

## DECREE OF LEGAL SEPARATION WITH CHILDREN

### (CHECKLIST)

Use the forms and instructions in this packet **ONLY** if the following factors apply to your situation:

- √ You or your spouse filed a ***“Petition for Legal Separation with Children,”*** AND
- √ You and your spouse agree to the divorce or legal separation, including:
  1. Division of property and debt.
  2. Spousal maintenance (alimony) (if any, how much),
  3. Legal decision making, parenting time, and support of any minor children.
- √ You and your spouse have children with each other OR the wife is pregnant by the husband, AND
- √ You (and your spouse if you are proceeding by stipulated consent) have completed the court papers about legal decision making, visitation, and child support and have attended the Parent Information Program class and have verified with the Clerk of the Court that the mediation center has filed your certificate, AND
- √ You are ready to complete the court papers for the decree, AND
- √ You are going to a default hearing, OR you both agree on the separation terms, OR you are going to a trial.

IT IS IMPORTANT for you to know that when you sign a court document, you may be helping or hurting your court case. Before you sign any court document, or get involved with a court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing. You may view the list of lawyers by going to [www.azbar.org](http://www.azbar.org).