

# 7 Smart Ways to Protect Your Assets During Divorce in Illinois

Strategic, Illinois-focused steps—designed to protect your property, reduce disputes, and empower your next move.

## LEGAL AGREEMENTS



- 01 Sign or Review a Prenuptial Agreement**  
If signed before marriage, make sure it still protects your separate assets under Illinois law.
- 02 Consider a Post-nuptial Agreement**  
A valid post-nuptial can safeguard assets acquired during marriage.

## FINANCIAL SEPARATION



- 03 Keep Inheritance & Gifts in Your Name Only**  
These stay non-marital—unless they're deposited into joint accounts or used jointly.
- 04 Open Separate Bank Accounts**  
Helps clarify financial boundaries and preserve your claims to individual property.
- 05 Close Joint Credit Cards**  
Avoid shared liability and protect your credit by starting individual accounts.

## DOCUMENTATION & INVENTORY



- 06 Inventory Marital Property**  
Create a photo and written log of assets—furniture, jewelry, electronics, vehicles.
- 07 Gather Account Statements & Tax Returns**  
Build a financial paper trail: past 2–3 years of taxes, banking, loans, investments.  
Builds transparency and strengthens your legal positioning with verified financial history.