cost (\$20 per month) with a legal plan¹

\$19,036–25,962 potential savings with a legal plan

Average range of legal fees without a legal plan²

\$200 – 600 for Court Costs and Administrative Fees

\$502 per hour for Divorce Attorney Services³

\$19,076 – 25,602 for Average Cost of Divorce

\$19,276 –26,202 Total potential legal matter fees

Consider this scenario

After five and a half years, Sammi and her husband decided to part ways and began an emotional separation. The process was overwhelming—from dividing up their assets, a joint business, and selling their shared home. Sammi found a divorce attorney to help, through her MetLife Legal Plans benefit.

The attorney advocated for Sammi's interests throughout the divorce proceedings, including the most crucial part—negotiating joint custody of Sammi's daughter. It's a good thing too. Sammi has been mentally exhausted from this experience and has needed time off from work to manage her feelings and recharge.

(Story used for illustrative purposes only.)



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Divorce — Product in Action

1. Cost may vary. This cost is based on an average monthly rate for the legal plan of \$20.
2. “How Much Does a Family Lawyer Cost?”, LegalMatch, 2024. Prices based on the average amount of hours it would take, using the average hourly rate of \$502.00 based on years of legal experience, National Law Journal and ALM Legal Intelligence, Attorney Compensation Flash Survey (2026). Filing fees are the responsibility of the member or participant to pay. See also: “How much does a divorce cost in 2023?” Forbes. July 2022.
3. Attorney hourly fee rate of \$502.00 based on years of legal experience, National Law Journal and ALM Legal Intelligence, Attorney Compensation Flash Survey (2026). Filing fees are the responsibility of the member or participant to pay.
4. Coverage may vary by legal plan. Divorce coverage, post nuptial agreements, custody orders, and support orders are upgrade coverages to most legal plans, and not always standard. Some legal plans limit the number of attorney hours covered for divorce matters. Members are responsible for costs beyond the coverage limit. Check your legal plan coverage overview for full plan details.

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