

CLIENT TESTIMONY OUTLINE PETITION FOR MODIFICATION

“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.

A Petition for a Modification of a prior divorce decree is made when there has been a material change in circumstances that make it necessary for a change to be made. The client testimony outline provided in this form is in a question and answer format that allows the attorney and client to present their case to the trial court in an easy to follow presentation of their case.

This form is just like the Good Parent Testimony worksheet and the pendente lite worksheet. It is for the divorce client him or herself. It contains the questions (coupled with your answers) that form the basis for the relief we are requesting in our petition for a modification of a prior decree. 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. It will also very clearly demonstrate for the trial judge that we are entitled to the requested modification. 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.