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Separation Agreement Checklist

Child Custody and Access

- Primary Care and Residence:** Identification of the primary caregiver ensures stability for the child. Decisions should reflect the child's best interests.
- Access and Visitation:** Detailed schedules facilitate ongoing relationships with the non-custodial parent, promoting a healthy emotional development for the child.
- Special Holidays and Birthdays:** Clear division of holidays and special occasions helps maintain traditions and minimize conflicts.
- Supervision:** If supervision is necessary, stipulate trusted supervisors to uphold child safety.
- Travel:** Outline any restrictions on domestic or international travel to prevent legal disputes.
- Passports:** Designate responsibility for managing the child's passport to streamline travel arrangements.

Child Support

- Income Verification:** Accurate documentation of the paying parent's income ensures fair support calculations.
- Support Amount:** Utilize the [Child Support Guidelines](#) to determine appropriate support amounts, reflecting the paying parent's financial ability.
- Financial Disclosure:** Both parties are required to provide thorough financial disclosure to ensure transparency.
- Enforcement:** Establish mechanisms, such as through the Family Responsibility Office (FRO), to ensure reliable payment.
- Extraordinary Expenses:** Clearly define responsibilities for education, healthcare, and other significant child-related expenses.

Spousal Support

- Waiver Clause:** Specify conditions under which spousal support may be waived, offering flexibility in mutual agreements.
- Support Amount and Duration:** Base spousal support on duration of marriage and respective financial capacities to promote fairness.
- Financial Disclosure:** Comprehensive financial disclosure from both parties supports equitable arrangements.
- Enforcement:** Include clauses to enforce support payments, ensuring compliance with the agreement's terms.

Division of Property

- Asset and Debt Listing:** Create detailed inventories of assets acquired and debts incurred during the relationship to prevent disputes.
- Financial Disclosure:** Mandatory financial disclosure ensures an equitable division of property.
- Equalization:** Clarify the methodology for asset division, whether equal or based on other agreed terms.
- Matrimonial Home:** Decide on the sale or transfer of the matrimonial home to address a significant shared asset.
- Equalization Payment:** Define the methods for any equalization payments, facilitating a clear settlement process.