

What is a free consult?

You might notice, as you look for a San Antonio divorce lawyer to help you settle your case, that some lawyers offer free consults.

While some people consider free to be “the right price,” and get excited for the possibility of free legal advice, you should know that lawyers don’t work for free! If you’re looking to get legal counsel on your specific situation, you’ll still need to hire a lawyer, sign an agreement, and pay money to make it official.

What others might bill as a free consult is what we do in preparing for an initial consult with one of our experienced lawyers. One of our client coordinators gets information about your case, determines the jurisdiction where your divorce would be settled, and makes sure you haven’t already committed to a lawyer (or that your spouse hasn’t already retained us).

The difference is that rather than having you come into the office and dressing it up as a “free consult,” we do this over the phone, in a 15- to 30-minute conversation that helps us better understand what you’re looking for in your divorce.

Then, we’re able to match you with the right lawyer for your case, whether you’re looking to do litigation, to settle outside of court, or via an alternative dispute resolution avenue like collaborative law or mediation.

That way, when you come to the Law Office of Lisa A. Vance for your initial consultation, you’re doing so with a better chance to get what we call “the clear pathway to peace” you’re seeking when you look for a consult. When you meet with a lawyer — who already knows about your case from the interview you did with our intake team — you’ll go through the specifics of your situation, what options are available to you, and what each of those options might cost, how much time they’ll take, and the possible outcomes.

You’ll be heard in that session, and as long as you’re forthcoming and honest about you and your spouse’s situation, we’ll help you get the focus and understanding that a consult brings. It can be a challenging meeting — as you’re going from divorce being a hypothetical to a reality — but it’s the first necessary step in creating a happy life after divorce for you and for any children you might have. And while there is a cost to that initial conversation, it’s an investment in a better future.