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	<i>Length of Time (after commencement)</i>
1. Initial consultation and instructions 2. Conduct research / fact investigation 3. Preliminary assessment of case <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Cost Result 4. Instructions for preparation of pleadings	<i>1 month</i>
5. Preparation of pleadings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Initial Statement of Claim for Divorce Prepare and exchange Notice to Disclose (Settlement?) File with clerk of the court and serve the other party Draft answer, Statement of Defence and counterclaim File with clerk of the court and serve opposing counsel Receive answer, Statement of Defence to counterclaim 	<i>2 months</i>
6. Respond to Notice to Disclose received from opposing counsel 7. Explore settlement <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Issue settlement offer Settlement meeting Mediation 	<i>4 months</i>
8. Questioning 9. UT responses 10. Questions on UT 11. Prepare and exchange notices to produce 12. Review documents and prepare affidavit of documents 13. Exchange affidavit of documents and inspect opposing party's documents	<i>8 months</i>
14. Review/assess case, further research, fact investigation as required (Settlement?)	<i>10 months</i>
15. Further Examination for Discovery, if required	<i>13 months</i>
16. Receive and review transcripts	<i>15 months</i>
17. In depth file review, case assessments, determination to proceed to trial 18. Comply with Rule 218.1 (expert report) (Settlement?) 19. Set down for trial, file Certificate of Readiness & Pleadings	<i>16-17 months</i>
20. Prepare for trial, evidence to be presented, witnesses, final research and fact investigation 21. Brief client and witnesses 22. Trial (up to 3 days)	<i>18 - 24 months</i>
23. Trial (longer than 3 days) 24. Judgement 25. Prepare and file formal judgment	<i>16- 36 months</i>
26. Serve judgement on opposing lawyer	<i>25- 37 months</i>