

## Tips to Having a Friendly Divorce

1. Be child focused
2. Be prepared to compromise
3. Be open to discussion and communication, let the other party express their views, consider those views and try to understand their position from their prospective
4. Be future focused
5. Don't take an aggressive approach. Use of abusive behaviours, threats, intimidation and blackmail will not result in a friendly divorce
6. Meet your duty of disclosure, hiding information complicates matters
7. If both parties are well informed and they understand the law and how that effects them and their situation will usually about to resolve matters more quickly. Talking to a lawyer should not been seen as an aggressive approach.
8. Whilst most family lawyers do not take an aggressive approach, there are some who do. If you don't like to the approach of your lawyer, obtain a second opinion.
9. For many matters it is appropriate to explore alternative dispute resolution options before proceeding to Court.

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