



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Next Steps: What to Do After My Divorce is Final?

Get a certified copy of your divorce decree

- Where? Room 35 (Ground Floor) Clerk of Courts Office in the Cuyahoga County Courthouse
- Why? This is an important legal document necessary to accomplish the actions below.
- Need more information on how to get the certified copy? Contact the Clerk of Court at (216) 443-7955 or <http://coc.cuyahogacounty.us/>

Name Changes. Contact:

- Social Security Administration
<https://www.ssa.gov/onlineservices/>, or (800) 772-1213
- Internal Revenue Service (<https://www.irs.gov/> or local IRS office)
- Passport Agency
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>
or (877) 487-2778
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/>
or (844) 644-6268 (update driver's license)

Property. As ordered in Decree:

- Divide all personal property
- Execute quit claim deed to transfer title of real property or confirm spouse has done so
- Remove names from lease/mortgage

Vehicles. As ordered in Decree:

- Update names on vehicle titles with Bureau of Motor Vehicles <https://www.bmv.ohio.gov/> or (844) 644-6268

Insurance. Report changes to insurers, if needed:

- Auto
- Homeowner/Rental
- Health/Dental/Vision/Other Medical
- Complete and sign all necessary documents for COBRA
- Life (change beneficiaries if permitted)

Financials. Make changes as permitted to:

- Financial accounts (checking, saving, etc.)
- Creditors (credit cards)
- Other debts or loans

Utilities. Make changes as permitted with:

- Utility and home service providers (electric, gas, phone, internet, cable, garbage collection, etc.)

Division of Retirement Accounts.

- Private Accounts (401k, 401b, etc.) Complete and submit to court your Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO)
- State Government Accounts (OPERS, STRS, etc.) Complete and submit to court your Division of Property Order (DOPO)
- Federal Government Accounts (FERS) Complete and submit to court your Court Order Acceptable for Processing (COAP)
- Complete and sign all necessary documents
- For help, contact the retirement plan administrator, human resources officer, an attorney or retirement plan division professional.

Support.

- Pay all support when due.
- Payment options: <https://oh.smartchildsupport.com/>
- Register with the Child Support Customer Service Web Portal <https://cjs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/child-support-portal.aspx>
- Notify your support case worker about any job or health insurances changes. (Anyone with support paid through the Office of Child Support has a case worker.)
- Contact your case worker at (216) 443-5100 or through the Web Portal listed above.

Court Orders.

- Follow all court orders
- Pay court costs. Questions about costs, contact <http://coc.cuyahogacounty.us> or (216) 443-7982

Estate Planning. Consider:

- Updating will, power of attorney (general and health care) and living will.

Returning to Court. Need to change a court order or mediate a dispute? Go to <http://domestic.cuyahogacounty.us> or call (216) 443-8880, contact the CMBA Lawyer Referral Service (216) 696-3532 or Legal Aid (216) 687-1900. Court mediation services are available at <http://domestic.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/Mediation.aspx>.