

# Divorce Court Has Worse Odds Than A Casino

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Since being a couple and falling in love, most of the paths you have taken; marriage, children, career, and purchases have been made by discussions and mutual decisions. You definitely would not have let a stranger make these major decisions for you!

Then you are faced with a divorce, which is rarely discussed and is rarely a mutual decision. There are so many life-altering decisions to be made! Children, assets, finances, homes etc. all have to be split in two. Will you let a stranger make these decisions for you?

After the initial shock of divorce, in the back of the minds of all concerned is "court" and "will I have to go?" If you both can't decide and agree on the issues, then the answer is obvious, because someone has to make these decisions. You must realize that as hard as it is to make these decisions, making them yourselves will be easier, cheaper and you will get much better results.

We enter court knowing it will cost a good chunk of the 50% we are fighting for. More if we lose. Your odds are better at a casino.

Your lawyer, at \$100-\$300 per hour, will have researched your case to find out what your chances are. He will compare facts of your case to others that have already gone to trial. In other words - weighing the odds. When a friend of mine asked her lawyer what he felt her chances were in court. He shrugged his shoulders and said, "It's a crapshoot".

In addition to that, you have to ask yourself a few

questions on the day of court. Will the judge like the look of you? Has the judge had a good day? What experiences has he/she had personally? The answers will make a difference in your case.

Judges do look at the merits and legal precedents of the cases they oversee, but when he/she sees you, personal factors come into play; it's only human nature.

Some are either male or female biased, they dislike corporate America, their mother, sister, daughter or father, son, brother got divorced and raised children alone so they saw the difficulties, perhaps they are going through a divorce themselves. Other factors in your case might affect them as well, you may remind them of someone they like or dislike.

The judge may not like your lawyer.

So many issues, other than the legalities of your case, are the deciding factors. The judge's decision is final, no discussion, no second chances, unless you want to appeal which would involve more time and more money.

Why gamble in Divorce Court Casino?  
The odds are not favorable.

You started out making decisions together, you should end that way as well. If you absolutely cannot sit and discuss your divorce together, then you should go to a mediator. The mediator will listen and guide you to make decisions. He/she/ will not make the decisions for you.

Your marriage can't be saved but you can salvage your children, sanity, stress, and money.

Don't gamble away your future.

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