

CHECKLIST FOR FINAL DIVORCE HEARING

394th Judicial District Court

Please make sure that you do all of these things:

- You or your spouse filed an Original Petition, and either paid the filing fee or submitted an Affidavit of Inability to Pay Costs.
- The responding spouse was either personally served, filed an Original Answer, or signed a sworn Waiver and filed it with the District Clerk at least ten days before the final hearing.
- You completed an Inventory, and both of you signed it in the presence of a notary public, or if you couldn't agree on the Inventory, each of you prepared and signed your own Inventory. (File it with the clerk ahead of time for Zoom hearings or bring it to court for in-person hearings.)
- You prepared a Final Decree of Divorce, fully filled-out and signed by both parties. (File it with the clerk ahead of time for Zoom hearings or bring it to court for in-person hearings.)
- You reviewed the Evidence for Final Hearing form prior to the final hearing and are prepared to testify.
- Both parties must come to the final hearing, either by Zoom or in-person, unless the Judge signed an order ahead of time allowing an incarcerated or out-of-state spouse to appear by telephone.