WE CHAT DIVORCE PODCAST

UNCONTESTED DIVORCE READINESS CHECKLIST

Work through each section. If fewer than 80% are checked in any area — that area needs attention before moving forward.

01 FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

Do you have verified numbers?

- Last 3 years of tax returns gathered
- Bank & investment account statements current
- All retirement account statements (401k, IRA, pension)
- Real estate values & mortgage balances documented
- All debts inventoried: cards, loans, mortgage Income documentation for both spouses
- Lifestyle analysis completed — know your true monthly cost Foundation of any maintenance discussion
- Post-divorce budget projected

02 LEGAL READINESS

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04 YOUR PROFESSIONAL TEAM

Are you in the employer seat?

- Have a family law attorney who explains your rights clearly
- Comfortable asking questions — you are the employer
- Know you can change attorneys if needed
- Considered a CDFA for financial clarity
- Have personal support (friends, therapist, coach)

05 CO-PARENTING

If you have children

- Approaching custody with children's best interest first
- Willing to negotiate a detailed parenting plan
- Aware contested divorce may assign kids their own attorney. Uncontested keeps children out of the process
- Committed to shielding children from conflict

Ready to Get Financially Clear Before You Negotiate? The MDS Financial Portrait™ organizes and verifies your complete financial picture before settlement negotiations begin — so you move forward with knowledge, not fear.

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