

**CLIENT TESTIMONY OUTLINE
(PENDENTE LITE HEARING)**

“Testimonial Evidence” is the primary type of evidence presented in a divorce trial. It is simply the client telling the court their story. The other types of evidence are in the form of “exhibits” and may include various items such as property deeds, bank statements, videos, etc.

So how does the client tell the court their story? Simple: the attorney asks the client questions and the client and/or witness answers them. And when the client and/or witness and the attorney each know what the other is going to say the process can go relatively smoothly and with less stress. The “client testimony outline” is simply a question and answer format in an outline form that allows us to see the details of your case. It then allows us to present those details to the court in a way that is easy to follow.

This form is just like the Good Parent Testimony worksheet but it is for the divorce client him or herself. It contains all the questions that form the basis for the “immediate” relief we are requesting. The client provides the answers to the questions and this allows the lawyer and the client to know (to a degree) what is going to happen once the hearing begins.

Typically, a “temporary” ORDER (or a pendente lite ORDER) is put in place by the judge and this ORDER governs the terms of the marriage “pending” the final hearing. If special relief is necessary, and upon a request of one of the parties, a pendente lite hearing will be held. At this hearing the “testimonial evidence” generated by the lawyer and client pursuant to this form (the client testimony outline) will be presented to the court. This is testimonial evidence and is what will be used to support our request for immediate relief from the court.

This form is several pages and is not available on-line. This form will be provided to the client at the appropriate time to prepare for such a hearing.