STAGES OF THE CALIFORNIA MARITAL DISSOLUTION PROCESS

1. JURISDICTION	2. PRELIMINARY ORDERS	3. DISCLOSURE (FIDUCIARY DUTIES)	4. FINAL JUDGMENT
6 Mos. Residency - State 3 Mos. Residency - County NO FAULT Date of Separation	OSC/Motion Court Hearing TRO Child Custody Child Support Spousal Support Use of Property Payment of Debts	Preliminary Final (Forms can be Waived, Not the Duty)	Bifurcation/Status Different Rules 10 Year Marriage
Community Prop. Support	Notices to Benefit providers Wage Assignment		
Petition Summons Fee Fee Waiver ATROS SERVE	Custody and Visitation: Family Court Services •Orientation •Mediation		FINAL ISSUES Trial if no Agreement PROPERTY DIVISION Balance Sheet Approach CUSTODY
Identify: Separate Property and Debts Community Property and Debts			Best Interests Law vs. Approve Agreement Burden of Proof Burden of Producing Evidence
DEFAULT		(PDD still required)	JUDGMENT