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Ep. 4: How To Live In Limbo

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Two family law attorneys from Arlington, Texas, from the Brandy Austin Law Firm discuss a typical (and sometimes atypical) divorce from before a client walks in the door to the many years that follow a Texas court granting a divorce on the *6 episode podcast mini-series* Disclosure: Divorce in Texas.

### **How To Live in Limbo Before Your Divorce is Granted**

There is this period of time in a divorce when the dust begins to settle. You're not yet single, but you are no longer really married. There are court orders in place, but they are temporary. Many times each party



is emotionally and physically weak from the life changes. Everything is new. It may be a good time to seek out a professional counselor to help you through this time. Although using a friend is quick and easy, it sometimes leads to poor advice or rocky friendships. Take this time to strengthen yourself and adapt to your new lifestyle.

### **Beginning the Division of Lives**

Now is the time to divide your lives the best you can. Consider the following four things that are usually the top financial issues that need to be resolved in a Texas divorce:

- Property – Real and Household;
- Bank Accounts;
- Health insurance; and
- 401K, HSA, Other Benefits.

Next, this is the time divorcing spouses learn how to effectively co-parent. There are classes to assist as this can be a difficult transition for families. How do you put your differences aside and focus only on the children's needs. Parents tend to:

- Work out a parenting plan;
- Minimize disruption to the children; and
- Keep the children out of the disputes.



### **What if it isn't working?**



Not every temporary arrangement is going to work. Luckily, the ruling isn't final and you may be able to modify the temporary orders. This is an important time to gather your evidence and keep a log of possession times and any issues that come up

during the limbo period. This will help the court make a decision should you request a modification of your temporary orders. Finally, communicate in a forum that records all interactions - like [Our Family Wizard](#).