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The information provided should be considered a starting point in your research and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive review of the subject or issue in question

Basic Information on Divorce In E-Books, LexisAdvance and Westlaw

[CourtHelp Families & Children](#)

Basic information on uncontested divorce and DIY forms.

Helpful Library Guides

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Matrimonial and Family Law Online Resources
- Browsing for Forms and Checklists
- Child Support Materials in the Online Resources
- Finding a Judge's Previous Decisions
- Finding Statutes in Lexis and Westlaw by Citation
- Separation Agreements Materials in the Public Access Law Libraries

Statutes and Court Rules

Special Note: Westlaw's Practice Commentaries serve as legal essays and should serve as the starting point for research.

E-Books, LexisAdvance, Westlaw

- Domestic Relations Law (DRL)
- 22 NYCRR 202.16 Matrimonial Actions; Calendar Control of Financial Disclosure in Actions and Proceedings Involving Alimony, Maintenance, Child Support and Equitable Distribution; Motions for Alimony, Counsel Fees Pendente Lite, and Child Support; Special Rules

- 22 NYCRR 202.16-a Matrimonial Actions; Automatic Orders
- All materials are available in LexisAdvance and Westlaw. E-books: New York Family Law Statutes commonly known as Yellowbook.

Jury Instructions

WestlawLaw

New York Pattern Jury Instructions – Civil PJI Index Look under entries Domestic Relations Cases and Divorce Secondary Sources

Secondary Sources

E-books

- John De Witt Gregory, *Understanding Family Law*, Caronia Academic Press, 2013.

E-Books and LexisAdvance

- LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Matrimonial Actions
- LexisNexis AnswerGuide New York Matrimonial Actions -- Index
- New York Civil Practice: Matrimonial Actions
- New York Jurisprudence 2d, Domestic Relations (not available in E-books)
- New York Practice Guide: Domestic Relations

WestLaw

- Carmody Wait 2d, Ch 114 Divorce, Ch 117 Separation, Ch 118 Spousal Support, Counsel Fees, Child Support, and Property Distribution in Matrimonial Actions,
- Carmody Wait 2d Index Law and the Family New York Forms
- New York Jurisprudence, Domestic Relations
- NY Prac Series: New York Law of Domestic Relations
- NY Prac Series: New York Law of Torts, Ch 14 Torts between, by, and against Family Members
- West's McKinney's Forms: Matrimonial and Family Life

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Legal Advice

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